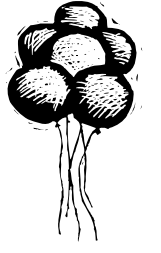


# Cheers



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**T**his Commencement promises much excitement and anticipation, as well as a good deal of familial pride. While you're waiting for that special name to be called from the podium, take a moment to check out the Class of 2003 from our insider's view. We salute today's graduates who are pushing to realize their dreams. The future is theirs to win. We wish them success.

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## ACING THE LAW—OF GRAVITY

If you think walking across stage without tripping looks challenging, just try holding a 10-foot unicycle steady so a street performer can leap onto the seat. **Matt Hurff** was called on during a spring break trip to Key West with Professors Herb Smith, political science, and Brian Wladkowski, chemistry. Matt, who leaves today with a degree in English and is ready to begin law school at University of Baltimore, came through for the unicyclist. But his family members, here from West Deptford, N.J., may be holding their breath when his name is called. "I'm probably the clumsiest guy at McDaniel College."

## DEADLINE DAREDEVIL

**Courtney Bishop** probably wasn't the first one in line this morning. "I always do things at the last minute," she said after adding a few last touches to her submissions for the Kathryn E. Wentz Student Art Show just minutes before turning them in with the paint still wet. Courtney, whose family came from Hydesville, Md., to see her graduate today, made a last-minute change in majors too. Just this year she decided to reverse her business major with an art minor and major in art instead.

## CAPS OFF TO 'THE GENERAL'

After the ceremony, if you see a 12-year-old girl clearing plates during the reception, you may want to congratulate her older brother. For his behavior modification class project, **Jamin Bartolomeo** decided to teach his sister, Sarah, to take her dishes off the table and put them in the sink. Her reward? Quality time with her older brother. Picking Jamin out of the crowd should be easy too. The Student Government Assembly President is the one wearing so many pins – to represent his super-involvement in clubs and organizations – that his friends call him "The General."

## THE COOKS AND SMITHS HAVE IT

Listen closely, and you'll hear English Professor LeRoy Panek read some duplicate surnames, including four Cooks (Colby, Emily, Jennifer, and Samantha), four Smiths (Christy, Edward, Holly, and Timothy), and three Whites (Andrew, Ashley, and Erin)—all unrelated. **Rebecca Rohrer** doesn't mind sharing her last name with **Susan Rohrer**. "This is the first Rohrer I've ever met that's not related to me," said Rebecca, of Hagerstown. The two have even taken classes together. "She's great. She could be related to me." Rebecca won't be a Rohrer for long, though. She's getting married next month before she starts student teaching in the fall.

## LONG AND SHORT OF IT

Dr. Panek will need to take a breath before the longest name in the Class of 2003, **Ra'chell Dejournette Octavia Townes**. He can thank **Lei Gao's** parents for giving him a break with the shortest name, with just six letters.

## FROM 2003, WITH LOVES

"Love" abounds in the Class of 2003 with names like **Daniel Belove**, **Kirsten Love**, **Chad Lovett**, and **Amber Loverock**. Amber understands that hearts beat faster for different reasons when she introduces them to snakes at Cunningham Falls Park. Amber, who wants to go to graduate school for outdoor education, has been guiding canoe tours, night hikes, and introducing park visitors to owls, hawks, turtles, and snakes. "You don't have to like snakes," she says. But if you plan to visit **Tim Saul's** home in Dundalk, Md., you'd better at least be able to tolerate them. His family has a whole reptile collection, including several rescued snakes!

## A DOZEN JENNIFERS

When members of the Class of 2003 were named, the most popular names for boys were Matthew

and Michael (eight each), David (seven) and Christopher (six). The class also has 12 students named Jennifer, seven named Jessica, and six Erins. Two of the Erins share a campus room. If you called **Erin Collins** and **Erin Friday** this year, their message greeted you, "Hi, it's the Erins! Leave a message for the Erin of your choice, and we'll get back to you."

## ANDY'S ULTIMATE ADVENTURE

**Andy Ewing** is all too aware that he'll have to cook for himself after graduation, and has made Dean Horneff promise to give him her recipe for Berry Jell-O. The co-founder of McDaniel's Ultimate Frisbee Club will also bring his flying disc with him to the University of Washington, where he begins a Ph.D. program in economics in the fall. And no matter what haircut he's wearing when he returns to the Hill, the Admissions folks will always remember the year he sported a mullet for Homecoming. "I'm still never sure why I decided to do it," he says.

## TRAVEL BUGS FLY WEST TO SERVE

Scuba diving in Belize only made **Lauren Engel** more of a "travel freak." And a semester in Budapest just increased her desire to help. "They just work so hard for what they have, and we just get things handed to us," says the communication major from Towson. So she's on her way to Sacramento for 10 months of community service in the Americorps. Her classmate, **MerryBeth Turner McKee**, is joining the same program and will also be assigned to a position on the West Coast.

## SALUTE THESE MEN

Top ROTC cadet **Joseph Miller**, 29, was a staff sergeant at Fort Hood, Texas, before enrolling at McDaniel to earn a bachelor's degree in business administration and economics, as well as an officer's commission. Eager to return to active duty—and a steady paycheck—Joe reports to flight school next month, where he'll learn to pilot helicopters. Fellow business/econ major **Billy Bobbitt**, who also wrestled all four years, earned the prestigious Recondo Badge at Advance Camp last summer, a prize only 1.5% of the cadets in the country can claim. He reports to Ft. Lewis, Wash., on June 2 to help train cadets before proceeding to his officer basic course in Arizona. And while many graduates get a speech from dad on this day, every ROTC grad heard one from **Ron Rokosz's** dad. Retired Brigadier General Rob Rokosz was the guest speaker at this morning's commissioning ceremony. Ron and poly sci/international studies major **Mike Sofinowski** will be assigned to the Maryland Army National Guard. Meanwhile, lacrosse player and exercise science major **Greg Elko**, who served as battalion commander this year, and poly sci/history major **Walter "Rick" Landgraf III** will spend one last carefree summer at the Jersey Shore before heading off to train for their specialties of choice. Greg's is engineers corps, while Rick's is military intelligence.

## NEXT STOP: LONDON

When **Yurendra "Yuri" Basnett** arrived on the Hill from his native Nepal, he had aspirations of settling in the United States to pursue the American dream. As an upperclassman, he rented his own apartment and even bought a sports car. But after taking Dr. Christianna Nichols Leahy's class on the politics of developing areas, the econ/international studies major realized he couldn't plant roots just yet. There was too much of the world to see—and assist. In August, Yuri, who speaks four languages, will begin graduate studies at the University of London School of Oriental and African Studies, the fourth of Dr. Leahy's students to be accepted into the selective program. He's already sold his sports car.

## SIGN OF A PLAN

By the time **Sara Hansen** returns for her five-year reunion, she will not only have a graduate degree in deaf studies from McDaniel, but she'll know Swahili and Kenyan sign language. Sara plans to apply for the Peace Corps and go to Kenya to teach the deaf. A self-designed major focusing on deaf studies as an undergrad, Sara has her mother to thank for introducing her to signing as a middle school student. "A lot of deaf people are interested in how hearing people get involved in the deaf community," Sara says. "My mother just saw this class advertised in the newspaper."

## ADVICE FROM THE SENIOR SENIOR

As today's graduates prepare to begin their careers, one is in the unique position to offer retiring faculty some advice on how to spend their golden years. **Frank L. Wright**, who will celebrate his 80th birthday this November, won't be walking across the stage today. But he is looking forward to receiving the diploma he began pursuing in 1998.

## MOVED TO HEAL

When Exercise Science Lecturer Missy Lachman told her "Fitness Facilities Management" students to go work in a fitness center, **Amy Price** found an internship at Franklin Square Hospital. After working in the cardio-pulmonary rehabilitation department, Amy decided to change her focus for graduate studies. Amy plans to continue her studies here and earn a master's in exercise science. "I'm part of the process of helping patients get better," she says. Franklin Square isn't eager to let Amy go either. They've asked her to extend her internship at least through the summer.

## A LITTLE BIRD TOLD US

**Mary Muro** is delighted to chat about her semester in Budapest, that night she spent in a European train station, and how her pigeons behaved—or didn't—in psychology lab. "I did have a few birds get away from me. It gets your heart beating, but it was so fun."

## MEREDITH VIEIRA, MOVE OVER!

Since seventh grade, **Staci George** has wanted Barbara Walters' job—and the respect and spotlight that comes with it. Now she's thinking she'd rather be Meredith Vieira, moderator of "The View." Staci has interned at WJZ-13, *USA Today* and Maryland Public Television—along with working as assistant commentary editor of *The Phoenix*. "It's not so much for the fame and fortune. I want to change people's lives via news. If there's somebody's story not being told, I want to tell it."

## LAST STOP: PRESIDENT'S HOUSE

Before **Hendrik Lammers** left campus, he had to fulfill a personal goal. "I wanted to see the president's house," he said. On the last day of classes President Coley opened her doors to seniors, and the philosophy major joined the tour. "It's more homey than I expected," he said. The College had a goal for Hendrik too—completing his physical education requirement. Hendrik saved that for the last four months of his time at McDaniel, taking weight training, resist-a-ball, golf, and kayaking.

## TYPE-A AS ART FORM

After transferring to McDaniel from University of Hawaii by way of Rhode Island, **Megan Grimshaw** realized this semester she needed to take 32 credit hours to complete her degree. Instead of returning for another semester, she decided to graduate in May, taking a course load that included five studio art classes. Now she and **Lauren McColley**, one of her housemates in the Photography House, are on their way to Hawaii—but you won't find them relaxing on the beach. They'll both be working.

## PILOT SOARS ABOVE AND BEYOND

McDaniel students are known for their spirit and their enthusiasm for supporting their athletic teams. But **Jon Pearson** soared above the rest when he flew to Doylestown, Pa., to attend a women's basketball game. "I had to do something for getting my license," says Jon, whose family lives in Bethesda. Now Jon has his pilot's license, admission to three law schools, and the gratitude of the women's basketball team. Talk about a dedicated fan.

## PARTNERS IN PEACE

Since beginning at McDaniel in 1992, **Mahlia Joyce** took the long road to reach the stage today, taking time off to work. When she returned to campus, she met **Eric Whitehair** in her "Religion and Critical Thought" class, and they realized they had been at McDaniel together before they took sabbaticals. Eric and Mahliah sparked the peace movement on campus this semester. "We decided, instead of waiting for it to happen, let's create it," Mahliah said. Today they'll graduate together, and Eric will return to his hometown, Baltimore, to teach in the city schools, while Mahliah considers graduate school.

## A REAL GAS

His great-uncle was a trustee, his grandparents and his parents met on campus, and his uncle,

and brother are also alumni. But even though **David Trader** followed his family to the Hill, he believes in creating his own traditions. Every year, as Spring Fling approaches, the biology major carefully considers which opaque, covered container he'll use to hold his beverage of choice. Students have begun anticipating his unusual goblets, stopping to ask him weeks in advance if he's made a decision. It all started when he went to Wal-Mart to buy a covered container and saw they cost a couple dollars. A gas can was cheaper at only \$1.28—and much more flamboyant—so he bought that instead. Last year he washed a Tide bottle out 70 times before he filled it with...milk, he says. And Dave, who will do research at Fort Detrick for the United States Center for Environmental Health next year, was prepared. "I had poison control on my speed dial."

## A SPOT RESERVED IN OUR HEARTS

Adding 200 spaces on campus by next fall may help with the College's parking problem. But Admissions is bracing itself for a different dilemma—handling parking patrol without **Brad Widner**. Brad has helped park visitors for 22 Admissions programs over four years.

## IN PURSUIT OF JUSTICE

**Rachelle Giguere** became a sociology major after she took a class with Professor Lauren Dundes. Rachelle graduates as a published researcher, having written an article, "How Employers Feel about Hiring Ex-convicts," with help from Dr. Dundes, for the *Criminal Justice Policy Review*. "Most employers are not so much worried about becoming victims themselves, but are worried that the convicts won't have the people skills to do the jobs." The Ellicott City native will pursue a master's at University of Maryland's criminal justice program.

## HOPPING BACK TO THE CLASSROOM

As seventh grade lab partners, **Jessica Fitzgerald** and **Kim Schlipper** dissected a frog. They separated during high school—Key for Jessica and Westminster for Kim—but stayed friends, meeting up again in college. Now they both expect to return to the classroom to teach. Jessica majored in political science and self-designed a women's studies major and has been accepted to American University's Ph.D. program in political science. Kim, a history major, will student teach this fall. She's taking some teaching tips from her professors here, including Dr. Bryn Upton, history. One morning, when the power was out and alarm clocks failed, Upton led the few students who made it on time in a discussion that ranged from 1920s films to naming all the presidents. "I want to be that kind of professor who knows all that stuff," Kim says.

## A NEW KIND OF LITTERATI

A gum wrapper could bring today's procession to a halt. Since completing a psychology project for her behavior modification class, **Jacqueline Aguglia** has some trouble walking past litter. Working for 30 minutes a day for four weeks, Jackie picked up whatever she could find—from bottles to bandages, cans to cigarette butts. "I had my goal of going out for a half hour to pick up 10 pieces of trash, not thinking that I could pick up 10 pieces of trash in a minute," she said. One day, she and a friend collected 2,000 pieces. The project came from a conversation Jackie had with her parents. "I told them I didn't know what I was going to do and I was going to be a trashman after graduation," she said. Her parents have lucked out. Their daughter is enrolling in McDaniel's graduate program in human services management affiliated with TARGET, Inc.

## PLANS ARE BIG, NOT EASY

From the time **Stephanie Knight** went through the peer mentoring process, she wanted to become a peer mentor herself. She worked with three groups of Biology Professor Bill Long's 15 first-year students and helped Jamin Bartolomeo and Dean Barb Horneff present the program, "Peer Mentoring with a Purpose: Retention," at the National Orientation Directors Conference in Baltimore last fall. Now the Glen Burnie woman is traveling to Tulane University in New Orleans to earn her M.D. and master's in public health. "I will be the first physician in my family," she says.

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### ALL FOUR ONE, ONE FOUR ALL

**Nicole Nickerson** never had much roommate luck. They just kept transferring. Then **Jen Pohl's** roommate introduced Nicole and Jen—before transferring herself. Finally a transferred roommate worked in Nicole's favor, and since second semester sophomore year, Jen and Nicole have been rooming together. The two English majors with education minors hope to share an apartment next year if the teaching jobs they land are near each other. It's only a first step toward their dreams – Nicole has her sights set on being an editor and possibly a novelist, while Jen focuses her talents on writing children's books. This year they invited **Courtney Jones** and **Brandi Livesay** to share a garden apartment. The four have grown so close that you may be able to pick them out of the sea of caps and gowns. "The four of us want to have a secret pin that we wear to show that we're all together," Nicole said.

### STILL ON THE GO

Forget hello. Often when **Justin Reed** arrived to work in Admissions, he was greeted with "Don't take your coat off." Then he was sent out to run errands. Justin may ditch his coat entirely if he heads down to Arizona where he did a summer internship involving trail-blazing, masonry, and living in an adobe house. He's considering returning to the Southwest before applying to graduate school for political science. But first, he and his father will spend two weeks in England, Scotland, and Wales.

### VOICE OF EXPERIENCE

Music Professor Margie Boudreaux doesn't forget a voice. As **Mohindra Ramphal** looks to work in the social work profession, she hopes he'll keep singing—an activity he began as a high school junior. At the Multicultural Leaders Banquet, Mo bequeathed the program from his senior recital this spring. "Good luck all, and spend your talents wisely because there's a world of people that need your love and creativity to learn about the amazing and wondrous knowledge of humanity."

### PARTING PRIZES

Seniors who have been active in campus multicultural groups are thanked with a dinner. At this year's dinner, each student left a personal item to share with future students. **Crystal Towns**, Black Student Union president, gave a handwritten note from her father, while her best friend **Paula Castro** inserted Bible passages into the horns of a Rudolph Christmas card holder. Both Prince George's County residents, Paula and Crystal met at Guidance Days the summer before their first year at McDaniel. They've been best friends ever since.

### OUTSTANDING OVATION

As her gift to future students, **Yolanda Hill** left a necklace with an African Sankofa emblem. "This symbol means a lot to me for McDaniel has taught me that I can achieve my full potential as I move forward in my journey of life, while also looking backwards preserving my roots." Recognized by her peers as the most outstanding senior for leadership and service, this spring Yolanda was also named the Maryland Student of the Year by the National Association for Social Work.

### ANOTHER BRICK IN THE WALL

Every year, before the Phi Kappa Sigma seniors leave campus, each student takes a gold pen and writes his name on a brick. Then he adds it to the stack in the fraternity clubroom, in the basement of Albert Norman Ward.

### MEDICINE MARATHON

Long before **Blair Heinke** came to McDaniel, she had a plan. "Around the time I turned 16, I decided I wanted to move to New York." Now the Sykesville, Md., resident is on her way to the State University of New York Downstate in Brooklyn, where she'll attend medical school. And she won't be moving out of New York any time soon—to become an orthopedic surgeon will take her about seven years.

### COME ON, EVERYBODY

You'll want to clap harder for **Wendell Butler Jr.** since his parents aren't here to applaud. They're at his brother Jason's high school graduation in his hometown, Bradentown, Fla. But Wendell, a political science and international studies major, says he doesn't mind. His older brother and sister-in-law came up from Florida instead.

### MATCHING HEAD TO TOE

Dean Horneff wonders if **Tekoah Forte** is sporting green and gold hair under her mortarboard. As a first-year student, Tekoah colored her hair (and sometimes her eyes) to match her outfits...right down to the shoes.

### SON KNOWS BEST

A dare from college-bound son Donovan brought **Patty Jimenez** back to the Hill after an interruption of many years. The music major today conducts the graduation piece "Go Ye Children."

### HEAR THAT?

Drummer **Adam Silverman** practiced harder and longer than any of his music professors' other students. He's headed to Nashville this summer to make it happen in the real world, and all bets are that he will. Don't be a stranger when you win the Grammy.

### JUST CALL HIM COACH

**Matt Wilchinski** has accepted an assistant coach intern position at King's College. The 2002 Centennial Conference Defensive Player of the Year will also handle recruiting duties, particularly in his home state of Connecticut.

### NEXT UP: NURSING

Just in case **Melissa Merson's** mom forgets to tell you when she speaks from stage today, her daughter is headed for nursing school at Frederick Community College.

### FIT FOR THE PROS

**Jemel Johnson** is preparing for his Athletic Trainer Certification test and Personal Fitness Trainer certification. Jemel will continue to train for football with aspirations of playing professionally, be it Arena, Arena 2, NFL Europe, or the NFL.

### CLEAR SKIES AHEAD

**David Filo** will take a job with Wells Fargo Financial in Laurel, Md. He is a member of the Maryland Air National Guard, serving as a munitions technician with aspirations of becoming a pilot.

### FUTURE IN FOCUS

While freelancing in photography and videography, **Steve Lennox** will work at McDaniel this summer as a building manager.

### ON THE BALL

**Jen Piccolomini** and **Erin White** are Exercise Science and Physical Education majors, teammates on the women's basketball team, and roommates. Both plan to teach in the fall, and Erin will look for a position near her hometown of Broomall, Pa., while Jen has applied to schools in Carroll County and Loudoun County, Va.

### THOSE STRIKING CORDS

You may find them useful later if you have to tie that TV to the roof of the car, but the graduates actually wear those colored cords to show their membership in honor societies. Here's what they mean: green and gold for College Scholars, green and purple for education, pink and silver for math, dark teal for sociology, royal blue and yellow for political science, blue and gold for social work, gold and purple for English, red and green for biology, blue and gold for economics, red and white for communication, blue and light blue for theatre, red and gold for art, pink and gray for music, gold and white for Order of Omega, and red and gold for Gamma Sigma Alpha.

### ONE BIG HAPPY FAMILY

Several members of the campus family are earning degrees today. They are: **Aaron Bartolain**, assistant football coach, **Teresa McAndrew**, accounting clerk in financial services, and Residence Life Coordinators **Amanda Rose** and **Shonda Wilson**. Relatives of our faculty, staff, and administration who will cross the stage today are **Ifeanyi Ani**, **Loretta Craig**, **Erin Dautz**, **Desmond Esteves**, **Erin Friday**, **Jennifer Geiman**, **Benjamin Hull**, **James Reigel**, **Bryan Shockney**, **Rebecca Staub**, **Adrienn Szirmai**, **Shannon Szymanski**, **David Trader**, and **Marion Varga**.

### McDANIEL'S PREAKNESS AMBASSADOR

Whether she's on ESPN or the McDaniel stage, **Katrina Emerick** wears a lot of black and yellow lately. As "Miss Preakness" at last week's horse race in Baltimore, Katrina had to find Baltimore colors in her wardrobe. Today she's in black once again, while she adjusts to a life that doesn't involve posing for photographs with local celebrities or standing in the winner's circle. To be chosen, the communication major had to interview while she was cramming for finals. "I was scared to go into my marketing exam and start spouting out facts about the last Triple Crown winner," she says.

### MATCHMAKER, MAKE ME A MATCH

They're different majors, from different cities, and they can't even explain why it works. But when Student Affairs matched two transfer students, **Jennifer O'Hara** and **Tammi Slater**, they set up a rooming arrangement that has lasted for 2 1/2 years—their whole McDaniel experience. Now Tammi is fielding newspaper job offers and Jennifer is on her way to the University of Maryland School of Nursing to become ultimately a nurse practitioner. "It was a good match," she says. "The match they were so proud of making."

### TASTES GREAT—AND FULFILLING?

**Andrew White's** mom may be sorry she reminisced aloud about her graduation from Kansas State University. Her son might get ideas. "She wore shorts to her graduation," he said. "And my mom's pretty conservative." Luckily, Andrew has more pressing concerns, as he plans to use his business major to stay in Maryland to work for Bond Distributing, one of the largest beer distributors. Andrew, who also has a religious studies minor, is planning ahead. "When I retire, I would like to teach theology or religion. I would love to keep people vibrant about it."

### TOP BRASS

Seventy-six trombones? Don Horneff would settle for three, after the brass ensemble leader loses **Andy Ewing**, **Dave Greene** and **Matt Michael** from his trombone section. After Dave transferred to McDaniel, he played with the group during his entire time here, and Andy and Matt were faithful for four years (forgiving Andy for that one semester he missed while in Budapest). Other four-year veterans in the ensemble are **Marcus Woods** and **Bill Deavers** on baritone horns. Marcus, also the class president, is waiting to hear where he's going for the Peace Corps. Bill's senior recital made the list of McDaniel firsts. He became the first musician ever to perform a senior recital barefoot.

### THEATRE'S UNIQUE REWARDS

Everyone's a winner in the theatre arts department, where the juniors create personal awards for the seniors each spring before graduation. The Harvey Awards, named for the ghost who haunts the theatre, recognized active seniors: **Shaune Greenwood**, **Nancy Grossman**, **Lauren Harrison**, **Chris Hickle**, **Amy Hyde**, **Hendrik Lammers**, **Mary Muro**, **Mike Pitsikoulis**, and **Dave Trader**. This year's awards ranged from the "Theatre Tourette's Award" (for an actress who curses when she forgets her lines) to the "What's a Nice Girl Like You Doing in a Place Like This Award."

### 5-STAR FAMILY

Commencement on the Hill may be a new experience for some members of our audience, but the Hawkins family has been here before. **Arie Hawkins** is the fifth generation to graduate from the College. And it's more than a family connection. Before Arie's high school graduation, she called her grandfather, William L. Hawkins Jr. '48, to ask his advice on her valedictory speech and then took it, delivering a story about a man saving starfish on the beach by tossing them into the sea—and making a difference to each starfish. Bill Hawkins, a Trustee Alumni Award recipient, will watch his star granddaughter go to graduate school at the University of Colorado, where she'll study chemistry.

### AT HOME WITH GENES

**Ellen Miller** left her home in Lynn, Mass., to come to McDaniel four years ago. Now she's headed back to Lynn, but this time she'll be beginning a Ph.D. program at Tufts University, where she'll study genetics.

### ENCORE PERFORMANCE

If **Amy Hyde** looks at ease crossing the stage, you may think it's because she's a theatre arts major. But it could also be that she's crossed that stage once before, as a senior graduating from North Carroll High School. Seven local high schools hold their graduations in McDaniel's Gill Center, so several of today's graduates have collected diplomas on this very spot.

### NOW LOOK WHO'S WATCHING THE CLOCK

**Fan Zhang's** family may be offended if Professor Jean Shin keeps looking at his watch while waiting for the last names in the alphabet to be read. But if he is designated as the bearer of the official Commencement stopwatch this year, all faculty eyes will be on Dr. Shin. Every year, faculty members place \$1 wagers on the ceremony's duration. A tradition since 1975, the pool was won in 2002 by Professor Wasyl Palijczuk. The 1996 Commencement set a record for brevity at 1 hour, 59 minutes, 39 seconds, while the 1995 Commencement was the longest so far at 2 hours, 50 minutes, 16 seconds.

### WITH STRINGS ATTACHED

Anyone who double majors in biology and biochemistry has to pick some relaxing way to fill her free time—if she can find any free time to fill. **Jody Ullery** knits. After her roommate introduced her to the hobby two years ago, Jody joined the campus knitting group. "I'm in such a terribly hard major," says Jody of Cumberland, Md. "I think it's the only time during the week that I can do something that's relaxing." Jody and double biology/music major **Jeanette Prante** of Houston, Texas, have become among the most active members of the knitting group. An accomplished flutist, Jeanette plans to become an obstetrician. She could knit the booties and play the lullaby, as well as deliver the baby.

### POP ART PRO

Seniors joke about flipping burgers at fast-food restaurants, but McDonald's would be lucky to have **Holly Thompson** on staff—or at least as a consultant. Assigned to redesign a product's packaging for art class, Holly chose a McDonald's apple pie box. "They didn't even have an apple on it," she said. Holly's artwork won this year's People's Choice Award in the student art show. "Growing Panes" was a six-paned window showing photos of childhood tribulations: braces, glasses, a black eye, pants that are too short, and a mirror at eye level.

### MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

No major problems here. Classmates **Victoria Kollar** and **Holly Smith** graduate today with three majors. Victoria's majors: political science and international relations, communication, and French. Holly's are political science and

international relations, business administration, and economics. Twenty-four others graduate with double majors today.

### GOING HER WAY?

The shotgun seat is still available. If you think driving cross country sounds like fun, talk to **Lauren Harrison** after the ceremony. She's already setting up places to stay during her drive across the U.S., but she hasn't found anyone who wants to join her for the trip. "As of right now, I don't have anyone. I'll just be listening to my music. Wanna go?" she says. "If you know anybody interested, just throw them in the car with me." A dual theatre arts and communication major from Northfield, N.J., Lauren has never actually acted in a McDaniel play. "It's fun behind the scenes," she says.

### BIG PLANS FOR THE BIG APPLE

The price is right, so after today, **Jenny Kottke** will move back to her parents' house in Chappaqua, N.Y. "I'm just as content living at home, which is rent-free," she says. After she lands her dream job in NYC's fashion industry, she'll be better prepared to buy that crystal Tiffany's apple she's been wanting to give English prof Becky Carpenter. A class with Dr. Carpenter persuaded Jenny to become an English major and she figures her mentor deserves a thank-you more precious than a red delicious.

### LAW AND WATER

English major **Matthew Porter** of Columbia, Md., is off to Denver, Col., where he and his fiancée, **Melissa Pingley** of Falling Waters, W.Va., will look for jobs and graduate schools. Matthew is bound for law school; Melissa has her sights on graduate school to study economics and business. If those plans don't pan out, both graduates will "move to a remote place in Colorado where we can fly fish," Matthew says. Matthew's senior seminar project highlighted romantic sentiment in fellow fisherman Ernest Hemingway's characterization of Nick Adams, his alter ego.

### BACK FOR THE FUTURE

The sociology department may not lose touch with senior majors **Leah Kable** and **Joe Murphy**, who will enroll in the master's of human services management program at McDaniel, while working for Target Community and Educational Services, Inc. This fall another sociology major **Candice Herron** will begin student teaching in Prince George's County. Meanwhile, sociology major (and star wrestler) **Levi McVey** will train at the police academy in his hometown in Ocean County, N.J., on his way to becoming a police officer there.

### SENIOR SING-ALONG

No one can sing "Build me up, Buttercup" like **Stacey Roach**. And no one else could persuade 20 of her closest friends to join her for a night of karaoke. The senior from White Marsh, Md., managed to coax friends to leave senior week in Ocean City to join her in Baltimore to sing "whatever song I want to kill for the night," she says. Expect to see Stacey around campus next year. She's advised one of her junior friends to invest in a sofa bed.

### REALLY, YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE

Some sorority sisters bequeath Greek letters and hideous orange '70s couches. **Allison Morris** left a banner and plush penguins to underclassmen in her service sorority Gamma Sigma Sigma. A dual psychology and sociology major from Frederick, Md., Allison plans to attend law school, but will take a break to work first. The next leaders of the campus TV station, may not be happy to hear what **Tim Saul** has handed down. "I left a huge mess so the new president has fun cleaning that up next year." When those creative juices start flowing, cameras get left out, papers accumulate—and even wiping the dry-erase board is just too much trouble.

### ESCAPE TO NEW YORK

**Allie Pearlman** has completed her major in social work, but she isn't ready to leave academia. She's on her way to New York, where she'll pursue a master's of social work at Columbia University. "I just really like New York, and decided it would be a great place to learn more about diversity and different cultures," she says. Within a year the Baltimore native will be finished and hopes to find work within the profession—and back home in Maryland.

### WAITING TO HEAR FROM YOU

Class of 2003 members can now send info on what's happening to their alumni magazine class reporters at alumni@mcDaniel.edu. The first batch of tidings will be printed in the Summer 2004 issue of *The Hill*.

### WAIT, COME BACK

As new alumni, you are invited back for a first-year reunion in May 2004. Also, you can join us for upcoming events this year: June 28 Orioles Bird Bash; August 2 Alumni Picnic with Ravens Mock Game; September 28 Ravens Bird Bash, November 1 Homecoming.

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