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Thousands of college students from all over the world gathered at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel.

Provost search narrows to final four

HEATHER WEISSE
NEWS EDITOR

One is a Vietnam War expert. Another has directed a study-abroad program in Greece. One wrote a doctoral thesis on the use of distance in Jane Austen's novels; and one has been featured in a Discovery Channel documentary about the S.S. Central America project.

All four are finalists in the McDaniel College Provost Search.

After six months of intense work, the Provost Search Committee has narrowed down a diverse pool



of 86 applicants to the following candidates: Dr. David L. Anderson, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Indianapolis; Dr. Thomas Falkner, Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs at the College of Wooster; Dr. Ronald Toll,

Dean of the College of Natural Science and Mathematics at the University of Central Arkansas; and Dr. Susan Johnston, Vice President of Independent Sector Programs at the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges.

"All of these candidates have 100% backing from the committee," said Dr. Wilbur Long, biology professor and Chair of the search committee.

The new Provost will oversee all academic functions [See Provost continued on page 2]

Budapest program threatened

KATIE MARTIN
CO-EDITOR

Many students' inability to get United States visas due to new restrictions has sparked problems at colleges and universities nationwide. McDaniel College has not been spared, and the Budapest program could be hit the hardest.

Faculty members are wrestling with ways to stop what one faculty member called the program's "hemorrhaging."

"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.

According to statistics

provided by McDaniel's institutional research analyst Jan Fazzari, 27 students transferred from Hungary in the fall semester of 2000. This number declined over the next two fall semesters before hitting a low of 13 this past year.

A memo sent to Provost Samuel Case from Gabor Drexler, the director of the program in Budapest, confirmed that nine other applicants in the fall of 2003 were originally refused, as were 10 out of 22 applicants the previous spring.

"They totally expect to get visas," explained biology professor Louise Paquin who also spent a semester in Budapest. "I had several students in my classes who...were denied. They were devastated and it was a very disturbing

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PHOTO COURTESY OF TARA LISTER

Sophomore Brad Carman visits the Communist Statue in Budapest while studying abroad in the Fall of 2003.

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 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 first issue 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 outreach around and beyond campus.

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

Drastic changes began in January with the hiring of a new publisher, Kohn Creative Design, a Westminster-based mar-

keting 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 a

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(Formerly called the Phoenix)

BRIAN PATTERSON
CO-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

For the past 80 years, students at McDaniel College have been reporting the news. They've written about name changes and parking problems. They've chronicled the college community's reaction to 9/11 and the Vietnam War. And they've photographed championship football teams and student protests.

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

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Construction of academic building underway

MICHAEL VYSKOCIL
STAFF WRITER

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

Groundbreaking began early January 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 held the school infirmary, has become unable to support the education department's needs, Seidel said.

Classroom space in Th-

ompson 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 goings-on of the campus," said Julia Orza, coordinator of the graduate counselor education program.

The new academic building will change that. Designed with faculty and students in mind, the build-

ing 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," Seidel said.

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 88-space parking lot, according to a January 22 memorandum from campus safety director Michael Webster.

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chosen, after the Edgar Allen Poe short story of the same name. This name would last until 1974, when the paper took the moniker *Scrimshaw* after an 18th century folk-art form.

In 1981, after years of substandard publications by the *Scrimshaw* staff, the paper was once again renamed. This time it was named after *The Phoenix*, a mythical bird that symbolizes rebirth. The name originated from an official school crest designed in the late 1970's that featured a phoenix. The school also toyed with the idea of changing the mascot to the firebird.

Walt Michael took over as editor in chief of the *Gold Bug* in 1967. Michael remembers a paper that was not ignored, read by everyone, and served as a true student forum.

"The main highlight was that we were a student newspaper in the 1960's, a truly astounding... time to be coming of age," said Michael.

During Michael's tenure, the *Gold Bug* earned an All-America rating, and shifted printing formats from linotype to offset printing. This allowed for more creativity in layout and design.



Editor in chief Walt Michael (lying on the table) and the 1967 Gold Bug staff.

Another former editor who oversaw dramatic changes in the college paper was Jonathan Slade. Currently a Communications Professor at McDaniel, Slade was the editor of *The Phoenix* in 1986, when Macintosh computers were used to publish the school paper for the first time.

"From Sunday to Tuesday we lived in the office... I loved working for the paper and it was its own clique. When I started working for the paper it was ridiculed... we tried to change that," said Slade.

Slade and his staff established beats, focused on

reporting hard news, and made the paper more attractive. Slade covered the explosion of the Challenger space shuttle in 1986. This unique opportunity to cover the effects of a national event on a college campus was a personal highlight for Slade.

This feeling resonates in the most recent co-editor of *The Phoenix* Leroy McDuffie. McDuffie covered the events of 9/11 for the paper, an event that involved both the campus and the world.

Both Michael and Slade are critical of the work of *The Phoenix* staff in recent years. Michael would like to see a more "critically engaged" pa-



The McDaniel Free Press staff, 2004.

per and believes a "120,000 dollar education should be worth such an investment on the part of the student newspaper." Slade saw a paper "overrun by uniformed commentary," and good writing that was lost in the layout.

McDuffie and Erin Romanski served as co-editors-in-chief from fall 2002 to fall 2003, and both feel that changes in the college newspaper will be a positive. In her one year as co-editor in chief *The Phoenix* became Romanski's "pride and joy." She was always proud seeing the finished product, even with its flaws, because it was a result of many hours of laborious work.

Romanski sees nothing but good things for the future of the school paper, but she is worried that as a staff "we are getting a little ahead of ourselves in our excitement to create something so wonderfully different from what we have gotten used to."

Today the college paper's name changes yet again. *The McDaniel Free Press* connotes just what the staff wants to convey. The name is linked to McDaniel because the paper covers all of the college community's accomplishments and blemishes. "Free Press" honors the fact that the paper is student-run. Its staff will constantly celebrate that unique independence.

Provost search narrows

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of the college and will replace Dr. Samuel Case, who is retiring to pursue academic interests.

The committee, made up of four elected faculty members and three presidential administrative appointees, worked with national consulting firm R.H. Perry and Associates to develop a position announcement and executive profile. The position was advertised in November in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, *Black Issues* and *Hispanic Outlook*, as well as on the college website.

The response? Overwhelming. The committee received twice the number of expected applications.

President Joan Develin Coley, who served as ex-officio

on the search committee and who will make the final hiring decision, attributed the response to the college's name change.

"Many candidates said that the old name would not have gotten their attention because they wanted to work in a private college as opposed to a public one," said Coley, referring to the common misconception that Western Maryland College was a public college.

After reviewing the applications and external data collected by the consulting firm throughout January, the committee invited nine candidates to interview at the Sheraton Hotel at the Baltimore-Washington Airport on January 30th and 31st.

Following affirmative action rules set by the college, the committee knew no iden-

tifying information about a candidate besides his or her last name until the formal interview.

Each candidate met with the search committee, Coley, Mary Ann Friday and Dr. Phillip Sayre, Dean of Student Affairs and a non-voting affirmative action officer, for an hour. Candidates were asked a handful of preset questions that addressed issues such as curriculum development and the individual's ability to learn from criticism.

After two days and nine hours of interviews, the search committee only needed 15 minutes to choose the four finalists.

Long said the quick decision was the result of a cohesive group.

"Everyone understood everyone's point of view,"

said Long. "And everyone walked out smiling. Well everyone but me. I still had to call and make sure the candidates were interested. But they were."

Coley believes that the final group—three males and one female—represent the pool of professionals working in postsecondary education administration. For example, according to the American Council on Education, only 21.1% of college presidents are women and only 12.8% are minorities.

However, both Coley and Dr. Deborah Johnson-Ross, political science professor and Affirmative Action Director for the Faculty, are satisfied with the diversity of the four candidates.

"Affirmative action does not mean a person from an under-represented group

should get the job," said Johnson-Ross. "It means that those persons are fairly considered in an equitable process."

Johnson-Ross, who was not directly involved in the search, said that any search process is really a "Catch-22" because the college is "selling itself to the candidate" while trying to find the person best qualified for the job.

Each of the finalists traveled to campus for two days during the month of February, meeting with various faculty groups, students, trustees and administrators. Candidates caught a glimpse of McDaniel life and for the first time, the campus community had the opportunity to address the finalists.

Coley said that she plans to announce the new Provost "as close to the March 1st date as possible."

Tom Barnes retires after 17 years here

ROB GOEKE
STAFF WRITER

He was literally hours from retirement. Seventeen years, he had worked as the Maintenance Mechanic at McDaniel. In total, he put together a forty-one year career.

Yet, on his last day working at McDaniel, Tom Barnes' fingers were still covered in grease from a machine he had fixed earlier that morning. Even on his last day, he was working as hard as he did on his first.

Students often take the beauty of campus for granted. They often do not think of the work that goes into the maintenance of the College. But, behind the scenes at his office on 192 Pennsylvania Avenue, Barnes worked year-round to maintain the campus. It was almost as if the grease had grown accustomed to being on his fingers.

His recollections are fond.

"I am going to miss working here. I am going to miss the people that I worked

with. But then again, at this time in my life, I want to take it easy and enjoy life," said Barnes.

Barnes was hired at McDaniel because he was laid off at the Black and Decker plant in Hampstead.

"I was just glad to get the job at the time when I needed one," said Barnes.

But the employment he received almost out of necessity turned into a multi-year partnership. His main role was repairing all of the vehicles as well as teaching fac-

ulty and students how to drive the infamous 'pickle' buses.

It was a whirlwind for Barnes as he retired. His birthday was January 30th, the day he retired. He recently celebrated his 40th wedding anniversary as well. After four decades of work, he knew it was time to settle down and had some fun.

"I just hope that the success of McDaniel College continues. It is a good place to work. The people that I met here, from professors to em-

ployees, were great people," said Barnes.

It was evident that waves of nostalgia rushed through Barnes throughout his last day. Brief stops to hug people in various departments or to collect a gift or a card here and there made it difficult to hold back tears. But he held back. Last day or not, he had to get back to work.

"Tom helped the maintenance department achieve what it needed. He will be missed," said Phil Boob, Director of Grounds and Special Events.

Budapest program in danger

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event for faculty, administration, and everyone there."

"The visa problem has a double effect," explained Ethan Seidel, vice president for administration and finance. "It makes it more difficult for students to come here for their last two years, and it has also begun to affect the ability of the Budapest campus to recruit students in the first place."

Attempts to create a more internationally diverse student body in Budapest are central to the issue, because it is the stu-

dents from Asia, Africa, and the Middle East that have the most difficulty getting visas, Seidel explained.

According to Drexler, these students are refused due to the lack of proof of sufficient strong ties to the home country, guaranteeing no intent to remain in the U.S. upon graduation (Section 214b of the U.S. Immigration Act). This requirement is in addition to academic, financial, and language proficiency qualifications, according to the Bureau of Consular Affairs within the U.S. Department of State.

The tighter restrictions are hurting colleges and universities across the U.S. because students are choosing to go places where they are still able to get visas, such as Canada and Europe, explained Seidel.

In response to these problems, administrators in Budapest have asked McDaniel College 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 Lemke offered an alternative suggestion of providing online courses with classroom assistants in Budapest.

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

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.

Seller fund cut: 2005 funds questionable

MELISSA GALLO
STAFF WRITER

McDaniel faces a severe loss of state funding for 2005 unless the campus community takes action.

Every year, the state of Maryland gives money to institutions of higher education through the Joseph A. Seller State Aid Program. However, the amount schools receive has been plummeting since 1980, and this year is no different.

The once-robust Seller Program might be cut by 28%, if Maryland Governor Robert Ehrlich's plans hold fast. Last year's million dollar decrease devastated McDaniel's budget, forcing the school to delay projects and reconsider aspects of the budget such as faculty salary raises, said President Joan Develin Coley.

Seller funding is essential because the money can be used for anything the college deems necessary, Coley said.

The Maryland Independent Colleges and Universities Association (MICUA), which represents McDaniel and seventeen other institutions of higher education, said that schools may be forced to undergo staff reductions, frozen salaries, increased class sizes, and reduced financial aid to students if there is another decrease in state aid.

In the 2004 fiscal year, 31

million dollars were given out through the Seller Program - 32% less than was received in 2003.

"Many other states have direct aid programs to independent colleges," said Coley, "recognizing that...all of the institutions of higher education need to be strong and healthy." Other states give more, from 40 million in Virginia, to 53 million in Florida, and 322 million in New York.

Some campus community members have already taken action.

Political science professor Dr. Herb Smith led a class trip to Annapolis to lobby legislators in regard to the Seller situation.

"We want to convince state legislators not to cut the program anymore...it affects everything," said sophomore Bryan Renbourn.

A grassroots campaign began last year featuring a petition which 5,000 people signed last year, according to Tina Bjarekull, president of MICUA. The website www.micuaconnection.com features instructions to sign a petition protesting decreases.

Governor Ehrlich will soon convene with state legislators in Annapolis to decide how much money Maryland will allot to the Seller Program.

Campus Safety blotter

Occurred From Date	2/11/04 - 2/18/04		Building	Incident Status
	Subcategory	Type		
2/11/04 11:15 PM	Harassment	Phone	Whiteford Hall	Inactive
2/12/04 3:47 AM	Alcohol	Possession (under 21)	Rouzer Hall	Closed By PoC
2/13/04 2:18 AM	CDS	Possession	Rouzer Hall	Pending Court Outcome
2/13/04 2:32 PM	CDS	Possession	Rouzer Hall	Pending Court Outcome
2/14/04 9:40 PM	Alcohol	Possession (under 21)	Whiteford Hall	Closed By PoC
2/14/04 10:57 PM	Vandalism	Property	Blanche Ward Hall	Inactive
2/14/04 11:00 PM	Vandalism	Property	GardenApts Building 1	Report Complete
2/14/04 11:14 PM	Alcohol	Possession (under 21)	Rouzer Hall	Closed By PoC
2/15/04 12:20 AM	Alcohol	Possession (under 21)	Gunn Plaza	Closed By PoC
2/15/04 3:07 AM	Alcohol	Possession (under 21)	Rouzer Hall	Closed By PoC
2/16/04 2:15 AM	Harassment	Phone	Whiteford Hall	Report Complete
2/16/04 10:40 PM	Assault	Hands/Feet	GardenApts Building 3	Closed By Report

"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 not all about fun in the sun. For the seven students and two professors who participated, the course was all about awareness.

Wollenweber describes this trip as an Environmental Humanities course where hands-on experiential learning was the focus. With nautical maps, the students were able to guide themselves to Chickee or floating rafts, where the group spent the night in tents.

"This is a threatened ecosystem. We can apply this [experience] to the world and see how the world is threatened," Wollenweber explains.

The course is listed as a two-credit English course that is open to all students. The students had two books to read before departing from Baltimore International Airport on January 7. The required reading included *River of Grass* by Marjory Stoneman Douglas, *Ishmael: an Adventure of the Mind and Spirit* by Daniel Quinn, and a folder of short readings.

Lynn Myers, an adjunct pro-

fessor in the English Department who shares an office with Wollenweber, found her friend's enthusiasm for the trip so contagious that she decided to go as well. Myers didn't go as a teacher.

"It sounded really exciting," says Myers. "I pretty much acted as a tourist."

Between swimming with dolphins, night boat tours, canoeing, and camping in the wilderness, each of the participants learned about the interconnection of man and his environment, and how this connection can be abused. For example, the group agreed that they would rather take a canoe in order to protect Manatees' natural environment when going far offshore to swim with them.

"At least once a day someone got mad about the different things we are doing to the environment. Everything we do may have a negative effect on the environment," said Becky Wilde, a sophomore who made the Jan Term journey.

"The trip gave me a new respect for the environment and preservation of nature. It's the best thing I've ever done," said sophomore Rob Douglas.



Tamara Twardowski and Daniel Max fix their tent on the chickee.

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Budapest

McDaniel students share fond memories of abroad study

KEN BERTKAU
STAFF WRITER

A bike ride through the Arc de Triomphe, a stroll through the Roman Forum or a boat ride through the waterways of Venice could be tonight's dream or fall semester goals.

Eight students decided to forgo Fall Semester at McDaniel College to experience life and academia at the Budapest campus. Led by Dr. Paul Miller, the students spent four months taking BLAR classes on the weekdays and traveling though Europe on the weekends. Carrying only two suitcases for a whole semester, these eight students were not only expected to gel with each other, but also to

correspond and create relationships with their Budapest counterparts.

"The students really saw their sense of independence increase dramatically," said Miller. "They were in a place that is culturally exciting, a major world city, and they came to know who they were."

Many participants came back with positive things to say about the exchange program.

"Budapest is a city with many of the city issues of any American city - like a homeless population and too much trash on some of the streets. But Budapest is a city with thousands of years of history," said senior history

KELLY RAMPMEYER
STAFF WRITER

While many students were guilty of sitting around watching TV during the winter break, some McDaniel College students took the opportunity to expand their cultural horizons.

For ten days during Jan Term, 25 students traveled with two faculty advisors to Belize in order to learn about eco-tourism, multi-culture and multi-racial society, and the third world.

A six-hour flight took students to San Pedro, a town of about 4,000 people that sits on a 25-mile-long island. The town is protected by the second largest barrier reef in the world.

Dr. Herb Smith, a professor of political science, and Dr. Brian Wladkowski, a professor of chemistry, led the class on the expedition. Smith ventured to Belize for the sixth time.

In August of 2002, Smith published an article in *The Baltimore Sun* in which he described his journey to Belize. In it, he explained the arrival as a moment when you, "realize immediately you're in a simpler place and an even simpler time."

According to Smith, the area is not swarming with

businesses and fast food restaurants. A local building ordinance states that no building can be over three stories high, so everyone can enjoy the sunrises and sunsets.

Jen Goldstein was one of only three freshmen to go

side. Students also enjoyed live music at Fido's.

As for senior Jamey Ayers, his favorite part was snorkeling and seeing all the amazing things the coral reef had to offer.

"I saw beautiful fish; fish that have colors you wouldn't have imagined and lots of cool coral," said Ayers. "The stingrays were amazing creatures... they literally looked like angels swimming and they felt silky smooth; plus the nurse sharks were bad ass."

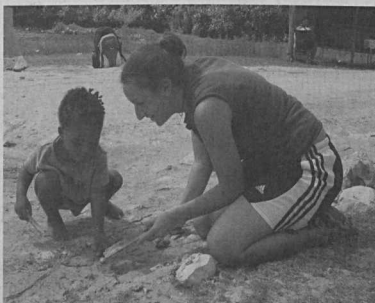
Besides having an amazing time, Smith said that he learned valuable lessons from San Pedro.

"Too often we drive when we should walk, buy fast food when we should cook, watch the TV or computer screen when we should actively play," remarked Smith. "These are the

patterns of 21st-century life...but most of us know there are older rhythms, truer to the self - the ways of the land and the sea - where we can find ourselves, grounded in nature and things that are

real. San Pedro teaches these subtle lessons in a way you will never forget."

The trip to Belize will be offered again next Jan-Term.



Junior Ashley Hoover and her "Bomba Buddy" in Belize

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on the trip. She summed the experience up in one word, "unbelievable."

While in Belize, Goldstein and all the other students were greeted with once in a lifetime opportunities. They went snorkeling, explored Mayan ruins, went fishing and cave tubing.

A local building ordinance states that no building can be over three stories high, so everyone can enjoy the sunrises and sunsets

- Dr. Herb Smith

With a drinking age of 18, the nightlife was exciting as well.

Students spent a lot of their time at two popular bars, Wet Willy's and River-

border of Slovakia, which allows for easy travel.

During their four-month stay, the students participated in two class trips. One trip was to Prague and Vienna, and the other trip covered the Lake Balaton Region.

"It was a great experience to share with my friends, something I will never forget," said Dorrien Engel, sophomore sociology major.

Each weekend all students were free to do as they pleased. Many students chose to travel while staying in youth hostels, which are famous for their low rates.

"I would stay at a hostile then find myself going

out the next day with students that I had met at it, that is where the true connections are made," Engel said.

Many students spend under \$3,000, while abroad to cover food, travel, and expenses other than tuition, according to Hunter.

Students that have taken advantage of the Budapest program believe that the experience is too great to lose and do not want to see the program disappear.

"If I could find a job that would allow me to live the life I want to live, I'd go back to Budapest in a heartbeat," said Strong. "After one semester there I found home even though that home was so far away."

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 Pundt was chatting on Instant Messenger when she found her money making opportunity. A message from an unknown user popped onto the screen asking her if she would sell him her socks. "At first," she stated, "I said 'of course not,'" believing that the individual contacting her was "crazy."

But the man persisted, offering her forty dollars per pair of socks. The only stipulation: they had to be dirty. Jacq reconsidered the offer, realizing,

"[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

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."



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



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.

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"If you could have a date with anyone, who would it be, why, and what would you do?"

1. Katie Hickey, sophomore



"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 paddleboats. As for after the date..."

2. Ashley Gill, freshman



"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."

3. Ryan Melhorn, senior



"Anna Kournikova, because she's athletic and hot. I'd let her play some tennis, and I can't say what else..."

4. Kristen Clark, sophomore



"Kenny Chesney, because he's good to look at, and I wouldn't get bored at dinner. I'd go on a glass bottom boat tour someplace in the Caribbean. Then we'd have a late dinner near the beach."

5. Lynne Wheeler, sophomore



"I would go out with Josh Groban because he seems like a nice, 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."

6. Hanif Ahmad, sophomore



"Angel Teves, Muscle magazine model. I mean, have you seen her? She's awesome! I'd do something really romantic. I'd probably send her a rose the first day, and a rose with a poem on the second, and then on the third I'd send her a rose with a note asking her to meet me at a nice restaurant or in a park for a picnic or something."

3 stars for Big Fish

JEFF CABINESS
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 his father Edward's (Albert

DeVito and Steve Buscemi as colorful friends Edward helps along the way, offer memorable performances. Crudup does the best with what his role gives him, but never gets a chance to shine the way he has in the past. Rounding out the cast is Helena Bonham Carter in a dual role as a one-eyed witch and Jenny, a woman from

Edward's past. In a pivotal scene with Crudup, Carter, as Jenny, reveals what 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 now, he has been directing films with visual delights that please audiences. That's obviously working for him (during its opening week, "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.

Finney and McGreggor adeptly portray Edward Bloom as a charming man, despite the fact that he may or may not be the habitual purveyor of B. S. that his son perceives him to be. The rest of the cast, which includes Jessica Lange and Allison Lohman as Edward's wife, and Danny



"Win a Date" - delightful

KATRINA CULLEY
STAFF WRITER

When I set out to see "Win a Date with Tad Hamilton," I had high hopes. I had heard that the movie was fantastically cute, that it made you leave the theater smiling. After sitting through possibly the longest previews known to man, "Win a Date with Tad Hamilton" finally appeared on the screen.

The basic plot is this: A

very attractive and famous movie star needs some good PR to give his career a boost. So his agent and manager run a contest entitled, "Win a Date with Tad Hamilton." The girl who wins, Rosalie, played by Kate Bosworth, a naive, twenty-two year old from a tiny West Virginia town, is flown to Los Angeles to go out with Tad. She never expected the date would go so well or that they would fall

for each other. To add a little more confusion to the mix, Rosalie's long-time best friend, Pete, finally gets the courage to profess his love for her. Rosalie is forced to choose between her Hollywood hunk and her best friend.

The story is a little cheesy, the cast doesn't include a lot of "big names," but the movie is genuine. It provides a little slice of hope for everyone who has ever loved.

"Butterfly Effect": Kutcher soars

SARAH BLACK
STAFF WRITER

The Chaos Theory, also known as the butterfly effect, is a physics term explaining certain occurrences in this world.

In the first screen of "The Butterfly Effect," the opening title of the movie informs viewers that "a butterfly flapping its wings in Asia could result in a hurricane halfway around the world." In simpler terms, small events can have enormous consequences, which is the chief lesson in this movie.

Ashton Kutcher plays the role of Evan Treborn, a young man with an extraordinary, but dangerous gift of being able to go into the past and change it. As a young boy, and as a teenager, Evan

experiences blackouts and cannot remember certain events in his life. It is not until he is in college (and after he reads journals that he kept as a young boy) that Evan realizes he can modify the past to change and improve the present. Yet, he also discovers that every time he alters his past, there is always a terrible, unwanted result.

Next special effects in this movie offer



standing portrayal of the events that Evan experiences through his special gift.

However, one or two irrelevant characters in this movie keep reappearing, though they have no real impact on the outcomes. And a warning: certain scenes in this movie are very disturbing.

If there are any critics who have doubted Ashton Kutcher's acting ability or acting potential, this movie puts all doubts to rest. Kutcher does an outstanding job in this drama/suspense movie. He proves to be a decent actor, worthy of any acting job that comes his way. This film is a BIG step up from "Dude, Where's My Car?". This film should open a lot of doors for Kutcher.

Harvard hosts Model UN

BRYAN RENBAUM
STAFF WRITER

Thousands of college students from all over the world gathered at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel in downtown Boston last week for a Model United Nations conference sponsored by Harvard University. Among the crowd were 17 students representing McDaniel College.

"There were kids there from places such as Canada and South America and we got to discuss important issues with them," said Sophomore Jesse Ringgold. "We also learned a lot about how the UN works."

Before traveling to Boston, students were required to take a course at McDaniel that would prepare them for the mock general assembly. They were assigned a country to represent (Sierra Leone) and many of them journeyed to the library at John Hopkins University. After they completed extensive research, the students then crafted a position paper that would help them understand what that nation's stand would be on certain global issues.

"I have been doing this for five years and I think our students are always prepared to debate the issues they have researched," said Dr. Volker Franke, one of the key members of McDaniel's Political Science department present at the assembly. "However, the one thing I regret is that some of the students from other schools seem to be less prepared for the assembly, and wind up presenting the



McDaniel students participate in the model UN Summit in Boston.

issues affecting their particular country from an American perspective."

Senior Carrie Vivian, a senior, said that she found it very interesting to learn about the difficulties facing developing Third World nations as they compete with the West for political and economic power. "We got to feel what it was like to be in the shoes of those nations," she said.

Senior Sharon Desperak said, "I found it fascinating to learn about all the diplomatic deals that our country and other countries use to get motions passed by the assembly."

"I think it's a wonderful opportunity for students to do research and broaden their perspectives," said Dr. Johnson-Ross, who joined Franke as a faculty representative at the conference. "They all had a really good time and came back to my classroom with plenty of stories and smiles."

Looking Back

UN trip a success

Just talk to anyone who went to the recent Harvard Model United Nations summit in ton and they tell you great tales and recall much fun they



I was the representative for Sierra Leone in a specialized agency named the African Union. Even though Sierra Leone is a small, West African nation, our delegation was prepared and vocal enough to make the resolution reflect Sierra Leone's interests. We presented in front of hundreds of strangers including students from Yale and West Point.

While we spent almost every day arguing in committees, the first day we had an opportunity to explore Boston. Because of our very early flight on Thursday, we had six hours to wander the streets of Boston before the Opening Ceremony. Two of my friends and I walked the Freedom Trail from Government Center to the USS Constitution and back, visiting an old church, a cemetery park, the Big Dig and other interesting sights on the way.

We also had time in the evenings to go out together to restaurants and those of us who were 21 had the chance to some visit colorful Irish pubs. Even though the Simulation was frustrating at times, it turned out to be fun for everyone. All of us became friends, even though it was a diverse group.

Such small things like "How are you doing?" after committee sessions bonded us together, and made us ask each other, "Why didn't we hang out before?" One thing I can say for sure is that the simulation was fun last year and it was just as much fun this year. It was an unforgettable four days. Thank you Sierra Leone! FRU NAGY, NEWS EDITOR



Approximately 25 members of ROTC participate in Combat Water Training. "Before graduating and getting commissioned you have to pass certain tests...and this is practice for them," said Senior Toby McIntire

ROTC training

Students take the plunge with clothes on - and much more

PHOTOS BY SARAH BLACK



Junior Jake Michael (left) prepares to be pushed in the water by Nicole Prush. He then swims 15 meters holding a replica of an M-16. Others tests included an equipment drop and practice with flotation devices.

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 Hutton 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 sim-

ply 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 free daily paper was recently shut down, and Italy, where the Prime Minister owns 90% of the nation's cable networks, 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 problem Americans run 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 and bite us. It already has.

ROB GOEKE,
COMMENTARY EDITOR

New look

CHANGES FROM PAGE 1

mountain of work. A previously nonexistent copy desk has five copy editors proofreading stories, eight layout editors creating pages, and a desk chief to oversee the whole process.

An art director monitors photos, art, and graphics assignments, as well as the design of the entire paper.

A vibrant advertising department features representatives who are now busily selling ads with newly designed rate sheets, hopefully to generate revenue for them 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!

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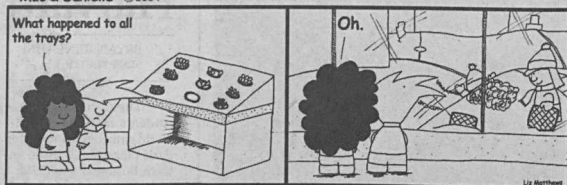
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COMMENTARY

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Useless Jan-Term classes

Belize, Italy, the Florida Everglades, Greece, Central Europe...who



wouldn't want to spend their required 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 somewhat pricey (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 Arabic Tambourine, 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 Jan Kiphart, no two-credit Jan 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 Jan Term course simultaneously.

And, says Bursar Susan Schmidt, "EPE courses are always billable items." 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 Diving 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 more worthwhile if classes taken during this time added toward academic credit.

ASHLEY HOOVER,
COPY DESK CHIEF

Swapping talk about war

(Editor's 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 devotee of NPR who lives in New York City. L on the other hand, am one of the few troglodytic 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 not 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 Bush: 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 tried to assassinate; 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 Khobar 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 ...

"And 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 Division] trying to resolve continuing conflicts — and is now in Saudi Arabia, an officer with two Bronze Stars from Desert Storm and Iraqi Freedom in the U.S. Army, who has not forgotten September 11th and who, like many young soldiers, fights there sacrificing to try to avoid another 9/11 ...

"And I listen to charlatans 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 another, or do we try to meet terrorist adversaries where they are being bred by the tens of thousands?"

"It tears at my soul to say such things, especially because I have a son on the firing line."

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

How free is McDaniel Free Press?

Breslin in too deep



Behind the superficial changes to the paper of name, publisher, and advertising, is a faculty invasion, a proverbial coup d'état.

As the usual media advisor, Professor Terry Dalton, is on sabbatical this semester, Lisa Breslin, administrator of the Writing Center, is overseeing (overhauling) his responsibilities.

The Student Handbook promises that the student media is an independent organization. [Note: Number 7. Student Media of the General College Regulations and Policies states, "Student media shall be free from censorship and advanced approval of copy. Editors will be free to develop their own editorial and advertising policies and news coverage."] As such, neither faculty member nor administrator has the right to govern the paper. But this has not stopped Breslin from controlling the paper.

Before Breslin, students could brag that their paper was non-curriculum based. That is not the case today. Breslin, as interim professor for the Advanced Journalism class, has declared that all her students must participate in the student media, thereby abolishing the paper's independent status.

Whereas an independent student organization has the right to self-govern, a curriculum based organization is tied to the college and thus vulnerable to faculty and administrative censorship [see Hosty vs. Governors State University]. Good-bye First Amendment. The restriction of prior restraint and the right to be free from "advanced approval of copy?" Good-bye free press.

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 why they do what they do; but what they do not know is what they do does." 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 whales, save the student media!

BRADLEY GROOVER,
STAFF WRITER

Independence still reigns



Over the past few semesters something has been missing from the McDaniel college

newsroom. Now that we have put the first issue to bed, I can honestly say that the something that was missing was actually a newsroom.

In the past, a handful of dedicated students put out the paper. That handful of students did everything, assign and edit stories, write stories, lay out pages, and get the paper to a few spots around campus for distribution. Needless to say, it was difficult - if not impossible - to put out a quality paper. Toss in countless computer problems and missed deadlines, and you get the complete "before" picture.

This semester we're shaking things up.

The paper is now called The McDaniel Free Press, and as Katie's A1 column explains, the changes reach far beyond the name. The main reason for these changes is the fact that we now have an active faculty advisor. Lisa Breslin has embraced her role as the newspaper's advisor and helped us facilitate change.

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 reassuringly, 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, select what 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.

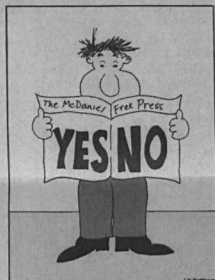
Anyone who still balks at Breslin's involvement should remember that the college contributes as much \$7,000 annually to publish the paper. So while it is a stu-

dent-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



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, required students to attend 18 cultural events by the end of their junior year.

The school has always had an on and off again relationship with ice hockey and in 1994 Eric Disharoon resurrected 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.

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Bliss takes over women's LAX

Goucher grad fills spot for departing McCord

AMALIE SHAFFER
SPORTS WRITER

There is a new interim head coach for the women's lacrosse team, and her name is Muffie Bliss.

Although new to this position, Bliss has been an 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 team 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 influ-

ence 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

preseason. The team, as expressed by Bliss, is coming together quickly and efficiently. The team has the most talent Bliss has seen since 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 drills that are game-like, only concentrated. She prefers to scrimmage during practice.

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.



Former Goucher College player and McDaniel assistant coach Muffie Bliss has been named the interim women's lacrosse head coach.

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

Mean and Green

Athletes give Terror new meaning

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Kristy Costa

Women's Basketball

Costa, a sophomore, has led the Women's Basketball team this season in points (13.0) and rebounds (5.9). She has played a large role in the team's prosperity, leading the team in scoring in 12 out of 24 games this season.

"We all work together," Costa said modestly. "Things are just going really well for us this year."

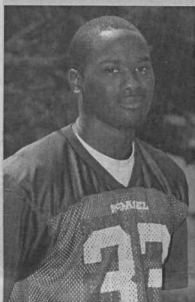


Broderick Maybank

Indoor Track

At a meet in early February, Maybank set school records in both long jump and the 60-meter dash, with a leap of 22'11.5" and a dash of 7.10 seconds. His jump was also a Centennial Conference record. Maybank had broken the 60-meter record just minutes earlier with a sprint of 7.16, but he obviously was not content.

"I felt pretty good afterwards," Maybank reminisced. "I'm just out to break as many records as I can..."



Centennial Conference Standings

(As of February 20, 2004)

Women's Basketball:

1. McDaniel, 20-3 (16-1)
2. Johns Hopkins, 20-2 (15-1)
3. Muhlenberg, 18-5 (13-3)

Men's Basketball:

1. Franklin & Marshall, 20-3 (15-1)
2. Johns Hopkins, 15-7 (11-5)
3. Ursinus, 15-8 (11-5)
4. McDaniel, 6-18 (3-13)

Wrestling:

1. Ursinus, 11-1 (5-0)
2. McDaniel, 11-13 (4-1)
2. Johns Hopkins, 9-5 (3-2)

Men's Swimming:

1. Dickinson, 10-1 (6-0)
2. Gettysburg, 5-3 (5-1)
3. Franklin & Marshall, 4-6 (4-2)
5. McDaniel, 7-4 (2-4)

Women's Swimming:

1. Franklin & Marshall, 10-1 (7-0)
2. Gettysburg, 8-1 (6-1)
3. Washington, 9-2 (5-2)
6. McDaniel, 7-5 (2-5)

Men's hoops finds omen in O'Connor

High-scoring freshman part of bright future

PAT O'TOOLE
SPORTS EDITOR

Averaging 13.3 points per game, freshman basketball player Kyle O'Connor is already the highest-scoring player on his team. Others might be happy with this level of success, but O'Connor is a true competitor.

"Next year, I'm going to try to become more of a dominant force," O'Connor said. "I just have the attitude that nobody can stop me."

With a record of 6-18, the members of the Green Terror men's basketball team are focusing on their future. With six freshmen and four sophomores on a roster of fourteen players, there is a definite reason for optimism.

"I think the freshmen we brought in this year contributed a lot," senior Sam Anstead said. "That's going to be really beneficial going into next year."

The team will only lose two players going into next season: Sylvanus Adenaike

and Alan Hoyt, who earlier in the season broke the 1,000-point barrier against Centennial Conference rival Johns Hopkins. Sam Anstead, although a senior by college standards, still has a year left of eligibility.



Freshman Kyle O'Connor is already making a name for himself on the court.

It is apparent that the players or coaches are disappointed 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 constant 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 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 athlete's 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 win-

dow decal, the 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 x2224, or by e-mail at lprimm@mcDaniel.edu.

By The Numbers

13 Consecutive wins by the McDaniel women's basketball team, a school record.

9 Total wins last season by the Washington Mystics (not a record).

10 Pins registered this season by McDaniel freshman wrestler Mark Nakasone.

5 Total pins executed by the entire Washington & Lee University wrestling team.

.824 Free-throw percentage of McDaniel freshman Kyle O'Connor.

32nd Ranking by percentage O'Connor would hold if in the NBA today, knocking out Jason Terry of the Atlanta Hawks and just below Stephen Marbury of the NY Knicks.

14.625 Amount, in millions, Stephen Marbury will be paid next season.

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, 32, 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 "Moose" Skoczlas 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 Camponelli.

Camponelli 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.

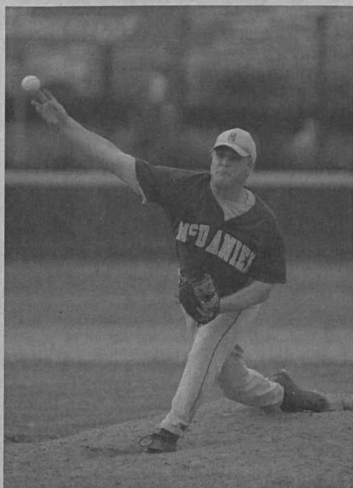
The outdoor track team is hoping to run its way to a conference championship for head coach Doug Renner. Renner will be re-

turning a solid nucleus led by Broderick Maybank and Kristy Costa. Maybank, a Terror 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.]



Dave Skoczlas of McDaniel's baseball team.

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Women's basketball has unforgettable season

KIM LOWRY
SPORTS WRITER

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 20-3, despite their lack of intercollegiate experience.

With lone senior and captain Toby McIntire, 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 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 ring. 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 her own way," said junior guard Brooke Weimer.

Sophomore sensation Kristy Costa has been selected Player of Week twice by the conference. She is leading the team in points per game with 12.9 and rebounds per game

with 5.9. Closely trailing Costa in average points per game are junior Kelly Cramp (10.9) and freshman Katy Powell (7.3).



Sophomore Kristy Costa has played a large role in the women's basketball team's successful season.

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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 trouncing of the visiting Gettysburg Bulldogs.

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 rival 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 McIntire.

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

"We're looking to break that record; we have more fan 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.

Wrestling team heads confidently into conferences

ERIN ROMANSKI
SENIOR WRITER

Ending the 2003-2004 winter season strongly, Green Terror wrestling stands at second place for the second year in a row, battling Ursinus for a top position in the Centennial Conference Championships.

Also competing at the conference championships are Johns Hopkins, Muhlenberg, Gettysburg and Washington & Lee.

With a record of 4-1 in the conference matches, McDaniel will compete in every weight class at the February 21 championships, to be held in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

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, leader of 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 earned five major decisions this season, and junior Mikey Blake at 157.



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At 17-3, senior Drew Reinecker has been a heavy force in wrestling competition this season.

Wrestling Update:

Senior Drew Reinecker won his 2nd consecutive Centennial Conference title on Saturday, defeating Johns Hopkins University's Karol Gryczynski by a 2-1 margin in the championship match. As a team, McDaniel (76) finished second to Ursinus (109). Dan Patterson, Mark Nakasone, and Mikey Blake each took second place for the Green Terror, while Steve Colasunno and Mike Valentino each took third.

Indoor track has successful winter season

JOE ADELIZZI
SPORTS WRITER

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.

"It's good for the kids to be able to see all their hard work and dedication pay off,"

Coach Renner said.

Leading the charge for the Green Terror has been Broderick Maybank.

In early February,

Maybank, a sophomore, not only broke the school record in the long jump, by leaping 22'11.5", but also the Centennial Conference record in that event.

His effort helped him

qualify for the ECAC Championships later this year.

Maybank, however,

"It's good for the kids to be able to see all their hard work and dedication pay off."

—Coach Doug Renner

was not done there. Later on in the event, he set a new school record for the 60 M dash with a time of 7.10 seconds. This mark topped the school record of 7.16 that he

had set earlier in the day.

"Broderick is a special kind of athlete," Coach Renner said,

"who is hopefully not done breaking records."

Maybank was not alone in his assault on the Green Terror record books.

Paul Hugus was able to set a new mark in the 5000

m by running a time of 15:33.51, breaking Greg Davis's old mark set in 1995.

Hugus also was not done there. Later on in the month of February he broke another one of Davis's records by running the 1500 m in a time of 4:05.31.

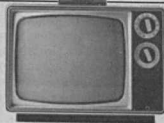
Freshman Jarrett Smith helped round out the onslaught on the Green Terror record books by breaking the school record in the high jump by leaping 6'2".

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Hay Fever

Theatre production is a wacky success.
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Campus media deal with budget concerns

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The Vagina Monologues will be presented on March 26

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"The swim team set all the goals it set out to accomplish," Easterday said. Swim team sets personal and team best times at Conference Championships.

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Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ" is a holy punch to the gut that leaves viewers more winded than evangelized.

Centennial Conference Champions



INDIRA GONZALES



SPORTS INFORMATION

Fans from the McDaniel campus community (left) supported the lady Terror basketball team as they defeated Johns Hopkins University 59-57 to win the Centennial Conference Championship (right).

See story on page 12.

Falkner to be new provost, dean of faculty

HEATHER WEISSE
NEWS EDITOR

The grueling six-month search process ended last week with the announcement of McDaniel's 11th official Provost and Dean of the Faculty.

President Joan Develin Coley told faculty members that Dr. Thomas Falkner would step into the role of chief academic officer at a mid-day meeting on March 2.

According to Dr. Skip Fennell, the room erupted with cheering and clapping—even exclamations that "you might hear at a basketball game."

"When we first started this search, one faculty member said to the committee

"make sure you give us someone we can respect," said Fennell, professor of education and search committee member. "I think with Dr. Falkner we have that."

Falkner was chosen from a pool of four finalists selected by the search committee. Coley made the final hiring decision.

She offered the position to Falkner while they were both attending a conference sponsored by the American Council on Education in Miami, Florida. After a two-and-a-half hour conversation, Coley asked Falkner if he would sign a contract.

According to Coley, Falkner was a bit taken aback by the quick offer.

"I knew he was exactly what we need," said Coley. "He'll fit in great with the team."

Like all freshmen, Faulkner rang the bell in Red

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INDIRA GONZALES/LIZ MATTHEWS

New Provost Thomas Falkner rings the bell in Red Square to commemorate his start at McDaniel.

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 have 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 while another fight occurred simultaneously 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

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Tuition to reach \$24,500 for 2004-2005 year

BRIAN PATTERSON
CO-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

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 John 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 jump to the

conclusion that raising tuition is bad, but if the money is going somewhere worthwhile it is 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 rededicated 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 \$3,000 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. "Usually we get hit with a five percent hike, but this is almost 7 percent."

McDaniel is not the only Centennial Conference school that will be upping tuition charges, but the tuition hike is one of the largest. Colleges of

comparable size experienced tuition increases that were lower than McDaniel's 6.97 increase.

Gettysburg 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 \$28,810 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 billed - and nothing is sent announcing the change to students," said Christopher Harlan, 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 pressure we face."



Construction crews are building a grand entrance to McDaniel College by incorporating columns and a brick wall with the college's historic arch.

New provost selected

Provost from page 1

Square to commemorate his start at McDaniel. The traditional ceremony was followed by a reception in Rice Gallery where Falkner formally greeted over 100 campus community members.

The 56-year-old Professor of Classical Studies at The College of Wooster in Ohio has previously served as Dean of the Faculty and as acting Vice President for Academic Affairs. He also developed several study-abroad programs in Greece, Kenya and Thailand.

Committed to expanding campus diversity, broadening international opportunities and leading the college through curriculum reform, Falkner said that he is excited by what he senses to be "new energy and determination on the part of McDaniel to win its fair share of regional and national attention."

Falkner does not want to leave the classroom entirely. At Wooster, he continued to teach one course each year and hopes to continue the tradition at McDaniel by possibly teaching a Jan-term course.

"I want so badly to find some way to have close contact with students," said Falkner. "I love to teach-but I understand that I'm here to do a few other things."

Falkner admitted to having trouble drawing the line between his personal and professional lives. He is currently researching the renaissance of Greek tragedy and modern theatrical interpretations of the texts.

"I like going to the shows so much it's actually not work,"

said Falkner.

When not working, Falkner spends time with his wife and three daughters, plays the guitar, reads and listens to music. He likes folk-rock groups, especially "The Byrds" and prefers to watch movies that blur the boundaries between art and reality. Falkner officially starts work on July 1, but will be visiting campus between now and then to become more acquainted with the college and find housing in the area.

Sam Case, retiring Provost and Dean of the Faculty, has just one piece of advice for his successor.

"Listen," said Case, "just listen."

Meet Dr. Thomas Falkner

Current Job: Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs, The College of Wooster

Hobbies: Theatre; Music; Art; and Travel

Likes: Elizabeth Costello by J. M. Coetzee; American Splendor and Adaptation

Elementary School Aspiration: Wanted to teach

Greatest Academic Achievement: Major college curriculum revision and spent a semester reading Vergil's Aeneid in Latin with a student

Most people don't know: "In my college years, I saw the folk-rock group 'The Byrds' some 17 times in four years!"



Campus Safety blotter

Occurred from Date	Subcategory	Type	Building Name	Incident Status
2/20/04 12:52 AM	Assault	Hands/Feet	Whiteford Hall	Closed by Report
2/21/04 10:30 AM	Burglary	Forcible Entry	Blanche Ward Hall	Inactive
2/21/04 6:00 PM	Burglary	Entry w/o Force	Blanche Ward Hall	Open
2/21/04 7:30 PM	Harassment	In Person	Garden Apt. Lot	Open
2/22/04 12:20 AM	Disorderly Conduct	Disturbing the Peace	North Village	Open
2/22/04 1:15 AM	Disorderly Conduct	Disturbing the Peace	Blanche Ward Hall	Closed by Report
2/22/04 2:25 AM	Disorderly Conduct	Disturbing the Peace	Garden Apt. Bldg. 3	Closed by Report
2/22/04 10:19 AM	Trespassing	Disturbing the Peace	Englar Dining Hall	Pending Court Outcome
2/24/04 12:24 AM	Drug Violation	Possession	Rouzer Hall	Pending Court Outcome
2/25/04 9:56 PM	Larceny	Shoplifting	Decker Student Center	Closed by Report
2/26/04 6:10 PM	Larceny	Motor Vehicle Theft	Historic Drive	Open
2/26/04 9:00 PM	Tampering with Fire Extinguishers	Shoplifting	Rouzer Hall	Inactive
2/27/04 12:29 PM	Harassment	Phone	Whiteford Hall	Open
2/29/04 12:27 AM	Drug Violation	Paraphernalia	Blanche Ward Hall	Pending Court Outcome
2/29/04 12:30 AM	Driving Under the Influence	Hands/Feet	Carroll Hall Lot	Pending Court Outcome
2/29/04 12:49 AM	Assault	Possession	McDaniel Hall	Open
2/29/04 5:30 AM	Drug Violation	Possession	Blanche Ward Hall	Report Incomplete
2/29/04 7:00 PM	Harassment	Phone	McDaniel Hall	Closed by Report

*There were also 13 incidents of underage alcohol possession and two for possession of an open container in a public area

A tale of two stations with different results

TV station flourishes under limitations

HEATHER WEISSE
NEWS EDITOR

The small basement studio space in Lewis Recreation Hall isn't ideal. The budget is tight and some equipment is outdated. Despite challenges, students and faculty members behind McDaniel Television are proving that a little imagination can go a long way.



Artina Young works behind the scenes of a taping of "The Wire," a weekly news magazine show.

"We've been doing a lot of rebuilding in the past one to two years," said junior Heather Cook, Co-General Manager of the television station and McDaniel's T.V. Club.

Under the new leadership of Jonathan Slade, assistant 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 T.V. 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. "It's a piece-meal station," said Slade. "We use everything we can get."

Responding to growing interest in television, the communications department has expanded its course offering. This spring, the department offered five television classes: three production classes, a course on documentary film analysis, and a class on non-linear editing.

One production class generates public service announcements. Another is working on a twelve-scene fictional show and the third pro-

duces *The Wire*, a weekly news magazine show. All shows are broadcast on Channel 26.

Slade said that television production and editing courses go beyond technical training.

"It's not just pushing buttons. It's conceptualizing. It's visualizing. It's telling a story," said Slade.

"It's a lot more about becoming a coherent thinker."

The station's biggest challenge is physically getting programming on the air – and having the campus community tune in.

In order to keep viewers from seeing black, someone has to manually insert a tape every two hours. Slade hopes to eventually buy a digital video server that will allow programming to air continually.

Unfortunately, some students may not catch campus programming when club surfing.

"If you run an auto channel set-up on your television and nothing is playing on the station at that time, the channel will not be added," said Ernie Ogle, campus telecommunication manager.

Ogle said that if the channel is not added, the television remote skips over that channel. To remedy the problem, he suggests rerunning the auto setup or manually adding the campus channels using the remote.

The telecommunications office inserts programming onto seven channels on the campus cable network: Channel 25 broadcasts a campus bulletin board and WMCR; McDaniel T.V. airs on Channel 26; and Channel 29 is reserved for special video conferencing. The four remaining channels broadcast French, German and Spanish programs sponsored by the foreign language department.

Radio station struggles to survive

JEFF CABINESS
STAFF WRITER

Perhaps it's because the same Jay-Z album has been spinning on constant rotation for the last two weeks. Or maybe it's the secrecy behind the floor-to-ceiling stickers that plaster the door.

Believe it or not, the college radio station WMCR 620 still has a pulse, or rather, a signal – although a weak one.

Many of the station's troubles can be traced back to the Fall '97 semester, when communications professor Tony Kirschner took over as advisor for WMCR.

The station was practically inactive with no real budget, no equipment upgrades, and only a few interested students. Under Kirschner's guidance, things began to look up with renewed student interest and the allocation of a decent budget.

But some students became too involved.

"It's a student run station," said Kirschner, who left campus last spring and now runs his own employee search firm in Vancouver, Canada. "I let them make the decisions, or what's the point?"

These students, who have since graduated, took full advantage of Kirschner's laid-back approach, running the station their way.

"They took the place over and created huge rifts... I should have been more focused as to what they were doing," said Kirschner.

Range has always been a major issue for WMCR. The station broadcasts over the AM band on a signal that dies once listeners leave campus. It's impossible to get on the FM band because it is too tied up.

Kirschner estimates that it could cost approximately \$20,000 to increase the current AM signal. With WMCR's \$2,500 budget, the idea is unrealistic. Extended



The dark, sticker-covered door that hides WMCR.

range also comes with Federal Communications Commission regulations, something WMCR has never faced. It hasn't mattered if deejays play unedited music or have an occasional slip of the tongue.

Students realized that their best chance for increased exposure would be to transmit via the Internet. This way, anyone visiting the college website could hear a high quality broadcast.

The station purchased a DSL connection and web space, but nothing happened. With waning student interest and outright laziness, the online broadcast was never utilized.

However, the DSL company kept sending bills. Massive amounts of promotional mail caused bills to go unnoticed and the station was charged for the unused service. Eventually the error was realized and the DSL was cut off, but the debt had to be paid.

Approximately three years ago, Adam Carter, now a senior English/History major, was recruited to be the executive of Hip Hop at WMCR.

"It was a mess," Carter recalled. "Physically, technology wise, there were problems with people stealing music."

Carter is proud of helping

the station regain some order, but thinks the station needs exposure.

"Students need to be made more aware of what is available to them," said Carter.

Since WMCR currently has no advisor, Mitch Alexander of the College Activities office has been working with the station to help with budgeting and bill paying. He agrees that the station suffers from underexposure.

"They function in a way that people can't see them," says Alexander. "They're shooting themselves in the foot because people walk by and see it's dark on the inside and think [the station] is inactive."

Kirschner thinks two things need to happen before the station can truly function well.

"Number one, they need an advisor who cares and can make students interested. And two, get broadcasting online."

In 2001, Anthony Leonard, a business/economics major, came to WMCR and gave Carter a much needed hand.

Leonard, now a junior, has since taken over as head of the station. He estimates devoting around 15 hours a week to the station, and wants to promote WMCR like a real radio station with parties, concerts, and advertising.

"I want to be involved with everything," Leonard said.

Since most airtime is occupied by a five-disc changer on rotation, Leonard is happy to set up interested students with a time slot for a show. It doesn't matter what type of music is being played or if students just want to talk.

"I'm all for diversity on the radio," said Leonard.



McDaniel students hosting "The Wire."

Safety of clubrooms questioned

Clubroom from page 1

license).

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

From now on students will turn in their college IDs as they enter a BSU Club Room, and collect them as they leave. Non-students who wish to attend the gathering will have to present a valid ID (a student ID from a different college or a driver's

"[The policy] will allow hosts to bring guests, but we will be much more tightly controlling it. There will be a sense that the people attending will be held accountable, and that we are paying attention to things," said Sayre.

"I think we can look forward to very positive parties as long as we can use new ways to keep things under control," he added.

"We've changed certain policies to deter outsiders from coming, but the students here need to start taking responsibility for their guests," said BSU President and junior Kristal Johnson.

A BSU Club Room scheduled for March 27 was canceled and replaced with a Free Style Battle of Poetry. On April 3, following the BSU Fashion Show, the scheduled Club Room will take place.

The McDaniel dance company performed a concert entitled "A Night of Dance" in early February. *First row* (from left to right) Erin Duffy, Patricia Willauer, Becca Wilhelm. *Second row*: Ellen Gulya, Megan Portner, Megan Jeeves. *Third row*: Liz Stavis, Beth Appleton, Helene Ver Eecke.



JEFF GOLLIER

Leap and learn Dance company thrives

BAYLEY FANNIN
STAFF WRITER

Liz Stavis always wanted to dance as a child, but her tomboy image clashed with her longing to sashay across the kitchen floor.

Then in her sophomore year at McDaniel, fellow sophomore Ellen Gulya invited her to come dance. "I was originally doing it for exercise," Stavis says. But exercise was not the only thing she got out of joining the McDaniel College Dance Company—now a member of the company for almost two years, Stavis danced in three company numbers in the last show. "It's all about having fun," says junior Helene Ver Eecke. "Most of our dancers have never danced before. It's all about exploring dance and dance styles."

With a professional dancing background, Ver Eecke has been involved in the dance company on campus for almost three years and now acts as co-president and one of the four student choreographers.

The group's presidents typically meet at the beginning of the year to brainstorm the dance styles, costume possibili-

ties and recruiting techniques for the upcoming year. After luring dancers to weekly practices, the company learns and fine-tunes basic leaps and turns.

Once the individual members of the company have selected their favorite styles, the dancers and choreographers set up a tentative time to practice during the week. Because of the number of favorite styles—Hip Hop, Allure, Lyrical, Jazz, Ballet, Tap, Line Dance, and Irish—some members dance more than five times a week.

"Most people think, 'Wow that's a big commitment,' or 'You need a lot of experience,'" says junior Becca Wilhelm, who has been a choreographer for almost two years and is currently co-president of the dance company. "If you only have time to do one number, then you only do one number."

In preparation for their concert entitled "A Night Of Dance" in early February, the company stayed on campus during

Jan Term and practiced. The show consisted of nine numbers, including a jazzy theatrical number set to "Cell Block Tango" from the motion picture Chicago, and a lyrical piece complete with candles to Dido's "White Flag." Another popular number involved five dancers performing an Irish reel to The Chieftains' and Ricky Skaggs' "Cotton Eyed Joe."

"It was excellent," said Thea Burdnett during the performances ten-minute intermission. "They worked really hard and it paid off."

The company also performs at different events such as the Black Student Union's fashion show, the talent show, and the Christmas show. Ver Eecke would like to eventually get enough support from the students and faculty to allow the dancers to do post shows after their performances.

Copies of "A Night Of Dance" are available at the T.V. station at ext. 2774. For more information on the Dance Company call Becca Wilhelm at ext. 3821 or Helene Ver Eecke at ext. 8323.

"Can't Hang" offers infectious groove

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On February 23, a large number of McDaniel College students drank a few beers atypical of an average Monday night and jammed out to the music of Can't Hang at Johannson's Down Under bar.

Can't Hang, a reggae-infused rock band from Baltimore, enthusiastically performed a three-set gig for the eager crowd. The group has an upbeat, energetic sound that is strikingly similar to the momentarily popular band, Sublime. Although many of those who attended the concert were unfamiliar with Can't Hang's music, by night's end the overwhelming response from the audience confirmed that they had been won over.

For many students, this was not their first encounter with Can't Hang. In fact, several students claimed to have seen the band perform three or more times. "I've seen Can't Hang perform all over Maryland," says senior Donny Ward. "I saw them in Ocean City, Baltimore, and Owings Mills, and each time they seem to get even better than before."

Can't Hang hit the stage around nine and rocked the house for three solid hours. The band played a seemingly endless string of fan favorites, including "House Party," "Uptown," and "Wasted."

Can't Hang was booked at Johannson's Down Under by senior Katie Henley, president of Kool Kat Promotions. For Henley, this was the first gig for her recently established promotions company. However, the event was a massive smash for the newly formed organization. "I knew that the night was a complete success when I saw Dave Johannson [the owner of

Bands playing on Johannson's upstairs stage this month.

March 12
Gary and the Groove

March 13
Roach Brothers

March 19
June Star

March 20
Dave Ashman

March 26
Henry Ellis

March 27
Rod Sebastian

Down Under] with a grin on his face, bouncing to the beat of the congas," said Henley. "It was definitely the start of something huge."

Students danced to Can't Hang's infectious groove until the last possible moment. In fact, Down Under usually flips on the lights that signal closing time at 12:30 each night. However, the crowd was enjoying the band so much that the bar stretched the closing hour to 1 a.m., allowing students to catch one last tune.

Even though all of Can't Hang's CDs were sold out by the end of the second set, there is still plenty of hope for students who wish to catch an encore performance from the band. Can't Hang is scheduled to perform at Padonia Station in Timonium, Maryland on April 3. The band was also asked to return to Johannson's in May.

If Can't Hang's performance at Padonia Station is even remotely similar to the unbelievable show at Johannson's, it would be in the best interest of those who love solid, first-rate music to flock to the event.

Professors with the Personal Touch - Unconventional, unpredictable Dr. Reed

BRIAN RENBAUM
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Patrick Reed is unconventional in just about every way. Students who have had the privilege of being taught by him are unlikely to ever forget their experience. They might remember the time he walked out of class because few people had done the readings, or the time they visited his office, only to see him puff a freshly lit Carlton.

"He's a really cool teacher, and he's also very amusing," says junior Nick Schneider. "I remember the time he was trying to justify the affirmative action policies at the University of Michigan,



and instead he went off on this whole tantrum about how bad President Bush's SAT scores were, it was hilarious."

Sophomore Mike Graft remembers an incident during which a verbal argument between two students took a violent turn. "One kid threw a book at

the other, and Dr. Reed ran in between the two students, held out both of his hands, and said, 'War is wrong gentlemen.' Everybody just sat back and laughed after that."

Reed, a native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, has had an interesting life. He dropped out of college after his freshman year, and enlisted in the United States Navy. After five years of service, he worked as a manual laborer. "It was a lousy job that went unappreciated," said Reed, with a huge grin on his face. However, he eventually decided to go back to college where he stayed until he completed graduate school.

"I think everyone brings part of their life experience to the surface as professor, and I think that I certainly have a mixed bag of experiences," said Reed, as he adjusts his orange and black tie covered with bright flames. "I also hope that after taking my class students will come away with the impression that history is just like real life, full of people with strengths and flaws."

Currently serving as the chairman of McDaniel's History department, Dr. Reed is well informed about current events, and has insightful opinions.

"The War on Terror is a necessary effort that has gone bad," he said. "The cur-

rent attacks on our liberty and the expanded police powers afforded to the government are anti-American in nature. The current administration has become as much of a threat to our freedom as the terrorists."

While Dr. Reed is not teaching, he enjoys the finer things in life. "I love to taste good food, drink wine, sail, and read. When I retire I hope to spend a good deal of time traveling around the world," he said, shifting back in his chair which is surrounded by five hundred page books on all sides.

Unconventional, humorous, and outspoken, Dr. Patrick Reed is truly one of a kind.



Passion too passionate

JEFF CABINISE
STAFF WRITER

Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ" is a holy punch to the gut that leaves viewers more winded than evangelized.

The film is essentially Jesus' journey along the Stations of the Cross with several flashbacks to familiar Gospel stories in-between. But instead of working to earn an emotional response from the audience, Gibson tries to provoke the viewer's visceral reaction. He does so by way of some of the most perverse and meticulously examined violence ever to be committed to celluloid.

Consider for a moment the slow motion shot of bits of flesh flying through the air as Jesus is bound and whipped by Roman soldiers. Or take a look at the close up of the nail being driven through Jesus' hand and blood spurting out like a fountain. This is not gritty realistic violence. These scenes are so highly stylized it's like watching an action movie like, oh, lets say "Lethal Weapon."

What is this supposed to prove? Jesus went through a heck of a lot of physical pain paying for our sins? That seems to be Gibson's message. This film is about sadism and considering the scope of Gibson's vision it's a pretty shallow statement (I think most people know how much it would smart to wear a crown of thorns and have nails hammered into

their hands and feet).

So why is Gibson so intent on being subversive in his presentation of the Passion? Like the abusive pet owner who rubs his dog's nose in the mess they left on the carpet, Gibson thinks filmgoers need to learn this lesson the hard way. It's not Gibson's beliefs that are offensive, it's the fact that he feels he knows what is best for his audience. In fact, Gibson thinks so little of his viewers that he doesn't even bother to establish Jesus as anything more than a Roman punching bag. One can argue that Jesus, the Son of God, needs no introduction, but as a filmmaker and storyteller this is copout.

Pontius Pilate is a more layered character. Of course when Martin Scorsese tried to present a more developed and conflicted Jesus in "The Last Temptation of Christ," the same groups from the religious right that are supporting this film greeted him with angry protests.

Now, that being said, "The Passion of the Christ" is not without its merits. Just getting a film like this made is a stand-alone accomplishment. It's hard not to admire Gibson for gambling with his own \$30 million, not to mention his career and reputation. Even if you don't share Gibson's convictions, you have to respect them, even if they are slightly off center.



Phi Sigma Sigma Sisters Kelly Shaw and Tara Meredith rock for charity in front of Hill Hall Friday afternoon. More than 35 members of the sorority rocked for 24 hours to raise money for the National Kidney Foundation.

SARAH BLACK
STAFF WRITER

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

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idea that if they hated him, then they would stop hating each other. He hoped that their focus would then be off the past and on the task at hand—winning Olympic gold.

KEN BERTKAU
STAFF WRITER

Brooks versus Urzinov, Craig versus Tretiak, 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' (Kurt Russell) struggle as he tries 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 played against each other in collegiate hockey and developed some bad blood. In order to combat this, Brooks developed the



One key scene is both emotionally and physically draining: After the U.S. national team loses to a medio-

cre European team, Brooks puts the team on the line, and the players start skating. 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'Brian Demsey) 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 feeling that this one game and this one moment in history is not about hockey but about something bigger, something stronger. Audiences will leave the theatre believing in the impossible.

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

Comparable 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
STAFF WRITER

taken seriously, the CD is devoid of potty humor and gross-out lyrics.

What's left is a pulsing, angry, sorrowful album, with lyrical talent you never expected from the band.

Blink182 starts the album off with fast-paced rhythms, with the lusty and yearning (but catchy) "Feeling This." The CD jacket describes the unique writing style and drum technique used on the song.

From then on, you know something is very different. The tumbling mix of rhythm and spoken word on "Violence" is shocking at first listen, but eventually sets the mood for the album.

The next track, "Stockholm Syndrome" begins with a reading of bassist/vocalist Mark Hoppus' family letters from wartime. Delay your initial reaction (perhaps to say "Huh...?"), because it works out 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 arrange-

ment and mix of vocal talents on that track.

The band seemed to hint at a turn of this nature back on "Stay Together for the Kids" from TOYPAJ, but something about these tracks goes beyond the dark 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 definite musical leap has been made.

It should be mentioned that guitarist Tom Delonge's vocal talents still haven't been perfected, but the music overshadows 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 a change of nature, be it maturity or pure musical growth, the band risked alienating some fans. But whatever brought on this metamorphosis from pop-punk to brave new rock, Blink182 has risen to the occasion and achieved something we as fans never thought would be possible.

"Dates" fun again and again... and again

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The plot is funny in itself, but the on-screen chemistry between Sandler and Barrymore is what puts the comedy into this film. A plus for Sandler movie fans is that the familiar faces of Rob Schneider and Allen Covert show up throughout the movie.

The ending is inevitably pleasing to everyone. The ending is certainly not disappointing and is definitely somewhat of a tear-jerker for the ladies—sorry ladies. 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.

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.

"It's a very frank title," Orenstein continued, "but it deals with the truth of the beauty and the destruction of women's bodies."

Around 25 women are involved in the production, which

is stage-managed by freshman Jesse Feldman. Orenstein, a local resident who was central to last year's Westminster community production, was astounded by the college's response, calling it "an absolutely amazing experience."

The women participating cite many reasons for taking part. "In her lifetime, one in three women will be

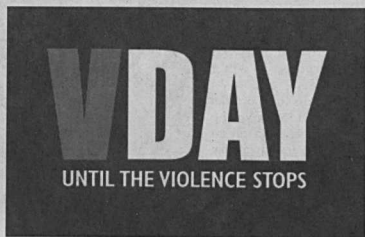
Molly Ruane said. "The money [from the production] will go to help people like her. It may also present people with the reality of society's attitude toward women, which I feel is especially important on a college campus."

Approximately 80 percent of the proceeds will go toward building the first domestic violence safe house in the Westminster area. The re-

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.



raped," said Lilly. "It is time for us to ask why this is happening, and make a commitment to stop it."

Others joined because of the positive message and the possible benefits to both the college community and the outside world.

"I had a friend who was sexually abused," freshman

maining 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.

Monologues culminates

Hay Fever wacky

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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.

If's not long before the guests want out - they don't want to spend another minute in the house.

"Abnormal ... that's what we are," said Sorel, played by Megan Simmons, as she describes the Bliss family.

The cast's performances were extraordinary. The English accents seemed genuine, thanks to careful training by theatre professor Elizabeth van den Berg. And the costumes, designed by Carolyn Ricks, had amazing visual appeal.

If members of the audience weren't laughing, they were on the edge of their seats.

However, there is only so much laughter and so much on-the-edge audiences can take. The play was a bit long, lasting well over two hours, though an intermission between the first and second act helped.

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



60 Seconds

"How do you feel about gay marriage?"

COMPILED BY LAURA PETERSON



"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



"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



"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



"Honestly, some things in life I can deal with. I am a believer in the highest God and that is who I try to represent. He certainly does not condone gay marriages, and I will not either. There are already many things that are messed up in politics, and we certainly don't need to add to the problems. Now I'm not claiming to be perfect but that is certainly one worldly act that I cannot follow."

Will Epps, Junior



"I think that 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 marriages] can make people happy, then they should get over it. We need a candidate who can accept people for who they are."

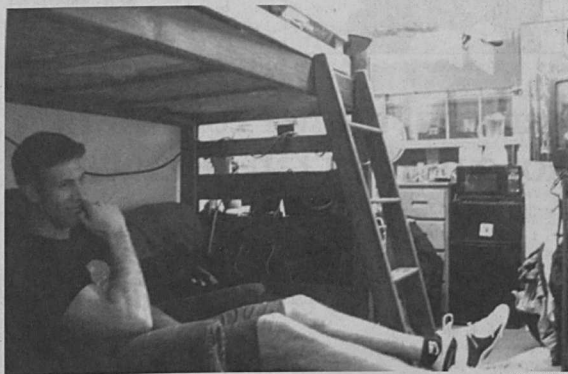
Melissa Crudup, freshman



"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

McD CRIBS



SARAH BLACK

(Editor's Note: This week the Free Press introduces *McDaniel Cribbs*, a column that highlights students' creative use of dorm room space. Nominate the next room to be featured by emailing a name and campus extension to: phoenix@mcdaniel.edu.)

Featuring an expansive view of the quad outside, DJ Hynes' single room in ANW has an interior that is deceptively roomy due to the lofted bed.

Light blue "100% Martha Stewart approved cotton" sheets with non-matching white and blue pin striped pillowcases make for a good night of sleeping, said Hynes, who is a Resident Assistant for ANW.

While Hynes declined to comment on what he would be mostly likely found doing in his room, it just might instant messaging on his Compaq laptop or watching of his Rocky movie collection.

However, Hynes would probably not be eat-

ing, as the microfridge held only three bottles of rip-tide rush Gatorade, a leaking container of milk, and a box of Edy's Fudge Ripple ice cream "for the kids."

Inside the closet is your "typical college t-shirt wear, mixed in with some button down shirts, an occasional sweatshirt, and a smoking jacket," he explained.

Pictures of the girlfriend and Michael Jordan posters decorate the room.

However, Hynes' crib is not complete without his ride parked outside...a jet black 2001 Oldsmobile Intrigue, "a.k.a. the stealth bomber."

Watch in the next issue for another exclusive look into the crib of a high profile McDaniel student.

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Creative closet solutions; containers, containers

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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 the complete closet makeover. But they are wrong. There are easy solutions for turning even the most unsightly closet into a

functional, organized space. The first tips involve making the most of the space they 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.

Figuring out where and how to hang items can pose

another challenge. Allen suggested purchasing removable hooks (the adhesive-backed type that can be taken off the walls without damaging the

paint) for these items.

A rolling chest of drawers can cleverly contain textbooks and notebooks when you're not studying. How

For a basic dorm room closet, interior design expert Angela Allen recommends the following:

- 2 large containers to place on the floor (the large size can accommodate blankets, towels, shoes, laundry essentials, or a personal tool kit)
- 4 medium containers to store sweaters, school supplies, canned goods, or packaged snacks.
- 6 shoe box sized containers to contain small articles like socks, shampoos, cosmetics, or school stationary
- 4 hooks to hang belts, laundry bags, bathrobes, coats, jackets, or pieces of jewelry

about a multi-pocket jewelry organizer for collectors of earrings and bracelets?

Once you've finally selected your storage materials and you bring them back to your room, don't forget to label them. "Add labels to all the containers (of what you'll be storing in them)," Allen said. "So there's no question where things should go."

"The key to keeping any closet in order is you have to get in the routine of putting things where they belong," Allen added. "In the long run, you'll be amazed how easy things stay clean and organized."

Turning Back the Pages

This feature takes a look at the back issues of *The Phoenix* and highlights student reporting since 1981. Compiled by Brian Patterson, co editor.

20 years ago this month...

- Rouser caught fire and a student was trapped by the flames in his room until a passerby used a fire extinguisher to douse the flames. A mixture of grain alcohol and fruit punch was poured underneath the door of the students' room and lit with a match.
- The construction of Gill gym came to an end. The 40,000 square foot facility came complete with a new basketball court, weight room, wrestling room, and new locker rooms.

And 10 years ago this month...

- The faculty passed two new curriculum provisions which included new 4-credit classes and 128 credits required to graduate. The hours needed to complete a typical major also increased as a result of the new provisions. The changes were implemented to allow students to have more time to focus on their courses each semester. Professor of economics and business, Dr. Richard Claycombe, said this change allowed the college "to match other liberal arts schools."

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-turned-double. 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")

So how can you make the most out 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

Praise for Free Press

Dear Free Press staff,

From my spring semester abbatinal 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 Breslin, 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.

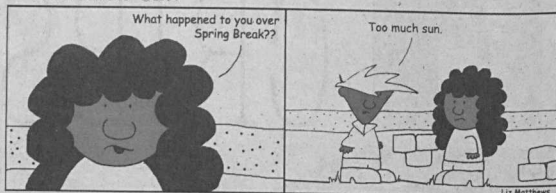
From the attractive and photo-filled front-page design to the solid back-page sports story on our marvelous women's basketball team, I found not just a new newspaper, but a much better one. All the people who worked so hard on this first issue deserve a campus-wide round of applause, and I hope you can hear mine from 25 miles away. Special thanks, of course, go to Ms.

Breslin, who found us a new publisher in Kohn Creative Design, without which the paper's improvements would be far less noticeable.

Next month, when our chapter of the Society for Collegiate Journalists hosts its sixth annual College Press Day, all the participating colleges will have their newspapers spread out on a big table. 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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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 everyone has passed. As a matter of fact, they just received their certifications in the mail.

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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 more expensive and offer LITTLE to NO instruction. So, I ask the next time you print a commentary, you make sure the opinions of the writers are backed by facts and truths.

Thank you,
Melissa D. Lachman,
MS, ATC

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

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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 someone is saved by the presence of an airbag in a car, you should thank Ralph Nader.

As Hendrik Hertzberg said in *The New Yorker*, "[Nader] is therefore responsible for the existence of some 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 misled.

Especially by left-leaning papers such as *The New York Times*, the announcement of Nader's Green Party candidacy came with dis-

dain. For most non-Republicans, who have rallied around the ABB (Anyone but Bush) cause, the threat 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 for 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 ignoble 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 view a 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 GOEKE
COMMENTARY EDITOR

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 DSL connection and

has web space to deliver a high quality signal over the college website.

The listening audience is vast. Listeners call in to routinely request their favorite tunes or to dedicate songs to their best friends. Yes, WMCR really is hopping.

Not. Rewind to Reality: If you go to the school website you won't find a link to the online format. In fact, if you tune in to 630 AM you won't hear a live broadcast at all.

So, who is to blame? Students? No.

Running a radio station takes plenty of hard work, and without proper guidance, students like Anthony 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 a faculty adviser. No faculty member bothered to step into this role.

Kirschner left the station with the ability to broadcast online, but the students didn't have the skills to make it happen. A few students should not have to shoulder the load in this case.

The question that needs to be asked is, why has no one stepped up to the plate to become the 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 or-

ganizations on campus. According to the student handbook, there are only 93 faculty advisers for 141 student organizations and 30 of these advise two or more groups.

In total only 93 out of a total 350 faculty and 120 staff members are advisers to campus groups at all. There is also a disturbing number of clubs (11) with TBA listed in the adviser column.

On a small campus like this, faculty and staff should embrace the adviser role as an opportunity to get to know the students personally, outside of the classroom. Though there are some great faculty members who mentor students by actively advising

organizations on campus, there are still too many orphan groups that lack faculty leadership.

As the co-editor of the newspaper and vice president of Catholic Campus Ministries, I know that truly active faculty advisers help the vitality of campus organizations.

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 bolster the college's mantra "We Change Lives."

BRIAN PATTERSON,
CO EDITOR

Should homosexuals be allowed to marry? Yes.

Should homosexuals be able to pursue the same rights, legally recognize their love, have access to visit their partners if ever in intensive care and list 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, no matter how 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, Sam Hannity, Rush Limbaugh, Ann Coulter, and Rick Santorum are just a few of the propaganda foot soldiers of Dick Cheney and President Bush.

These folks are at the forefront of just another needless war. Their rhetoric of preserving the sanctity of marriage is an agenda of Christian pandering. They want to preserve the sanctity of "till death do us part."

The fact is, less than half of marriages actually make it that far. Meanwhile, just turn on the television and one can see how sacred America holds marriage with shows like "My Big Fat Obnoxious Fiance," and "Joe Millionaire." Funny that these are all shows from the Fox Network, the same network that produces conservative liars pretending to be journalists.

I would tell this angry group to look on the bright side: If homo-marriage mimics the societal and Fox standards of hetero-marriage, then these people will not be married all that long anyhow. They will then have to endure all the heartbreak and painstaking red tape of divorce. Christian-conservatives would love to see some homosexuals struggle with divorce. They could point to Sodom and Gomorrah and say, "God punishes those who disobey." And I would point to Job and say, "You are damned if you do and damned if you don't."

Just imagine it. Television stereotypes of homo-

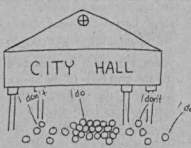
straight Guy." Who has time for style when you are losing half of your stuff?

Yes, it would be a conservative's dream if homosexual marriage was legalized. I admit this is all a gamble. There is a chance that homo-marriage will be more successful than hetero. Would that not be a stitch in the side of those that disagree?

I can envision one of the many strained veins on O'Reilly's head bursting as he reads the "20/20" study finding that homosexuals have a divorce rate of only 30%. But that is all the more reason to legalize gay and lesbian marriages. To be serious, the worst part of this debate is the debate itself. Romantic love is not the exclusive right of heterosexuals. Our society is ultimately concerned with the well being of others.

Homosexuals will be granted equal rights. The difficulty of the battle is the only thing in question. Shakespeare illustrated that romantic love trumps any sort of familiar, societal, or legal standard. So all Montagues and Capulets should prevent what is preventable.

BRAD GROOVER,
STAFF WRITER



sexuals living it up in the coastal cities of Cape Cod, San Francisco, or Key West would no longer exist. Fox could air "Gay Divorce Court." No more of that frivolous "Queer Eye for the

Baltimore City schools in trouble

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

Unfortunately, the Baltimore 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 1000-1200 employees.

So, that means there will be an estimated 2000 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 extra curricular 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 counterparts, 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 uncaring society. It is simply unfair that they are punished because a system does not know how to manage their money correctly.

TORI BUTLER,
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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 Wilbon 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 Wenner-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 be-

ginning of the speech. College President Joan Develin Coley noted that there was a significantly larger audience for Wilbon than there was for a previous lecture given by a Nobel laureate.



PTI host and *Washington Post* sports columnist Michael Wilbon spoke at McDaniel on March 2.

sis 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 not 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.

"I do television. I am a writer," Wilbon said. "I've spent the last 25 years telling stories. That's what I consider myself, someone who tells stories."

Despite being a sportswriter by trade, Wilbon said that he uses his stories to tackle more pressing matters in the world.

"I'm writing about the world 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 quipped, "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 procrastination of schoolwork or disregard 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 both informative and entertaining," freshman Tom Shortridge said.

By The Numbers

21 Consecutive home games Johns Hopkins had won before facing McDaniel in the Centennial Conference championship.

12 Point deficit the Terriers 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.

2 Total points wrestler Drew Reinecker has won by in his past two Centennial Conference championship matches with Johns Hopkins University's Karol Gryczynski, 3-2 in 2003 and 2-1 in 2004.

0 Number of Centennial Conference championships Johns Hopkins has won this season, including two close efforts that were thwarted by McDaniel athletes.

Mean and Green

Athletes giving Terror new meaning



Drew Reinecker
Wrestling

For the second year in a row, Reinecker defeated Johns Hopkins wrestler Karol Gryczynski in the final match to earn a Centennial Conference Championship. Reinecker also traveled to Iowa this past week 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.

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 gathers 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 two forty-minute halves. No substitutions are permitted unless a player is bleeding or injured beyond playing capability, according to senior Julia Keene.

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 with the help of their coach, Campus Safety Officer Mike

Gallagher.

Over the past two years, the team has learned the ins and outs of the sport, mastering technique 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 on a warm day 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.

The more established program taught the McDaniel team proper plays and how formations were supposed to look and feel.

As the club continues to attract new members, their skills are improving.

The team hopes to scrimmage with the Mount Saint Mary's College and Towson University teams later this season.

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.

Goggles now required for women's lacrosse

Safety precaution could take finesse out of the game

KIM LOWRY
SPORTS WRITER

Beginning in 2005, women lacrosse players across the country will be stepping onto the field with protective eyewear. The eyewear has been mandated by US Lacrosse, 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 statewide rules enforcing the protective eyewear at all levels.

"The purpose of the... protective eyewear [is to] prevent rare but catastrophic eye injury," according to US Lacrosse.com.

Since the 2000-2001 seasons, 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 season. Head Women's Lacrosse Coach Muffie Bliss has her squad 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 already have it under our belt," Bliss said.

When the news of this stipulation came about, players 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 because I didn't know how it would affect our game. Pretty soon we're going to have to be wearing 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 change.

"They aren't as bad as I thought they'd be. I think in the long run they will prevent 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 because people aren't afraid of anyone getting seriously hurt," said Kirley.

"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 helmets, Bliss added.

"Helmets would lead to a game that is even more physical - and a game where players have even 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 aggressive as the men's."



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The Green Terror swim team in Florida during their January training session.

Green Terror swimmers shine Conference Championship Highlights

The women set school records in the 200 Medley Relay, 400 Medley Relay, 400 Free Relay, and the 800 Free Relay.

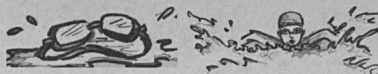
Three women swimmers set school records in seven events including Cassie Allen in the 100 and 200 Breast, Mary Easterday in the 50, 100, 200, and 500 Free, and Melanie Pulley in the 400 Individual Medley.

Dan Pickett broke the school records for the 200 and 400 Individual Medley and the 200 Fly. The 200 Medley Relay team of Pickett, Nick Grisby, Matt Easterday, and Erich Bass set the record for the 200 Medley Relay.

Swimmers that took first overall at the championships were Dan Pickett in the 200 and 400 Individual Medley, and Melanie Pulley in the 1650 Free.

Both teams increased their point totals from the 2003 championships. The women increased from 328 to 364 points and the men from 280 to 346.

COMPILED BY BRIAN PATTERSON, CO EDITOR



Sports Crossfire

Ryan Brod and Walter Zalis discuss the major issues in professional sports today

Previously called "The Betterfan," this new column will cover more issues in less time. Here are the issues we discuss:

Steroids in Major League Baseball

Brod- If you look at Barry Bonds ten years ago and then today, you have to think he's been juicing. He's huge! His rookie year he may have gone a buck eighty-five, and now he's busting out of his uniform. I don't think that has to do with a strong off-season workout program. I can't be sure, but it looks fairly obvious to me. If steroids are being abused, what do we make of all the broken home run records?

Zalis- This story about steroids and MLB has been blown way out of proportion. Sure Bonds is bigger, and he may do "roids...but steroids aren't the only thing that can pack on the pounds. Your local GNC has products that can do the same thing. Plus, Bonds is no over night homerun hitting sensation. He's been an all-star his entire career. Have you seen his swing?

Yankees/Red Sox- Brod- Last years

postseason brought back fans to the game of baseball. A lot of the excitement stems from the New York and Boston off-season acquisitions. A-Rod to the Yankees is monumental...the greatest player in the game on the biggest stage in baseball. The big questions in N.Y. are chemistry and pitching. In Boston, pitching is the name of the game. If Schilling, Martinez, Lowe, and Wakefield stay healthy until September, they will give the Yankees a run for their (bottomless pit of) money. The top-heavy AL East will overshadow the off-season pickups in Baltimore and Tampa.

Zalis- The Yankees make me mad. There is no way a team should have a lineup that includes Lofton, Jeter, Giambi, Rodriguez, Sheffield, Williams, Posada, Matsui...and the list goes on. I mean, an all-star like Posada is going to be batting 7th or 8th! That's crazy. The Red Sox still look tough though and could still finish first in the now very tough A.L. east. With all the action the Orioles had this off-season, they'll still finish 3rd.

March Madness -

Brod- My favorites right now are probably surprising - watch out for Arizona, NC State, and Oklahoma State. I don't think either of the unbeaten (Stanford or St. Joe's) will make it to the Final Four. Maryland should be in the tournament. The Terps beat Florida while they were number 1, and a respectable Wisconsin squad. The committee has to take into consideration that they play in one of the toughest conferences in college basketball.

Zalis- I have to concur once again when it comes to the NCAA Tournament. Oklahoma State does look good, and I also know (as well as probably just about everyone else) that Stanford and St. Joe's are overrated and won't do as well as one may think. As far as Maryland being involved this year... yeah, they should be. Pretty much all there is to it.

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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 Alli Biggs. "We knew we had to be really

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 the break. "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'

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 70-65. Junior Jacqueline Pundt 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 73-57.



INDIRA GONZALES



DAVE SINCLAIR

Terror fans (top) feign apathy at the announcement of the opposing team's starting lineup. Sophomore Kristy Costa (bottom left) eagerly awaits the ball in the first round of the Division III NCAA tournament against Pitt-Greensburg. Sara Franz takes the ball up the court.



DAVE SINCLAIR



DAVE SINCLAIR

Head coach Becky Martin looks on with the rest of the crowd early on in the Championship game.

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 uncontrollable 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 gleam 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 21-23.

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.



DAVE SINCLAIR

Senior Dan Pickett has been a strong competitor all season for the swim team. He won two gold medals at the Centennial Conference Championships in late February.

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 Pul-

ley. Two years ago she went to nationals in the 1650-yard Freestyle. She, Allen and Easterday narrowly missed going to the National Championship meet, due to the fact that it only takes the top 19 qualifiers.

But, as Easterday noted, "Finishing that high is still an achievement."

In total, the women's team earned 364 points, com-

pared to the 328 points they earned the year before.

Though Pulley, Easterday, and multiple relay record-holder Katie Tomarelli are graduating, the future is bright for the rest of the team. Allen will return and freshmen Molly Bolek and Marie Purkert will also be strong contributors next season.

On the men's side, Dan Pickett put together a strong season to finish his final year at McDaniel. The senior took first in the 200 yard IM, 400 yard IM and third in the 200 yard Butterfly.

"His hard work influenced the entire team," freshman Mark Yankovich said.

Pickett set new McDaniel marks for the three events he medaled in. He etched his name on the wall a fourth time in the 200-yard Medley relay along with junior Nick Grigsby, and seniors Matt Easterday and Erich Bass.

The men's team was not as large in number as the

women's. Yet this did not hinder them from scoring 66 more points this year than last. Pickett and others will graduate, but Yankovich, Grigsby and freshman Greg Mihalek round out the standout returnees.

Each squad finished with a winning dual meet record. The men went 7-4 while the women were 7-5. Highlights included a trip to Florida over Winter Break and Jan Term.

If you have noticed some freshly shaved heads around campus lately, that is no accident. Part of the bonding for the team occurred before the Championship meet, where the team partook in a traditional shave down. The women swimmers abstained from shaving their heads.

"The team bonded throughout the season in and out of the water," Allen said.

But the camaraderie of the team had a strong foundation long before the final meet.

With so much success, Easterday may be smiling all the way to next swim season.

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Along came a spider...

Whiteford residents deal with eight-legged visitors.
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Positive changes in Glar

New general manager is spicing things up.
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"Hop in that seat!" yelled senior guard Toby McIntire to women's basketball coach Becky Martin, prompting her to sit down at the Piercing Pagoda.

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"It was an eye-opening experience," said freshman Stacy Fitzwater about the CCM trip.

Human rights group honors Michael

BRIAN PATTERSON
CO-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

More than 50 residents and community activists gathered to honor Walt Michael last week at the 12th annual Carroll County Human Relations Commission Awards dinner.

The purpose of the Human Rights Commission is to promote harmony and understanding among the citizens of Carroll County, and to ensure that all individuals

are free to exercise and enjoy all civic, economic, political, housing, recreational and other human rights.

Michael was honored with the commission's Human Relations Award because he works towards similar goals as the executive director of Common Ground on the Hill, a nonprofit organization that strives to bridge the gaps between races, cultures, and religions through music and the arts.

"Every time we have reached out to Walt, he has been there," said Virginia Harrison, the commission chairwoman. "He shows up for school programs and workshops. And he teaches diversity through his music day after day - diversity is important."

Harrison also applauded Michael's work with Common Ground on the Hill, which has been so successful that it has branched out into New England, Ireland, and

Scotland.

"To pull together a rich program like that for so long takes a lot and dedication," Harrison said. "He most certainly deserves our applause."

Michael said he was flattered to be honored by the commission that he respects so much.

Ultimately, Michael dedicated the award to his late father, Marion S. Michael, from whom he learned the impor-

[See Michael continued on page 2]

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. Alevisiannis, a fifth year student, of assault charges against sophomores Stuart V. Johnson Jr. and Daniel Silva. The charges stemmed from a brawl that broke out following a November bus trip to the Baja Beach Club in Baltimore.

"I was extremely happy that the truth finally came

out," said Alevisiannis, who tearfully hugged family members after the verdict. Most of those family members supported him in the courtroom throughout the trial.

"My mom was bawling, they were so relieved for this to finally be over," he added.

"The jury made a reasoned decision applying the law to the facts," said defense attorney Peter J. Korzenewski.

Alevisiannis is currently suspended from McDaniel after the Honor and Conduct Board determined he violated the Proscription on Conduct that prohibits physical abuse.

"I have the option of returning and graduating from McDaniel in the Spring



KATIE MARTIN

Followed by his parents and other family, Nicholas G. Alevisiannis leaves the Annex Courthouse after being acquitted of assault charges last week.

2005," Alevisiannis said.

According to students' testimonies during the trial, after a night of dancing and drinking, an altercation be-

tween Alevisiannis, Silva and Johnson began in the early morning hours of November 6, when three buses left Baja to

[See Trial continued on page 3]

Gastrointestinal virus strickenes several students

HEATHER WEISSE
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."

Dianna 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 other-

wise 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 tries to remove infected students from the 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 intestinal 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 crackling tissue and crinkling bubble wrap slice the silence of the workroom.

Rows of acid-free cardboard boxes stare solemnly from the shelves. The archivist with the dangling earrings carefully lifts a petite 1920s autograph album from its box, smiling 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 original paper lantern used in a 1943 "farewell seniors" ceremony, O'Brien oversees the accession and storage of items in the archives. According to O'Brien, the collection comprises about 1,000 linear feet of material space.

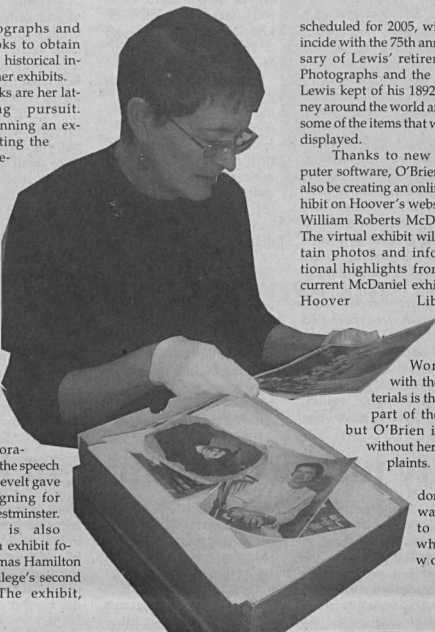
O'Brien enjoys the detective part of her job. She thumbs through alumni directories,

studies photographs and scans yearbooks to obtain background or historical information for her exhibits.

Scrapbooks are her latest collecting pursuit. O'Brien is planning an exhibit highlighting the scrapbooks created by WMC alumni that document life at the college.

Scrapbooks are a unique look at the social history of the time they were created," she said. One of the scrapbooks features memorabilia relating to the speech Theodore Roosevelt gave while campaigning for president in Westminster.

O'Brien is also working on an exhibit focusing on Thomas Hamilton Lewis—the college's second president. The exhibit,



scheduled for 2005, will coincide with the 75th anniversary of Lewis' retirement. Photographs and the diary Lewis kept of his 1892 journey around the world are just some of the items that will be displayed.

Thanks to new computer software, O'Brien will also be creating an online exhibit on Hoover's website of William Roberts McDaniel. The virtual exhibit will contain photos and informational highlights from the current McDaniel exhibit at Hoover Library.

Working with the materials is the best part of the job, but O'Brien is not without her complaints.

"I don't always get to do what I would

like to do—like process the materials," she said. "There are some pieces in the archives I haven't even gotten to yet."

She tries to keep her duties interesting and her workspace organized—labeling is essential as is carefully packing items using acid-free tissue paper, acid-free boxes and silica gel for storage.

"You really have to respect the prominence of the materials," O'Brien said, closing the lid of a box containing a copy of the June 27, 1863 edition of the Philadelphia Inquirer. "For me, when I read and handle the materials from past college presidents, for instance, I begin to understand more about them and even admire them."

As the caretaker of these treasures, O'Brien considers the sentimental and historical significance when evaluating the collection.

"For a small college, there's a lot of interesting history housed here," she said. "I couldn't begin to put a price on the value of this collection."

What's cookin' in GLAR? Many changes implemented

LAUREN WILSON
STAFF WRITER

Maybe it's the chicken Caesar salads and those delicious peanut butter cookies available during lunch. Or perhaps 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.

"I have to admit, I'm impressed. Things are getting better," said junior psychology major Christina Carbonetto.

A local resident of Westminster, Smith came to McDaniel with directorial and culinary experience from other small liberal arts colleges with similar dining programs.

Not only did he arrive with fresh ideas for the dining hall, but also with the desire to participate in community service programs such as "Second Harvest" and "S.T.O.P. Hunger" in order to feed the needy.

Student health is important to him as well. He has asked for a nutritionist from

James Madison University to visit campus to field student questions about how to eat a healthy diet while on a college meal plan.

Last fall, Smith and his

Easton. He added that the tray belt and dishwasher constantly break down, making busy lunch shifts difficult for his staff.

However, he noted,

meet once a month with other dining officials to give McDaniel students an opportunity to present their ideas on what changes need to be made to improve the quality

at the international station and requested that it be lessened. Smith immediately decreased the amounts of oils used and posted a sign at that station informing everyone of the change.

The idea to add a special "to go" stop where students could quickly grab something to eat between classes has also been proposed. Smith has high hopes to find a space and some extra money in the budget to turn this suggestion into a reality.

The next Student Dining Committee meeting will be held in April in Englar Dining Hall and all students are encouraged to attend and voice their opinions.

"Finally, four years later, something good," commented senior Jason Hartman, a business administration and economics major. "It's about time."

GLAR FUN FACTS

9000 meals per year are discarded onto the tray belt and then thrown away

Over a million meals per year are served on campus

McDaniel College Student Dining Committee meets once a month to

discuss problems and ideas for the cafeteria and the Pub & Grille

Visit the Dining Services website at <http://www2.mcdaniel.edu/foodservices/html/>

events.html

team added special features such as non-dairy alternatives, a potato bar, and fresh grilled chicken at the wrap and salad bar stations. This spring, students are enjoying the new milk machines, increased vegetarian options, and the special themed events such as the "Spread the Love" Valentine's Day dinner and "Beach Bash."

According to Jason Easton, Director of Student Restaurants, the biggest challenge in serving the college is the facility.

"[Englar Dining Hall] was built for 600 students. Currently we are serving 1350 students on meal plans," said

"All things are very safe, very clean. We are hospital clean."

The cleanliness of the food handling areas is always very important and Englar Dining Hall does meet all Health Department standards, stated Easton.

For Smith though, it's all about the satisfaction of his toughest critics.

"Positive student feedback makes it all worthwhile," said Smith. He hopes that the napkin notes continue to appear on the bulletin board next to the cafeteria's entrance.

Smith has organized the Student Dining Committee, a group of students that

of the Englar experience.

As a result of these student-based meetings, several changes have occurred just this month. For example, a student inquired about the amount of cooking oils used

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. Senior Brian Martinenza, 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 GOEKE
STAFF WRITER

Homeless people are often stereotyped as the downtrodden, 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-glamorous part of New York that tourists rarely see.

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

"It was an eye-opening experience. [After giving food] we would always ask the homeless for words of wisdom and, most of the time, they would say amazing things," said freshman Stacy Fitzwater.

Giving sandwiches and hot chocolate to New York's homeless late at night was just one of the unique Spring Break activities.

Father Brian Nolan, who is an associate pastor at St. John's Catholic Church in Westminster along with Seminarian Jim Sorra acted as chaperones for the trip.

"I felt like I was making an impact on the poorest of the poor," said freshman Theresa Hess.

Other than performing a midnight sandwich run, the trip's participants cooked food at a soup kitchen and made visits along with the friars to needy homes.

"I liked working with the friars during the home visits," said Hess. But the trip was more than performing community service. The participants were made to challenge their views of the world.

Especially during the midnight sandwich run, the students were asked not only

to give the homeless food, but to also be a friend to them. This was a reversal of societal norms and students experienced beneficial results as a result of it.

"It was awesome to see the reaction of the homeless people when you were nice to them. They said some of the most amazing things," said Catholic Campus Ministry President Mark Wheeler. No, the 'amazing things' phrase was not copied and pasted from the Fitzwater's

quote. For two participants to say this independently shows the impact of these experiences.

"I thought [the trip] would be like a Habitat for Humanity trip," said Fitzwater.

But the trip was a first for the on campus group. Wheeler hopes that this will set precedent for the group.

"It was a learning experience with organization and some details," said Wheeler. "Overall, it was a successful trip."



Freshman Stacy Fitzwater serving the homeless at a soup kitchen in lower Manhattan.



Members of Catholic Campus Ministries preparing sandwiches for the midnight run. The group delivered over 100 bag lunches to the homeless in New York City.

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 interest 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.

Terry Dalton, professor of English since 1990, is embarking on his second sabbatical project, "Journalists in the Classroom" (JIC), which involves the recruitment of professional journalists to agree to visit middle school, high school and college classrooms in order to inform students about their jobs. JIC is an idea that Dalton, English and journalism professor at McDaniel has had for several years.

"[JIC] was prompted in large part by my own success in bringing guest journalists into my classrooms," Dalton said. "Students often begin one of my courses with a fairly negative view of people in the news media. I've found that once the students have been exposed to a professional journalist and had the chance to ask him or her any questions they wish, their prior dim view of jour-

nalists begins to change."

Other benefits from JIC that Dalton foresees include a greater student interest in current events and staying informed, a close-up view of the inner workings of the press and more interest in journalism as a possible career among students.

The semester-long endeavor differs greatly from his first sabbatical project conducted in 1996, which involved a content analysis of how four Maryland newspapers covered the race for Congress in the sixth district, including Carroll County. This semester, Dalton is busy recruiting educators and journalists.

"I plan to achieve this goal on a state-by-state basis, beginning with Maryland," Dalton said. He hopes to secure funding and publish the results.

While some faculty members chose to stay at

home, other opt to go abroad to complete their projects.

Last January, Jasna Meyer, associate professor of communication, finished her exploration of how Croats dealt with faith and religion under the communist regime during the war of Serbian aggression.

Beginning last May, Meyer, a Croatian-American spent seven months traveling through Croatia and meeting with veterans of the war that occurred ten years ago.

Through her ethnographic interviews, she found that in extreme crisis, spirituality increases. According to Meyer, the level of spirituality is dependent upon what they experienced.

Meyer talked with a POW who was held in solitary confinement for 60 days by the Serbs and underwent psychological and physical torture. He said he felt closest to God at this time, ac-

cording to Meyer.

The study entitled "Spirituality and Faith in a Time of Crisis: the Case of the Homeland War in Croatia" details the many emotional effects of war and is up for review by an academic journal.

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. Professors are given the option to take a semester at full salary or a year-long sabbatical at half salary.

Case said that the shuffle of individual department duties is often alleviated by the use of visiting lecturers or adjunct professors.

"It's a satisfying experience that the institution you work for gives you the time to enrich your own interests," Meyer said.

MC CRIBS

BETH MCLANE
SARAH BLACK
STAFF WRITERS

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 Neuschwanstein castle, two "Pirates of the Car-

ibbean" posters, and Orlando Bloom and Viggo Mortensen from "Lord of the Rings" make this room visually fun.

The fridge holds plenty of health 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.

Corner room offers open view of McDaniel campus

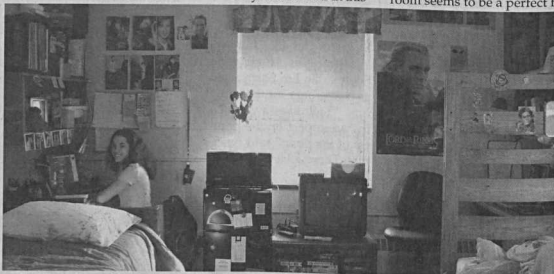
The room was switched from a triple to a double with the removal of a top bunk, which left a unique bed frame and more overhead space. Both Alison and Rachel have Dell

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.



Eclectic posters surround Alison Bradley (left) and Rachel Siegel's colorful room in Whiteford Hall.

SARAH BLACK

Professors with the Personal Touch

ROBBIE SAVILLE
STAFF WRITER

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.

Wladkowski, an alumnus of Western Maryland College, received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1988 and his doctorate degree five years later from Stanford University. While studying at Stanford, Wladkowski focused his dissertation on the study of "gas-phase ion-molecule reactions and quantum chemistry techniques." As both a professor and contributor to the college, Wladkowski enthusiastically sponsors events that are beneficial to McDaniel's students.

In addition to teaching chemistry, Wladkowski is the advisor to the fraternity Phi Kappa Sigma and provides alternate housing opportunities for a select number of students.

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 corner's lab.

Each January, Wladkowski spends his Jan term with a group of McDaniel students in Belize, and gets to know them on a personal level. "I

see the trip to Belize as an opportunity for me to make at least ten new friends," says Wladkowski.

In fact, Wladkowski feels that many professors should make a greater effort to reach

out to McDaniel's students. "Many professors have a pre-conceived notion about McDaniel's students in general and don't really get to know them," says Wladkowski.

He believes that McDaniel College is making substantial improvements to the campus community, yet still faces a number of difficult challenges. He says that the biggest challenge facing McDaniel College is "figuring out who we are." He believes that the college has struggled with an uncertain identity for years.

"We have a difficult time making decisions because we don't have a clear direction," says Wladkowski.

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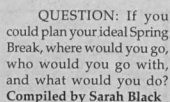


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Brooke Bennett, sophomore: I would go on an all-inclusive cruise vacation with my best friend, and of course spend time with my family too.



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 scubadiving, 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.



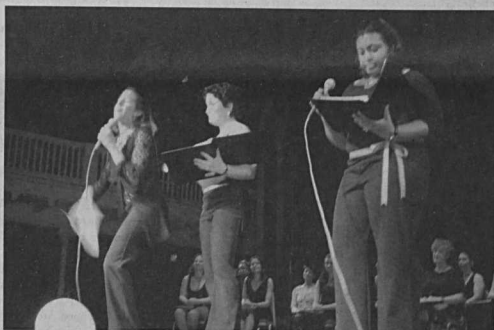
Molly Bolek, freshman: I would probably go to a Florida beach because it's warm there now and I would just kind of do nothing for a week...like just lie on the beach and sleep and go surfing in the ocean.



SARAH BLAKE

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 Shinholt, Stacy Fitzwater, and Shanee Strother read during the sold out performance of *Vagina Monologues*.

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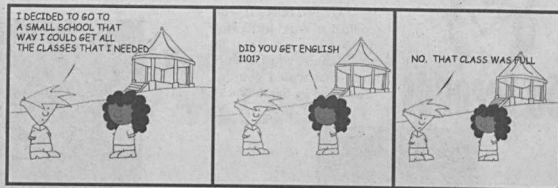
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America needs to aid third world countries like Haiti

While working in Haiti for the Peace Corps, my



funny thing I would often sit outside at night, taking in the warm, humid night. She and her Creole-speaking friends would often enjoy the respite from the unforgiving Caribbean sun. But all was not idyllic; she often received questions that disheartened her.

She learned how Haitian children's hair sometimes turns orange because of malnourishment and a steady diet of dirt.

She remembers her friend Dimi coming to ask her for food, often saying that he had not eaten in a few days. And she was astonished to learn that Haitians were so buried by poverty and hardship that nature's simple beauties didn't exist for them.

"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 subject poverty is beyond comprehension for citizens living in the developed world. Yet Americans

and Europeans are aghast when they hear about such primitive living conditions simply because they know of a better alternative.

For poor Haitians, this life 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 Aristide'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 society since the rise of the Soviet Bloc. But one of the detrimental effects of the War on Terror has been the tunnel vision of U.S. foreign policy. So much effort has been put into "The Region" that countries like Haiti, which is in America's backyard, and other third-world nations have not received the just amount of attention.

America is the modern Roman Empire. Its dominance is without question. Its influence knows no barriers. As a result, America is made to face a burden and responsibility that no other nation has to face. But this duty was not fulfilled in Haiti before

Artiside was removed from office. America left Haiti alone and problems continued.

The most impoverished of Haitians had little education. As a result, ignorance, which is a great enemy of democracy, ensued. When elections were held in November of 2000, voters were either scared to vote against Artiside or paid to vote for him, which resulted in a profoundly fraudulent election.

"People [in Haiti] were not informed enough to make a choice. It was common knowledge that the election was a farce. As long as your 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.

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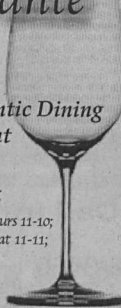
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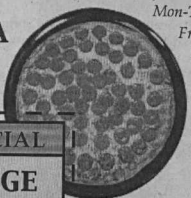


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Turning Back the Pages

This feature takes a look at the back issues of *The Phoenix* and highlights student reporting since 1981. Compiled by Brian Patterson, co editor.

6 years ago this month...

Walt Michael was named the Western Maryland's first artist in residence. Michael founded Common Ground on the Hill, a music and arts festival that was started simply as a way to bring people of all backgrounds together through music.

And 16 years ago this month...

The topic of racism on campus was discussed throughout *The Phoenix* with arguments discussing both sides of this controversial issue. Students were asked if they thought racism existed on campus in the 60 seconds feature with a wide range of answers from "No I don't think it exists on this campus. I've seen no evidence of it," to "There is racism on campus, although a lot of people don't want to admit it." Topics dealing with racial and religious awareness were also featured.

The big screen TV in the pub was removed, but with an uproar from pub patrons. This problem was quickly solved as a new 24 inch TV was mounted on the wall one week later.

Over Spring Break I took a trip with six other students as of Catholic Campus Ministries to live and serve with Franciscan friars in New York City.



We expected a different experience, and were excited about the chance to have an alternative spring break.

The friars take vows of chastity, obedience, and poverty. They serve the poor and they live like the poor. They own nothing, and everything they have is donated to them. These donations are then shared with the community of friars and the poor. Prayer is an essential part of the friar's daily routine, and three and a half a day are devoted to it.

The point of the trip was not to just provide the group with an opportunity for community service, but to also help participants realize that similar service can be done just as easily in Westminster. We also had the opportunity to grow in our faith and then to put it into practice.

This atypical trip included midnight sandwich deliveries to the homeless in Grand Central Station, working in a soup kitchen, bagging and delivering groceries to the homes of the poor, and a pilgrimage of the city.

This is a far cry from the beaches of Florida, Cancun, the Bahamas or any other sunny destination you can think of. We met people who are less fortunate, and lack the same opportunities as the average college student.

What this trip made me realize that there are more important things in life than the difference between an 89 and a 90 on midterm. Not that grades are a trivial matter, or that spending your spring break recuperating from schoolwork is not a worthwhile endeavor, but this trip provided a learning experience you can't find in a classroom.

It was rewarding to see students who were passionate about serving and who wanted to experience something different. It was an opportunity as a group to put our energies to good use. Personally, it was rewarding to get a glimpse of the lifestyle of the friars who were a sharp contrast to the gritty realities that are stereotypically associated with New York City.

Every student should have an opportunity like this; to be able to see an aspect of the world the may have never experienced. You can hear about it in the classroom, but to get an up close and personal look is entirely different.

Yes, McDaniel offers Jan-term courses in different parts of the world, but fishing and diving in Belize or fishing in the Florida Keys is a little different than living in stark conditions and reaching out to people who have to worry about where to sleep and what to eat.

The New York trip was the first of its kind for McDaniel's Catholic Campus Ministries. Thankfully, more are being planned. Catholic Campus Ministries meets on Monday nights in Harrison House for a home cooked meal at 5 p.m., and also on Thursday nights a 9 p.m. in Ensor lounge for faith discussion.

Next time you feel like an 89 instead of a 90 on a paper is the end of the world as you know it, come join us. Helping others and strengthening your faith through organizations like this one might help you keep my priorities in place.

For more information about Catholic Campus Ministries and upcoming events call Mark Wheeler, x8270.

BRIAN PATTERSON
CO-EDITOR

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.

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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



SARAH BLACK

Coach Becky Martin "didn't wince" while getting her cartilage pierced following the Lady Terror's successful season.

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 Delenick, Sara Franz, Brooke Weimer, Heather Thompson, Kelly Cramp, 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.

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

"Ladies, great job; see you Sunday."

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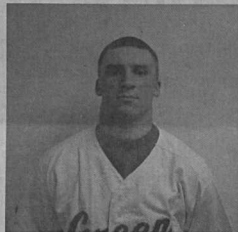
Athletes giving Terror new meaning



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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.



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Chris Seibert
Baseball

In all aspects of the game, senior outfielder Chris Seibert is posting big numbers for the 10-2 McDaniel baseball team. As far as hitting is concerned, Seibert is unmatched. He is currently on a 9-game hitting streak, has posted a team-high 6 multiple hit games, and has accumulated a mind-blowing .429 batting average (15 hits in 35 at-bats). On the defensive side, Seibert has a magnificent fielding percentage of 1.000 and has no errors thus far in the season. In his final season at McDaniel, look for this Terror to go out making a statement.



SARAH BLACK

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



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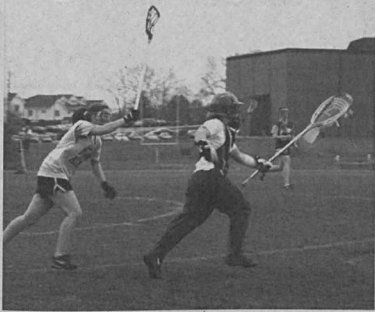
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Top ranking for Women's lacrosse



INDIRA GONZALES

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

The McDaniel women's lacrosse team has quickly moved to a 2-0 record in the Centennial conference. Junior Kristin Ramey 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.

CONFERENCE STANDINGS

School	Conf.	Overall
Gettysburg	2-0	7-1
McDaniel	2-0	5-1
Dickinson	1-0	4-2
F & M	1-0	3-3
Washington	1-1	4-3
Bryn Mawr	0-0	4-0
Swarthmore	0-1	4-2
Haverford	0-1	2-3
Muhlenberg	0-2	2-4
Ursinus	0-2	1-3



INDIRA GONZALES

Junior Katie Kirley in action at lacrosse practice.

Baseball team has six wins in Florida

MCDANIEL SPORTS INFORMATION

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.

The Terror hit four long-balls, none of which had the misfortune of being a solo-shot.

The pitching was none too shabby either. Mitch Hoffman allowed one hit in six innings in the win over Finlandia to close the swing.

David Skoczlas tossed a complete game, while allowing just one run on five hits in the

11-1 win over Mt. St. Mary's (NY). Skoczlas struck out four in that contest.

Junior Tyler Stewart picked up the win over Bridgewater State after throwing a complete game, and only allowing one run on five hits, while striking out six and walking no one.

Matt Cornelius picked up his first win of the season, scattering four hits and striking out seven over five innings of work as McDaniel slaughtered Old Westbury (NY) 16-2.

The team has gone undefeated since returning from Florida with three wins over Washington college and one victory over Haverford.

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

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By The Numbers

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.

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

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

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

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Competition makes McDaniel softball team stronger

KIM LOWRY
STAFF WRITER

With a strong start of 8-3 in non-conference play, the McDaniel College Softball team has their sights set on their second Centennial Conference Championship in three years. The Green Terror will look to their veteran seniors and talented underclassmen to get the job done.

"Our biggest strengths are our pitching and team defense," said Head Coach George Dix.

The Terror began the season with sweeps of Messiah and Shepherd College before traveling down to Salem, VA for their annual spring break tournament. There, the Terror went 2-3 defeating Bridgewater and North Carolina Wesleyan.

Dix, in his 15th season as Head Coach, recently picked up his 300th career victory in a

win over Messiah. Dix has a knack for recruiting the right combination of players, specifically the class of 2004.

The squad contains five seniors, four of which have been four year starters. The team is captained by seniors Sam Abrams, Kim Camponelli, 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.

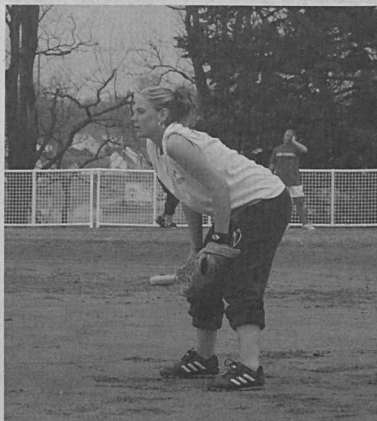
Along with a solid pitching staff, the Terror have been very successful at the plate. Sophomore Megan Mitchell is boasting a .414 batting average and leading the team with four doubles. Senior outfielder Lauren Cramer leads the teams slugging percentage

with .621 and RBI's with 11. Sinclair and Cramer lead the team with one bomb apiece.

Making an immediate impact is freshman infielder Kim Bloom. Bloom's solid glove and strong stick earned her Centennial Conference Player of the Week Honor Roll the week of March 15th. With an array of talented athletes, the competition to get playing time has gotten tough.

"Everyone on this team is an asset. Anyone at anytime could come in and do the job, we have good inner competition which makes us a stronger team," said Cramer.

With eleven games under their belt, the Green Terror look to open up conference play with a victory over the always challenging Ursinus College March 28th and continue their journey to another conference ring.



Freshman infielder Kim Bloom anticipates a ground ball from the hitter.

INDRA GONZALES

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

KIM LOWRY
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 to lose, but I lost to some quality kids," said Reinecker. His positive attitude is one of the many qualities that set him apart from other wrestlers.

Unfortunately, the senior came up short in both matches at the National Tournament in Iowa that was held the weekend of March 5.

On the other hand, he lost his first match to the top seed and eventual champion, Ryan Allen of the University of Wis-

consin-LaCrosse.

In his second match, he fell to the eighth seed Tommy Snyder of Lycoming College in a 9-4 decision. Following the final match, Reinecker had mixed emotions about being the solo representation from McDaniel College.

"I was disappointed because I really wanted my teammates 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-pound 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 team-

mate 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 Championships.



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Klunk coaches tennis team

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 uncanny 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 YAI/AA 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



Kevin Klunk (center) offers advice to the Men's Tennis Team.

BRAIN PATTERSON

The McDaniel Free Press

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Womens Lacrosse Continues Winning Streak

Lady Terror take on
Muhlenberg this weekend.
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New web advisor

Program soon to be available to students
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says new technology comes too late for
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60 Seconds asks...

What would YOU ask a
presidential candidate?
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Solutions offered for Budapest woes

KATIE MARTIN
CO-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The McDaniel branch campus in Budapest will now grant a full Bachelor of Arts degree to students studying exclusively in Hungary, according to a motion passed unanimously by members of the McDaniel faculty last week.

Graduates will receive a diploma that states McDaniel Budapest rather than McDaniel College, and degrees will be awarded in communications, business

economics, and political science, programs which currently exist in Budapest.

"The faculty vote was really in support of growing the program in beneficial ways," said Ethan Seidel, vice president for administration and finance. "The college's association with the Budapest program presents a wonderful opportunity to encourage students to broaden their horizons and greatly enhance their McDaniel education."

The motion also states that steps will be taken to make McDaniel Budapest a

Study Abroad Center, and to encourage and enable students in Westminster to travel and study there.

"We have a wonderful facility over there, which we want to expand, and we want to encourage our students to go there," said Dr. Samuel Alspach of the Biology department.

The decision to award a degree to students who had never been to the Westminster campus came only after months of debate and discussion with faculty here and the administration in Hungary.

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. Iglich 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,

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Pitcher Matt Cornelius faces off against Dickinson

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Matt Lufkin helps out with Tournament of Champions

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A look into a Rouzer room....

ROB GOEKE
COMMENTARY EDITOR

Early Sunday mornings tend to be quiet around campus. Just walking around hearing the silence gives one a sense that this is a sort of restful time.

So walking into Hill Hall early on April 4 hearing Jill Scott's sultry singing voice coming from a stereo inside Room 108 seemed quite out of place.

But Director of Multicultural Services Zephia Bryant was hard at work, wrapping up this year's Multicultural Admitted Student's Weekend, which lasted from April 2-4.

"It was a wonderful weekend. We received positive feedback from all participants," said Bryant.

From a Spades tournament Friday night to a fashion show Saturday to a Spiritual Service Sunday morning, the 16 admitted students who attended along with the 30 student volunteers were kept busy for the bulk of the weekend.

Another highlight of the celebration included a Student Panel Saturday afternoon.

"[The panel] had a lot of emphasis on roommate selection, which classes to take, but the discussion was weighted with racial issues on campus," said freshman Theo Sebekos-Williams, who was on the panel.

Sophomore Nia Jervay was the moderator of the Stu-

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NIA JERVAY

Sophomore Nia Jervay and incoming student Davon Morris created "stylish" newspaper outfits during Unity Games, illustrating how everyone is united regardless of ethnic background.

Investigative reporter to give keynote address at 5th Annual Press Day

ERIN ROMANSKI
SENIOR WRITER

McDaniel College's chapter of the Society for Collegiate Journalists [SCJ] will host its 5th Annual College Press Day, Saturday, April 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The day's events will be held on the first floor of Hill Hall. Expected attendance is approximately 100 or more, which includes students and faculty from McDaniel and other neighboring colleges.

Highlights of the annual event will comprise of a keynote address by Chief Investigative Reporter Jayne Miller of

WBAL-TV's Channel 11, as well as workshops with various guest speakers. These speakers include Tim Saul of WMAR-TV's Channel 2, professor Robert Knight of Gettysburg College, recruiter Sheila Young of the Baltimore Sun, South Carroll reporter Jonathan Jones, staff reporter Bob Allen with Patuxent Publishing, staff reporter Staci George of Gettysburg Times and staff writer Tammi Slater of Howard County.

"I'm really excited for the day to come," said senior co-president Katie Champion. "We've worked really

hard and come together as a group and it will be exciting to see the end product of all our hard work."

SCJ is a national journalism honor society that recognizes student journalists through its membership. McDaniel's chapter currently has 11 active members.

The goal of Press Day is to enable student journalists to gather all pertinent news and opinions concerning issues and events on the campus, striving at all times for accuracy and fairness, and to safeguard the freedom of all campus media in order that they

be able to serve the campus community without dictation, coercion or restraint.

"The beauty of College Press Day is that it not only brings professional and student journalists together for a day of workshops and good talk, but it also enables student journalists from different schools and even states to

intermingle and discuss their common problems, successes and goals," said journalism professor Terry Dalton.

"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 I will learn a lot from them."



Jayne Miller, WBAL-TV Baltimore

Viruses, irresponsible use fuel internet problems

BRYAN RENBAUM
STAFF WRITER

"The Internet is like any major American City," said Director of Information Services Christine Matthews, sitting back in her chair and flashing a cautious, but friendly smile. "There are good parts of town, and places that you should try to stay clear of to avoid trouble."

It's late in the afternoon and Matthews is close to completing another day of helping students deal with Internet service related problems. She has been fielding calls from students who went to the proverbial wrong side of Internet City.

On an average day, the college's 1,206 Internet users receive about 378 emails containing viruses, and that average continues to climb as new viruses come out daily, said Matthews.

Continually building bar barricades against these viruses makes Matthews' 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 from students downloading music or having programs such

as Spyware that share personal information with anonymous web users," said Matthews. "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 in order to pay for it," said Frank Totten, a Resident Assistant for McDaniel Hall's first floor. "In order for it to improve, I would suggest that the college stop rationing 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 school switched to the T1 network.

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

"The Internet service here is not very good because they don't update it enough," said Tom Michaels. "Every time I go online I have to refresh the web pages, or else the site doesn't register."

Maintaining this network has been increasingly expensive, because things are constantly changing. Like many other departments on campus, Information Services so we could use resources - "more people and more money to keep up with those changes," Matthews said.

"This is happening at every school across the country. Colleges and universities are finding themselves pinched to get it all done," she added.

"We receive about twenty calls a day from students complaining about Internet connections," said Student Network Manager Kelly Wuorinen.

"Many of these problems are caused because students are simply not aware of how to take care of their computers and often fail to update their anti-virus software," she added.

"Sometimes a five second click on the update button is all it takes to avoid most of these problems," Wuorinen added.

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 super-highway welcomes a new addition to the McDaniel homepage: 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 meeting with their advisers.

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 is designed so that students can access their profile, search for classes in the upcoming semesters, and faculty members can view their class rosters and teaching schedules. Access to the searchable schedule of classes site may be found under "For Students," "Record and Registration," "Graduate and Professional Studies," or in the listing under "McDaniel Quick Links."

In addition to the searchable schedule of classes, student will soon be able to access

their grades, academic history, address, program and advisor 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, associate registrar. "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.

"Overall, it (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."

The lines Yates is referring to are much like that of the customer service lines at Macy's the day after Christmas.

Dr. Bendel-Simso was pleased with how smoothly the trial run went. "As an adviser, it's great for me because my commuter advisees can access their transcripts, instead of me ending up calling Registrar when I have a question," she said. "The students had fun playing around with the site."

"We [Information Services] feel that Web Advisor will enhance the relationships that advisers have with their advisees," Bell said.

Faculty will also have the benefit of viewing the status of students taking their courses through web advisor, including those students who have added or dropped the course, immediately after the information is processed through Registrar.

"Eventually, we expect that students will be able to layout their courses and schedule their classes through express registration," said Associate Registrar Jan Kiphar.

The site will provide the same access to new students transferring into the college, as well as alumni for up to one year after their graduation date.

"Web Advisor is going to make such a change for students," Morris said. "It will empower them."

Campus Safety blotter

Occurred from Date	Subcategory	Type	Building Name	Incident Status
3/28/04 1:48 AM	Harassment	In Person	Exterior of Blanche Ward	Open
3/28/04 12:38 AM	Trespassing		Whiteford Hall	Pending Court Outcome
3/28/04 2:33 AM	Trespassing		Exterior of Decker Center	Pending Court Outcome
9/1/2003 Unknown	Harassment	In Person	Campus Wide	Open
3/30/04 12:30 PM	Harassment	In Person	Rouzer Hall	Closed By Report
4/1/02 5:00 AM	Larceny	Motor Vehicle	Harlow Pool Lot	Inactive
4/3/04 11:30 PM	Trespassing		McDaniel	Pending Court Outcome
4/4/04 4:40 AM	Larceny	Building	Blanche Ward	Close By POC
4/8/04 12:01 AM	Malicious Mischief		Blanche Ward	Pending Review

* There were an additional 6 alcohol related cases and 6 minor vandalism cases

Not "All in Your Head": Eve 6 performs April 17

KATIE MARTIN
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 mainstage committee director for CAPBoard. "We want students to have a good time, that's the main focus," she added.

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 mail survey and personal interviews, Palmer said.

The availability of the gym and the 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.

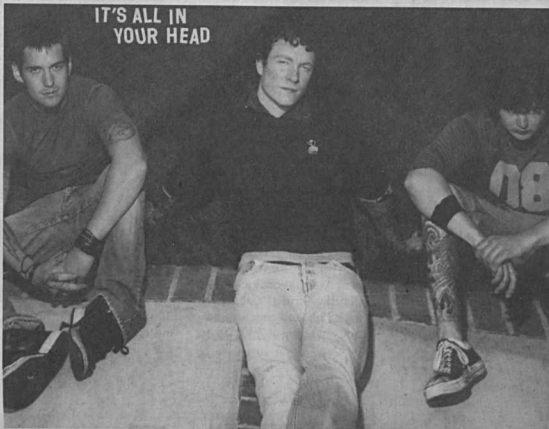
Other bands in the top five included The Ataris, Something Corporate, Vertical Horizon, and Talib Kweli.

Funding for the event comes from a portion of the mainstage committee budget, as well as from a separate rolling concert account, according to Alexander. Funds in this account stockpile and accumulate, so a concert can be held every few years.

CAPBoard spent nearly \$30,000 for the event, according to Palmer. The cost included booking Eve 6 and War Set, the opening act, as well as sound, lights, staging, advertising, t-shirts and hospitality for the bands.

"My favorite event was Deep Blue Something," said Alexander, adding that other past spring concerts featured Dropkick Murphys, Farside, Moe, They Might Be Giants, and Reel Big Fish.

"Ninety percent of the people who showed up for Dropkick Murphys were from off campus, there were not a lot of students," said Palmer, an issue CAPBoard will address by publicizing through various campus media avenues.



Tony Fagenson, Max Collins, and Jon Siebels of EVE 6

"There is a ton of work going on behind the scenes," Palmer explained.

Eve 6's self titled album first hit the music scene in April of 1998, followed by the release of *HorrorScope* in July of 2000. Their newest album, *It's All*

In Your Head, was released this past July.

They are playing a nearby show at the Chameleon Club in Lancaster, PA on Monday, April 26.

Tickets for the McDaniel show are on sale outside of Glar during lunch and dinner

and are also available at Record and Tape traders. General admission tickets cost \$18, but are available to students for \$15. An additional \$3 discount will be applied to any student ticket bought before Friday, April 9.

"For a good concert it's a great price," said Palmer.

McDaniel helps with Budapest enrollment woes

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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 stu-

dents 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 would prefer to earn their degrees from McDaniel College.

The faculty's decision to award the McDaniel Budapest degree provides certainty that students who want to earn a degree from

McDaniel will be able to do so, even if they are unable to study in the United States, Seidel explained.

This guarantee will also make it easier to recruit students, he added.

"If enrollment grows from around the world as well as from the U.S.A., there will be an even more diverse student body in Budapest which certainly enriches the educational experience," Seidel said.

Since February, faculty members wrestled 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 it most certainly is doable," he added.

Multicultural events feature games, fashion show

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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.

"A number of students decided to come to McDaniel as a result of the experience they had over the weekend," said Jerry.

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 so admitted students had more free time to explore campus life.

Having experienced the weekend as an admitted 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 attend," said Sebekos-Williams.

Breaks were interspersed between Academic Workshops taught by three McDaniel professors, meals, ice-breaker activities called 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 Lervay.

The lengthy and busy Saturday was concluded by a BSU clubroom.

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

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STAFF WRITER

It's almost that time of year again - the time when the weather is warm and sunny, when huge crowds tailgate at the baseball game, and when the Quad fills up with hundreds of excited McDaniel students.

The campus turns into one big carnival ride with contests, food, and live music, but the tickets never run out and nobody tells you it's time to go home. It's the day that every red-blooded Green Terror looks forward to; it's Spring Fling.

Spring Fling 2004, is 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 most anticipated 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 himself, 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.

According to Trynita Romeo, chairperson of Spring Fling, "the only thing that will keep [this year's] Spring Fling from success is the weather. If the weather permits it should be one of the best [Spring Flings] in years...and the t-shirts are awesome."

Romeo also stated that one McDaniel Fraternity is sponsoring "Alpha Sigma Pies," a pie-in-the-face contest that will help raise money for Canine Companions, Alpha Sigma Phi's national philanthropy.

McDaniel's CRIBS

BETH McLANE
SARAH BLACK
STAFF WRITERS

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

Some of the best features in this room are the superior electronic systems. A Bose 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.

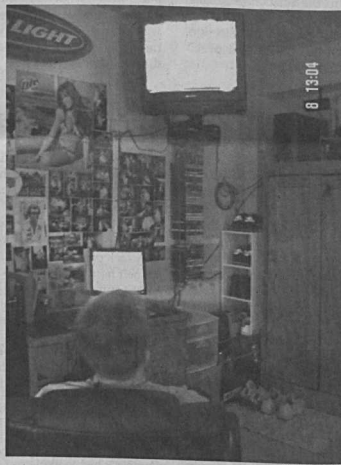
Attached to the wall under the TV is a rack with some of the guy's favorite DVDs, including the Rocky series, Robin Williams stand-up comedy, Best of Will Ferrell on SNL, and Friends Seasons 1-7.

Electronics and movies make Rouzer room relaxing

"It's the movie room," Josh explained, "people just come in and do what they want."

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. And 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, Thomas 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.



Thomas Dunn relaxes and watches his elevated television. SARAH BLACK

Deaf Heritage Month heralds "We are here!"

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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 exist!'" said coordinator and deaf education instructor David Martin, who hopes the month's activities will answer questions regarding American Sign Language (ASL) and deaf culture.

Martin has received tremendous support from indi-

viduals in and around the McDaniel Community.

The three week long celebration will end tonight with a with a "Literary Night" at the Carroll Arts Center, featuring the Rathskellar Performing Group, as well as ASL storyteller Manny Hernandez. Martin expects the biggest crowd ever to witness a deaf-related event in the McDaniel or Westminster area.

The event begins at 8 p.m. and tickets are \$15 the door, \$10 for children, high school and college students.

Miss Deaf America Tyese Wright kicked off the

celebration on March 23 with a visit described as "inspiring."

Other events included a presentation by Senior Christen Szymanski on summer camps for the deaf and a reader's theatre by an ASL and Deaf Literature class about Laurent Clerc, the first Deaf teacher in America.

Thirteen representatives from various local and national deaf service organizations visited campus for the Eyeth Day exhibit on April 2.

"We were honored when the college president [Joan Coley] stopped by...she helped

us draw names for the door prize winners," said Martin.

McDaniel's deaf culture club, Eye-to-Eye also hosted a panel in which four international deaf students from Trinidad, Singapore, Japan, and Canada shared their educational and life experiences, as well as differing sign languages. It is a common misconception, according to Martin, that ASL is universal.

"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 7-9 p.m. daily this month," said Martin.

With two full time instructors and four adjunct faculty, McDaniel offers a minor in Deaf studies with classes on topics including the language, culture, and literature of deaf individuals.

"We have one of the best deaf studies minor programs compared to many other 2 or 4 year programs that I know of," said Martin.

McDaniel also offers a nationally recognized graduate program in Deaf Education, coordinated by Mark Rust.

"I don't think our students or the McDaniel community recognizes the uniqueness of our program," Martin said.



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.



Does your organization need community service hours???

Help out by volunteering for Reunion Weekend

Friday, April 30, 2004 or Saturday, May 1, 2004

We need greeters, decorators, information guides and Golf Cart Drivers. (Also anyone who is certified to drive the College vans.)

*each volunteer will receive a Reunion Weekend T-Shirt.

If interested please contact Katie in the Alumni Relations Office at ext-4656.

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/CEO 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

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 posted 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 looked like an "exciting opportunity."

"The thing I teach requires a high degree of student engagement and a willingness to think big and take risks," said Dobson. "And McDaniel students are just daring enough to try it." Now, with one semester behind her, Dobson hopes there are many more to go.

"I like watching students grow, that's true, that's the real thing," said Dobson. "My second favorite thing is figuring out ways of learning experiences for students."

Now as an assistant English Professor, Dobson teaches Advanced Composition and Composition and Reading I and II. She is already known for her encouraging teaching style.

"Regardless of whether we understood what she is teaching, she would still encourage us to incorporate our own style into whatever we were doing," said sophomore Liz Manns, a student in Dobson's Advanced Composition class last semester.

Wanting her students to take the things they learned in her class and take those ideas beyond the classroom, Dobson encourages collaboration and discussion among the students.

Her goal for each of her students is that when they leave her classroom, they feel like they have gained something because the work they have done is theirs and not one else's.



Dobson

"The most 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 with a variety of majors. The new minor emphasizes the practical as well as theoretical aspects of writing, and written as well as visual genres.

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

Dobson at a Glance:

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Law School - Catholic University, one year.
Also worked as a freelance editor before graduate school.
M.A. - University of Maryland



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If you could ask the presidential candidates one thing that would it be?



Bean Dumpert, Junior
"Why are you running for president?"



Bradford Burdette, Senior
"If you had no money or healthcare and your wife or loved one was dying, would you steal medication to save them?"



Felicia Donelson, Junior
"When are we going to stop funding Israel?"



Jon Fitzgerald, Sophomore
"Do you feel the Western isolationist sentiment of the U.S. foreign policy has the potential for negative repercussions in regards to America's foreign economic interests?"



Kennedra Tucker, Junior
"With everything that's going on with the propaganda, what actions are we going to see initiated when each candidate gets into office?"



Liz Manns, Sophomore
"Do you thing your campaign funding has been spent appropriately, particularly in advertising?"

FEATURES

Journey to teaching tedious

ASHLEY HOOVER
STAFF WRITER

Twenty-two year old Jenni Vanek stood in front of her first-grade class at New Market Elementary School, reading a popular Dr. Seuss book aloud. Her animation and demeanor may have seemed as if she had years of teaching experience behind her, but in fact, this was a learning experience as much for her as it was for her students.

In the back of the room, her mentor carefully jotted down notes to discuss with her student teacher during their next conference.

The long days in front of students, the mentor's watch, the lesson plans, the sleepless nights are behind Vanek now as she waits for her teaching certificate to arrive in the mail. She doesn't miss the difficult juggling act - that effort to balance student teaching and other requirements for elementary school teacher certification with other classes and some kind of a social life.

This semester alone, there are approximately 50 students completing their student teaching, one of the last steps toward becoming certified. McDaniel College churns out approximately 75 certified teachers per year - quite a sizeable number for a minor.

The student teaching experience is arguably the most practical and worthwhile experience in the teacher preparation program. It is the one culminating ex-

perience that brings together the earlier studies in subject matter specializations, adolescent development and curriculum on their way to becoming certified.

"I see some value in the portfolio creation...but not to the point that it consumes and controls student teaching and drives everyone insane."
-Jenni Vanek

But the road to becoming certified is long and at times, difficult. To become certified, one must first complete the minor, which, at 65 credit hours for elementary education, consists of more credit hours than some majors - like Business Administration, Communication, or Sociology. Even at 35 credit hours, the minor in secondary education is time-consuming and expensive.

"Money is the biggest problem. We pay an extra \$500 fee for our student teaching semester, but are required to work in the schools at the very least eight hours per day, five days per week for free," said senior Krysti Durholz, a student teacher for Reading and Language Arts at Mt. Airy Middle School.

"While applying for jobs, completing assignments for the Reading in the Content Areas class, completing a 20-item portfolio with rationales, meeting the

minimum of 12 extra activities required for student teaching, attending seminars two evenings a month, doing daily lesson plans, and grading papers, there isn't a whole lot of time to carry a paying job," she added.

Vanek, who is currently long-term substituting in Frederick County, agrees that the portfolio is somewhat dilatory.

"I had a major issue with the portfolio. There was so much emphasis placed upon it and so much pressure to have it perfect at the end of the four months teaching, and I was constantly being told that I would use this portfolio in interviews and during teaching as a resource. Neither came true," said Vanek. "No one ever asked to look at it during an interview and I never look at the thing now that I am teaching somewhere. I see some value in the portfolio creation...but not to the point that it consumes and controls student teaching and drives everyone insane."

According to Education professor Skip Fennell, many of the requirements for student teaching reflect national or state standards to which McDaniel must adhere. Although the requirements are not always easy, the reward in the end is well worth it.

"Student teaching is the 'real test' and the 'real taste.' It's when prospective teachers get to witness and be a part of what a teacher really is," Vanek said. "And being a teacher can be an extremely rewarding profession," said Vanek.

Shepherd's Angels honored

STAFF REPORT

A group of McDaniel students who call themselves Shepherd's Angels will be honored by USA Weekend Magazine next month for their community service project with a neighboring faith-based organization.

The students - Katie Fulton, Katie Martin, Toni Stambaugh, Amy Grose, Lindsey Schwartz, Danni Unflat, Mindy Minchoff, Rachel Schmidt, and Tara Smith - live in Affinity Housing and have volunteered for The Shepherd's Staff for more than a year.

Shepherd's Staff is a non-profit organization based in Westminster that helps people in times of transition by providing whatever is needed - whether that be clothing, toiletries, rent money, and as of last year, money to help with prescription medication expenses.

Shepherd's Angels have done everything from newsletter mailings to sorting donations to painting faces.

Perhaps the highlight of the volunteerism happened last year when they participated in Make A Difference Day, a nationwide movement sponsored by USA Weekend and the Points of Light Foundation. The movement encourages neighbors to help each other on one designated day.

Last year that day was Oct. 25, and the McDaniel students' work made a huge difference in the lives of people in need, said Kathy Brown, director of Shepherd's Staff.

The students organized and manned a community-wide yard sale and donated all the proceeds to Shepherd Staff's prescription medicine fund. They spent two days accepting donations, cleaning items, sorting, pricing and selling with smiles, Brown said.

USA Weekend magazine will briefly recognize the McDaniel College group in the April 18 issue as regional honorees in its annual Make A Difference Day contest, according to Pam Brown, senior editor.

Last year, more than 500 regional honorees were listed.

"If [the tribute] is wonderful. The girls are outstanding," said Kathy Brown, who submitted the contest entry on Shepherd's Angel's behalf. "I have never worked with such conscientious women. They are giving and generous, and they work wonderfully together. I'd be lost without them."

"I was really surprised and excited because we are a small group," said Schwartz. "I didn't know we would be recognized in such a large publication."

"I'm telling you - they never stop reaching out and helping. I was so happy to hear they will be honored," Brown said.

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 experienced advisor's direction is critical to an inexperienced undergraduate's developing collegiate career. However, as each semester ticked away and I progressively grasped the logistics of the scheduling process, the periodic reunion with 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 take a radical 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 with-

out 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.

ROBBIE SAVILLE
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 is *The Vagina Monologues*.

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

This play struck a chord 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, some 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."

TORI BUTLER
STAFF WRITER

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Turning Back the Pages

This feature takes a look at the back issues of *The Phoenix* and highlights student reporting since 1981. Compiled by Brian Patterson, co editor.

16 years ago this month...

Measles hit the Western Maryland College campus as one infected student was held at Smith house until the symptoms receded. This was not the first outbreak of measles on campus and five years earlier a much more severe outbreak of this highly contagious disease resulted in several students being quarantined.

The Western Maryland Hockey Club officially became a part of the Mason-Dixon Ice Hockey League.

And 6 years ago this month...

The Student Government Assembly adopted a new constitution that clarified the roles of the members and also clearly defined that it is solely a body that represents the undergraduate student body. This change was sparked by continuous requests for allocations by graduate students.

The staff of *The Phoenix* released a spoof publication called *The Bird*. The publication was released on April 1 with lead headlines that read, "Five dead, Seven wounded in brutal squirrel drive-by," and "Water tower breaks a leak, floods area."

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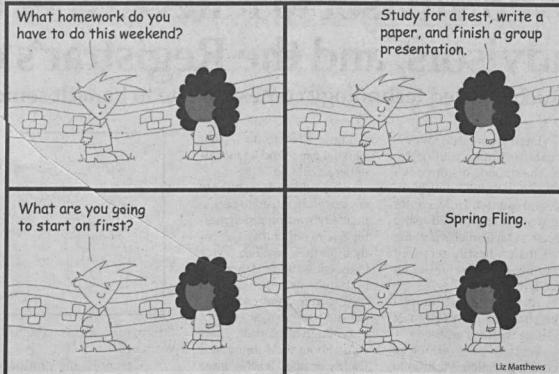
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Shift roadmap of world to peace

One side feels that its cause is in such disrepair 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 deepening 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 28 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 heinous punishment, but a missile attack on a quadriplegic 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. Yaron Ezrahi, 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.

But Sharon is as big of a road block in the U.S. sponsored road map to peace as

each suicide bomber. When he makes statements like, "In the unilateral state, there is no Palestinian state" like he did to the Yediot Aharonot newspaper recently and it is clear that Palestinian statehood is the best solution, he is a hindrance.

At this point, the only way to stop the violence is to create trust between the two sides. Forming a peace between these factions might be the hardest task man has ever faced. After so many decades of violence, trust is nearly impossible between the two sides. But if a deal is struck where the violence can stop and both sides can agree to it, then, and only then, the peace process can begin to advance.

It would be only a first step. But it would be a prerequisite for any future peace measures.

Peace is possible. It was within reach in 1993, when Yitzhak Rabin and Yasser Arafat signed the Oslo accords. The front page of the New York Times the next day had a picture of young boys climbing a fence of an Israeli police station to give flowers. But Rabin's assassination helped to kill these efforts. All that is needed is agreement, understanding and hope. Then, flowers will permanently replace bombs.

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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 research 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." Gone 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 Maddrix who hap-

pily 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," Maddrix 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 immeasurable.

"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?

TYLER GRAHAM
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 hassles 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 schools 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

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.

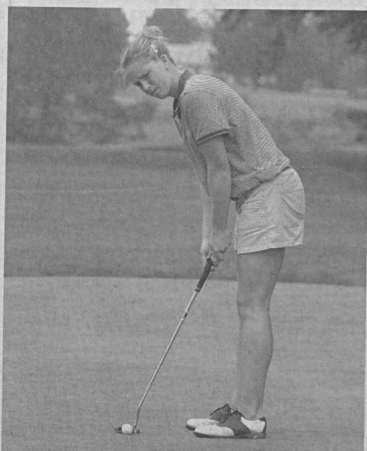
The Terror has been successful at both matches this year. The team enjoyed slightly warmer climates when they traveled south to Jekyll Island, Georgia, for Spring Break. They returned to campus finishing eighth out of sixteen total teams.

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.



Junior co-captain Kelly Cramp prepares to take a putt. Cramp is currently the number one player in the Centennial Conference based on average score.

"If we play our best, we should win [the conference tournament] hands down," said Diehl.

Junior co-captains Kelly Cramp and Garnett Pumphrey 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 Sorenstam.

"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 Pumphrey] 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.

CONFERENCE STANDINGS

Team Averages in the CC
(as of April 2, 2004)

1. McDaniel 355.2
2. Dickinson 398.5
3. Gettysburg 424.5
4. F&M 427.0



CONFERENCE STANDINGS

Women's

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| 1. Gettysburg | 5-0 | 10-1 |
| 2. McDaniel | 4-0 | 8-1 |
| 3. Washington | 3-2 | 6-4 |
| 4. Swarthmore | 2-2 | 7-3 |
| 5. Ursinus | 2-2 | 4-3 |
| 6. Dickinson | 1-2 | 4-4 |
| 7. F & M | 1-2 | 3-5 |
| 8. Haverford | 1-3 | 3-5 |
| 9. Muhlenberg | 1-4 | 3-6 |
| 10. Bryn Mawr | 0-3 | 7-3 |

Track outstanding at Messiah

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Christine Johnson led the women's team to a second place finish in the six team field at Messiah College on Wednesday by taking victories in the 400 hurdles (1:10.65) and the triple jump (35'10.25"). Her triple jump is the best mark in the Centennial Conference this spring.

Johnson also added a second place finish in the 100 meter hurdles (16.49), tied for second in the high jump, and took fourth in the long jump. April Brown won the 100 meter dash in 12.90 seconds, and placed second in the 200 clocking a 27.91.

Sophomore Kristy Costa turned in second place performances in the long jump (4.50), discus with a seasonal best mark of 119'2", and javelin. Sabrina Putro finished in second in the shot put (34'6.75"), and third in the discus with a throw of 106'0.5". Beth Rudolph contributed a third place finish in the javelin with a hurl of 91'9".

The men were led to a third place finish in the six team field by Calvin Woodward's personal best in the 400 meter dash. The senior took first with a time of 51.94 seconds. Prior to that effort, Woodward added a fourth place finish in the 200 with a personal best in the event, clocking in at 23.28.

Woodward conspired with Stuart Johnson, Scott Koleszar, and Cody Durbin to take the 4x400 relay with a mark of 3:29.88.

Broderick Maybank led the field effort winning the triple jump by covering 43'11.5". He took second in the 100 meter dash (11.09), and the high jump (5'10"). Josh Murray recorded a trio of second place finishes in the throws registering a 38'6" effort in the shot put, a 124'9.5" hurl in the discus, and then threw the hammer 80'even. Joe Palkovic finished second in the javelin throw (140'7"), while Stuart Johnson and Scott Koleszar allowed McDaniel to sweep the top three spots in the 400 meter dash.

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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 is 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 readdress 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 YEAR 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 before 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 based on how long you've played the game. It's plain and simple; it's your ability. So if these guys can play, let them. Watch them in a workout, 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 de-throne 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.

But Bliss is not of the mentality that the players need to be rebuked when times are tough. After all, no good can come from yelling.

"They don't need to be yelled at and they don't need to be scolded. They know what they need to do," she said.

In the end, the players proved themselves to the fullest 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 that 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 11 in the nation for save percentage.

On the offensive end, junior Kristin Ramey 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

Smith (17 goals, 2 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 most coaches are ever able to attain. But she is quick to suggest that she isn't totally responsible for the expeditious accomplishments.

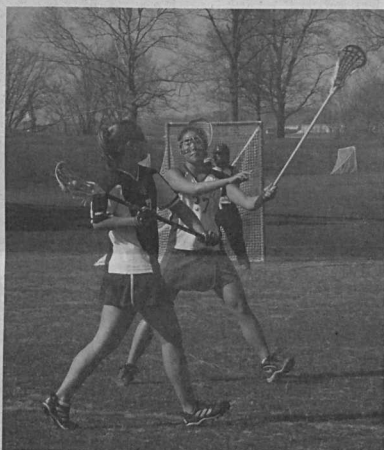
"I definitely can't take all the credit for [our success]... I'm very lucky to have the group of girls that I do," she said.

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 cohesiveness that all teams attempt to gain, but are rarely ever able to find. The togetherness off the field brings about teamwork on the field, and now they are reaping the benefits.

"We're just playing with so much heart this year. I feel like we're playing more for each other than individually," Smith 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... This team and this program have a lot of potential to continue to be strong," Bliss said.



INDIRA GONZALEZ

A strong part of McDaniel's number two ranked defense, senior defender Niki Lepson attempts to block a throw against Franklin & Marshall.

Terror baseball stays hot despite the cold weather

JOE HORROCKS
SPORTS WRITER

While in Florida the McDaniel College baseball team enjoyed warm weather and success, going 6-1, but since returning to Westminster the weather has grown cold and rainy. The team on the other hand has sizzled. The Terror are 6-3 since coming home from Florida and are 12-4, 6-2 on the season, good for a tie for second in the Centennial Conference standings with Franklin and Marshall just behind the number one team in the nation, Johns Hopkins.

McDaniel started its homecoming by taking a pair of games, shortened by evening darkness, from the Shoreman of Washington College. The Terror won the first game 17-7 in seven innings and the second game 12-10 in eight. Seniors Ryan

Shotzberger and Rusty LaMotte led the Terror in the first game, each belting bombs, and Tyler Stewart came in as the relief to pick up the victory.

In the second game, the Terror scored six more runs on the long ball as Shotzberger and LaMotte each hit solo homers. Kevin Salamone took a 0-1 offering from Alex Jacobine and crushed it over the left field fence for a grand slam. Mitch Hoffman picked up the victory, while Scott Deitrich picked up the save for McDaniel.



BRIAN PATTERSON

Senior outfielder Chris Seibert awaits the pitch in the game against Dickinson on Friday.

The Terror then traveled to Haverford to tangle with the Fords in a double-header. McDaniel swept the series topping the Fords 5-3

and 11-6. In the first half, Tyler Stewart dominated the mound, picking up the victory and pitching a complete game.

Jimmy Dahlgren provided the go ahead runs in the fourth inning on a two-run single. The second game of the double dip saw four more Terror dingers as Deitrich, Shotzberger, Greg Hammack, and Justin

Blohavsek all went yard. Dahlgren picked up the victory throwing five strong innings, allowing only three runs.

The Terror picked up their fourth win at home, topping Gettysburg 9-5. Shotzberger and Dahlgren once again led the offense, each hitting home runs. David "Moose" Skoczlas picked up the win throwing seven strong, allowing four earned runs and striking out

eight. Deitrich closed out the game and picked up his second save of the season.

The Bullets bit back though as they handed the Terror their first conference loss, 8-4. The Terror dug a hole that was too big and couldn't climb back out. Hammack was the star for the Terror, offensively going 3-4, but the team stranded seven runners.

McDaniel came right back with a win the following day against Dickinson, 5-3. Skoczlas threw his third complete game of the year allowing three runs; earning two and striking out four to improve to 4-0. Shotzberger led the offense going 3-4. The Terror has already matched last year's total record of 15 homeruns.

For his efforts, Shotzberger was named the Centennial Conference Player of the Week for of April 5th.

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The cicadas are coming!



Swarming bugs to invade area in a few weeks.
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Tying the knot

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

60 Seconds asks...

When studying for final exams, what is your favorite study break?
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A generous student opens up a vein for a good cause

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Ten bands compete for \$300 prize

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New synthetic turf will replace the natural grass at Scott S. Bair stadium. The change is one of the many benefits of the Raven's extended contract.

Case retires after 45 adventurous years

HEATHER WEISSE
NEWS EDITOR

Some may be surprised that Dr. Samuel Case, Provost and Dean of the faculty, holds McDaniel's track record for the fastest 440-yard dash.

As a young track coach during the 1970s, Case finished the distance in approximately 37 seconds - in his 1974 Honda Civic with a 250-pound shot-putter sitting in the passenger seat. The track student helped keep the car from sliding around the hair-pin turns.

It is with this sense of humor and adventure that Case has approached all obstacles during his 45 years at the institution.

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.

"He is 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."

"He has 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

CASE



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Fame and the Carroll County Sports Hall of Fame both honored him for his coaching

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Seniors seek tickets

BRIAN PATTERSON
CO-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

After weeks of angst and frustration about being allotted only six tickets to graduation, seniors got good news last week: There are more graduation tickets available.

It didn't take long for seniors to let college administrators know that six tickets wouldn't be enough for all their relatives who were coming to town.

Dean of Student Affairs Philip Sayre hoped to gather concerns and address them by creating a Blackboard site that would allow seniors to communicate about sharing tickets for graduation.

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 Martinena.

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

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Flying High at Spring Fling

Ungers bequest Hoover \$3.5 million

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 a

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 a reporter for The Carroll Sun that her aunt would have been embarrassed by all the attention that her gift has received.

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THE UNGERS



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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 become a recognized fraternity at McDaniel College.

In 1982, the Preachers had their charter revoked by the college on the grounds of hazing during their pledge period, said Amanda Rose, assistant director of college activities. Rose said that the incident involved large quantities of alcohol, a "drop-off," and one student almost dying from hypothermia.

"I think it's better to have a group that is part of the Greek system, rather than having one just out there."
-Dean Sayre

"It was pretty serious hazing," said Rose.

The Preachers then became an unrecognized fraternity, operating "underground," with the ability to petition the college for reinstatement after eight years.

According to Philip Sayre, Dean of Student Affairs, earlier this semester was the first time since the revocation that the group has expressed a serious interest in reinstatement. Sayre also said that the Preachers recognized that they weren't succeeding as an organization because of not being in the overall Greek system.

"I certainly am interested in pursuing the reinstatement of the Preachers' charter. They just must understand that in order to be part of the system, you have to follow the rules of the system," said Sayre. "I think it's better to have a group that is part of the Greek system, rather than having one just out there."

Sayre attempted to spark interest in the Preachers' fraternity from 1990-1992, when they were allowed to petition for reinstatement; however only mild interest was shown and no effort was made at those times.

The process to become a recognized organization is not an easy one. According to Mitch Alexander, Director of College Activities, an entrance letter to the College Activities Office and a constitution has been submitted, however more is re-

quired. The Preachers must also submit a new member program along with a statement about hazing. A membership list and a letter to the Inter-Greek council are needed as well.

The fraternity began submitting application materials at the beginning of this semester. However, Rose said that their application was returned to them because they did not have a full-time faculty or staff member willing to act as advisor.

Rose added that the fraternity can continue to submit application materials, but their request for reinstatement of their charter will not be considered until they have a qualified advisor.

She added that since the petition was returned, there has been no communication from the organization. The administration has sent several letters through campus mail to members of the fraternity, but there has been no response.

Once all required paperwork is turned in, the Inter-Greek Council will discuss and vote on whether the Preachers should be a recognized Greek organization. Majority wins.

The Inter-Greek Council is made up of representatives from all traditional fraternities and sororities on the McDaniel campus, and handles issues that concern the Greek organizations such as this.

"There's a process they need to go through. Right now it's in their hands. The college isn't going to do anything until they do," said Rose.

Several attempts were made to contact senior Eric Bass, who is spearheading the Preachers' campaign; however, he was unavailable for comment.

NEWS

Graduate student David Stysley to run for Carroll school board

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 2001 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. I 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. Weisharr.

Stysley sees the School Board as the body that coordinates the prin-



ciple educational functions in Carroll County. His goals, in running for a seat, include working for better relations with both teacher 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 sig-

natures to put Murphy on the ballot, the County Board of Elections did not include him on it. The Board attested that some of the signatories were inactive voters and, therefore, the petition lacked adequate support. In a much-celebrated 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 campaign.

According to the Maryland Green Party Coordinating Council, the Green Party supports "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.

Dean Sayre offers solution to lack of graduation tickets for seniors

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do so. In a memo sent to seniors on April 23 Sayre reported that, "Since graduate students had to write in to get any tickets by an early deadline, 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.

Seniors have discussed alternatives 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 one of these options is viable for this year's ceremony, and previous attempts to move the ceremony outside have failed.

Campus Safety blotter

Occurred from Date	Subcategory	Type	Building Name	Incident Status
4/9/04 1:00 AM	Tampering w/Fire Equip	Extinguisher	Blanche Ward	Inactive
4/10/04 6:00 AM	Disorderly Conduct	Drunken & Disorderly	Blanche Ward	Report Incomplete
4/11/04 11:30 PM	Larceny From Building		Decker Student Center	Open
4/16/04 1:53 AM	Decency Offense	Public Urination	Gardens Apartment 1	Closed by PoC
4/18/04 12:09 AM	Decency Offense	Public Urination	Penn. Ave. House 147	Closed by PoC
4/19/04 7:57 PM	Larceny	Pick pocket	Englar Dining Hall	Closed by Report
4/18/04 12:50 AM	Assault	Hands/Feet	Rouzer Hall	Pending Court Outcome
4/21/04 9:54 PM	Harassment	Phone	Off Campus	Open
4/24/04 4:00 PM	Trespassing		Quad Area	Pending Court Outcome
4/24/04 9:54 PM	Trespassing		Decker Student Center	Closed by Report
4/25/04 12:01 AM	Decency Offense	Public Urination	Stadium Drive	Closed by PoC
4/25/04 2:56 AM	Disorderly Conduct	Disturbing the Peace	Blanche Ward	Closed by Report
4/26/04 2:00 AM	Tampering w/Fire Equip	Extinguisher	Rouzer Hall	Inactive
4/29/04 12:49 AM	Disorderly Conduct	Drunken & Disorderly	Ward Memorial Arch	Report Complete

*There were an additional 6 Alcohol Related Cases, 4 Minor Vandalism Cases.

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The Department of the Army Superior Cadet Award
Cadet William W. Baines, Cadet Jacob J. Michael, Cadet John P. Rodriguez, and Cadet Michael A. Towles

Professor of Military Science Medal
Cadet Joseph M. Morningstar

Chief Instructor's Award
Cadet Mary J. Thurber

National Defense Industrial Association Award
Cadet Mark D. Denis

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Cadet Jacob J. Michael

Association of the United States Army Military History Award
Cadet Ryan A. Newnan

Reserve Officer's Association Award
Cadet Thomas C. Kalar, Cadet Jesse R. Ringgold, Cadet Honey Wirth, and Cadet Peter L. Wakefield

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Cadet Nicole Prush, Cadet Christopher W. Richelderfer, Cadet Lawrence H. Stewart, Cadet Ross V. Montfort, and Cadet James M. Dell

The Retired Officer's Association Award
Cadet Julian A. Ravilius



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Cadet Ryan M. Coleman

National Sojourners Award
Cadet Michelle L. Levesque

Sons of the American Revolution Award
Cadet Matthew S. Lufkin and Cadet Adam R. Alexander

United Services Automobile Association Spirit Award
Cadet Christianna D. Bagby

Military Order of the World Wars Award
Cadet Constance N. Bogan, Cadet Nathan D. Piereman, and Cadet Jason M. Plunkett

The Military Order of Foreign Wars of the United States Maryland Commandery
Cadet Timothy M. Clare and Cadet John-Paul C. Snook

Daughters of the American Revolution Award
Cadet William W. Baines and Cadet Peter T. Christake

Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America Award
Cadet Daniel C. Turner and Cadet Megan E. Jeeves

Society of the War of 1812 Award
Cadet Steven J. Jennings

Daughters of the American Colonists Award
Cadet Amy N. Grose

Military Order of the Purple Heart Leadership Medal Award
Cadet Andrew C. Mitchell and Cadet Jonathan B. McKee

Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Award
Cadet Jacob J. Michael and Cadet Christopher W. Richelderfer



Case brings humor and perseverance to McDaniel 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 makes 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 teaching style and with his uncanny ability to encourage others to achieve their potential.

"Sam Case has always liked a challenge," said Dr. Sam Asplach, professor of biology and "running buddy" of Case's. The two have participated in various races—including the JFK 50 mile run and the Alaska Iditaspot 100 mile race.

"I thought that [the JFK Run] was impossible, but we began training hard, did a marathon before hand as a

tune-up, and did successfully complete our first 50 mile," said Asplach. "From then on we continued to do this race—some think we were insane."

Of course, running 50 miles doesn't seem nearly as insane as running 100 miles... in Alaska... in February.

Case, who specializes in the physiology of the human body in extreme environments, has conducted research on the Iditaspot athletes since 1995. He participated in the race as a runner in 1995, 1997 and 2000, and usually enlists the help of students, McDaniel professors, or his wife, Susan, to help with the research.

Dr. Sherri Hughes, professor of psychology, accompanied Case in 2000 as both a researcher and fellow runner.

She recalls going with Case to buy a pair of running shoes. He was wearing a shirt that read "Iditaspot," and a clerk asked him about it. When Case told the young man that he was running the race for the third time, the astonished clerk replied

"what a stud."

"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: three coffees 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 with the sentence, "College is a big transition in life for most people." His English professor crossed out the word "is" and scribbled "involves" in the margin.

Case has certainly been involved in a number of transitions at McDaniel—from curriculum reform, to the name change, to getting students up 20 minutes earlier for Tuesday and Thursday classes.

"Students should read [the First Principles]," said Dr. Skip Fennell, professor of

education. "When they do they should think of Sam Case, not because he made sure that they were in every classroom, but because he is a walking example of the First Principles—what they mean and what they can produce."

Ann Thomas, executive secretary in the academic affairs office, echoes Fennell's notion. "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 not be entirely retiring from 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

ERIN ROMANSKI
SENIOR WRITER

"Palm, knee, knee," followed by the words "bam, bam!" bounced off the walls of Gill Gym's courts during a motivational self-defense class on Monday April 19.

The class, entitled "Girls Fight Back," was founded by motivational speaker Erin Weed after the murder of a friend on June 12, 2001 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 students and a few faculty members.

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

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.



Erin Weed founder of "Girls Fight Back" demonstrates a move with Junior Phil D'damo.

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Ungers give Hoover money continued from page 1

"Over the years, Mr. and Mrs. Unger made several contributions to the College that benefitted the campus in numerous ways, and we are delighted that, at the end, Mrs. Unger chose to remember Hoover Library," said Library Director Michelle Reid.

"The annual return on the money she has left the Library will permit us to make purchases that will enhance our book and periodical collections year after year," Reid

added. "Our only regret is that, not knowing of the bequest in advance, we were unable to directly express our gratitude."

Family members also told a reporter from The Carroll Sun that they had no idea how Unger was able to make such large contributions to the school.

"The college is thrilled with the donation from Mrs. Unger. She has been a strong supporter of the college, and her gift will make a difference for every student who attends McDaniel," said Coley.



Spectators watch Erin Weed defend herself against D'damo.

BAILEY FANNIN

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 Brenton, Director of Alumni Relations.

Kiddoo's donation included the planting of a garden surrounding the entrance and arch. According to Brenton, 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.

Alumnus, faculty members, and students convened for the ceremony at the corner of Union Street and Main, astonished 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 Arlington, Virginia.

Other alumni were equally impressed by the grand entrance, yet were 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 Kleine of Lansing, Michigan, graduate of the class of 1964, and former editor of *The Gold 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.



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3rd Annual Alpha Sig Battle of the Bands a success



Neal Page and "The Mishaps" placed second in the 3rd Annual Alpha Sigma Phi Battle of the Bands.

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 hour 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 EMO 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, 16, 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 play-

ing 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 rating 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 Peltzer 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 "dead metal ska" style.

Demos 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 member 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 from 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 mistreatment experienced when dealing with the Registrar's Office.

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

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

"The school is building another academic building, but why can they not put that money into improving the residence halls?" asked one student.

A disproportionate number of minority students attended the discussion and voiced their discontent with McDaniel. One student asked why there are no black Greek organizations on campus.

Dean Reiff agreed with these concerns.

"Minority students do

have a more difficult environment to deal with in many cases. I do not know that we are always sensitive to that. The school talks about embracing diversity yet there is still struggle with that on campus," said Reiff.

Reiff, Kreider and Bryant all wanted to understand problems students deal with so they can begin working to change them.

"Retention [of students] is an indication of an educational program that is meeting the needs of students. If there is a lack of retention, at some level, we are not meeting the needs of students," said Reiff. "But I think there are things that we can do to improve the situation."

The committee plans to follow-up on the problems communicated at the meeting by forming an action plan and holding a second meeting before the end of the semester to distinguish real problems from minor complaints.

"If an issue keeps coming up, it is a sign that it is something that needs to be looked at," said Kreider. "Certainly financial concerns, unavailability of scholarship funds, issues of curriculum, registration, advising are all areas of concerns."

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

"It was easy to complain and that was what they 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."



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The cicadas are coming.... "Carry a broom"

KEN BERTKAU
STAFF WRITER

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 Jo 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 Evergettes, associate professor of history, has the best advice: "Everyone might want to carry a broom."



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60 Seconds

Question: "During final exams, what do you like to do the most for a study break?"

— Compiled by Michael Vyskocil



Elizabeth Whitenton, '07—"For my study break, I usually eat a bunch of junk food and listen to music. I 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 Tomarelli, '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."

Professors with the Personal Touch Bryn Upton

KEN BERTKAU
STAFF WRITER

A self-proclaimed nerd whose favorite day is Election Day, all Dr. Bryn Upton wants is cable television in his office so that he can tape history documentaries – and March Madness games – that he misses due to class.

Upton has been teaching in the McDaniel College History department for the past two years, and is the newest Jessie Ball Dupont Visiting Scholar.

Dr. Upton became a professor in a different way than most; in 1987, after only two years of high school, he dropped out, knowing it wasn't for him. Now he has a Ph. D. in History from Brandeis University, which he had acquired only a few months ago. Upton never had any interest in teaching until becoming a teacher's assistant in college. From then on, he knew that teaching was what he wanted to do.

His mother's family came from slavery in the south and his father's family came from Ireland. With such a diverse background, Dr. Upton now



believes that it is very important to understand his, and America's, past.

Soon to be a father, Upton is forced to look to the future and grow up himself. His favorite part about having a job at McDaniel College is not the students, nor the opportunity; his favorite part is knowing that his wife Siliya Upton teaches only two floors below him.

"He is a great teacher who can reach students with ease," said junior Leroy McDuffie.

"I love to argue, so sometimes I will say something intentionally wrong in class so that a debate may start," Upton said. Coincidentally, his two favorite top-

ics of debate are politics and sports – just right for someone who loves to argue.

"Politics are what run this country – it's who we are, and how we have gotten to where we are," said Upton. Ever since he was young, he was always involved in politics. "My best friend in college was part of the college Republicans and I was a part of the college Democrats, so we rarely agreed with each other but we always respected each other," said Upton.

While in college, Upton enjoyed everything from Ultimate Frisbee to the track decathlon, and has since taken interest in McDaniel sports. Not only does he support teams such as women's basketball, but he sometimes volunteers to throw a softball around with some of his students.

"Upton is easy to get in touch with, and makes his classes fun and interesting to be in," said junior Issac Morgan.

Upton is not only a teacher but a student as well; as a young professor, he learns from his students everyday. Upton is known as a favorable professor to have, but as he said, "[I] am still a kid myself."

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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 windowsill, 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 glow.

"People always tell us that the room feels like a room from home, but that's due to Karen, not me," admits Pohl. "Her side of the room has a theme and it's neat and orga-

nized."

Pohl's side of the room has lots of Pi Mu parapernalia (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.

The roomies stay cool thanks to an air conditioning unit that rests on the floor. Air conditioning, bright flowers, photos of loved ones all leave these women knowing "there's no place like dorm home."

FEATURES



Space is tight, but space is bright in Kristin Pohl and Karen Tull's 3rd Floor ANW room.

BAYLEY FANNIN

Hoover Library celebrates National Library Week

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STAFF WRITER

Hoover Library officially celebrated National Library Week (April 18-24, 2004) by honoring the achievements of one of its staff members.

Lois Szymanski, Assistant to the Director, had a short biography featured on a poster display board in Hoover's Reference collection. Szymanski is the author of several popular books for young readers, including *Little Icicle* and *Sea Feather*. She also writes books for the Gettysburg Ghost Gang series with co-author and high-school friend, Shelley Sykes.

The American Library Association (ALA) first sponsored National Library Week

in 1958 to celebrate the contributions of libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support. The ALA also created National Library Worker's Day (April 20, 2004) to honor librarians and support services staff that serve in libraries across the nation.

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 \$3.5 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.

Job market booms for some, not everyone

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sume O' Rama, Career Services held several programs this semester to assist students with job searches, according to Alison Kidwell, assistant director of Career Services.

In a 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 inquiry about jobs 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 career, 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 gradu-

ate school or the most requested career fields, "we always get students interested in teaching, various business/finance related careers, counseling/social work, communications, policy/government, law enforcement, science, etc.," said Kidwell.

Even with all these job 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.

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What happened to the rest of the Blotter?

Campus Safety and the Clery Act

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 staff has fielded numerous complaints about the "bland" campus safety blotter. The format that ran in the Phoenix gave a short – and sometimes humorous account of every offense. The new format merely lists offenses, dates, locations and report statuses.

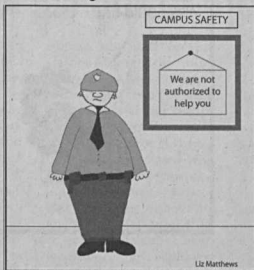
When the paper was redesigned, the administration balked at the space dedicated to the blotter. The Free Press editors decided to address their concerns but still serve the campus community by publishing the blotter in its current format.

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 that is physically available for public inspection; and notify the campus community as to where they can obtain information about registered sex offenders.

The Clery Act only requires the past 60 days of the log to be available upon demand.

We sent two students not affiliated with the newspaper and a disinterested Westminster resident to re-



quest access to the campus crime log. Because McDaniel's crime log is computerized, you have to request information between certain dates and are handed a computer print-out.

We found campus safety to mostly comply with the regulations, but we have major grievances about how they handle students.

There is no way of knowing if campus safety officials are distributing all of

the information because the public does not have direct access to the computer.

One student was told that Monday mornings were "crazy" and to come back in the afternoon. The other student was continually questioned about her motives and the Westminster resident was told to contact Westminster city police for information.

Not handling over information upon request violates the Clery Act. The questioning? Just annoying.

To their credit, campus safety did immediately process my request for a crime log print-out.

Initially, Free Press staff members, Michael Webster, director of campus safety, and I, could find information published by campus safety about how to access the sex-offender registry.

Ultimately, Webster found the information listed under Campus Safety's "Sexual Assault Policies" webpage.

The search should not have been so difficult. In turn, the students' efforts to get incident reports should not have been so difficult. (NOTE: I personally found the people on desk duty cordial).

Webster vowed to talk to people on desk duty, to ensure everyone (visitors and students alike) are treated cordially and receive the information about crime on campus that they are entitled to receive.

The new editors for the college paper vowed to bring back some of the life missing from the campus blotter that vanished with the blotter's new form.

There is talk of running a short column next to the blotter that details some of the more unusual offenses that take place. Next year's staff should take this approach.

As for how "free" the Free Press is? Well, you decide.

HEATHER WEISSE
NEWS EDITOR

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 praise God on Friday night, by attending a free Gospel concert sponsored by The Imitators of Christ, a Bible study group on campus.

The concert featured a new-age group called Earl Muschette & Nu Mobb. 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.

During the concert, I looked around and realized that the students who came could have been anywhere on campus that night but, God brought them to Decker auditorium to hear the word of God through song.

So do you as the student body believe that God is present in your lives? I know I do. I realize it everyday

when I wake up in the morning and take a new breath. Sometimes, as young people, we take God for granted. But, we forget that tomorrow is not promised to us, and that we should try our best to live our lives for God.

Although, that is a hard task in our society, having faith in God is like how you should have faith in yourself that you will succeed in whatever path you take in life.

This may be a little preachy but a part of growing up is growing spiritually as well. This should all be a part of the college experience. So, I know that I will try to follow God in school and in life, not only in church.

TORI BUTLER

Media distorts our views of candidates

It is a race to the White House that happens every four years. For most Americans, print, radio, and broad-



cast media are their only sources of information about the candidates. However, is the media truly unbiased as we would all like to hope, or do they only highlight certain aspects of the candidates that may not depict the true person?

It's the latter.

During the Iowa Caucus in 2004, Howard Dean gave a "yelp" that USA Today's Blake Morrison described as the "I have a scream" speech. Almost immediately all news outlets spoofed Dean's speech. Dean's yelp made almost every show, from Howard Stern's to "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno."

Suddenly, with one weird yelp, the media honed attacks on Dean's personality – his odd way of trying to enthrall American voters. Forget relevant issues that should be under scrutiny – Dean was typecast as an overzealous hothead.

In the 2000 election, the Democratic nominee

was Al Gore. Throughout the campaign, the media portrayed Gore as dull, stiff, and moderate, leaning to the right wing of the party.

"From an early age, he had cultivated the image of a polite and cautious young man, something to the point of being dull and artificial," writes Ellen Nakashima and David Maraniss in a 2000 Washington Post series profiling Gore.

In the same series, Nakashima and Maraniss also suggest that in the 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 into the dull stereotype.

Ultimately, the media paints Dean's "political" persona based on his personality; ultimately, Gore's media-painted persona was based on political issues.

We need to remind ourselves that our take on political candidates is often skewed by the bias of the media. In order to create a balance – in order to have some sense of where the candidates stand on issues as well as how they manage their temperaments during stressful times – we need to consult many different news outlets and ultimately make up our own minds.

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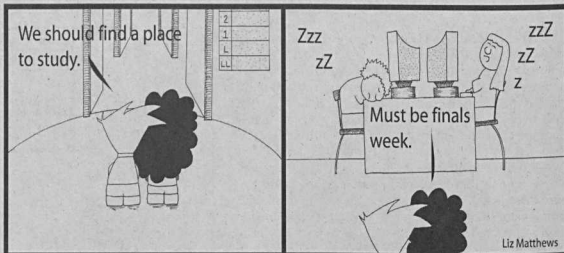
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COMMENTARY

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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 possibly draws 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 countries 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 Kurlantzick recently reckoned that, "[Kerry] suppos-

edly wooed Theresa Heinz by impressing her with his fluent French." He was educated at a Swiss boarding school for a short time. Detestable critics have said that Kerry "looks French."

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 this.

Alain de Chalon, 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 press conferences, Kerry is reluctant to field questions from French reporters in fear that he will be chastised for his knowledge by 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. France 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 before graduation. I am going to speak bluntly. At the end of my freshman



man 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 ruckus of a university environment.

During freshmen orientation, I remember strolling around my new "home," apprehensively observing the seemingly minuscule 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 sunk its claws in me, and "Westmonster" (the name says 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 counterfeited Green Terrors—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, camaraderie and 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 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 well under way, 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, I 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

Fondest memories planted in Whiteford

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 on 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 urgings to find an internship, bring up my GPA, and join yet another organization. Finally, here I am, sitting in front of my computer-my umbilical 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.

ERIN ROMANSKI
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 then Western Maryland College when out with my dad for a car ride in the country.

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 colors that have been a part of my life since first grade. What I do know is that looking back, I cannot imagine spending the past 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 Taj 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 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
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McIntire stepped up as a leader

ROB GOEKE
SPORTS WRITER

The look on Becky Martin's face said it all. As she spoke of the impact 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 that everyone looked to for this team to be successful," Martin said. "But I would say that this year, it will be bitter-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 will last far beyond 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 Squad still echoing inside of Gill Gym every one still in ecstasy from the Green Terror's Sweet Sixteen 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 Martin.

McIntire faced a large responsibility entering the bas-



ketball 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. I remember 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

out as well. It showed her character," said Powell. "With nine freshmen, she wanted to build team unity."

She was not the leading scorer this year. But during the season, she broke the school's career assist record. However, when nearing the mark, McIntire was still so focused on making the team successful that she did not realize that she was close.

"I did not know it was happening until the day of the game but it is always great to break records," McIntire said.

The season ended with a close loss, but McIntire does not regret anything.

"Sure, you want to win the championship, but we still got farther than anyone expected," McIntire said.

The semester is nearing its conclusion. A leader is about to move on. Respect.

"I use the analogy of a high jumper. When you start questioning how high the bar is, that is when self-doubt starts. Toby is not that kind of person. Her response is not to ask how high it is but to keep moving it up and keep going," Martin said.

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 Ashton Pennsylvania and is an Exercise Science Major. She is seen as very sociable on and off the field by her teammates. Freshmen Colleen Nugent and Carolanne Bianco both described her as a very respectful person towards both players and coaches and very easy going.

"She constantly expects more of herself and never gives up until she has achieved [her goal]," said Head Lacrosse and Field Hockey Coach Muffie Bliss.

Talarovich had to recover from an eye accident when she was hit by the end of a stick on someone's back swing in her left eye



Kristin Talarovich was a standout for the field hockey team during her four year tenure.

during warm up before a game in her junior year. Even with the adversity she overcame it and was named a regional All-American at the end of the 2003 field hockey season.

Although uncertain exactly where she wants to go after graduation Talarovich has been accepted to Springfield College in Massachusetts and is looking currently at University of Delaware for graduate school to get her masters. She wants to be a dietician.

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

JOE HORROCKS
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

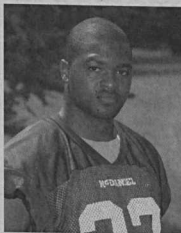
Over the past four years you may have noticed a small friendly fellow walking along, in your classroom, or out one night. Well this small guy was as big as they come over the past four years here at McDaniel College. French Pope is a leader and has participated in three sports and ROTC on top of his normal school load. He has had great success in every aspect of his collegiate life and was a blessing for this campus.

Pope, a senior, is from Germantown, MD where he attended high school at Northwest and participated in four sports including football, wrestling and track in which he competed here as well.

He came to then Western Maryland College as a confident freshman defensive back and return specialist looking to get some playing time for the defending conference champions.

Pope quickly became an important part of the Terror football machine. He became the team's starting punt return man and he didn't disappoint. He finished the year with 34 returns for 390 yards and one touchdown.

"You know French is a guy that always works hard



Senior athlete French Pope has vigorously competed in three sports over the course of his college career. Off the field, he is a charismatic and friendly person who will be missed by all.

and has just gotten better and better and deserves all the praise in the world for what he has accomplished over the years," says head track coach Doug Renner. Pope only competed in two outdoor meets, but the potential was there and he would definitely build off of it.

Over his years here at McDaniel, Pope has had a tremendous amount of success. He has been a part of four conference championship squads (3 football, 1 wrestling) and also a part of the 4x100m relay conference championships unit. He has garnered All-Conference honors in football three times, being named to the second team as a return specialist. He holds 4 school records for football as a returner including most yards (170) and

most touchdowns (2) in a game at Dickinson in 2001.

"I was at the Dickinson game and remember him just coming out of piles of people and galloping up the sidelines for the scores," says Steve Peed, McDaniel Sports Information Director. "It really was something."

French took to the mats in 2002 for the first time wrestling at the 149-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-in all French was just a role player on the wrestling squad, but contributed 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 talked to and my own personal experiences, French is a great person who I have never heard a bad thing about in four years.

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

After graduation, the Hanover, 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 rather worked instead of swim, 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."



Senior swimming guru Dan Pickett will regret leaving his team and his amazing career to pursue a career in accounting.

New turf highlights Ravens deal

JOE HORROCKS
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

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.

The new agreement brings along a new addition to the campus. Both sides have agreed to share the cost of new synthetic turf to replace the natural grass on Scott S. Bair Stadium's surface.

The Sportex Momentum Turf is the same surface that the Ravens play on in Baltimore at M&T Stadium. As you have noticed, the project started in early March and is slated to be done by the summer for the start of Baltimore's training camp. The new contract also calls for a feasibility study for room expansion at the Raven's headquarters hotel, Best Western.

The camp has become a huge summer attraction in the area as over 66,000 fans flocked to the college on the hill to see players such as Ray Lewis and Jamal Lewis prepare for their upcoming seasons.

The Ravens may be the current resident at McDaniel in



The field in Scott S. Bair stadium is undergoing a transformation from natural grass to synthetic turf. Large piles of gravel are being laid as a base for the turf.

the summer, but it wasn't always that way. The Baltimore Colts held camp here from 1953 until they moved from Baltimore to Indianapolis in 1971. The school and its administrators love having the camp here and don't want to see it leave anytime soon.

"Pro football will continue as a great summer tradition at McDaniel College," Dr. Ethan Seidel, vice president for Administration and Finance said. Dr. Seidel isn't the only person happy about the deal.

"I'm very pleased with this agreement. Going to McDaniel is special for me, and I believe for our fans," said new owner Steve Bisciotti. "It's a great place to have training camp. The col-

lege helps us give our players the right atmosphere for learning, and the access for fans is easy and pleasant."

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 champs entitled, "Hard

Knocks: Training Camp with the Baltimore Ravens." That summer the Ravens weren't the only team highlighted, as the Green Terror gridgers were featured on a segment of the series. More than 100,000 people showed up to see that years training camp according to according to Ravens director of operations, Bob Eller.

The Ravens report to camp 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 play host to two championship caliber football teams.

Women's golf soundly wins conference championship

PAT O'TOOLE
SPORTS EDITOR

When one hears the term "powerhouse," the sports that usually come to mind are the likes of football, basketball, and soccer. It is not very often that a team outside of this group is able to put together a substantial dynasty. However, the women's golf team has done just that.

For a third consecutive year, the team has won the Centennial Conference Championship.

This time, the win came in a fashion that certainly made a lasting impression upon the other schools in the conference. The women beat the closest school by a staggering 76 strokes, leaving no doubt as to their status of the undisputed masters of golf.

Leading the effort was junior standout Kelly Cramp, who also won her third consecutive individual championship.

"I was really happy with how I was playing and I feel like I went out and conquered the course really well," Cramp said.



DAVE SINCLAIR

Junior golf prodigy Kelly Cramp completed her remarkable season by winning the individual conference championship and by leading her team to the crown as well.

Camp points to a total team effort as the reason for this year's success.

"I'm glad we finally got everything together at one time," Cramp said.

Team Scores

1. McDaniel-360/354=714
2. Gettysburg-397/393=790
3. Muhlenberg-441/436=877

Top Individual Scores

1. Kelly Cramp, McDaniel: 155
2. Garnett Pumphrey, McDaniel: 173
5. Brittany Bowen, McDaniel: 190

2003 2004 Turning Back the Pages

Green Terror athletics: Bumps, bruises, and glory

KIM LOWRY
STAFF WRITER

- Head Field Hockey and Lacrosse Coach Mindy McCord made the decision to step down in both facets, after spending more than a year away from her family. McCord dominated the Field Hockey scene, establishing herself as the most successful coach in the program's 68-year history. In 4.5 seasons, she transformed a mediocre squad into a Division III powerhouse.

- The Green Terror Men's Soccer Team boasted an incredible 15 win season, breaking a school record for wins in a season. The men competed for their first ever Centennial Conference Championship, eventually coming up short to Johns Hopkins University. Although the team did not advance into the NCAA Tournament, they still received a bid to postseason play in the ECAC's. The Terror continued their winning ways making it to the Championship game be-

fore falling once again to Hopkins. Thomas Kane also earned Centennial Conference Player of the Year.

- Cross Country runner Paul Hugus had an incredible season. The sophomore placed 74th out of 215 runners at the NCAA Division III National Championships held in Hanover, IN. Hugus advanced after finishing 9th of 249 in the NCAA Midwest Region Championships. The Baltimore native became only the second male NCAA National qualifier in the program's history. In addition to tremendous talent, the McDaniel runners ranked 31st in the nation with a team grade point average of 3.503.

- Wrestler Drew Reinecker found himself flying solo at the Division III National Tournament this past March. After defeating Johns Hopkins University's Karol Gryczynski 2-1, Reinecker clinched his second Conference Title in two years and an automatic bid to the National Championships.

The grappler drew the number one and eight seeds at the tournament, falling to both. The senior heavyweight finished the season with an overall record of 23-5, a Conference Championship, and a selection to the All-Conference First Team for the second year in a row.

- It was all the Women's Basketball Team could do for the hundreds of fans that had supported them wholeheartedly throughout the season: win a Conference Championship. Under the leadership of solo senior Toby McIntire, the squad posted a 25-4 record, the best in the program's history. The team advanced from a gut-wrenching victory over arch-enemies John's Hopkins, to the sweet sixteen of the NCAA Division III National Tournament. McIntire finally got her due with a selection to the All-Conference First Team and a not too shabby feature article by Michael Wilbon in The Washington Post.

- Broderick Maybank has paced himself far ahead of the pack both literally and figuratively. Maybank placed fifth in the long jump with a bound of 22'8.5" at the NCAA Division III Championships. The sophomore was named an All American this past March, only the second man to receive this honor for Indoor Track. Also a standout running back for the Green Terror Football Team, Maybank will look to improve both on the field and the track.

- Once again dominating the links is the Women's Golf Team, led by juniors Kelly Cramp and Garnett Pumphrey. For the third consecutive year, the team claimed the Centennial Conference Championship title. Three of the top five finishers were Green Terror, with Cramp, Pumphrey and Bowen finishing first, second, and fifth respectively. The Terror relinquished all opponents, the closest team trailing by a mere 76 strokes.

- With a 4-1 victory over Ursinus, McDaniel Women's Softball won the 2004 Centennial Conference championship. Heather Sinclair had two hits, including a home run, and scored two runs, while Kim Camponelli added two hits and two RBI. The Green Terror will return to the NCAA Playoffs for the third time in school history, and the first time since the 2002 season.

- After a record breaking winning streak of nine games and an overall record of 12-3, the Women's Lacrosse Team has finally established a name for itself. They finished the regular season ranked second in conference standings, with only one loss under their belt. The Terror have clinched a birth into the Centennial Conference Tournament; something that has never happened before. Unfortunately, their hopes of getting a ring on the first attempt was halted by Franklin and Marshall in the semi-final game.

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, LaDainian 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' 5,281 rushing yards place him 34th on the NCAA's All-Division Career Rushing Yards list, and seventh all-time on the Division III list. That's 18 yards more than Tomlinson, 22 more than Walker, 104 better than Griffin, and 323 yards more than Rogers. Frees ran 15,843 feet in his career. That's exactly three miles.

In his career in the Green Terror uniform, Frees was a green and gold flash. He single-handedly terrorized opponents week after week by dismantling defenses with his combination of power and speed. In 40 games, Frees rushed for 100 or more yards an astounding 28 times. That is both a school and



SPORTS INFORMATION
Eric Frees was recently put into the hall of fame due to his amazing career as a running back in the late 80's and early 90's. Frees holds countless records and has received numerous honors for his athletic abilities.

conference mark. He eclipsed the 200-yard plateau on eight separate occasions, also a school and Centennial record.

Frees came to the Terror as a freshman in the fall of 1988. Following exceptional freshman and sophomore seasons, expectations were high for his junior season and Frees would not disappoint. Instead, he put up the best numbers of his athletic career at Western Maryland College. He carried the ball 295 times for a career best, 1,594 yards, the fourth best total in Division III that year. He added 11 touchdowns and again garnered a plethora of post-season honors.

By his senior season there was not an opponent left who didn't know exactly who Frees was and the type of damage he could inflict. Defenses were schemed to stop number 5, but to no avail. Just as he had done in his previous three years in the green and gold, Frees ran

roughshod over opposing defenses. It had been suggested that opponents try kryptonite, though it is not known if anyone tried.

Frees ended his four-year stint with another Superman-like effort, picking up 1,545 yards on 304 carries. Those 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 (298), rushing attempts in a game (48), in a career (1,059), yards in a season (1,594), yards in a career (5,281), rushing touchdowns (45), and all purpose yards (6,878). The 5,281 yards are the most by any back in the Centennial Conference's history to this date.

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 Brockmeyer (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. Along with 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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2003 2004 Turning Back the Pages

Pub renovations create new coffee house:
September 10 of 2003

McDaniel turned the pub from a drowsy second dining hall, to an enticing meeting place with sofas and paintings. The SGA gave \$6,000 for renovations and the school paid for the rest. The change was embraced and enjoyed by many students.

The Best Western is "home" to some students:

September 24 of 2003

Many students lacked housing due to construction at the beginning of the fall semester. Delayed completion of the North Village apartments forced 22 students to be housed at The Best Western.

Parents enjoy college atmosphere at families weekend:

October 8 of 2003

During the annual Families Weekend, parents and students witnessed the football team's exciting 24-20 win over Ursinus.

McDaniel excluded from list of top colleges:

October 22 of 2003

McDaniel College was the only Centennial conference school left off the *US News and World Report's* list of the Top 100 liberal arts colleges in the U.S. Some criteria included acceptance rate, graduation rate and faculty/student ratio.

Baltimore Sun notes McDaniel's "alcohol problem":

October 22 of 2003

An article in the *Baltimore Sun's* Carroll County section highlighted McDaniel's "abnormally high" drug and alcohol use, creating a stir among the administration and students. At the same time, Campus Safety partnered with the Westminster Police Department in addressing such issues on campus.

Fun, Sun and a win makes homecoming a great victory:

November 1 of 2003

Events such as pie throwing, tee-shirt 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 improve 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 CAPBoard sponsored event was open to students and the public. Eve 6 played at McDaniel College twice before, last time being in 1999.

COMPILED BY KEN BERTKAU

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.

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.

Senior Investiture and Honors Convocation - May 2, 2004

COMPILED BY KATIE CHAMPION

Malcolm L. Meltzer Psychology Award...James William Diller
Frank and Margaret Malone Award for Excellence in a Foreign Language...Elizabeth Diane Wallace
Michael & Polly Beaver Award for Excellence in Education...Laura Emily Albaugh & Matthew Peter Demos
Clyde A. Spicer Award...Christopher Martin Drupieski
Makosky award for Excellence in English...Marie Cecilia Lilly & Kathleen Ann Miller
Philip & Azalea Myers Award for Creativity in English...Katrina Ann Buckley & Krystal Lynn Duncholz
H.P. Sturdivant Biology Award...Lyndsay Carey Bare
Esther Smith Award...Kristin Nicole Lagana
Phi Delta Gamma Award...James Michael Lipchock
United States History Award...Amanda Stavelly Bannigan & Jacob Edwin Gerdling, IV Hugh Barnette Speir, Jr. Prize...Mark Christopher Gorman
Wall Street Journal Student Achievement Award...Olena Yaroslavovna Parenayak
M. Louise Shipley Art Award of Excellence...Katherine Yi
Eloise B. & Lowell S. Enser Memorial Award for Graduate or Professional Study...Jacqueline Kay Kellner, Meghan Nicole Reid, Carrie Beth Vivian & Mark David Young
The Class of 1938 Award for Excellence in Music...Kristen Nicole Geers, Mark Christopher Gorman & Clara Louise Werner
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Studies...Beth Aleece Chaney
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The Joan Develin Coley Award for Excellence in Education...Rachel Englehart Houghton
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The Elizabeth Lintz Burkhardt Memorial Service Award...Jason Christopher Lowy
Steve Robert '75 Memorial Award...April Rene Brown, David Gregory Maskeron & Calvin Collins Woodward
The Western Maryland Norman E. Sartorius Gift and Citation...Faniska Roxana Lopez-Gonzalez
John D. Nawrocki Memorial Award...Matthew David Wolfe
Student Government Assembly Award...Rebecca Milton Allen, Julie Ann Ogrysko & Christopher Neil Seibert
Michael L. Waghelstein Memorial Award...Nicole Leann Prush
Alumni Citizenship Award...Brian Christopher Martinez & Toby Anne McIntire Lynn F.
Gruber Medal...Marie Cecilia Lilly
John A. Alexander Medal...French Dobson Pope
The Mary Ward Lewis Prize...Angela Michelle Seufert
The Bates Prize...James Michael Lipchock

Mr. Merch: Seniors find success, profit with T-Shirts

JEFF CABINESS
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 the screen-printing company, Mr. Merch.

Last spring, Page, a His-

tory major with a Philosophy minor, was looking for a way to pinch pennies when it came to purchasing and printing t-shirts to promote his band, The Mishaps. After tossing some ideas around, he realized the best way to do it would be to produce them on his own.

After getting some estimates and quotes Page knew he was on to something.

"I started thinking this could be a cool thing to do on the side to make money," he said.

Knowing this would be an operation he could not manage on his own, Page began courting his friends to see

if they might be interested. After being laughed off by nearly everyone, Neal thought of his fraternity brother and Business/Economics major, Justin Simon.

"At first I was very skeptical," recalls Simon, of their first official meeting: "But after doing some research at home, looking at potential profit margins, I thought this might be very lucrative."

Simon shares Page's pledge to customer satisfaction. After all, Page has been on the other side of the fence as an angry customer paying too much; he and Simon were determined not to shakedown clients like the Enron Corporation.

Eventually, the duo filed papers with the Federal and State governments as a legitimate business.

Within the company, Page assumes the duties of customer service and quality control, while Simon handles all of Mr. Merch's finances. The two also have a third partner, Joe Dominick III, a former McDaniel student and veteran knife salesman for the Vector Marketing Corporation, who functions as the advertising and marketing guru.

Because the company is a broker and not a printing outfit, prices and quantities are not standardized in order to meet the individual customer's needs. Production for Mr. Merch is orchestrated by purchasing t-shirts then working with various contracted screen printers. Luckily, Page and Simon share a North Village apartment with a talented studio art major named Tom Fogarty. Utilizing his extensive graphic design skills, Fogarty devises the majority of Mr. Merch's artwork.

"Tom's not really an intern, he more of a free employee," jokes Simon. "He lives right across the hall... and he does wonderful work."

Of course, working in such close proximity with friends is not without its drawbacks. "You can't even count how many times Justin

and I get into fights," Page said. "Once I was so fed up with him, I said I wish you would die." Twice.

"Yeah, we fight all the time," Simon adds. "But it's trivial."

The first year has been extremely kind to the trio and it's easy to see why squabbles are quickly forgotten.

"The average American business takes three to five years to profit," quotes Dominick. "Mr. Merch saw a profit in the first six months."

Orders for Phi Sigma Sigma, Phi Alpha Mu, Phi Mu, Phi Delta Theta, and Phi Kappa Sigma have all gone over well. Most recently Mr. Merch has branched out to produce the McDaniel Tennis team uniform. Thanks to friends at other schools, orders have been placed by the Penn State Medical School as well as Virginia Tech's SGA, the largest request yet for Mr. Merch, calling for 8,000 shirts.

"[McDaniel] has been a nice channel for us to work within," said Simon. We have a lot of connections here and people are cool to work with."

In fact, it's safe to say McDaniel has been an integral part of Mr. Merch's success. The bonds they have forged with their first customers are likely to remain strong after graduation. In fact, they are already planning on purchasing office space here in Westminster. The business is expanding everyday and Dominick estimates that half of Mr. Merch's new orders come from out of state.

"The future of Mr. Merch is not to be extraordinarily big. We want to make a good bit of money but we want to interact with the consumers," said Simon.

Above all, Page, Simon, and Dominick are having a good time doing something they enjoy.

"Neal and Justin are two of my best friends because of this business," said Dominick.

Now able to save consumers the money he wished he had when he was in their position, Page is extremely satisfied. "That's really the coolest part."



JEFF CABINESS

Seniors Justin Simon and Neal Page successfully launched a new T-shirt business called Mr. Merch, a random company name selected during a sleep deprived brainstorming session.

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Non Trad seniors earn credits when credit is due

HEATHER WEISSE
STAFF WRITER

Like many graduating seniors, Donna Carpegna switched her major three times before settling on social work. She tried sociology, she tried psychology - neither seemed to be a good fit.

Then her son, Daniel, was diagnosed with bi-polar disorder and Carpegna found herself searching for help at Keystone Services, a local mental health organization. After meeting some truly "remarkable" and caring social workers, Carpegna knew she wanted to be one.

Ten years and twenty semesters after she began her undergraduate studies at McDaniel, Carpegna will walk with 37 other graduating non-traditional students in the college's commencement ceremony on May 22.

"I think I really appreciate graduation because it has been such a long process," said 33-year-old Carpegna, who could only afford to take one class per semester. "I didn't get to walk in my high school graduation, so I'm really looking forward to it."

As defined by the college, non-traditional students are matriculating undergraduate students over the age of 25. According to Loura Hurdich, president of the nontraditional student organization, there are roughly 90 nontraditional students at currently enrolled McDaniel.

Sixty-three-year-old Joanna Peregoy, the oldest graduating student in the class of 2004, wants to share her love of stories when she "grows up."

The history major and Westminster resident has worked as the circulation assistant and weekend supervisor in Hoover library for the last eight years. Because the college pays for one class per year for part-time employees, Peregoy received a partial tuition break.

Her greatest challenge wasn't being the oldest student in her classes or even sometimes being older than the professor. It was finding "quiet time" to complete homework or her senior seminar project. With three young grandchildren living with her, there was just "no place to hide."

For Peregoy, going back to school was like taking a daily dose of ginkgo-biloba.

"As long as your learning stuff your brain stays active," said Peregoy, who plans to continue working at the library after graduation.

Twenty-nine-year-old Jeffery Constantine, who finished his studies in sociology last December, will be trekking up the East Coast to receive his diploma. Three months ago, Constantine accepted a position with a mortgage company in Fort Lauderdale, FL. It was quite a switch from his military days after high school and the bartending jobs he took to help support his collegiate studies.

At first, Constantine was uneasy about pursuing his bachelor's degree because of learning difficulties. But his father's support and McDaniel's 504 office gave him necessary confidence.

"My dad said [education] was the most important thing in the world," said Constantine. "They can take everything else from you, but they can't take that."

After one semester,



STAFF PHOTO

After 10 years and 20 semesters, non-traditional student Donna Carpegna prepares to graduate.

Constantine no longer needed any learning support services.

Art major Christina Collins-Smith, 54, said that being in classes with "traditional" undergraduate students was both "exhilarating and exhausting."

"There was really camaraderie between classmates," said Collins-Smith. "I went in with no expectations, and the results were amazing. We weren't trying to interact on a social level, but [younger students] were so

welcoming to me. It was easy to share notes and study together."

She chose to study both studio art and art history with a minor in cross-cultural studies because of her work with Common Ground on the Hill. Collins-Smith said that her career goal parallels that of Common Ground - she wants to bring people together to share the arts.

Currently she is working on a master's degree in liberal arts at McDaniel, having finished her undergraduate studies this past December.

Like Collins-Smith, Carpegna will be pursuing graduate studies. Deferring her acceptance to the University of Maryland for one year, she plans to work as a full-time case manager at Keystone Services.

Carpegna said that, in retrospect, going back to school was a rewarding experience.

"It was difficult," said Carpegna. "Sometimes I worked two jobs to afford it... but I wasn't going to shut that door."

For these students, perseverance and hard work is financially paying off - and all doors are open.

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 and on a pre-veterinary track - heaps more on his overflowing plate of activities.

O'Carroll has guided numerous incoming freshmen as a Peer Mentor and an Advisory Board member.

The do-it-all student also served on the Parking Ticket Appeals Committee for two years and played lacrosse for the Green Terror in his debut year at McDaniel. In addition these multifaceted activities, O'Carroll has also managed to participate in, well just a few honor societies.

In fact, O'Carroll has membership in five different honor societies, both on the national and international level.

His first induction was into Alpha Lambda Delta, a national society that honors freshmen who have achieved a 3.7 GPA or higher in their first academic year. This is an unusual honor for most first year college students, who take a while to get settled into the rigor of college life.

The outstanding senior is also member to Tri-Beta, the National Biomedical Honor Society and Gamma Sigma Alpha, the National Chemistry Honor Society. Omicron Delta Kappa, the National Leadership Honor Society is also granted with the

presence of this overachieving senior.

Lastly and most notably, O'Carroll is a member of Phi Beta Kappa Society, an international organization that has been around for 200 years that accepts about one percent of college students.

O'Carroll holds membership to one other threesome of Greek letters, Alpha Sigma 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; he recently proposed to fellow biology classmate Ina Puleri.

O'Carroll does not just hold one job...he has two: an Olive Garden cook and a Veterinary Assistant at the Airpark Veterinary Hospital.

He also has a 3.80 GPA, and is now eager to attend Virginia Tech Veterinary School in the fall.



PHOTO COURTESY OF KATIE MARTIN

During Peer Mentor leadership training in August of 2003, O'Carroll (left) participates in a Photo Scavenger Hunt team-building activity.

Martinez leads in all aspects of life

KEN BERTKAU
STAFF WRITER

"Call corporate headquarters," yells the waitress across the table at a bunch of fraternity brothers. Little does she know that Brian Martinez is just waiting for such an opportunity. He picks up his phone and from his seat and calls the corporate office of a local restaurant. Five minutes later after arguing his point, he hangs up the phone, looks to his friends and says, "Well boys, next meal is free."

Brian Martinez, a student who always looks for what is right in people, is this year's Student Government President and he enjoys getting things done. Done well

and done quickly.

A Business and Economics major, Martinez has no idea what he will be doing after college. Yet, unlike most seniors, he is not worried about what is to come because he just wants to enjoy what is left of college.

Martinez, a native of Newark, Del has always been involved in his community and is no different at McDaniel. He belongs to such organizations as SGA, Trumpeters, and All College Council among others.

"The most important organization I have joined since coming to college is the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity," said Martinez. He has been a Phi Kap since the beginning of his sophomore year and

talks about his fraternity with only respect and admiration in his voice.

He says that the reason he wants to do so many things during college is because he wants to leave his mark on campus and spark an interest in the younger classes.

"Values based leadership have been the cornerstone of my collegiate career," Martinez said, but leadership and work are not the only things he will remember from school.

He recalls his most memorable moment was his freshman year when he knocked out his roommate who is now fraternity brother while playing Ultimate Frisbee. "That day was one

of the most awkward yet most memorable time of college" Martinez said.

"He [Martinez] always has lots of helpful advice and with all his activities, he still has time for all his friends and brothers," said Matt Bollinger a junior Political Science major.

For a student who came to McDaniel to play football, Martinez says that his involvement in school clubs has completely changed his life and wishes for more students to get involved in school activities.

For now, Martinez is looking forward to whatever the future brings. He wants to take on life with the same philosophy he has had in college as he had college. "Try everything and enjoy what you do."

Seniors at a Glance.....

(Editor's Note: It's nearly impossible to chart the growth of a college student. Most seniors can't imagine the freshmen they once were - the ones who entertained the notion of transferring to a bigger school. Some will never forget the nightmare study sessions or the endless pages of writing. Others will look fondly on the relationships they built with friends and favorite professors.

Somewhere along the way, McDaniel changes these students' lives, and these students changed the life of the college as well. From academic awards to victories on the athletic field, these seniors made their marks.

What follows are the highlights from college careers of a group of outstanding seniors. How was this group chosen? Some names came from department chairs, others from faculty, staff and students. We wish we had 50 pages to highlight more accomplishments. Read on and celebrate with us.

Kristin Grassel is among those who are graduating this spring; however she was not a member of the freshman class of 2000. Kristin is among the few that have decided to graduate early and move on to the real world.

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, but most of all her time spent with her fellow sisters of Phi Mu.

Kristen Geers never gave music a second chance because she never let it go from the beginning. Geers, a commuter to McDaniel is from Manchester, MD, but hopes to not 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 embodied by music, from the flute to the wind quartet.

Coming from Mt. Airy, **Claire Werner** always knew that she wanted to be a musician. For four years Werner commuted back and forth from McDaniel College to learn as much as possible about music. With her college career soon to come to a halt, Werner is looking forward to leaving, but only to go right back. After college, she plans to student 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 them all.

The senior Philosophy major and Elementary Education minor believes the strong support of the college community is what she'll remember most about McDaniel. She'll also remember her three years with Women's Soccer, and the community who cheered the team to a successful 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, being bilingual is a necessity—just ask **Faniska Lopez-Gonzalez**.

The senior Philosophy major says 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 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 Boudreau, professor of Music, in an optimistic tone. "She is full of positive energy, and is always encouraging other students to be their best."

Meanwhile, Amy is busy student teaching 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 Glar. 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 hailing from Frederick, MD., 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-Sims, 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 (and accepted) advanced placement at the School of Social work at the University of Maryland, and will be interning at Stella Maris Adolescent and Child Treatment Service.

This semester, Utz completed her undergraduate field practicum at the Maryland School for the Blind, and it was an experience that 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 underclassmen: "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



INDIRA GONZALEZ

Spring Fling. Senior James Lipechuck may have a little pie on his face now, but he and his fiancé Sarah Vannoy will be smiles after graduation. The two chemistry majors will head to Yale in the fall.

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 Festival, 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 Orzolek-Kronner, 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 this new challenge.

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 undergraduates: "Never underestimate the power of Pabst. It's cheap and it gets the job done."



STAFF PHOTO

Senior Mary Lee Pence donates blood at the Blood Drive on April 15th. The event was sponsored by Phi Alpha Mu and Phi Kappa Sigma.

STILL glancing at seniors.....

Ultimately, Wingert looks forward to having people address him as "Dr. Brian" and losing the giant gut he acquired while drinking Pabst.

While most seniors are busily preparing for life after graduation, **Jennifer Bruce** has already entered the real world.

Since finishing a double major in English and Communication in December, Bruce has waitressed, and she is training to be a substitute teacher. She is also earning 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 Bruce, who hopes to land a job as a secondary school English teacher.

As an undergraduate, Bruce was 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. Bruce is also a member of both 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 Bendel-Simos of the English department who Bruce dubbed her "unofficial advisor."

Senior **Gergely Hamar** says he unsure 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 Elderdice 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 foolish thing I'm chasing after...is to be a writer," he explained. With one 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 2 hours every Wednesday night as a Biology tutor. She has a small stint as caretaker for Dr. Randall Morrison's panther 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, and 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 thrive 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, finishing final 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 last year and knew she wanted to return.

"I'll always remember Meghan as a woman who sticks to her commitments," said Dr. Stephanie Madsen, assistant professor of Psychology. "She worked as a peer mentor, and in two of my classes she had injuries [the rugby concussion and a broken arm], but she was always there to guide and nurture the students."

Sociology major **Kim Boykin** will never underestimate the value of her college degree. She watched in wonder as her father completed his bachelors degree from Shaw five years ago, and she knew that "as a black female, it would be hard to excel without the extra push a degree offers."

"With my college education, I can meet challenges better and reach higher goals," Boykin said.

Boykin will walk across the stage May 22, knowing that she raised the bar with the college dance team.

"We came a long way. The team works well together, they are fast learners and they create and perform excellent routines," she said.

Boykin said she also values her professors. "They didn't just pound lessons in my head, they helped out with everything related to my life," she said. "They are friends as well as professors here. I really appreciate the small, intimate setting McDaniel offered."

For **Beth Cheney** and **Carrie Vivian**, the McDaniel College experience has been unusually parallel. The two seniors are double majors (Cheney, Political Science/History and Vivian, Political Science/Sociology) and have lived in the same residence quarters for the past four years. They are so alike, in fact, that Dr. Herb Smith, who has taught both of them in several political science courses, often had trouble telling the two apart.

Cheney will soon be starting a job at the Patterson

Park Community Development Corporation in Baltimore and will be pursuing a Masters Degree in Public Policy at the Maryland School of Public Affairs at the University of MD College Park in the fall. She is especially grateful for the interest of the faculty, particularly the political science department, for helping her realize what she wanted to do with her future. Vivian will be studying toward her PhD in American Government at Johns Hopkins University, where she was awarded a full fellowship.

The organization HYPE (Harnessing Youth's Positive Energy) recently honored senior **Kate Prisky** 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 campus on the conditions in Tibet, including giving a presentation to collecting signatures to send to the Chinese government about human rights concerns. Other amnesty projects she has led included 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.



BETH CHENEY

Senior Eliza Wick throws the javelin during a meet at Dickinson College.

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 believe 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.

GOODRUM



STAFF PHOTO

What do ginger ale, Montel Williams, and Phi Kappa Sigma have in common? They're all underlying elements that convinced senior English/Philosophy major Colby Goodrum (above) to give McDaniel College another chance.

"They [Neal Page and Tom Fogarty] were sitting in their room sipping ginger ale and watching Montel Williams. The topic of the show was 'I'm Sending My Child to Boot Camp,' and they were throwing popcorn at the screen and screaming about national defense," Goodrum said.

Instead of transferring, Goodrum ended up joining their fraternity, Phi Kappa Sigma. This Milard Milburn Rice Non-Fiction Scholarship winner is also a member of the English and Philosophy honor societies and Gamma Sigma Alpha.



HYPE Jubilee

Senior Tia Lawrence and Junior Kennedy Tucker (above) and senior Julia Keene (right) volunteer at Hype's annual Jubilee on April 17th.

Photos by Melanie Pulley and Career Services



Senior takes on the Peace Corps, HIV epidemic

ASHLEY HOOVER
COPY DESK CHIEF

Senior Tara Meredith will be ditching the college "jeans and t-shirt" uniform soon. The work culture demands women wear long skirts – something to get used to. No, she isn't entering into the business world of nine-to-five jobs.

The culture that Meredith will be immersing herself into for 27 months following graduation demands that women wear long skirts. Meredith has been accepted into the United States Peace Corps and will be stationed in Malawi, located in southern Africa.

"I'm expecting this to be a learning experience. I'm an only child, so this will be tough on my mom, but I think I'll get a lot out of it," she said.

Meredith is, in a sense, the typical college senior. A friendly, all-American sorority girl with a social work major with a minor in psychology, Meredith was fretting about what to do following graduation this May.

The students thrusting themselves into the job market these days are akin to dangling a leg of lamb in front of a hun-

gry pack of wolves.

Meredith herself didn't feel ready for that just yet. Then, one day while having lunch with a friend of her mother this January, the topic of what to do after graduation came up in conversation.

"She was offering suggestions, and the idea of the Peace Corps was mentioned. At first, I was thinking, 'No way.' I'd never really been out of the country before, except to Cancun on Spring Break," said Meredith with a laugh.

But she didn't completely reject the idea. There seemed to be many perks to working for the Peace Corps, said Meredith. They were willing to defer loans and pay for graduate school, as well as help volunteers get a federal job without entering into the competitiveness that applying for a federal position usually entails.

She applied, and the whirlwind continued as she was soon called in for an interview, and, within a month, was accepted into the Peace Corps.

Her post, Malawi, is a newly established democracy in southern Africa.

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.

"Not many people can

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."



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A love of the written word

JEFF CABINESS
STAFF WRITER

If McDaniel prides itself on individualizing the experience of each student, then senior Courtney Yates has taken full advantage of that offer.

Over the course of her four years on campus, she has vertically integrated her major in English with three additional minors: Writing, Women's studies, and Theater.

As a freshman, Yates entertained the idea of becoming a music teacher but found education courses were not something she enjoyed.

It wasn't long before she found her niche in the English Department due in part to her love of writing. Within the English Department, Yates credits Dr. Becky Carpenter's Virginia Woolf and Margaret Atwood course with provoking her interest in Women's Studies.

This fall Yates completed her Senior Seminar, which she described as, "the most all-consuming experience of college."

The topic of her paper was *The Girls of Narnia: Conflicts between Religion and Gender in C.S. Lewis' works*.

It was only this past year in which Yates added her Theater minor.

In fact, the theater has provided her with one of her most memorable college experiences when she participated in this past year's production of

Choices. "No matter what show I perform, I know I will never get the reaction I got with Choices," said Yates. "It was a very gratifying ex-

perience."

In fact, Yates has been so pleased with her experience on the stage that she will be working at the Theater on the Hill this summer.

As for her post McDaniel life, Yates hopes to pursue a career in film and television writing, a subject she found she enjoyed after taking Dr. Robert Sapora's Scriptwriting course.



Courtney Yates (right) and Chris Assing enjoy "Cowboy Kolaïd" in the quad during Spring Fling.

On the margin of French identity

BAYLEY FANNIN
STAFF WRITER

Senior Libby Wallace wanted to teach, but she needed a major to go hand-in-hand with her education minor. Studying French in high school and wanting to continue it in college there was never a question what major she would choose.

Wallace juggled not only excelling in her major, but also completing one of the largest credit minors in just four years. For her senior capstone project Wallace translated a 50-page collection of poems and essays entitled *Ces voix qui m'assièrent—en marge de ma francophonie* (*These Voices that Besiege Me—On the Margin of My Francophone Identity*) by the French writer Assia Djebar. These writings discuss the trials and tribulations of an Algerian woman writing in French.

Wallace enjoyed the small size of the French Department. Two of her most memorable professors are Martine Motard-Noar, the department chair, and Colette

Henriette, in charge of the study abroad program.

Wallace said that majoring in French encouraged her to not only learn another language, but also learn about another culture at the same time.

Wallace studied abroad in spring of 2002 at the Université De Bourgogne, in Dijon, France. For Wallace the experience was bitter sweet. Although she gained confidence in speaking the language and met peers from Japan, Korea, and China, the experience removed her from her family and friends, which was a challenge.

"I don't think I would feel that I truly became fluent in French without that experience." It was great to be able, during my time there, to go out to do something and to know that I could handle the French," Says Wallace.

Wallace is currently enrolled in an off-campus practicum and wants to pursue a teaching career after graduating in May.

Congratulations to Jessica Watson and the 2003-2004 Contrast Literary Magazine Staff for a job well done on *The Awakening*



ERIN ROMANSKI

Night Shift — McDaniel staff member Pat Geery leans over the Campus Safety window before heading home after a long shift Tuesday night. 11:30p.m.-1:30a.m. Tues, April 20



ASHLEY HOOVER

Good Morning — Sophomores Melissa Wisner and Faith Gillum rise and almost shine for their 8:00 a.m. classes. 7:30-9:30a.m. Wed, April 21



MICHAEL VYSKOCIL

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



KATIE MARTIN

Studying in the Sunshine — Freshmen Melissa Magnuson, Ross Kerr, and sophomore Nick Mancuso study in the Quad. 11:30a.m.-1:30p.m. Tues, April 20



KEN HERKTAU

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



BRYAN RENBAUM

Evening Chat — Franklin Ezetemu and Henry Emenike, enjoy a nice spring night with a friend in front of Hoover Library. Ezetemu and Emenike are from Nigeria, but both are residents of the Federal Republic of Germany. 7:30-9:30p.m. Tues, April 20



HEATHER WISSEN

Held Hostage in Senior Seminar — It's a beautiful day outside, but seniors Rebecca Salletti, Amanda Stewart (center), and Erin Romanski (front) are stuck in the dreary English Department Wills' Room. 3:30-5:30p.m. Tues, April 20



BAILEY FANNIN

Beauty and the beast — Highlights of spring are shadowed by a crane using of one of three ongoing construction projects on campus. 1:30-3:30p.m. Tues, April 20



KIM LOWRY

The Grass is Always Greener — Some students scurry to and from classes (top of photo) while others enjoy sunny, warm temperatures while they last. 1:30-3:30p.m. Tues, April 20

Writing and wit mark Miller

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.



STAFF PHOTO

Garnett Humphrey, Christy Johnson, Kathleen Miller and Heather Marshall (l-r) eat lunch in the pub.

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."

Ashley Marie

Senior singer rocks

MICHAEL VYSKOCIL
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 lull 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 with us," 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 to perform and if I can't sustain that, I'll seek alternative employment writing about music," she said.

Lasting friendship sparked by crowded dorm room

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 groans 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.

Meghann 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. Since their first minutes 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 Jan term, 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 on-campus apartment, 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 confirms.



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Eliza Wick, Meghann Butler, and Kellyanne Rose celebrate their four year long friendship by spending as much time together as possible.

Southers: A Travelin' Man

HEATHER WEISSE
STAFF WRITER

Michael Southers, a senior philosophy major, isn't going to grad school or scrambling for a job right after graduation. He is traveling to Budapest for three months.

"I went 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 curriculum 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 targeted middle-school-aged boys, Southers spent a summer developing a critical thinking curriculum that allowed participants to analyze topics such as drug use, communism, and 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 and patience."

Now that he has completed his senior seminar project on the affects of critical thinking on at-risk 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 Do"



PHOTO COURTESY OF LINDSAY WEAVER

"At Last"

Senior Lindsay Weaver clasps her hands in delight as hometown sweetheart Antonio Luchiani pops the question in Little Baker Chapel among sorority sisters, fraternity brothers, and close family.

Engaged seniors taking the plunge

LAUREN WILSON
STAFF WRITER

Among the many traditions and rituals that McDaniel College sororities practice, one of the most special and unique includes the Candlelight Celebration. Although the exact order of events is different for each chapter, the goal is the same; to inform the sisters that someone is engaged.

For Phi Sigma Sigma, the sister who is engaged slips an anonymous letter under the sorority president's door. The note includes the time and the date of the Candlelight. Typically, sisters drive themselves crazy, spending hours attempting to solve the mystery of who it might be. However, for Phi Sigma Sigma's most recent engagement, there was a break with tradition and an unexpected twist.

Every single sister knew who was engaged before the Candlelight even began. The only person who did not know was senior sociology major and elementary education minor Lindsay Weaver; the sister whose boyfriend was about to pop the question.

So on March 2, 2004 in Little Baker Chapel, 44 girls whispered and giggled in delight as they watched Weaver asking her best friends who they thought would be the one that night.

Phi Sigma Sigma's tradition involves standing in a circle, with each sister

holding a burning candle.

On cue, all the sisters blow out the candle except for the woman who is engaged, thus announcing the special news to the chapter. In this case however, when Weaver blew out her own candle, Kelly Summerlin, her best friend and roommate of four years, lit Weaver's candle again.

Shaking, with a look of shock on her face, Weaver began to cry tears of joy as she watched her boyfriend Antonio Luchiani walk down the aisle holding a matching white candle. With both Weaver and Luchiani's family members following, silently behind him, he approached Weaver, and held her hands.

"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 2005.

Other McDaniel students who are engaged include: Sarah Vannoy and James Lipchick, Marie Lilly and Eric Whitehair, Krysti Durcholz and John Knauth, Andrew O'Carroll and Ina Puleri, Lissa Helsing and Drew O'Donnell, Amanda Messix and Barrett Anthony, 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 Oswiecimka Memorial Award: Brian Wingert

Chapter Advisor Award: Katie Crowe & Jean Shin

Distinguished Service Award: Clare Pavey, Kristen Pohl, Christina Carbonetto, Jamey Ayers, Natalie Hardy, Jennifer Dumpert, Kim Lowry, Jacob Michael, Christine Mayne, Caitlin Burns

Greek Man: James Lipchok

Greek Woman: Julia Keene

Outstanding President Man: Mitch Hoffman

Outstanding President Woman: Kim Lowry, Christina Bandula

Outstanding Philanthropic Service: Phi Sigma Sigma

Outstanding New Member Scholarship Fraternity: Alpha Sigma Phi

Outstanding New Member Scholarship Sorority: Phi Mu

Outstanding Chapter Scholarship Fraternity: Alpha Sigma Phi

Outstanding Chapter Scholarship Sorority: Phi Mu; Alpha Nu Omega

GSA GPA Certificates: Sophomores Jonathan Fitzgerald and Jessica

Lepson, Juniors Randy May and Alex Hill, Seniors Andrew

O'Carroll and Kathy Wilson

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 Otranto*.

"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 Reisterstown this year, experiencing the joys and frustrations of teaching, observing, and grading students.

Over the summer, Zorn will assist a friend at the CLC-AH School Program in New Windsor, working closely with at-risk children.



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 Lahnna 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 Zepp'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 Romanski, Katie Champion, or Fruszina 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.

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 mathematics/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:

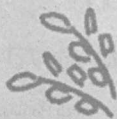
Do not ask permission to understand. Do not wait for the word of authority. Seek reason with your own hand. With your own teeth savor the fruit.

DRUPIESKI

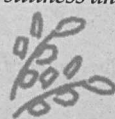


A double major in music and history, Senior Mark Gorman gave a solo concert which brought four centuries of music to life on the organ for his capstone experience. Gorman will begin his master's in organ next fall.

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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Class of 2004



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On a beautiful day, seniors Mary Dolan and Todd Yates watch campus life and chat on the stone bench outside Blanche.

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 ironers and drivers. That's because Meier accepted a position at McDaniel as the assistant golf coach and golf professional for the campus 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 Re-

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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 might make them feel poor, but they'll also receive their degrees.

McDaniel graduates will represent 23 different majors. For each major, there are often different concentrations and tracks 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 en-

try-level management or human resources position.

In each department there can be 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 Alspaugh, 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 in 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.

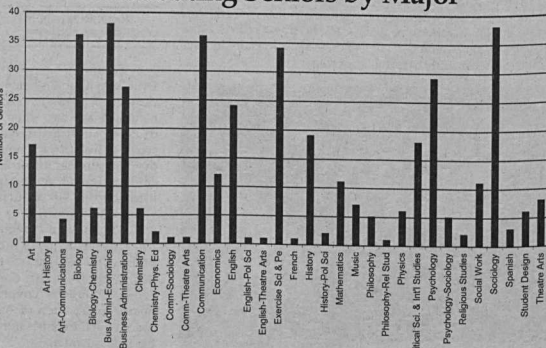
"The most exciting thing about [Business/Economics] is what Dr. Claycomb's pants are going to look like each morning, and what Dr. McIntyre's comments about said pants

are going to be," said senior Brian Martinenza.

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



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