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THE SWINGING BRIDGE

THURSDAY OCTOBER 15, 2009

College Seeks Student Participation to Reach Environmental Goals

By Anthony Francesco
Student Writer



Samantha Moore exhibiting her zest for compact fluorescent tubes. Photo by Michelle Canales.

On August 10th, 2007 President Kim Phipps signed the "Evangelical Climate Initiative" to join what is now an environmental enterprise sponsored by 665 colleges. The American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment says it is intent on reshaping the average campus into an environmentally friendly, carbon neutral university.

According to carbonneutral.com, carbon neutrality is an environmental homeostasis where the carbon created through burning fossil fuels is either reduced to restore balance or offset through the use of more efficient products

"To reduce our carbon footprint, we must reduce our use," wrote Kathie Shafer, Messiah College's Director of Facilities and chair of the President's Climate Commitment Task Force. Over the past two years, Shafer and her task force have worked with the Student Government Association, the class of 2008, and other student groups, to foster eco-friendly practices. The energy efficient light bulb exchange and Recyclemania were results of these partnerships.

Now, two years after the policy's adoption, Messiah College is steadily increasing proactive

changes, taking tiny, steady steps towards making its campus green, wrote Shafer in an email.

The Climate Commitment calls for milestones to be reached at certain dates after the signing. "We have completed the Greenhouse Gas Inventory," which is a comprehensive account of all greenhouse gas emissions, wrote Shafer. A purchasing policy, aimed at guiding asset allocation towards more energy efficient items, more hybrid cars, and local vendors is also on its way towards implementation.

However, the goal Messiah College faces now is the most comprehensive yet, according to the Evangelical Climate Initiative Document (ECID). "[We] are working on our climate action plan. The process is time consuming and some of the items to reduce carbon gases require funding that is limited," wrote Shafer.

As stated in the ECID, the plan's requirements range from an estimated date of achieved neutrality to integrating sustainability into the student curriculum. "We are a little behind, but so are 90 % of the schools involved," wrote Shafer. "It's a wonderful concept but it's just taking more time than expected."

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Damascus Road Proves Rough For Students

Anti-racism training receives mixed response from students

By Janae Lap
Student Writer

Student leaders gathered in the basement of Hostetter Chapel over the weekend of October 2 to participate in an anti-racism training process, entitled "Damascus Road", conducted by the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC).

According to Associate Dean of Students, Doug Wood, the workshop was a result of an effort by educators across disciplines to create a synchronized training program for student leaders on campus. Students from organizations such as College Ministries, the Collaboratory, Residence Life, Multicultural Affairs, Harrisburg Institute, and Student Government Association were invited to participate in the training.

The goal, according to the Damascus Road Handbook, was to "build a common understanding of racism."

Interim Director of Multicultural Programs, Heraldo Kane-Osoto says the three-day seminar focused on defining institutional, not personal racism. He called this "giving students the language to define their experiences."

Christie Miller, a member of the Student Chaplains Team, describes the experience in an e-mail interview: "[Damascus Road] offered an incredible amount of information through lectures, discussions, activities, questions, videos and caucuses. Additionally, they incorporated Biblical theology and explained how various passages demonstrate Jesus' response to racism and oppression."

Miller says she especially liked an activity in which participants from four different races talked about what they like about being white, black, middle eastern, or Latino/a. "This activity really challenged me and opened my eyes to see the differences between how I view my culture as a white person and how someone of a different race views his/her culture," she says.

Student reaction to the process was mixed, which according to Kane-Osoto, should not be surprising. "How you respond depends on where you are in your journey and how you see yourself," he says.

Kane-Osoto emphasizes that the weekend was only "laying a foundation for a life-long conversation about race." He says he realizes the need for meaningful processing. "We are going to get together and debrief," he says. "That is where the real work begins."

Kane-Osoto characterizes student partici-

pation as "engaged, but overwhelmed." He says this could have been due to the fact that MCC had several fewer hours than usual to present their topic.

Students say they found the time constraint to be the most frustrating part of the experience. "I thought it was a shame that whenever meaningful conversation started the presenters cut it short because of scheduling. I think that is where people learn the most, especially in a liberal arts context," said participant and Student Activities Board President, Jon Makowski.

Kate Abel, an Agape Center employee, says she asked to attend Damascus Road when she heard there was an opening. "[Anti]Racism is something I'm passionate about," she says, "As a social work major I am conscious of it all the time. I especially appreciated the [process's] emphasis on systemic racism because we don't talk about that as much as personal racism." She says systemic racism deals with how cultural and social structures enforce racism without individuals even being aware of it. Abel expresses disappointment, however, that the discussion was not taken to "as deep a level as I was expecting."

"I've heard really good teaching about this topic before," says Ruth

Lopez, a recipient of the Martin Multicultural Scholarship, "but I wasn't impressed with this presentation at all. The presenters weren't very good at engaging the students." Lopez says she only attended two days of the workshop.

Kathleen Sampson, Student Body Vice President, says she felt her questions and concerns were completely brushed off. Samantha Halabi, also a recipient of the Martin Multicultural Scholarship, said that she "went in with an open mind, but wasn't really satisfied."

Reaction was not completely negative: "There were people who were powerful-

ly impacted by this," says Doug Wood. Christie Miller says that Damascus Road "definitely exceeded my expectations. I thought this was an incredible opportunity that has left me with a lot of questions and challenges to consider."

Overall, however, Wood says he was "pretty unhappy that the presenters didn't leave room for dialog" and felt that the bigger group size and shorter time frame contributed to a less successful workshop than past programs, but he still sees the training as valuable.

"There's disappointment [with the presentation], but it's still good in-

formation," says Wood. "My hope is that we can learn from this. It's not easy to talk about race. But at the same time, as brothers and sisters in Christ, we need to know that we all bear God's image."



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Health Services Lays Down the Law on Pandemic Flu

Regulations Designed to Minimize Infections

By Sari Heidenreich
News Editor

"Go home, if at all possible," says Engle Center Nurse Practitioner, Sandra Halbruner. She says the center is asking anyone with symptoms of influenza-like-illness (ILI) to go home or socially distance themselves.

According to Halbruner, the center is working to abide by the Center for Disease Control's guidelines for colleges and universities. Given these guidelines, the center has to give a diagnosis of ILI if a patient has a fever of over 100° Fahrenheit accompanied by a sore throat or cough.

According to Judy Groop, Coordinator of Health Services, as of October 12, Messiah College has had 2 laboratory confirmed cases of H1N1. There are also 35 cases of ILI, which appear to be H1N1, and an additional 213 upper respiratory infections, which Halbruner says are most likely H1N1 without a fever.

According to the Center for Disease Control, Halbruner says, 99% of all influenza cases are H1N1.

Noting that there are two types of influenza, Halbruner says H1N1 produces the same symptoms as Influenza A: sudden onset, a fever of 101-102° F, a sore throat or cough. Halbruner adds that some people with H1N1 may not have a fever.

"A student with Influenza A will be able to tell you something like 'it felt like I was hit by a truck 2 hours ago,'" Halbruner says.

Halbruner says, if a person has no pre-existing conditions, treatment for H1N1 is just symptomatic care such as Advil, decongestants, and cough suppressants.

Halbruner says, "We worry about any students with pre-existing health conditions, such as diabetes, Crohn's disease, those on chemotherapy, etc. . . Anyone with pre-existing conditions needs to contact me immediately." For those with pre-existing conditions, the Engle Center will administer an anti-viral medicine, Tamiflu, as treatment for H1N1.

Halbruner notes that most H1N1 deaths are from complications of the virus or from those with pre-existing health conditions. Halbruner says "At this point, students do not need to be really concerned."

"The big fear is mutation. We don't know what it's [the virus] is going to do; that's why we're trying to contain it," Groop says.

Groop says H1N1 flu serum could first be ordered on October 9. She expects it to arrive in mid-October.

Groop says the college has a prioritized list for the vaccine. First Responders (such as Public Safety Officers, Resident Directors and health-care providers) will receive the vaccine first, followed by students with health complications. The vaccination will then be made available to the student body.

"My first priority is our students," but that if we receive enough of the vaccine, I will open it up to employees," Groop says. H1N1 is pandemic influenza, Halbruner says. "Pandemic influenza is very different from seasonal influenza" because the human body has some resistance to the seasonal flu but not to a pandemic flu.

"[Seasonal flu] is most dangerous for the very young and elderly because they can get complications," she says. "36,000 people a year die

of the seasonal flu, usually the elderly, babies in the NICU, children with medical complications."

"We've never been too worried about college students. Why? College students are young," Halbruner says, "and have robust immune systems. . . However, pandemic flu is very different. This is a virus that jumps from animals to humans." As a result, the human body has no resistance to this new virus.

"The pandemic flu can be a killer of healthy young people: college students, people in their 20s-30s, in their prime of life," Halbruner says. While H1N1 is not really attacking people over 60, it "is infecting people ages 24 and below at much higher rates," Halbruner says.

In general, Halbruner says H1N1 is not causing a lot of pneumonia or hospitalizations.

"The world hasn't had a pandemic flu for 40 years," says Halbruner. "Historically, they circulate every 12-20 years. We knew we were long overdue."

For more information about CDC guidelines and recommendations go to <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/institutions/>.

Student Profile: AJ Smith

By Sarah Fleischman
Student Writer



Anthony (AJ) Smith serves as a student leader at Issachar's Loft. According to Smith, the Loft is "A place where students lead other students in teambuilding activities and leadership development." Issachar's Loft is in charge of adventure activities such as rock climbing, ropes courses, teambuilding, and canoeing. As a senior Adventure Education major, Smith says his experiences at the Loft will help him in any of his future career plans.

Q: How long have you been involved with the Loft?
A: Three years, two as a leader.

Q: What would you say the Loft's role is on campus?
A: We help lead all the leaders. We help all RAs, peer group leaders and SGA leaders become a team and give them something to give to their groups as leaders.

Q: What do you do as a leader?
A: Help out with the facilitation of teambuilding, rock climbing, high ropes. I'm also in charge of all canoeing activities.

Q: How has the Loft helped you in your own life?
A: It has helped me develop as a leader. It has helped me understand my strengths and weaknesses as a leader and to learn from my strengths and build on my weaknesses.

Q: What else are you involved in?
A: Track and field. I am also a leader of the men's room [a men's ministry] and youth leader at Christian Life Assembly. I work at Camp Yoli-jwa as an activity director.

Q: What is your favorite memory about the Loft?
A: Any time we get together and worship as a group.

Q: What do you plan to do after graduation?
A: To continue to listen to God's call on my life. I won't necessarily start making money right away. There is a possibility that I would get a full-time position at camp.

Alumni Profiles

By Sushannah Sorensen
Student Writer

Success comes in many forms for Messiah alumni: It may be getting a high paying job and driving a BMW or it may be a job that pays dirt in a field you love. In light of the Centennial Homecoming this weekend, four alumni offer their stories and tips for success to future classes.

Get to know people from different cultures, people in need.

When she came to Messiah College, Becca Knight says she planned on becoming a music teacher. Today, she is the Director of Home Repair Ministries for Appalachia Service Project, Inc. (ASP).

"I actually graduated in December 2002," Knight, a former sociology major, says. "My friends were still in school, so I stayed in the area and worked at the Catholic Charity Homeless Shelter in Harrisburg for that semester."

Knight says she was drawn to working at a Christian organization because of the atmosphere. "I can work with people who share the same values," she says.

After graduation in May, Knight went to work full-time for ASP, a nonprofit organization that operates in Kentucky, Tennessee, West Virginia, and Virginia.

"We do things like install first-time electricity and plumbing in houses," she says.

"We are all volunteers. We get a lot of high schoolers who come for a week," she says. "It's a great experience because we get to teach them about service while we fix up these houses."

Make the study of Scripture a priority while you're at college

Mike Endres graduated in 1995 as a behavioral science major. He had plans to work with mental illness patients. Today, he teaches at a small Christian school in Carlisle, PA.

Endres says he worked in the mental health field for a few years, but left because it restrained his faith. "I wanted to be able to talk about truth and the Scriptures without having to worry about offending someone," he says. "I wanted something where I could be who I am as a believer."

While pursuing his master's in education at Shippensburg University, Endres developed an interest in elementary education. "My wife was the second grade teacher at Grace Baptist Christian School in Carlisle," he says. "I took her place after our daughter was born. And I've been there for ten years now."

Now, Endres's responsibilities at school vary. "I'm the tech guy for the school. . . I also teach third grade Bible, math, and reading,

and computer for first through eighth."

Currently, Endres lives in Carlisle with his wife Melanie, also a 1995 graduate, and their children, Alyssa, 11, Jeffrey, 8, and Colson, 4.

Don't let your age be an excuse for inaction.

Ryan Keith hoped to get involved in urban education policy when he graduated with a politics degree in 2002. Today, he is the founder of a nonprofit organization that aids orphaned children in Africa.

"After graduation I worked for the Capital Region Economic Development Corporation (CREDC) as an economic development specialist," Keith says. While working there, he noticed a lack of faith-based organizations involved in urban economic development.

Keith changed his plans of going to Harvard for graduate school after going on a mission trip to Zimbabwe with his church. "I saw tons of churches there doing my heart's call," he says. "They were helping the orphans physically and spiritually."

"When we got back we started sharing their stories," says Keith. "Money started coming in for them. Eventually it got too big for the church, and they told me I had to start a nonprofit."

Keith then founded Forgotten Voices International, which helps fund African churches minister to orphans. "It's a good name because these are forgotten kids and churches forgotten by organizations."

Currently, Keith is pursuing his master's degree at Harvard. When he graduates in May, he and his wife Katie, a 2004 graduate, hope to move back to Pennsylvania.

Don't give up on what you want to do

Tracy MacWhinnie Shea graduated in 1999 with plans to work in graphic design. Today, she is a stay at home mom, filling her days with diapers, bottles, and kid's books.

After graduation, Shea, a graphic design major, had several different jobs. "I worked at Hecht's in the cosmetics department and then I worked at a screen printing and embroidery shop," she says. "And I also worked at a billboard printing shop for a while."

More recently, Shea says she was employed at Advanced Communications, a printing company in Harrisburg, working with photography spreads. However, she says when her first child was born in May 2007, she decided to leave her job and become a full-time mom.

"I didn't want to pay the money for daycare and have someone else raise my kids," Shea says.

Shea says her days are now filled with playing with her children, feeding them, and doing housework. "I still do freelance work every now and then, but raising my kids is more important."

Shea is currently living in Dillsburg, PA, with her husband Mike and their daughters, two-year-old Mackenzie and five-month-old Mackendra.

Student Profile:

Liz McVey

By Sarah Fleischman
Student Writer

Senior Human Resource Management major, Liz McVey, has been a part of the Acclamation Dance Ministry since her first year at Messiah College. In her last semester here, McVey continues to hold her leadership position as Artistic Director. "Acclamation is a group of people who can combine their passion for God and passion for dance and use it as a ministry," she says. With the addition last year of the outreach team, which lets Acclamation minister outside of Messiah College, McVey says Acclamation has started a new phase of its ministry.

Q: As Artistic Director, what are you responsible for?

A: I orchestrate the officers of Acclamation and basically serve as a contact person and make sure things are running smoothly.

Q: How long have you been dancing in general?

A: I've been dancing since kindergarten.

Q: After you graduate in December, do you plan to keep dancing?

A: I hope to continue to be a support for Acclamation even after graduation. I want to look for a job as a dance teacher part time.

Q: In your last semester here, what do you want to see happen to Acclamation?

A: I would like to see Acclamation grow and I would like to see it involve as many people as possible and continue to be a blessing to all the people involved.

Q: What is your favorite Acclamation moment?

A: I was involved in the senior dance this past April. In the last show we did (on Sunday night), we had a lot of fun. It is definitely a lasting memory of Acclamation and Messiah for me. It was fun to see people from different genres of dance come together and have fun dancing.

Q: What is your favorite thing about Acclamation?

A: I love that it is an opportunity to take a break from schoolwork. I love how I can fellowship and be active with a really great group of friends.

Q: How has being in Acclamation helped you in your life?

A: It played a really big role my first year when I walked into a world where everything was new. Nothing was in my comfort zone. I walked into the Witmer dance studio and I felt at home. When I was the underdog in everything, suddenly I'd walk into the dance studio and I would be in my comfort zone.

Environmental Goals

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"Many of the steps we need to take to reduce our carbon footprint will require persons to change behavior," wrote Shafer. "That [reduction] can come from new equipment, but it also means we need to do things to reduce use." Campaigns such as "Turn it Off" are spearheading student efficiency ventures.

Shafer wrote that without having the climate plan in place it is difficult to pinpoint dates. As the plans unfold, a clearer picture of the endeavor's effects will be painted. "I do not believe there are any disadvantages," wrote Shafer, "just challenges and personal choices that need to be made."

Sustainability is an ongoing process that Shafer feels is just as involved with the environment as it is with our Christian

faith. "As Christians we have an obligation to be stewards of what has been given to us," wrote Shafer. "How we treat the environment is part of that. The advantages are that we will be leaving the world a better place to live." As the plan for sustainability and eventual neutrality comes to fruition, its steady implementation shows that "we are willing to work towards certain green initiatives," said President Kim Phipps. "We might not get there, but it shows that we are committed towards it."

Travel Column

From Russia with Love

Church and the Disco Tech

By Maria Toews
Student Columnist

Maria Toews is a sophomore sociology major from northwestern Canada. She plays the piano and likes spinach.

October 4, 2009:

Church: Most Sundays we've gone to Calvary Chapel, a small evangelical church near the Profilac (our dorm). It is on the second floor of a fancy restaurant full of Roman statues, in a newish building. The pastor there is named "Vlad", he's very nice, around 35, and speaks very good 'street' English.

He has an English service at 10, and then a normal Russian service at 11. I like what he has to say. We, the "American students," and a lot of Malaysian Medical students who speak English, go to the 10 o'clock service. The Malaysians said that in Russia, it is quicker and cheaper to become a doctor than in their country. (It only takes 5 years here.)

In between services, chai and apples and cookies are served. The chai is always too hot and I'm afraid it will melt the plastic cups it comes in. Around 70 Russians come to the second service. There are some cute little kids with mullets. I usually stay for the Russian part, and attempt to sing along with the songs, and guess what part of the sermon "Vlad" is preaching, depending on his hand motions, or a certain word I understand.

This Sunday some of us decided to visit another church - Vineyard, on Pokrovka Street, (the shopping pedestrian street.) This church is above a fur coat shop, in an old building, in a ballroom-type room, with pillars around the walls. We left at 10:15 for the half hour walk there, and ended up waiting an hour still because we were misinformed on when it would start.

They celebrated their 16 year anniversary that day. An American missionary is the ringleader - he spoke in English, and a lady translated into Russian. The congregation is about half and half - English and Russian speakers. A lady from Namibia sang a beautiful song in her native tongue.

We saw the same Malaysians that were at the other church the other week! Also

some more Africans, and some very friendly Russian girls who are majoring in English and French in university. We were trying to guess which state the lady who translated was from - and found out she is a Russian professor of English!

The Russian girls there know about Harley, our director, and said that he speaks perfect Russian without an accent. Couldn't see that coming. (sarcasm there) There were around 100 people at this church, and they too, had food afterwards, which was quite convenient, since the service lasted so long we missed lunch at the Profilac.

And the disco tech:

We took public transportation at 10 pm to a large warehouse-like building - Matrix - they call it, with a winding line of drunk and smoking Russians waiting outside. 250 Rubles (\$8.50) and a pass through security of old Babushkas to get in. (What got me - there was also an old babushka inside sweeping up cigarette butts and whatever else - all night long. What a job.)

Inside there was a coat check, of course. Then darkness, flashing lights, pounding dance music and smoke enveloping everything. It was actually more enjoyable than I was expecting, as everyone sticks to their group, and dances in a circle around the girl's purses piled in the middle.

Russians think anything others would consider lame, is a dance move, so I fit in quite well! There were two dance floors and a lot of people - probably hundreds. Our group consisted of RSP students and Russians who hang out with us a lot. Of course we didn't drink, but everyone else did.

At 2:30am took taxis back 'home,' as the public transportation shuts down at 11. The poor key lady at the Profilac had to wake up to let us back in. Normally we have a curfew of 11 pm.

I now have a whole set of clothes that reek of smoke.

I feel like I need to say something positive now so I don't end on such a negative note. Maybe that was good enough!

Maria

By Paul Nickerson
Student Writer

Over the past few months, Messiah College has been working to properly address the H1N1 virus, commonly known as the 'Swine Flu.' Although the effects of this virus have seemed to grow recently, the Swine Flu has had a large affect on many Central and South American countries.

As of this past August, according to Rory Carroll, in her article, "Argentina Swine Flu Deaths Double," the death toll in Argentina reached more than 337 in that month, making Argentina the second most affect country. There are at least an additional 400 deaths being investigated as to whether they are related to the virus.

Argentina's Deputy Health Minister, Maximo Diosque, said, "We have to say that given the epidemiological tendency it is very probable that the majority of those 400 deaths are from H1N1." Maximo further stated that "of the 762,711 cases, more than 700,000 - 93% - were swine flu."

Carroll writes that neighboring countries have reported fewer, but still significant death tolls: "Chile 96; Brasil 92; Uruguay 25; and Paraguay 22. Mexico, which first reported the outbreak, has registered 146 deaths."

In other international news, there is another key topic of discussion: anti-racism. Recently, Messiah held a seminar discussing racism on campus; in the same manner, Korean politicians have been working to establish a bill that defines racism, and furthermore, lay out the punishments for such crimes.

<i>The Korean Times </i> has recently run an article discussing the topic of racism. According to the article, "Anti-Racism Law Proposed by Korean Politician," Representative Chin Young, the president of

a parliamentary discussion group on a multiracial society, said that a bill was scheduled to be submitted to a session of the National Society. It will specify the definition of racism, and will appoint which organizations will be responsible for regulating racial crimes. According to the article, if the bill is endorsed this year, it will be the first legal response to racism in South Korea.

As we reflect on the religious beliefs Messiah College staff are required to affirm, the question of separation of religion and education can readily be brought up. This same question is being addressed by the Texas Department of Education, which recently established laws supporting the education of Biblical literacy in the school systems.

Jennifer Riley, in her article, "Schools Should Teach Christianity's Role in U.S. History, Say Evangelicals," quotes Jim Daly, President of Focus on the Family: "Americans can disagree on a personal level with what Christianity claims to be true, but they cannot question the central importance of those Christian truths to the men who help founded the nation." Based on this idea, Texas has decided to pass legislation to teach Bible courses to students, K-12. The attorney general has stated that the courses should remain "religiously neutral."

School districts are working to meet these new requirements either by offering new elective Biblical courses, or by simply incorporating the new material into preexisting courses. Many school systems are struggling to meet these new regulations, but the state of Texas is working patiently to encourage such Bible literacy courses.

Faulty S. Complex Fire Alarm:

A Note from John Fite

From John Fite, Fire & Safety Systems Coordinator:

On Sunday, 10/4/09, at 8:35 a.m., the fire alarm system in South Complex was activated by a malfunctioning smoke detector located in Section A (Sollenberger Residence wing). The detector unfortunately reactivated the alarm about 15 minutes later, but proper steps were taken to keep it from happening again... That detector has been replaced.

There was no smoke or fire of any sort involved in this incident. Hopefully, those who were affected by having to evacuate that morning for a brief time will be grateful that there was no actual fire.

However, fire can strike at any time without warning for any number of reasons, and every second literally

counts when it comes to evacuating from your residence. Please understand that Messiah College is highly committed to keeping these fire protection systems reliable and operating at all times in order to protect you, your friends and roommates, and your personal property.

If you would like to know more about fire safety at Messiah College, visit our website:

http://www.messiah.edu/offices/facility_services/environmental_health/fire_safety/

Or, if you would like to know more about fire safety in general, you can visit the following fire safety organizations' websites:

<http://www.nfpa.org/>
<http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/>

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Sustainability Versus "Going Green"

By Margaret Trott
Student Writer

"Go Green!" It's a phrase we see in commercials depicting allegedly environmentally friendly cleaning products and sleek luxury hybrid vehicles, including SUVs and pickup trucks. We see it in popular clothing stores such as GAP and American Eagle in their new "save-the-planet" bags, t-shirts and other products. We see it in grocery stores in the cloth bags that sit at the end of each aisle with a picture of Earth or a "recycle" slogan. Many celebrities practice "environmentally friendly" lifestyles, and we sit contented after purchasing a slew of water bottles that claim to have saved plastic because of their new and improved shape.

Being green has become one of the biggest fads of American pop culture, and we all buy into it. Messiah College purports environmental stewardship and is one of the greener college campuses. But are we? Are we really as planet-saving and green as we think we are?

As the title of this article suggests, I want to show that going green and being concerned about sustainability has turned into a contradiction in an ironic twist. In our consumer-oriented society we buy things we already have so that we can feel like we're being green. I'm not condemning; I do it too. But is this really what sustainability is about?

Many of these shirts, bags, cleaning products, and cars are produced in the same factories that make the non-green products. But we go on buying and buying and then throw away everything else, because, for whatever reason, we are so caught up in "being green."

Messiah College recently purchased two hybrid vehicles, one for Kim Phipps and one for Campus Safety. These purchases apparently show that the college champions environmental consciousness. However, did we need to purchase the so-called green vehicles? Obviously, Campus Safety needs some vehicles, but do they need brand-new hybrids? I have noticed the addition of a bike patrol on campus; perhaps purchasing more bikes could have shown our care for the earth more fully than the purchasing of several new "environmentally friendly" vehicles. After all, Mes-

siah College is minuscule when compared with most other college campuses and the broadening of a bike patrol would not be impractical.

Though in the past I have always been a strong advocate of hybrid vehicles, I cannot help but see the hypocrisy of purchasing a hybrid SUV. People purchase them so that they can feel good about their "earth-friendly" lifestyle, but these slightly-less gas-guzzling vehicles are still harmful to the environment.

The purchase of these new vehicles makes Messiah appear to be an earth-friendly school, but buying "green" cars simply <i>because</i> they are green is an anti-sustainability action. It simply illustrates this ironic reversal of intended ends. We intend to save the earth. We buy products that are advertised to do so. We throw away the products that we used to have because they were evil and non-green. The result? Anti-sustainability: bigger landfills and junkyards.

Well then, you may ask, what is the answer to this seemingly endless problem? We should try to re-use as best we can, research where our products come from, and use resources that encourage the recycling of products--such as Craig's List or the Salvation Army. Perhaps we should drive our cars until they die, and when we do purchase hybrid vehicles, not buy ones that are harmful to the environment--though car companies tell us otherwise. Overall, we must not get caught up in the fad of being green. We should do our best to practice true sustainability and care for Planet Earth.

One of his talents is the ability to tell a story that is so beautifully one-sided that it would fool any gullible person. Unfortunately, many Americans fall into this category because politics is too much of a burden to try to follow. And many college-age people have little knowledge, little interest, or both.

The documentary was, at best, entertaining, like a "based on actual events, but didn't really happen the way we present it" movie. In a nutshell, Moore shows the profitable era of the 1950s, when America had recovered from the Great Depression and was moving onwards and upwards toward the American Dream. As the rich get richer, the poor get poorer and the distance grows. Finally, during the Reagan years, which Moore shows to be this

Drop It Like It's Hot Part II: Addictions

By Thomas Brown
Opinions Editor

Part one of this series (Oct. 1 issue) deals with how to change bad habits into good ones, such as how to get up earlier instead of sleeping in. In this second and final part, I address the phenomena we call "addictions," which are closely related to bad habits. Some addictive practices prevalent today are the viewing of pornography, the abuse of drugs and alcohol, smoking, sex, and excessive caffeine intake. One survey found that 63% of college students enrolled full-time had used alcohol in the past month (addict-help.com). I also attempt to describe how to break addictions through a four-step process and some wisdom gained from personal experience.

This article is based on www.Buzzle.com, "Discover the Secret to Breaking Addictions."

The first step is to admit you have the addiction. Grab a pen and paper and write, "I'm addicted to..."

Next, figure out why you have the addiction and can't seem to give it up. Does it help you escape? Feel better? Offer you a sense of power and control?

If dealing with an addiction such as smoking, pornography, or excessive video games, try exercising. It helps one feel better physically, mentally, and emotionally. You can also form a replacement hobby such as painting, playing the piano, or writing. Make sure you continue to build upon the new practice you choose. Set goals for yourself (such as to run 3 miles in twenty minutes) and let the replacement hobby bring you a sense of joy and fulfillment.

I did not learn the next step from the above sources, but from common sense when dealing with my own issues. If dealing with an addiction, do *whatever* you can to avoid it. Stop at nothing. Understand what triggers the habit. If the issue is drinking, maybe your "trigger" is depression, rejection, boredom, etc. Maybe your triggers are similar, but your struggle is with drug abuse, anger, laziness, or pornography. When you feel these up-to-no-good sentiments approaching, take a walk. Call a friend. Do something!

Finally, keep your motivation alive. Talk to people, pray to God, and read the Bible. By talking to a friend about the issue you'll realize that you're not alone. Even if that friend has little advice to offer, you'll feel better because, well, at least someone else knows. You'll no longer feel alone in the struggle. Talking to God is important because He listens to those who call upon Him. Jesus said "If

you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you" (John 15:7). Figure out what's keeping you from submitting everything to Jesus and get rid of it. You may need to forgive a parent, truly believe that God loves you, or get rid of your pride.

When you find a friend you can share these things with, ask him if he would like to be your accountability partner. There are some important rules when it comes to accountability partners. First of all, don't do what I tried to do with mine, which was to plan to call him whenever I knew I was headed down the wrong path. I found that I could not trust myself. At times I knew that what I was doing was wrong, but because I wanted to do it, I didn't call him. Instead, make it a weekly, or even daily, commitment, depending on the magnitude of the addiction. As of two weeks ago I must call my accountability partner every Tuesday at ten and shoot him an e-mail either Friday night or Saturday morning. I'm also expected to call him during "emergencies" or whenever else I need someone to talk to. So make a similar plan that you can agree on and stick to it.

The second rule is more basic: actually call your accountability partner when you need him or her. Even if it's four in the morning (as long as you have permission) and you know he or she will be sleeping, leaving that message or dialing that number will cheer you up a bit. After all, at least you tried.

As I mentioned earlier, it's important to know what keeps you from submitting everything to Christ. When it comes to addictions, you may continue with such rebellious behavior because of anger toward God. Maybe you feel that to give up the addiction would be too radical and that God doesn't really want to help you. But please, give Him a chance. He is waiting for you with arms wide open as the prodigal son's father was for him. By "giving everything" to Jesus you get so much back in return. The struggles will never end, but the battles are necessary to yield a peaceable harvest. When it seems He's deserted us, He makes us stronger.

I mentioned that this film is "based on actual events" but not entirely factual. The kicker is when Moore stars mentioning Jesus and continues to repeat His name throughout. "Jesus opposed capitalism." "Jesus would be appalled by the system today and would have nothing to do with it." "Is this what Jesus imagined?" "Wasn't He all about the first being last and the last being first?" Well, okay; I agree with that last statement, but what does it have to do with capitalism?

Throughout the documentary, Moore includes Catholic priests and asks them for their opinions. They tell him that there is no biblical evidence for a communist economy, although some liberal religious fig-

Michael Moore's Secret Affair With Capitalism

By Jennifer Pastula

Michael Moore is starring in his 5th big documentary since his career as a director/writer/producer began in 1989. He has won numerous awards for his work, which has taken him to the status of many Hollywood beloveds: millionaire. So far, *Capitalism: A Love Story* has grossed nearly five million dollars.

This is all thanks, in part, to our capitalist society.

This is the society Michael Moore wants to do away with: the society that made him rich.

There is no doubt that Moore is a gifted filmmaker.

country's worst decade ever, Americans began buying valuables they couldn't afford. This, of course, was encouraged by Reagan and his staff.

Now the economy has collapsed all around and it's the poor who, once again, have to give up what they rightfully own so that those on Wall Street can live like royalty while taking no responsibility for their lies to the American people. The solution? Do away with capitalism, the system of the greedy, and embrace socialism, where everyone gets a little part of what you've worked hard to earn. This way, no one will be poor! Also, no one will be rich. Everything will be "fair," just as the government wants it to be.

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ures quote the book of Acts.

According to Acts, the church took care of those in need. When someone lacked a necessity, a fellow Christian might sell some of his property and give the proceeds to the person in need. This practice did not involve the government and is a far cry from what Moore is proposing.

Moore also questions the success of the bailout. However, he runs to Democratic congressmen alone and listens as they claim they had nothing to do with it. Apparently, they never wanted it; it was all Bush's fault. But the committee in charge of the bailout included Democrats who now feign ignorance because of its morbid failure.

The economic crash was well in the making since the 1970s, during which Jimmy Carter wreaked some havoc on the nation, leaving Ronald Reagan with quite a bit to clean up. Bill Clinton took this up in the 1990s and here we are today.

Let me explain this as simply as I can: Americans started living beyond their means because they had seen others do it and it looked like a good idea. There was an American Dream to be sought and a luxurious lifestyle to be had. People wanted to buy things they didn't have the money for, but banks refused to give out loans to these people. The government stepped in under the advisement of Bill Clinton and forced the banks to let people take out loans. It was cheap at first; then the fine print kicks in and suddenly, no one could afford it. They had been warned of this from the beginning.

Sure, those in power should be held accountable for their actions, but what about the borrowers? Should they borrow beyond their means? And if people need a lawyer to read the fine print for them to make sure they understand the deal they're sealing, shouldn't they hire one? If they're trying to buy a huge house, they should be able to afford a lawyer.

One statement that interested me was "the people who have it all and the people who have nothing." The people who have nothing? Do they exist in America?

In fact, America has the richest poor people in the world. I am not undermining the level of poverty in this country; I am only comparing it with the devastation around the world which has been caused by such systems as socialism. Poor people around the world would love the chance to work here, but Moore tells us our system hasn't worked. It has done nothing other than make America the richest nation in the world. Not to mention, Moore is sitting comfortably because of it.

Another phrase often heard is "tax cuts for the rich." Well, who says only the rich are getting tax cuts by Republicans? On that note, who's to say that the Democrats would only raise taxes on the rich? The wealthy people of this nation have worked for what they have because that is the way capitalism works. They receive more from tax cuts because they are taxed more.

We seem to have elected quite a few hypocrites into positions of power. Note how Moore and many of his friends are crying for there to be help for the homeless, those who have been "beaten" by the capitalist system and yet, how many homeless people did Moore invite to live in his home in Michigan? Or in his apartment in New York? Moore even hesitates to call himself "rich" because this would obligate him to give up more than he is willing.

Why are you in college? To make a living, yes? Okay, how many of you are planning to be successful after college? I haven't interviewed everyone, but I'll guess that would be about 100% of the students on campus. Correct me if I'm wrong. Now, how many of you would like to give up 50% of your entire lifetime earnings because someone else just doesn't want to work?

Honestly, if that were the case, I'd drop out. Why accumulate debt that I'm going to have to work twice as hard to pay off while supporting other people who aren't working half as hard as I am?

Unions are considered to be good things, as I'm sure many of you have heard. "The union protects my rights" and so on and so forth. Well, once you're in a union, you lose that individualism which makes you a valued worker to begin with. Unions were needed back in the early 1900s when there were no labor laws. Now that we have labor laws, unions should be abolished; yet again, once the government gets involved, it never lets go. In a union, you can put 110% into your job. You can break your back and be all you can be and it won't amount to anything. You'll always be stuck where you are. There's no room for moving up and there's no reason to succeed. All motivation is gone because the slacker next to you who's scarfing up the last doughnut every morning is getting paid as much as you are for the rest of your life. Raises? Who needs them? Promotions? Who gets them?

Moore overlooks Obama's faults just as every good Democrat does. In *Capitalism: A Love Story*, Moore speaks out against tarp funds, which Obama voted for a few years ago. Once again, though, most Americans don't know this, although about 45% of the country recognized his socialist motives while he was campaigning. We voted for him anyway.

Also, Moore claims that other countries are so "successful" because of their non-capitalist economies, which begs the question: if they're so well-off all around the world, why do we need fences along our border? And why does Moore insist at the end of his movie that he's not leaving the good ol' USA?

I can think of a few reasons: Free enterprise. Capitalism. Freedom. Wealth. Money. Success. Tax breaks. Capitalism. And capitalism.

Editorial Letter To Alumni

By Timothy Mackie
Editor in Chief

Autumn is a time for migrations. As the geese, hawks, and butterflies take wing to soak up the Florida sun for the winter, across America college graduates return to their alma maters for the unbridled nostalgia-fest we call "Homecoming." Of course, this year's Homecoming isn't just the same old ritual. Messiah College turns 100 this year so we're taking the party to the next level. Before you get completely swept up in the tsunami of events planned for this weekend, I'd like you to take a few minutes to just look around.

Look at the buildings, the trees and shrubs, the students. For a large part, all these elements of Messiah College are here because of your legacy and continued generosity. It's no secret that the majority of students receive some sort of financial aid that makes their Messiah College education financially feasible. I am a recipient of the trustee's scholarship, which covers most of my tuition. Considering that I come from a large family with only one parent in the workforce, without this scholarship, I could not sit in my on-campus apartment and write this letter. My scholarship, and hundreds like it, are largely funded by alumni donation dollars. Since this might be my best opportunity to thank all of you corporately, I'm going to shout out a deeply personal THANK YOU to anyone who has ever donated to Messiah College.

Last month, I advised first-year students in another editorial to start building relationships that will last a lifetime. We like to toss the word "community" around a lot here, implying that our relationship with each other is linked to a specific time and place. Hopefully, those of you who've spent some time in what we students ironically term the "real world" know that true friendship is a condition of the soul that transcends both moment and location. Homecoming, with all of its organized fun, is ultimately a celebration of relationships. Not only do we celebrate that which draws us together during our four years of college, but in a broader sense that which connects all students of Messiah College: past, present, and future.

So as you wreck your vocal cords at the Homecoming game or stuff your face with those blueberry scones you've been missing so much, remember that you are here to celebrate the tie that binds you those who came before you and we who follow you. To quote my favorite singer-songwriter Sufjan Stevens "we celebrate our sense of each other, we have a lot to give one another."

Find Your Socio-Path

By Samantha Moore
Student Writer

The new Sociology and Anthropology major at Messiah

That seminal question we come to expect, particularly in new social groups and scenes, can get especially awkward. "So, what's your major?" someone drones, as you prepare to answer it with poise for the umpteenth time this week. Don't worry first and second years, that storm will pass. My third and fourth years, however, have illuminated an even meatier question. "So what do you want to do with that?" someone drones, expecting a mature ("matour") verbal synthesis of vocation, scholarship, and plans for changing the world.

To nudge the first elephant in the room, I am a Sociology and Anthropology (SOAN) major. The program is as new to Messiah College as Janelle Monae's spastic moves were to our common chapel space. And as bold as this statement might be, the SOAN program is better.

People hear the words sociology and anthropology and think 1. Bone digging, 2. Social Work, or 3. Say Whaaat? It's all right. I'm used to it. What people don't think is urban policy, visual and material culture, ethnicity, international trade, politics, social class, diversity, globalization, housing, museum politics, farmers' markets, poverty, economics, power, nationalism, religion, nonprofit work, and anything else related to society. They don't think Philadelphia, PA, and especially not Grantham, PA. Instead, they think forensic anthropologist "Bones" Brennan from Fox's hit show, missionary and explorer Dr. David Livingstone, and that sandy country with the Pyramids.

Now, I've definitely watched *Bones*

before; I've explored parts of Ghana thanks to a Messiah cross-cultural, and I once leaned against the Sphinx. But these experiences aren't why I study Sociology and Anthropology. I was converted to SOAN while studying in Philadelphia, taking classes at Temple University, and learning to discern urban politics from race issues to health care and community development. I learned how to critique the world with understanding, as well as critique my own position as a white, female, middle-class college student.

In an African American Studies class called "Public Policy and the Black Community," I was one of three white faces, and the only from this foreign "Messiah" place. I saw development projects working to attract middle to upper class residents to the city. I unintentionally assumed a place within Temple University's expansion project which was pushing old North Philly residents out. Issues of power, race, and culture pervaded my experience, from my own hipster coffee shop trips to community gardening service trips. That's why I'm a SOAN major. I get to study these pervasive, taken-for-granted practices that make and shape our social environment. I get to engage policy, perception, power, and people, both in the classroom and out.

Now, I recognize people's skepticism: studying culture might be great and all, but what can I actually do with this? As you may have guessed, the second elephant in the room is far heftier than the first. But don't think it can't be moved, because it totally can, even if it takes a wrecking ball or a world champion

ringmaster or a dumpster truck of gourmet, pre-shelled peanuts. These tactics aren't impossible, just a little atypical.

Initially, I thought my next step would have to be graduate school; I was setting myself up for doctoral work in urban anthropology. For most, this path would classify as atypical. To me, it felt more like an obligation than that momentous next step. I put myself in a grad school-bound box because I didn't know where else SOAN could lead. Toward the end of my second semester in Philly, I searched the web like a good college kid commencing research, and just took a chance with my anthropology-dripping resume. Within a few weeks, I had surprisingly secured internship positions at two different nonprofits: The Erie Community Foundation and Housing and Neighborhood Development Service. Both nonprofits serve the Erie, PA community in different ways. One works in partnership with donors to build endowment funds and develop community grants for local organizations in need. The other works to help underserved populations--the elderly, low income families, first-time homebuyers, and persons experiencing mental illness and disability--obtain affordable, quality housing.

My urban experiences last year opened my eyes to issues of poverty, development, education, and racial inequalities. This summer, I drew on those experiences and engaged my hometown of 22 years through a different lens. I didn't expect to apply my SOAN education as practically as I have; I can't say I knew how to make my second elephant budge until this summer.

Ladies and gents, I can't think of a better (ComCov-appropriate) way to launch senior year than to answer my elephants. Maybe I'm just shamelessly promoting a new program I think is great, but at least I have good reasons. I'll be one of the first Messiah College students to graduate with a Sociology and Anthropology major (I switched this semester when I found out they raised anthropology from a concentration to part of the major name itself). Now don't think you have to spend a year in Philly like *moi*. Students travel the world; one department student literally country-hopped, spending half her college career abroad. Or you can complete the whole major here, in the fine comforts of Messiah culture.

I'm pleased to report that alumni of the department are currently working (that's right...employed! WAHOO!) in a variety of careers: human relations, human resources, college admissions, social work, marketing, community development, foster care, business and government, education, veterans' services, social policy, health services, independent living centers, rehabilitation centers, conflict transformation instruction, and more, both here and abroad.

So, what'dya say? If atypical, curious, and adventurous is your style, SOAN might be your ticket. If you like culture and people--even if you just like people-watching (I'm watching you read this right now)--ask me about the major (sm1323@messiah.edu).

Or don't, and always wonder.

The DJ Block

Practical Advice for Students, by Students

By Dawnique Shury and Josephine Bellon
Student Writers

1. "What do you do about a roommate who is lying to you about something he or she should not be doing?"

•Honesty is key! How do you know this person is lying to you? Maybe it's just your being insecure. But if you really believe the person is lying to you, confront him or her with your concern. If the reaction is counterproductive to resolving the situation, appeal to a higher authority (RA, RD, etc.). This often creates tension in a relationship, but tension can be used as an avenue to talk things out. This does not mean you should go buck wild and attack your roommate verbally. Instead use "I" statements that do not push blame, but focus on the problem. Most importantly, be prayerful of the situation and considerate of the individual. After all, it could have been you!

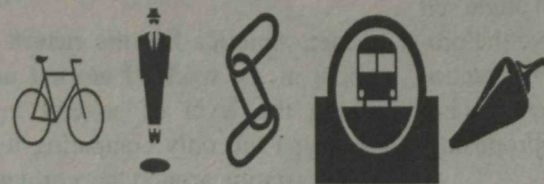
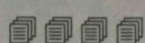
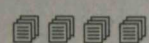
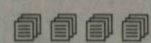
2. "What do you do about a roommate that has smelly feet?"

Throw their shoes outside the complex to get some fresh air and when they notice, your actions can result in a productive conversation about their smelly feet. Then you can help them find awesome ways to lessen the impact of the smell. All that smells well ends well.

*If you would like YOUR question answered, write it down and send it to campus mailbox #5131. Your name will not be published whether or not you include it with your submission.

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Morgan's Homecoming Promises Laughter

Alumnus and comedian returns to Messiah College

By: Josh Boden
Student Writer

He has performed stand-up comedy all across the country, from the Improv in Los Angeles and the Comedy Store in West Hollywood to Hostetter Chapel at Messiah College. He has starred in commercials for Universal Orlando and has a growing fan base for his videos on YouTube. He is an actor, writer, director, comedian, and musician. And for one night only, Timmy Morgan is returning to Messiah College for a special performance in Brubaker Auditorium on October 16.

To recent alumni and faculty, the Dillsburg, Pennsylvania native is remembered as a talented student with a knack for making peers and faculty laugh. Anthony Thomas graduated in 2004 with Morgan and says that Morgan had a good reputation among students. "People knew Tim to be a funny guy," he says, "He was well known on campus."

Many current students will witness Morgan's comedy for the first time when he opens for comedian Jeff Allen at a special Homecoming Weekend comedy show. The show follows a series of comedic successes going as far back as his first year of high school, the first of which was a quiet car ride home.

"My aunt and I were driving home from vacation one summer and I started reading the driver's manual in different voices," Morgan says, "She started laughing hysterically."

Realizing his ability to make people laugh, he began to experiment with voices and comedy, receiving plenty of encouragement from family and friends.

Upon arrival at Messiah College, Morgan made a spontaneous decision to sign up for the Freshman Coffeehouse, never having done any formal stand-up. "I decided to take the student handbook and read it in different voices," Morgan says, "and it ended up being a huge hit." To this day people still mention it to him.

Associate Professor of Communication Ed Arke recalls Morgan's reputation as the funny guy on campus. He remembers a video Morgan made for class that had students laughing at the wild displays of physical comedy.

"Tim obviously had a very creative streak as a student, even before he pursued a career in stand-up," Arke says.

In his junior year at Messiah, the Student Activities Board helped put on a "Timmy Morgan

Comedy Night" in Hostetter Chapel. The show featured an hour of Morgan's original stand-up material and drew a crowd of over 700 students. "The chapel was packed," Morgan says, "which really galvanized me into comedy."

After the success of his debut show, word-of-mouth took him to performances at fundraisers and local events. After graduating from Messiah, he worked in the Admissions Office and got married to Debbie Morgan, but continued to do shows on the side.

In 2005, Morgan opened for Colin Mochrie and Brad Sherwood of the hit ABC show "Whose Line is it Anyway?" Shortly after, Morgan and his wife moved to Los Angeles to pursue his career in comedy.

"It was one of those vocational callings," Morgan says, "where you know you're going to regret it for the rest of your life unless you give it an honest effort." Though he says they were terrified to make the move, the past two years have been a period of tremendous growth.

For one, Morgan says he has done much less stand-up comedy than he thought he would. After coming to realize that the stand-up industry is extremely demanding and typically financially unrewarding, he began to focus his energy on short films and voiceover acting for commercials.

"What I've realized more and more is that I'm a comedian at heart," he says, "I really enjoy comedic acting and even writing and filming my own sketches."

The result has been a growing body of work on YouTube that has helped to promote Morgan's name and work.

One of Morgan's most notable breaks was his role as Syd Vinyl, a pretentious English rocker in a series of commercials for Rip Ride Rockit, a new rollercoaster at Universal Orlando. The ad campaign features Morgan clad in leather and long hair, sporting chains and black fingernails and offering useless input for the design of the coaster.

He says the experience of working for a big-budget production was extremely rewarding.

"It was a perfect combo of my ability to do character work, improv, and even accents," he says.

Morgan auditions as often as he can, realizing "you have to be available at the drop of a hat for auditions," says Morgan.

Debbie works as a nurse near their home in Pasadena, and Morgan also does some substi-

tute teaching on the side. Morgan credits his wife's understanding toward the nature of his work for the flexibility he has to go to auditions, which would not be possible if his wife "was always yelling at [him] to get a job." Comedy is a competitive field, but it is one that Morgan feels privileged to be a

time defining what kind of comedian I am," he says, "I just want to make people laugh."

Morgan says the whole experience has been a journey that he is taking one day at a time. "I'm still not sure what will



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part of. Though he has experienced a number of recent breaks, he also feels determined not to compromise his integrity in an industry rife with crude language.

Arke has been following Morgan's career the past few years, and is impressed with the quality of his material. "He's always made an effort to keep his work clean," Arke says, adding that he would have no problem bringing his young children to one of Morgan's shows.

"I try to stay away from offensive stuff just for the sake of being offensive," Morgan says. "I find that many comedians aren't into the art of making people laugh; they just try to shock people with vulgar stuff."

Morgan says he has tried to view his move to L.A. as entering into a new mission field. "L.A. is a place where the light of Christ is needed, so I want to be actively involved in the community." He and his wife have become very involved in their local church, and devote time to helping children in troubled areas of L.A.

"We don't want this experience to just be about me and my career," he says.

At this point, Morgan's career could go in a number of directions. Though he will continue to do stand-up when he can, he has a growing passion for comedic acting, short films, and even musical comedy. "I have a hard

happen," he says, but he is embracing every opportunity that comes his way. Arke says he is excited to see what is ahead for Morgan's career. "He's made some good first steps," he says, "It's an indication of how talented he is that he's been able to go this far."

On thing is for sure: Morgan's return to Messiah for Homecoming Weekend will be met by a host of faithful friends and followers. And Morgan should be excited as well, because, as his character Syd Vinyl says, "The only thing better than screaming your own name is having a whole bunch of people screaming it."

"I decided to take the student handbook and read it in different voices"

A New Book, a New Company, and a Satisfied Couple

Michael and Lynne Cosby create their own publishing company

By Elizabeth Stevens
Student Writer

Every school day, Biblical Studies Professor Michael Cosby is satisfied to realize that his latest book, *Interpreting Biblical Literature: an Introduction to Biblical Studies* is taking students at Messiah College and elsewhere on a "tour guide" through Biblical history.

The book was designed to be used in introductory Bible courses across the country and was specifically geared towards students rather than professors. Michael also hopes that the book gives students a fresh perspective and "takes them on a journey to the ancient world of the Bible."

Unlike his previous books, *Interpreting Biblical Literature* was published by a company that he and his wife, Lynne Cosby, created.

Originally, Michael had planned for the book to be published by a well-known publishing company, but difficulties emerged when the editor overseeing Michael's book was reassigned to another division. Michael said the editor's, "replacement came in with a different agenda."

Multiple times, the company suggested that Michael write the textbook for professors and Michael's desire to print the book in full color made it an expensive investment. Dissatisfied with the new restrictions that the publication house

was suggesting for his book, but still determined to print the book, Michael decided to form Stony Run Publishing.

According to Michael, the majority of his time was spent writing, and it was Lynne that "took the lead in figuring out the business end of things."

Not only did Lynne learn how to start a business, she also edited the book, worked with layout and design artists, and negotiated with printers. She currently serves as treasurer and markets the book now that it is published.

"The book was not my original ideas, but my fingerprints are all over everything" says Lynne.

Michael and Lynne were unsure of where to begin since both of them are writers, not business people. Lynne asked various people and read many books for advice on how to start a publishing company. "My father said: if you can read, you can do anything," says Lynne.

Lacking a steady adviser, Lynne quickly registered a business online, but in order for the company to survive, Lynne had to work all spring to get the company moving. Legal details for the website, permission to print photos, and sales tax matters were all small but crucial steps in the creation process. Lynne said, "The venture has been much more expensive, not only financially, but mentally and physically taxing as well."

Michael emphasized that creating your own publishing company is very expensive, but he believes that they will "recoup that money over time."

Although the textbook is already being used at Xavier University, Messiah College, and University of Toronto, Lynne will attend a Society for Biblical Literature conference in New Orleans in hopes to market the book and sell more copies.

Neither Michael nor Lynne would suggest that writers create their own publication companies in order to get their books published. Instead, Lynne suggests that a writer seek ways to self-publish. She said, "Print-on-demand is a whole different animal than it used to be."

Lynne herself is a facilitator for the West Shore Christian Writer's Fellowship, a writer's group designed to critique individual's writing, but also to be a gateway to publishing smaller pieces of writing.

Although Michael is satisfied that the book is finally published, the process was intense. "We sometimes wondered during the past year if we should have undertaken such a big project," he says.

Michael's latest book is not being published by his company, *Apostle on the Edge: An Inductive Guide to Paul* is being released this fall by Hendrickson Publishers.

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Photo Poll: Fertile Ground

How did Fertile Ground broaden, enlighten, or change your perspective about Messiah College?

Poll Conducted by Scott Endicott
Student Writer



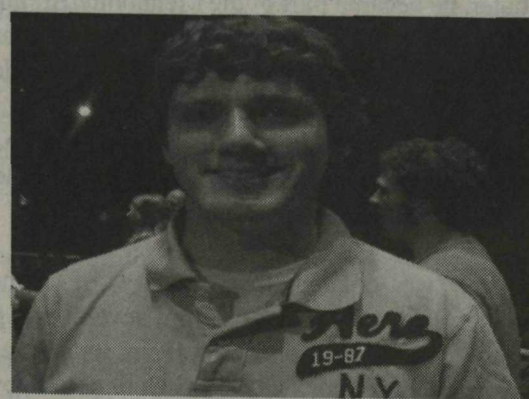
Kayla Mini: I think it's fantastic that Messiah College was founded from a noodle factory. This theatrical production shows the legacy that Messiah has always been and who we are today.



Bryant Vance: People are so blind if they're not connected, you see the signs and stories around campus but you don't know the roots of these stories. You get to see through this play a tangible history which makes the past so much more meaningful.



Anne King-Grosh: To be honest I knew very little about the school's past. It is nice to have some context for the school my daughter goes to.



Evan Frock: I didn't realize that people 50 of one 100 years ago did the same things we did, with relationships and everything. Most of the time you just leave the past in the past.

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Colombian Sculptor Shares Bold Artistic Vision

LAL event highlights unique ceramic artist

By Timothy Mackie
Editor-in-chief

Rafael Canizones-Yunez cups the clay vessel in his deft hands as gently as he would a sleeping infant. Like all his pieces, it has a name and a gender. This one is "Pharaoh": a dignified urn glazed in lively earth tones.

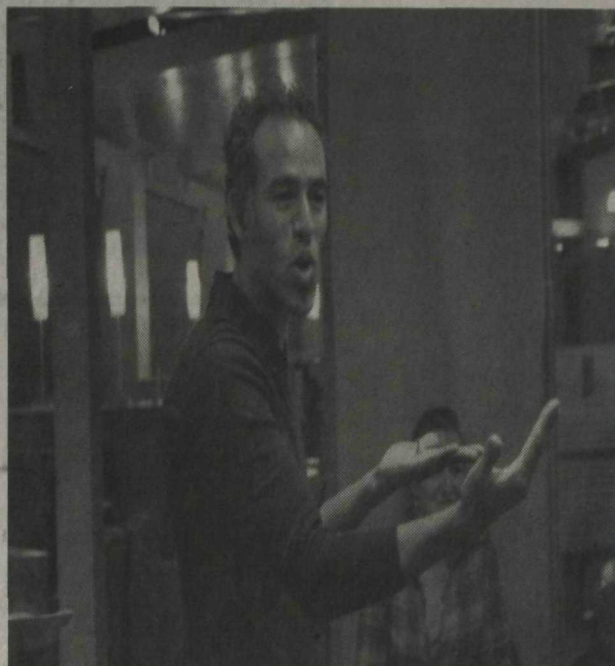
"Sometimes you don't have all the answers" he says, half to the audience and half to the vessel. "You approach the clay, you listen to it, and it tells you what it wants to become."

For Canizones, a veteran sculptor who recently opened a studio in the Petworth neighborhood of Washington DC, the creative practice is a way of life. Born in Colombia in 1966, he emigrated to the U.S. at the age of 17. After three years of ESL classes, he enrolled in college where he discovered his love for ceramic arts. After an initial rejection from art school, he entered the monastic life as a Franciscan friar. He later left the monastery, taught ballroom dancing for a time, and eventually enrolled in Cranbrook Academy of Art for his MFA.

Presenting in Larsen Student Union on October 5, Canizones speaks with energy and conviction about his work. He molds his words with hand gestures and exhibits great openness with his audience about some deeply personal pieces. He names personal identity and modeling of relationships as his two key artistic drivers. His vessels are just as likely to have Spanish names as English ones and he often groups works into families.

Above all, each of Canizones's works is a meditation in clay. The largest piece in his display, three brown and white vessels towering about five feet tall dubbed "Trinity," arose from his contemplation of the relationship of the three persons of the Christian Godhead. He originally intended the make a single massive vessel, an expression of being "pissed off" at his art jury in school, but found that he related differently to these human-sized pieces than to smaller ones.

"These vessels are my peers" he says. "Trinity" demonstrates his integration of monas-



tic patience and artistic practice; the three vessels were formed with the time-intensive "coil" process.

Other pieces in his clay cornucopia span from the epic wide-based urn "Matriarch," to surreal "Conglomerate" pieces best described as bouquets of bottles, to quaintly symbolic pieces such as "Trophy." This last piece, a white ceramic phallus balanced on an inverted goblet, embodies a play on the Colombian Spanish word "copa" which can mean either "wine glass" or "penis." Aside from the overt sexuality of this piece, Canizones says that it symbolizes the question of manhood. He has the letters "a-e-i-o-u" inscribed on the goblet: a memory of the difficult of assigning new meaning to these familiar symbols when he learned English.

"Trophy," says Canizones, asks "what sort of things do I need to know to be considered a man?"

Many of Canizones's works show traditional forms warped and distorted. He attributes some of these scars to "happy accidents" in the kiln which he has grown to accept. "Scars have become an important part of my work" he says. "I don't need to mourn it; I just need to remember that it happened."

Victoria Yunez, Vice-President of La Alianza Latina (LAL) and Canizones's goddaughter, says that the event fits perfectly with LAL's agenda for Hispanic Heritage Month. "We wanted him to speak about what he does: as an artist and as a Latino," says Yunez.

Fashion, Salvation Army Inspired

A student's "secondhand" inspiration

By Sarah Hawkins
Student Writer

It's Wednesday and I'm ready for a new adventure. My last class of the day has finished, I've grabbed lunch, and I'm ready to set off on my ritual shopping spree at Salvation Army.

I crank up "Banquet" by Bloc Party on my iPod, wait anxiously at the light on 15 North and Trindle, and turn left at Starbucks with a squeal and a smile on my face.

It's going to be a great afternoon. I can feel it.

I turn into Sal Val and note the massive number of cars in the parking lot that have beaten me to Family Night (better known as half-off clothing day).

I open the glass door and my heart begins to pound. The plethora of clothing, nick-knacks, books, and potential dorm room furniture waits before me. My imagination runs wild with all the potential newbies to add to my wardrobe.

A sea of customers is already digging deep into color-coded racks of possibilities. It is evident that I need to make up ground fast.

Game face - on.

Each section is thrilling. The adrenaline rush kicks in as I spot a hot pink acid wash jumpsuit calling my name. "Is this fate?" I ask myself.

Why yes, yes it is.

As I wait in line for the dressing room, my thoughts roam to my peers who have the same desperation to seek their individual style. Many of them in fact behind in me line.

My friend (and well-known fashion icon of Messiah College) Pete Corning tells me of his great finds at Salvation Army last week. "When you do find the 'Bingo item'," says Corning. "It's like this moment of clarity when you realize, 'this is why I am here; to wear this article of clothing.'"

"I just bought this red vest that I sort of love. It has corduroy sections on the shoulders. So unnecessary and so good," he says.

As I see it, the popularity of vintage stores, secondhand clothing shops, and donation centers is growing due to the recent downturn in the economy. Students like myself are striving to be different while keeping in mind that fads do fade. I don't think it wise to spend massive amounts on clothing that will not be considered "in" in the near future.

Think about it. Isn't fashion just a cycle of styles that have come before us?

The styles of the 80s are all over the September 2009 issue of Teen Vogue. This is exemplified by their encouragement to "Go Neon," and advice on "Working those 80's Trends: Big Shoulders, Neon and Animal Print."

Before that, our generation was heavily influenced by the hippie-esque styles of the 70s. What now? Will UGG boots, and graphic tees define us?

I think the shoppers of Sal Val are onto something.

Instead of trying to consistently make something new, it feels like our generation is feeding off of what is known about fashion in order to create our own "unique" style. Take the timeless basics that have proven themselves over and over again.

-Simple lines.
-Never wear socks and sandals together.
-Beware of the muffin top.

Since the elements of Fashion 101 are commonsensical, the rest is an elaborate game of dress up. I'll wait a half hour in a line to try on cheap, hand-me-down-clothing in order to satisfy my craving to create.

Despite the unoriginality of attempting to be original, I'm proud of our thrifty generation.

As students are trying to find themselves in the racks of second hand clothing, don't be surprised if you see me there too. I'll be right there along with them taking down a sweet flannel shirt, pencil skirt or sweater-vest. Look for the girl in the hot pink acid wash jumpsuit.

Presentation Seeks to Expand Understanding of Messiah's Past

"Sharing a Multicultural Century" will give the stories of Messiah's first minorities

By Morgan Lee
Magazine Editor

Rachel Flowers. Vincent Flowers. Martha Bosley. Meschach Krikorian. It is the Office of Multicultural Programs dream that after their homecoming presentation, "Sharing a Multicultural Century", these names will as well-known as Lottie Nelson or Ernest Boyer.

The project, an attempt to draw attention to the identity and perspective of Messiah College minority and international alumni, is the brainchild of former and now interim Director of Multicultural Programs Heraldo Kane-Osorto.

Kane-Osorto felt himself drawn to a part of the college's history he believed had long been neglected.

"I was very curious in learning the history of people of color at Messiah," says Kane-Osorto. "Everyone could tell me stories about people who had Brubaker or Fry as their last names but no one could tell me about these students."

Kane-Osorto, a 2006 graduate, also enlisted the help of his former history professor and mentor Michael Bernardo. Together they applied for a grant with the hope that their project would al-

low them to discover the names and stories of the inconspicuous alumni.

"In the beginning it was a lot of searching through the archives and looking at yearbooks," says Kane-Osorto.

His work-study Mollie Gunnoe also worked with him to find information and separate myth from reality. For example, before their research, "we thought Martha Bosley, who attended during the 1920's, was the first African-American student at Messiah," says Gunnoe.

It was not until Kane-Osorto was browsing through "a stack of identified photos that we found Rachel Flowers' photo," he says.

Flowers had attended Messiah College several years before Bosley but no one had known about her existence. In fact, it was apparent that there had been some confusion over her actual existence.

"It turns out she was mislabeled as Martha," says Kane-Osorto. "We confirmed this after looking at other pictures."

Later findings revealed that Flowers' brother, Vincent, had attended shortly after his sister. Although the Flowers were among the first mi-

norities to come to Messiah College, several international students had attended prior to them.

In 1912, after a chance encounter between Messiah President Samuel Smith and an Armenian refugee from Turkey, several Armenian students attended the college.

The first international student, Meschach Krikorian, fled Turkey after some of his family members died in the Turkish persecution of the Armenians. Later, he became part of the Mennonite/Brethren in Christ church and several of his relatives-- Samuel Krikorian and Jacob Ekmejiad-- also attended.

Combining her findings with those of Kane-Osorto, and Bernardo, Gunnoe began to compile a database of the alumni of color.

"After we created this registry of names, we wanted to then focus on several people from each decade and call them individually to hear their stories," says Gunnoe. "Obviously their experience would have been completely different than Caucasian students.

Discovering the reasons that prompted these students' attendance at Messiah College continues to be an open ended question. "We have really struggled discovering what hap-

pened to many of these students such as Rachel," says Kane-Osorto. "The next part of project is to continue finding about these "firsts" and their stories."

Bernardo is also interested in the motives of the students.

"We've had students from Jordan, Africa, India, Japan, Germany and Italy. For so many students, Messiah was just like being at home, but for these students, why did they come to Grantham?"

Gunnoe is delighted that these students and questions are finally getting some attention.

"I was really surprised that nothing had been done before now," she says. "We're so culturally aware that I have no idea why this hasn't been publicized more. It really hadn't been looked into at all."

The Homecoming presentation provides an opportunity for increased awareness.

"It should be a goal that as Messiah remembers its past, we should also remember our multicultural past, our colored past," says Bernardo.

The "Sharing a Multicultural Century" presentation will be in Parmer Cinema from 1:00-2:00 on Saturday October 17.

We Were Floormates

After a brief absence, the trend of hall identities emerges again

By Andrew Exner
Student Writer

"AHH-OOOH!" shouts a young man on Witmer 3B. A chorus of "AHH-OOOH"s echo back before the floor immediately returns to studying. Across campus on Naugle 1B, two men in the lounge play ping-pong on a makeshift table while someone else rattles off a quote from the film Nacho Libre and cries "Let's gooo!" Meanwhile up on the third floor of Hess, all of the doors are open and guys walk freely in and out as they visit friends. What makes these first year students unique also unites them. These floors have special identities: Sparta, Naugle Nachos, and the Bruderhof respectively.

In the spring of 2005, Messiah College's quarterly magazine, The Bridge, published an article about campus traditions. One of the traditions mentioned was the special community-oriented floor known as the Bruderhof (German for "place of brothers"), which had existed around the 1970's.

According to the article in The Bridge, RAs Jay McDermond ('76, currently professor in BRS department) and Randy Ness ('77, currently Director of Volunteer and Church Relations), were "determined to intentionally form community" and created the floor to encourage brotherhood and friendship that has endured with alumni from the time. They held Bible studies, participated in Rec Sports, played card games, and even organized the occasional harmless prank. The Bruderhof persisted for a number of years, but eventually faded away into a memory, some time in the early 2000's.

According to Andy Hall, the Residence Director of Hess, the 2005-2006 academic year was the first year that Messiah College experimented with first-year exclusive dorms instead of just first-year exclusive floors. The Resident Assistance's on Hess third that fall, Derek Rosenberger ('06) and James Yutzky ('08), restarted the tradition of the Bruderhof.

Kyle "Fridge" Pennington ('09), was one of the students on this new Bruderhof. Pennington got his nickname because he would sit on top of the lounge refrigerator during their weekly meetings, known as BruderTime. "The BruderTime was kind of what defined the whole Bruderhof experience," Pennington says.

This weekly meeting involved prayer, snacks, games, and company. "It was sort of the whole community thing Messiah College has been trying for," says Pennington, "but it wasn't forced...we just sort of let it occur."

Adam Brackbill ('12) and Ben Rutt ('12) are the RAs of the Bruderhof this year. Brackbill said

that he was a member of the Bruderhof the year before, when John Bert ('09) and Larry Lawrence ('09) were the RAs. He recalls talking to Bert and Lawrence about the possibility of being an RA. "I saw John and Larry as really cool people and I wanted to experience what they experienced...they're what made the floor really fun."

Ben Taylor, the RD of Witmer, notices a similar identity building feature in Sparta and on some of the other floors. "The specialty floors offer yet another element with which to associate one's identity. When I meet someone who lives, for instance, on Witmer 3B, they will say to me, 'Hi I'm Kyle. I'm an engineering major on Sparta.'"

The young floor, started only last year, already has traditions like Muscle Measuring Mondays and the game Assassins. According to Hayes, Assassins is "a live action game going on in Witmer in which assignments are issued to eliminate one other individual with several different techniques, including marker swiping, sock grenades, tape poisoning, and boxer tagging."

Josh Boden ('12) lived on Sparta last year when Epling was the RA. "I remember thinking-I'm a part of something huge here," he says. "For us, a group of 40 nervous freshmen, to feel like you're part of something special makes you feel like you're special."

Adam Barron ('13), is a member of the Naugle Nachos, located on Naugle 1B. The floor has its own Koinonia group, a Rec Sports volleyball team, and regularly has meals together. "We're just a great spirited group of guys," Barron says.

Derek Mosley ('13), says that the whole floor is based on the film, Nacho Libre. "I guess Christian, the RA, just did a good job of posting different quotations from the movie around the floor," Mosley says.

According to Rhonda Good, Director of Housing, there have been other floors in the early 2000's that focused on topics like diversity and missions. The special interest houses, like the Reconciliation house and the SALT house have taken on these distinctions now.

Rob Pepper, Director of Student Programs, recalls a community-based floor in Miller in the mid-90s, and a "Diversity Floor" which grew into the SALT Program. Pepper worked with Jeff Rioux, then working in the Agape Center, to create the SALT Program. "This was supposed to be on the first floors of Witmer, but a house became open on campus and the program was moved to a house," Pepper says.

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Language Department Diversifies its Courses

By Lindsay Prior
Student Writer

"Ni hao!"

Professor Anna Marshall greets her Chinese class as they take their seats and get out their books. The class returns the greeting as she begins to read their Mandarin names and returns graded quizzes. She turns around to the chalkboard and Chinese 101 begins.

The addition of Mandarin Chinese to the curriculum at Messiah College this year has been met with much positive feedback from both students and professors alike.

John Beane, the chair of the Language Department, says that the addition of Mandarin helps to fulfill one of the main goals of the language department.

"We want our students to realize that speakers of various languages have their own perspectives of reality," says Beane.

The inclusion of Mandarin Chinese in this year's curriculum gives students the opportunity to study an Asian language, in contrast with the predominantly Western European languages already taught.

Messiah College now offers its students seven different languages: Spanish, French, German, Hebrew, Greek, Latin, and Mandarin.

Administrators recruited and hired Anna Marshall, an individual with firsthand experiences in both Chinese and American

culture to teach the first Mandarin class.

Marshall grew up in Yangzhou, China but immigrated to America for graduate study. In China, schools are required to teach English to their students, so Marshall already knew the language when she came to America to study.

Now, as she teaches at Messiah College, she says that one of the reasons teaching Mandarin today is important is because of China's increasing prominence.

"China is booming as a world power," she says.

Beane agrees that China, and the continent of Asia in general, "continue to become more important within the world."

Since, in China, students are required to learn English, Messiah College has acknowledged the need for the opportunity to teach its students Mandarin.

"Most educated people in the world speak other languages," says Beane. "The rest of the world places higher value on learning language. We need to overcome this deficit of second language ability."

Senior English major Andrea Grove, a student in one of the Chinese classes, says that she was one of the first students to sign up for Chinese, even though she had already completed her Gen Ed language requirement.

"I took French 3 to fulfill my Gen Ed

requirement," she says. "I wasn't very good at French, but I'm really enjoying Chinese."

The addition of Mandarin will benefit certain majors, like International Business, in particular. Heather Nero, an International Business major, recognizes the assets that language skills offer to her.

"It gives you more confidence to go into other countries and be able to put yourself out there," says Nero adding that Spanish, Mandarin, and Arabic are the most practical for today's student.

While Messiah College does not as yet have plans to implement another new language course, there has been talk among students and faculty about their desire to learn other languages.

Bill Strausbaugh, the Dean of Curriculum says in order to verify the importance of a course, the administration must take into account whether there is enough interest generated for it. However, discussion is important and often, as it did in the addition of Mandarin, serve as a catalyst for later actions.

"That's where these things all start - with talking," he says.

Tall, Dark, and Handsome

Alumnus unites passions for photography and social justice

By Timothy Mackie
Editor-in-chief

Photographer and Messiah College alumnus Ulysse Toussaint (class of 2007) will be returning to campus for the college's centennial homecoming to front an event that combines his artistic talent with his passion for social justice work. On Friday Oct 16th and Saturday Oct 17th from 11a.m. to 6p.m. on the Agape Center lawn, Toussaint will be providing free engagement and bachelorette shoots to any Messiah College students or alumni who sign up. In lieu of a fee, Toussaint is asking students to pledge to buy trees to plant in his native Haiti.

Toussaint says he feels that many Americans and others from industrialized nations take advantage of Haiti by sending people on brief philanthropic or missions trips in which they primarily hand out free things and observe a poverty-stricken nation. While this may satisfy a certain measure of liberal guilt, Toussaint says that it does little to help Haitians, since they become dependent on foreign aid. Rather than providing consumables, Toussaint says Americans should invest in infrastructure and education in order to "teach them how to fish, not give them a fish." According to Toussaint, Haiti suffers from intense deforestation from people cutting down trees for fuel. This in turn leads to a whole host of

ecological problems, such as soil erosion and loss of biodiversity. He plans to ask couples signing up for free photoshoots to pledge 1000 trees to rebuild Haiti's once rich forests.

Toussaint spoke to First-Year Seminar professors earlier this year in concert with this semester's common reading, Tracy Kidder's "Mountains Beyond Mountains," which focuses on social justice in Haiti from a Christian perspective. Working with his good friend and former boss, Chad Frey of the Agape Center, Toussaint is hoping to persuade Messiah College to adopt a long-term strategy towards Haiti. "I'm trying to challenge them not just to focus on Haiti for one semester" says Toussaint.

Toussaint describes his approach to commercial photography as "a combination of wedding and fashion photography" that grows out of his experience as a fashion model. Toussaint encourages couples to move away from traditional front-on wedding shoots and towards a zanier, edgier aesthetic. Toussaint prides himself in taking "magazine quality photos" that look like they could have fallen from the pages of a high-end fashion 'zine.

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Women's Soccer on a Roll

By Cody Swartz
Staff Writer

The Messiah Falcons women's soccer program has put together one of its finest seasons thus far. With four regular season games still to play, the Falcons (13-0-1) are unbeaten, in their attempt to defend last season's Division III National Championship title.

The Falcons began the season with back-to-back shutout wins and shutouts in four of their past five games, starting talk of another deep play-off run. The only blip on the Falcons' schedule was a 1-1 double overtime tie at Lynchburg College, a matchup that is the only game the Falcons have not won comfortably this season. Even so, the Falcons have stayed unbeaten for the season.

In all, the team has rolled over its opponents relatively easily, winning seven games by shutout, while outscoring opponents 43 to 4 for the year. This team features an incredible combination of offense, defense, and coaching, a blend that could

very well help the Falcons bring home the school's second consecutive championship come November.

It is impossible to pick a best player from head coach Scott Frey's squad, but the team's leading scorers this season are senior midfielder Amanda Naehner (28 points, 11 goals, four game-winning goals) and junior forward Erin Hench (23 points, nine goals, two game-winning goals). For the season, the Falcons have had goals scored by 12 different players.

The defense has certainly done its part as well, limiting the opponents to just four goals on the season. Messiah's Falcons - who have averaged 25-plus shots per game - have held their opposition to just 3.6 shots per game, a major reason why the team is ranked No. 1 in the nation among Division III teams.

Sophomore goalkeeper Autumn Reilly has played over 900 minutes in goal this season, while registering a .810 save percentage and a goals against average of just 0.39, and junior

goalie Shalisa Brubaker has contributed 88 shutout minutes of her own.

Led by eight-year coach Scott Frey, these Falcons are battle-tested and eager to repeat as national champions. Frey, who leads all active Division III coaches in winning percentage (.909, heading into this season), is seeking his sixth Final Four appearance and third national title.

Heading into Commonwealth Conference play, the Falcons have momentum, talent, and a considerable advantage in talent over their opponents. The Falcons are facing one of the toughest parts of their season - a three-game road span, two of which are Commonwealth Conference games - but expect the Falcons to pull through unblemished. There can't be too many teams out there looking forward to facing this undefeated group.

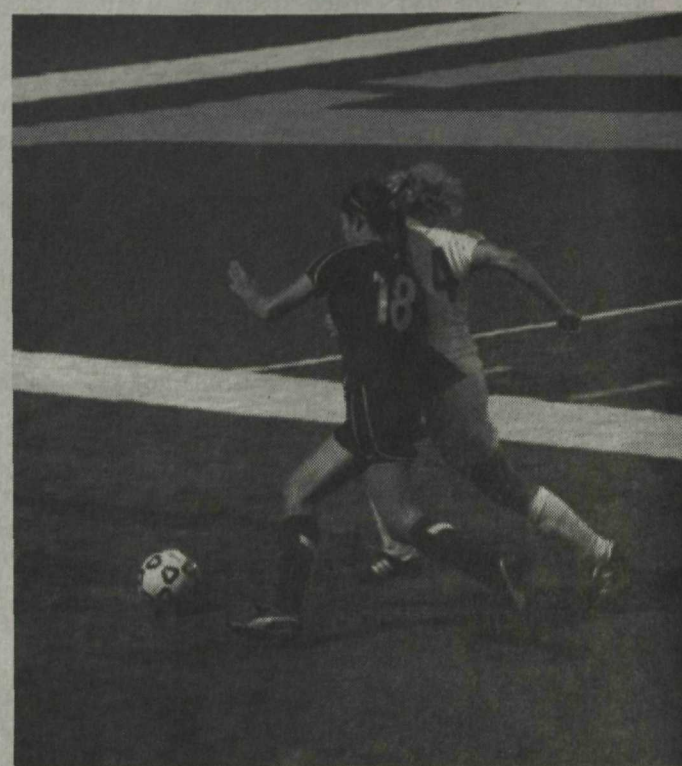


Photo by Ashley Darty

The Trek Toward Endurance

Men's Cross Country Continues Fall

By Nick Hemming
Student Writer

For the Messiah Men's Cross Country team, 40-70 demanding miles per week marked the beginning of an arduous fall season. June brought heat, but they faced it with confidence. July generated tremendous rainfall; they worked around it. And through it all, these motivated men were expected to maintain steady focus.

"Sometimes in the summer, when the racing season seems so far away, it can become difficult to stay focused on the main goal of running well at the end of October and November," says first-year student Zach Hoagland.

The first week of September tested the effect of summertime devotion. Running in the Sea Gull Open, guest to Salisbury University, the Falcons beat their host with an impressive 15-point first-place finish. Sophomore Tyler Newhook and senior Peter Shenk posted the day's premier times, finishing with a 26:18:00 and 26:27:00, respectively. The extensive results they sought in the off-season started to become reality.

The September meets that followed yielded similar results. A trip to University Park for the Spiked Shoe Invitational brought Messiah face-to-face with Division I powers Michigan and Penn State. The small-town Falcons held their own in Happy Valley with a seventh place finish with an average 5.2-mile time of 28:17.

Eight days later, the Falcons traveled into local Carlisle, Pennsylvania, for the Dickinson Short/Long Invite. Messiah used this journey

as a third opportunity to impress, completing the 4K with an average time of 12:52.87 and the 8K with an average time of 27:35.50.

The final September meet allowed the Falcons to remain at home in comfortable Grantham, though the outcome did not falter. Once again, Messiah excelled, defeating Juniata College and Gettysburg College with an average 8K time of 27:45.

But for the men of Messiah, a great measure of success was demonstrated at Lehigh University's Paul Short Run.

"We exceeded our expectations by having a team average of about 26:20 for 8km (4.96 miles). Therefore, I feel like we are starting to gain some really good momentum as we look forward to the big races ahead," said Hoagland.

The Falcons will visit DeSales University and Gettysburg College this week.

Carrying months of strenuous personal training and public success on their shoulders, the Falcons will enter the 2009 MAC Championships with inevitable momentum from a prosperous fall season.

"We're going to win," laughs first-year student Aaron Reynolds. "Our goal is to repeat."

If they do, the effect of the summer heat and rain will be felt but in the back of their minds. Instead, the Falcon men will feel only endurance, established as a product of true devotion.

Turn Back the Clock

Women's Basketball 2001-2002

By Jaime White
Sports Editor

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men." Colossians 3:23 was written on the sneakers of all Falcon players who hit the court. The team was coming off of a Commonwealth Championship and a second round NCAA Tournament appearance, and was expected by the Commonwealth League Coaches Poll to take the conference title again. They were hungry for wins, and knew that after losing only one starter, experience was to play a key part in their season. Messiah College's 2001-2002 women's basketball team was prepared, focused, and determined.

Coach Mike Miller was entering into his 15th season as the program's head coach, and began with a record of 197-143 (.579). A former Messiah grad himself (class of 1983), Miller was looking to go above and beyond the 200th win mark. He said, "Our expectations are high. We have a tough non-conference schedule, but our goal is to get back to the MAC Tournament and win it again."

Beginning with a win against a visiting team from Sweden, the Falcons continued to dominate; they swept the Wingate Inn Tip-off Classic, with the score from the final game against Eastern College an incredible 104-45. Their first season loss came against Scranton University, whose Crusaders knocked Messiah out of the NCAA Regionals the previous season with a score of 63-47. This loss lit a fire under the team, and they found a new determination to reach higher.

Spirits rose when the team's MAC debut netted them a win-sophomore Christina Vouriotis led the scoring with 27 points, and Messiah turned the ball over from opponent Susquehanna University an astounding 35 times. The wins kept coming, with victories over Lebanon Valley College (75-67), a close call against the Elizabethtown College Blue Jays (61-59), and the York College Spartans (68-59).

After traveling to Hawaii for the Coconut Coast Classic, Messiah split, con-

quering Rio Grande University (77-68) and falling to Quincy University (66-63).

The first in-season loss came heartbreakingly close to being a win-a score of 72-71. Opponent Franklin and Marshall University scored a free throw in the last seconds of the game, breaking the 71-71 tie, and left the Falcons crushed.

The season continued with a roster full of stand-out players. Forward Vouriotis, easily the most versatile player on the team, consistently led the team's scoring each game. Sophomore shooting guard Amie Kretzing averaged 11 points per game, and multitalented classmate Heidi Marks averaged five points and 5 rebounds. The junior veterans-Jess Mullberger, Melissa Ehst, Erin Wedemeyer, Leanne Brofee and Becca Moody-brought both experience and talent to the court.

Mullberger was a starting power forward, pulling down an average of six rebounds and putting up about eight points a game. Ehst, who would play an incredible role later in the season, was lethal from behind the arc. Wedemeyer took over from 2000 graduate Nikki Holsinger to become the new point guard. Brofee and Moody looked to be key players off the bench. Leaders of the team-senior captains Amy Hitz and Kate Butler-give depth down low as the 6' 2" Hitz consistently ripped down seven rebounds and put up 11.5 points per game, and 6' 1" Butler takes over Hitz's center position.

Following the loss to the F&M Diplomats, the Falcons crushed Juniata College (72-59), Albright College (84-46), Widener University (73-45), Moravian College (89-78), and defeated Susquehanna University again (58-54). Susquehanna's head coach Mark Hribar commented "[Messiah] is a very good ball club. They have so much balance, and that was key. They made big shots and big plays when they had to."

The team's victories kept coming as Lebanon Valley College's Flying Dutchmen (68-48), Dickinson College's Red Devils (80-49), Elizabethtown's Blue

Jays (63-51), Juniata College's Eagles (59-58), and Albright College's Lions (84-46) all fell like dominoes. Rebounds were key, as Messiah's ability to crash the boards led to more possessions and subsequent points. The following two wins, against Widener and Moravian gave the Falcons a 21-3 regular season.

After conquering Juniata College, Messiah fell to Elizabethtown College in the Commonwealth Conference Championship game, with a score of 72-59.

Despite the loss, the Falcons advanced to the NCAA tournament, where Bethany College fell to them with a score of 70-58. Next, the tournament put the Falcons up against King's College Lady Monarchs, and Messiah took down King's 68-61. The lead went back and forth between teams before Messiah's consistency behind the free throw line put them on top. Sweet Sixteen play against Marymount University had an incredible ending-junior guard Melissa Ehst shot from behind the arc and missed, with about ten seconds left. The rebound found its way back to Ehst's hands, and she sank a three-pointer to send the game into overtime. Their Elite Eight level game ended the dreams of The College of New Jersey, as a final score of 72-61 put Messiah on their way to the Final Four.

The team played "loose but focused," according to Coach Miller. The trip to Danbury to face off against Ohio Wesleyan College resulted in a Messiah win of 70-57, and the ultimate prize-a berth in the National Championship game.

Although the team did not capture the NCAA Division III Championship that year, "We felt blessed for being able to be together every week. Every game and every win meant one more week of basketball," said Vouriotis. Vouriotis was named to the 2001 Women's All-American Third Team. D3Hoops.com placed Messiah the second highest ranked team in the division.

Built for the Future

By Jeff Dembeck
Student Writer

This season has been solid for the Messiah College Women's Volleyball team. As it stands, the team has a 10-10 record.



The season started off slow for the team, as they began with losses in five out of their first six games, winning just one, at the Gettysburg Battlefield Classic. However, the team responded well, winning six of their next nine games. Two of the wins were a result of winning two out of three games at the Messiah Quad Match on September 12.

This team may have a .500 record, but the season isn't over yet! This is a very young team, with only one senior, Lauren Bourdon, and one junior, Jessica Gould. There are eight sophomores (Megan Wise, Meredith Seibert, Cassy Diamond, Emily Hall, Lauren Lathrop, Brittany Salloum, Caroline Bruton, and Brynn Lettieri) and three first-years (Ann Reck, Lauren Rees, and Lindsay King). This team is clearly focusing on building up a strong future for the next few years, as they build on their current successes.

Coach Judi Tobias comments with "We're young, but the progress has been amazing! They are



hard-working kids, who love to be challenged and rise to the the challenge."

These Falcons are working towards building on their past successes in the final weeks of this season. Their next challenge is a home game against Lebanon Valley College, on October 14th. Following that is an event at home, the Messiah Tri-Match on October 16, played against FDU-Florham and Penn State-Altoona. This volleyball team definitely has the tools and talent to finish the season strong, especially under 15-year veteran coach Judi Tobias. Expect big things out of the Women's Volleyball team for years to come.

Dig for a Cause

The women's volleyball team recently raised over one-hundred dollars towards cancer research with their fundraiser, Dig for a Cause. The fundraiser began a few years ago when a player disclosed that her mother was battling lung cancer. All of the team members wore purple shirts and armbands with the names of family and friends affected by cancer. Playing off of a national volleyball organization, Dig for a Cause works with the volleyball Falcons' spring Relay for Life team to raise funds to support cancer research.

Falcon Spirit Carries Team

Men's Soccer takes win after disappointing loss

By Ashley Dorty
Photo Editor

"Our expectations have not changed since the loss. We are going about practicing the same way and trying to learn from the game and not dwelling on the loss. Sure, we are very disappointed that we lost, but we can learn so much about what happened."

"I forget where this saying comes from, but I think it is very applicable to our situation. The saying goes: It's 10% of what happens, and 90% percent of how you react to it. So, I think, by learning from our mistakes in the York game and working that much harder to make ourselves better, we will be a better team in the long run," says junior Geoff Pezon.

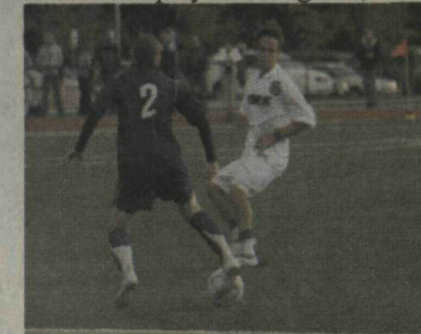
Messiah's men's soccer team had their perfect record tarnished on October 7, 2009 as the Spartans of York College handed Messiah their first loss of the season. Incredibly, it is the third straight year that the Falcons were defeated by the Spartans. This is only the first loss of the season, and it will not be something to stop the Falcons.

"Expectations remain the same - the team focus will stay the same too; our team's foundations aren't based on wins and losses. The most important thing for us is the relationships we have with the guys on the team, and doing right for God. Fortunately, we can strive to do that amidst wins and losses," states senior Trey Overholt.

The Falcons had no time to dwell on their loss as they headed to Widener University the next day for their first MAC Commonwealth Conference game of the season. Messiah

College handed the Pride their sixth loss of the season. Messiah had an amazing 17 shots, in comparison to Widener's paltry six. In the first half, at the 39:19 mark, first-year Josh Wood put the Falcons on the board with an assist from junior Mark Jeschke. With just under 45 seconds remaining in the first half, Messiah scored again, courtesy of sophomore Sam Woodworth. However, Widener was not going to give up without a fight. Less than two minutes into the second half Widener scores, making it a 2-1 game in favor of Messiah.

But the single goal from Widener would not be enough to phase the Falcons. With just under three minutes left to play in the game, a ball



from the foot of Geoff Pezon to sophomore Danny Thompson would give the Falcons their third and final goal of the game, leaving the team with a 3-1 victory over Widener.

The men are set to play Arcadia University on October 17, 2009, Homecoming weekend at Shoemaker field. As of October 10, Arcadia has a record of 9-4-1 and 2-0 in the Commonwealth Conference. This will be the Falcons third Commonwealth match up. Game time is set for 6:30 p.m.

On Tuesday October 13, 2009 the

Falcons hosted the Dutchmen of Lebanon Valley College. It was evident that the Falcons had no intentions of this game being a repeat of last year's conference matchup against LVC. Just under 30 minutes into the first half junior Nick Thompson scores the first goal of the game, assisted by Jevon Gondwe. It would only be a matter of minutes before the Falcons score again. But this time it would be a goal from defender Jordan Sands. This header would be Sands first career goal. The beginning of the second hand went on with little attempts from the Dutchmen to score. But the Falcons decided to fire again. With just about 15 minutes left in the game freshman, JP Fulton would score his first goal of the season assisted by fellow classmate Dan Squire. Just about 10 minutes later, JP Fulton would get opportunity number 2 as a ball was sent to him off the foot of junior Keaton Kasiguran, giving JP Fulton his second goal of the game and season. The Falcons 5th and final goal would come with very little time left in play. Sophomore Trevor Lee, scored his first goal of the season landed the Falcons their final score of 5-0 over the Dutchmen of LVC.

The men are set to play Arcadia University on October 17, 2009, Homecoming weekend at Shoemaker field. As of October 13, 2009 Arcadia has a record of 10-4-1 and 3-0 in the Commonwealth Conference. These teams will battle it out in attempts to tarnishing a spotless conference record. This will be the Falcons third Commonwealth match up. The Falcons will continue in hopes of keeping their conference record spotless. Game time is set for 6:30 p.m.

Messiah College Open Results

Campus-wide tennis tourney

Recently, the Rec Sports Office hosted the Messiah Open, a tennis tournament open to all students. Winners were as follows...

Men's Singles - Andy Hawk



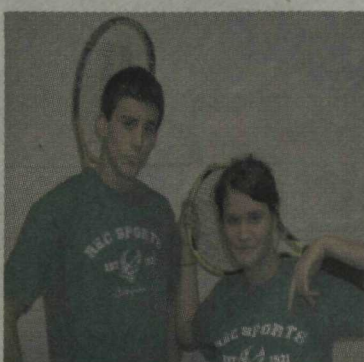
Men's Doubles- Andrew Payne and Matt Halburd



Women's Singles - Carolyn Wheatley



Mixed Doubles - Caleb Benner and Becky Rotzel



Homecoming Athletic Events

This Friday, the Women's Volleyball team plays a tri-match against Farleigh Dickinson University-Florham and Penn State University-Altoona. The Falcons will play at 3 p.m. on Friday and then at 5 p.m. on Friday. These are big games going down the final stretch of the season!

At 11 am on Saturday, watch the current club field hockey players take on team alumni down on Anderson field!

The reigning national champion Messiah Falcons' softball team will take on their team alumni at 11:30 AM on Saturday, October 17. This event will take on the softball field. All are welcome to come and cheer for both teams competing.



Come out and watch the men's baseball! The Alumni Baseball Classic is set for 11:30 a.m. on October 17, 2009 on the baseball field located to the left of concession stand.

Saturday morning kicks off with the 2-mile Falcon Fun Run!

Trust me, this is something you do not want to miss! The Powderpuff games are going down on Saturday afternoon. The first game is Seniors vs. First-years, at 11:30 a.m.; following is the Juniors vs. Sophomores at 12:30 pm. After these two games, the men's cheerleading squad

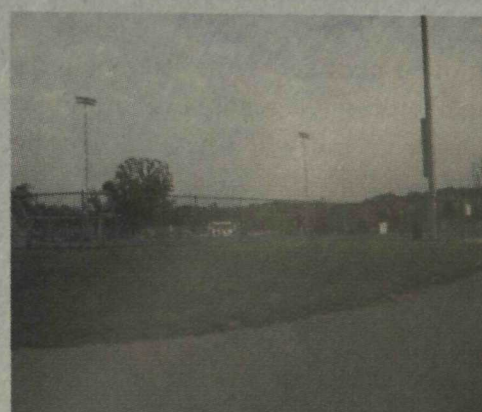
will take the field in a competition of their own! At 2:00 pm, the winners of the two games will face each other to determine the 2009 Powderpuff champions.

Come out and support the lady Falcon varsity field hockey team as they take on the Pride of Widener University. This is the girl's fourth Commonwealth matchup and the Falcons are currently 3-0 in the conference. Game time is set for 1:00 p.m. on Saturday October 17, 2009 on Anderson field!

On Saturday, October 17, there will be a soccer game with alumni players of the championship team. This game will be held at 2 PM on the practice fields.

A day filled with Messiah Alumni athletics will continue at 2:45pm on Saturday afternoon when Messiah women's lacrosse hosts the alumni team at Andersen Field.

In an attempt to continue their undefeated 2009 season, Messiah women's soccer will face undefeated Arcadia University on Saturday afternoon. Shoemaker field will carry Messiah blue and white during this homecoming weekend, providing familiar support for the Lady Falcons. The game begins at 3:00pm.



Beginning at 3:00 on Saturday afternoon, Andersen field will host the men's Alumni lacrosse game. Come on out to watch former Falcons face off!

The Alumni Athlete reception will take place on Saturday, October 17th. If you are a former Messiah Falcon, come down to Brubaker Auditorium at 4:30 p.m. Following the reception, the line-up for the celebration march will occur at 5:30 p.m.

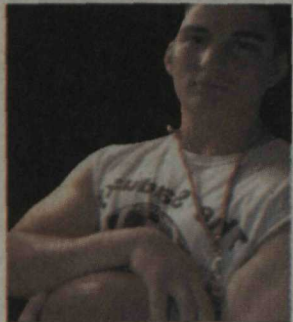


The celebration march line-up leads to the infamous Messiah College White-out-the student body will travel down to the soccer fields and blanket the stands in pure white in support of their beloved Falcons. Meet down at Eisenhower Circle on Saturday, at 6:00 p.m.

Arguably the most popular event Homecoming weekend--Varsity men's soccer is going down on Saturday at 6:30 p.m. The Falcons will take on Arcadia University backed by bleachers full of devoted fans. Be sure to show your Falcon Pride and cheer on our 2008 National Champs!

First-Year Profiles

By Nick Hemming
Student Writer



Full Name: George Adam Parmer

Major: Business

Hometown: Harrisburg, PA

Previous Sports Experience: varsity soccer, varsity basketball, varsity basketball, running track

Hobbies: Coaching Powderpuff, white-water rafting, kayaking

Meal of Choice: Chicken Fajitas

Why I chose to coach Powderpuff: I played football at the high school level, and I wanted to get back into the game

Bible Verse I Connect With: Proverbs 17:5-" He who mocks the poor shows contempt for their Maker; whoever gloats over disaster will not go unpunished."



Name: Jessica Lynn Herilla

Class: First-year

Major: Pre-Veterinary Medicine (Biology)

Hometown: Peach Bottom, PA (Lancaster County)

Years involved with Powderpuff: 1st year

Position: Quarterback

Previous sports experience: basketball and football

Hobbies: I like to play sports, hang out with friends, and play with my pets.

Meal of Choice: Chicken and Dumplings

Bible Verse I connect with: Psalm 46:1--"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."

Sophomore Profiles

By Cody Swartz
Student Writer



Name: Darren Landis

Class: Sophomore

Major: Spanish and Political Science

Hometown: Mechanicsburg, PA

Years Involved in Powderpuff: This is my first year

Position: Head Coach

Previous Sports Experience: I played four years of football from 8th to 11th grade. Also I wrestled 10th through 12th in Folkstyle, Greco Roman, and Freestyle.

Hobbies: Reading, lifting, camping, hiking, kayaking, running, EATING

Meal of Choice: My mother's steak salad with fries topped off with her peach crisp and Turkey Hill's Philadelphia style ice cream!

Bible Verse I connect with: 1 Corinthians 9:24 "Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize."



Name: Quincy Herrold

Class: Sophomore

Major: Business Information Systems

Hometown: Winfield, PA

Years Involved in Powderpuff: two

Position: Center Linebacker

Previous Sports Experience: played soccer every year of my life since I was 4 & did track in high school, also played on my church's volleyball league

Hobbies: riding & showing horses, soccer, going to Penn State football games, being a 4-H leader, and being involved in student forum

Meal of Choice: lasagna and garlic bread

Quote I connect with: "Today I will do what you won't, so tomorrow I can do what you can't."

SENIOR Profiles

By Ashley Dorty
Photo Editor



Name: Scott Fletcher

Class: Junior

Major: International Business

Hometown: Easton, Massachusetts

Years Involved in Powderpuff: 2

Position: Assistant Head Coach / Offensive Coordinator

Previous Sports Experience: Played football for seven years I also played baseball and did three events in winter track: javelin, 100m hurdles and the 300m.

Hobbies: Music (snare drum), travel, athletics.

Meal of Choice: Prime Rib (medium rare) with mashed potatoes and broccoli

Quote I connect with: "Do the right thing when nobody's looking"



Name: Gina Menario

Class: Junior

Major: Communication with Sport Management Minor

Hometown: Salem, NH

Years involved with Powderpuff: Freshmen Year - Freshmen Class Rep, Sophomore and Junior Year - Powderpuff Coordinator.

Position: Defense

Previous Sports Experience: Office Manager of Rec Sports. I play a ton of rec sports through out the year: volleyball, flag football, softball etc . I also danced in high school.

Hobbies: watching NFL football, arts and crafts, reading, and I have a talk show on WVMM (Mondays, 7-8 pm).

Meal of Choice: lobster bisque

Quote I connect with: "Heroes get remembered, but legends never die. Follow your heart and you'll never go wrong." -The Sandlot

Junior Profiles

By Jaime White
Sports Editor



Name: Aaron Rehm

Class: Senior

Major: Criminal Justice

Hometown: Boiling Springs, Pa

Years involved in Powderpuff: 4

Position: Coach

Previous Sports Experience: 8 years of playing football, and also 2 years of coaching high school football

Hobbies: Mountain biking, snowboarding, kayaking, hiking, camping...the outdoors basically. And sports.

Meal of Choice: steak and shrimp

Quote I connect with: "Just Believe"



Name: Jenny O'Connell

Class: Senior

Major: Elementary/ Early Childhood Education

Hometown: Pittsburgh

Years Involved in Powderpuff: 3 years

Position: Back/ Receiver

Previous Sports Experience: I dabble...

Hobbies: Love to laugh

Meal of Choice: Pizza and Sushi

Quote I connect with: "The irony is that God doesn't need us but still wants us, we desperately need God but don't really want Him most of the time" - Francis Chan