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## Date Set for Shockley Impeach-

JOE HOWLEY

Retriever Weekly Editorial Staff

SGA President Philip Shockley will face impeachment charges before the Senate on May 12 in a closed session. Evidence against him has been released, as required by SGA by laws, as student skepticism of the impeachment rises.

May 12 is the only day the trial can be held and is the last Senate meeting of the semester.

Evidence assembled by the prosecution has been made public, as required by SGA bylaws.

The trial will be held in an Executive Session of the Senate. According to Speaker Dom Cirincione, this excludes all non-senators. "All those without voting or speaking rights in the SGA Senate will not be allowed to be present," Cirincione said.

Cirincione explained that the Executive Session is mandated by Robert's Rules of Order (10th ed.), the parliamentary guidelines that govern SGA proceedings.

The impeachment legislation, passed by the House of

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Anita Field / Retriever Weekly Staff

Rocking the RAC: Third Eye Blind ends Quadmania on a high note.

## Governor Ehrlich Visits UMBC

JOE HOWLEY

Retriever Weekly Staff

Governor Robert Ehrlich visited UMBC recently to show his support for higher education and to congratulate SGA President Philip Shockley on his selection as Student Regent of Maryland.

Along with several other local politicians including Delegate Jim Malone (D-12A),

Ehrlich met with Shockley and University President Freeman Hrabowski before speaking in the Commons. Ehrlich arrived at the podium in front of the bookstore to a standing ovation from the assembled students and faculty.

Many have been skeptical of Ehrlich, whose state budget calls for sweeping cuts from the education system. A mid-year tuition increase this year did lit-

tle to raise students' confidence in the budget situation.

In introducing Ehrlich, however, Hrabowski attempted to contradict the image of Ehrlich as insensitive to students' plights. "He believes in higher education," Hrabowski said of Ehrlich. "He has been very supportive, more so than many of you believe."

Ehrlich, a Republican,

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John Vallion / Retriever Weekly Staff

Take back the night: Students rally against sexual violence.

## Students, Faculty March For an End to Sexual Violence

R. ERIC THOMAS

Retriever Weekly Editorial Staff

Bracing winds and rapidly dropping temperatures did little to deter dozens of UMBC students, faculty and staff from making their voices heard in a march across campus. Tuesday's "Take Back the Night" march and rally were the second of their kind at UMBC, brought members of the community together to raise awareness about sexual assault and violence against women.

Nationwide statistics show that one in four women on a col-

lege campus will be the victim of sexual assault and that eight out of 10 victims know their assailant. Still, organizers and marchers agreed that ignorance prevails with regard to sexual assault and that lack of knowledge makes for an unsafe campus. Harriet Smith, a student who participated in the march and also sat on the Sexual Assault Awareness Month planning committee, stated, "I don't think that a lot of people know that [sexual assault on college campuses] is a problem. I don't think people know how much sex-

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## College News

### Man Shoots U-Md. Student, Kills Self

(Washington Post) A Silver Spring man shot and seriously wounded a female student in a University of Maryland parking garage yesterday afternoon before fatally shooting himself in the head, authorities said.

Prince George's County police identified the man as Ki Seong Kim, 21, of the 3100 block of Birchtree Lane in Silver Spring, a George Washington University student.

He was pronounced dead at Prince George's Hospital Center, several hours after the 12:45 p.m. shootings, said Capt. Andy Ellis, a police spokesman.

The woman, identified only as a 20-year-old student from Burtonsville who was studying at the College Park campus, remained in grave condition at Washington Hospital Center with a gunshot wound to the forehead.

The two had dated, police sources said.

Ellis said the man, who campus officials said last night was not affiliated with the University of Maryland, drove his black Volkswagen Jetta onto the third level of Parking Lot 6, adjacent to the university's new \$107 million Comcast Center basketball arena, and parked it behind the woman's white Honda Civic, blocking her in. He said the man walked up to the car, fired a shot at the woman and then turned the semiautomatic handgun on himself.

"There may have been some sort of conversation between the two before the shooting," Ellis said. "It does not appear to be an act of random violence."

Maj. Cathy Atwell, a spokeswoman for the campus police, said that surveillance cameras throughout the garage might have captured the shootings but that it was not clear last night whether they had. Still, she said, it is "critical that the campus community and parents know that the university is concerned for the safety of its students."

In a statement released by the university, President C.D. Mote Jr. said that police had assured the administration that the campus was safe. "We extend our sincerest thoughts and prayers for both individuals and to their families and loved ones," the statement said.

Few other details were known last night about the shootings, which came on the heels of a string of killings in the region. Wednesday, a Prince William County man shot and killed his three sons before fatally shooting himself. Also Wednesday, a man is believed to have killed his estranged wife and her parents in an Anne Arundel County townhouse before shooting and wounding himself during a police chase, authorities said; he died Thursday night. Early this month, three workers were killed during a robbery at Colonel Brooks' Tavern in Northeast Washington, and three men were fatally shot at a Landover Hills strip club.

The attempted murder-suicide is the latest in a string of tragedies to hit the College Park campus in the past 20 months, including the deaths of two men in unrelated drug- or alcohol-abuse incidents at fraternity houses.

## Behind the Scenes

### Anne Spence Molds the Minds of the Young

JENN GIBSON

*Retriever Weekly Editorial Staff*

For most people, a job is simply that—a place they go from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., write reports, control the minions, make calls. For the rest, this is a time to share their enthusiasm with young girls, to try to teach them, to broaden horizons. Engineering professor Anne Spence is working diligently to show children that engineering is not as mind boggling as rocket science and that it is applicable to every day life.

Besides teaching Statics and Mechanical Engineering Design at UMBC, Spence also teaches at her local elementary school in Severna Park. Her second and third graders are doing a Lego robotics project this spring in which they design robots to perform specific tasks, almost a Toymaking for Mechanical Engineers.

An extension of this comes in late February with an engineering challenge for these students at Baltimore Museum of Industry. Divided by grades, the younger students will have Egbert the Egg participate in a car race. If he cracks, the car must be redesigned; if Egbert does not break, then the student qualifies for the next part of the race which measures distance. The older students will be building a four passenger ride that would be installed in a theme park.

Another project that absorbs a good deal of Spence's time is a grant she is developing that would introduce engineering in algebra classes across the state of Maryland, a grant that is sponsored by the National Science Foundation. "Instead of how many oranges you could buy for \$1, you can learn about the force of a bridge," Spence states. This program is being

placed in Maryland algebra classes of middle and high school students. "They get simple engineering experiments and then do the math that goes with it," she says.

Spence is also heavily involved in the Center for Women in Technology (CWIT). "It's a really great program," Spence asserts. Not only does she sit on the internal board, this busy professor also interviews the scholars that want to be a part of this program. Spence is incredibly excited about May 3's Computermania Day, an event geared to middle school girls that astronaut Sally Ride will be participating in. One of the many seminars of the day will involve the girls taking a computer apart and then reassembling it. "It's good because then she won't be intimidated in class with the boys," Spence says, adding, "She'll already know how to do it."

## Fine Arts First Aid Cabinets Pose Risks

ROBERT REDDING

*Retriever Weekly Senior Writer*

If a student has an injury in the Fine Arts building they should hope to have it on the fourth floor of the west wing. Of the nine first aid cabinets in the building, only the one by room 451 has several types of bandages, antiseptic spray, eye wash, burn gel, a splinter removal kit, a CPR face shield, burn gel and anti itch gel.

On the third floor by rooms 344 and 334, there is nothing in the cabinets. On the fifth floor of the east wing there is no cabinet at all. The other cabinets have a few types of bandages, a small amount of gauze and some lens wipes.

Mike Pound, Environmental Safety and Health Manager, said students simply steal the medical supplies. "We got burned in Fine Arts," said Pound. "They cleaned them out within a week of when they were installed."

While first aid cabinets in the hallways are not required by Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Pound says it gives a false sense of security to have cabinets that aren't stocked. The Office of Risk

Management is considering taking the cabinets down if the departments don't maintain them.

According to Pound, the school spent over \$10,000 on restocking last year. The supplies are paid for from department budgets. "If they want us to restock them, they should put them in the office," said Carol Hess, the Dance Department Chair.

Administrative assistant Angie Dudley said that ice packs, band aids and Neosporin are needed to deal with pulled muscles, strains and scrapes which are common injuries in dance. Dudley too suggested placing the cabinets in the dance studios.

Opinions vary as to whether bandages, gauze and eye wash are sufficient and how much of a problem the empty cabinets are.

Freshman Jason Mizurak said that the supplies were enough, but empty cabinets are a serious danger.

Charlene Gentles, a sophomore dance major, said the most common supplies such as band aids, gauze, eye wash are not sufficient. "They've never restocked them and they need more of everything," said Gentles. "I'm glad I've never been bleeding to death because I

sure wouldn't find a band aid in one of [the empty cabinets]."

However, sophomore Jenny Anderson said the supplies are sufficient and that "kits need to have bandages and ointment so if anything happens, you can deal with it then and there." While Anderson doesn't think empty cabinets are dangerous because more serious treatment can be obtained elsewhere, she does think they should be maintained.

According to Pound, first aid cabinets aren't required in the hallways because Health Services is close by.

While the cabinets must have "bare essentials," such as bandages, tape and disinfectant, a doctor who inspected the cabinets told Risk Management that they should not place medical products such as headache medicine in the cabinets, noted Pound. There are over 60 of these cabinets on campus at a cost of between \$115 to \$150 for initial stocking.

Restocking in the Fine Arts building differs from that of the Chemistry building, where the labs are stocked depending on that lab's hazards. The cabinets in the Chemistry building have been restocked.



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# UMBC Wins Grand Slam of College Chess

OLIVER BARANCZYK  
Retriever Weekly Editorial Staff

At a university that has received much press this year, due to its status as a "hot" school, it remains a wonder that the extremely competitive chess program can be forgotten so easily. Despite its relative anonymity, UMBC chess continues to win and make a name for itself, as recently it has successfully won the grand slam of college chess.

The year has been filled with momentous accomplishments and developments for UMBC chess and the Director of the Chess Program, Dr. Alan Sherman, stated, "In terms of competitive team play, this year has been our best year ever for UMBC chess."

Similar to the grand slams of golf and tennis, if a certain university succeeds in winning the three major competitions of collegiate chess, it will have completed a "grand slam." UMBC prevailed in the three major tournaments: the Pan-American Inter-Collegiate Team Chess Championship (PAN-AM), the President's Cup, and the National College Chess League Tournament (NCCL).

Of the three competitions, the PAN-AM and President's Cup are both held in Miami, Florida, while the third, the NCCL, has its chess teams play over the internet. While the PAN-AM takes place from December 27-30 each year, UMBC attended the most recent tournament, the President's Cup, just earlier this month, from April 4-6.

Considered the "Final Four of College Chess," the Presidents Cup saw UMBC compete and triumph at the World Chess



Courtesy of Alan Sherman

**Checkmate:** UMBC's chess team has soared to new heights.

Hall of Fame against its primary nemesis, the University of Texas-Dallas, as well as the University of Chicago and Miami-Dade Community College. By being the victor at the President's Cup, UMBC will be awarded the commemorative trophy, on which UMBC has its name engraved, and the university will keep the trophy for a full year until the next President's Cup competition.

While triumphing at the three major chess tournaments in the past year, UMBC's chess program has also seen its profile in the world of college chess rise tremendously. The university awards scholarships to its chess players and this year has added a new scholarship, the UMBC Coca-Cola Chess Fellows. The new addition now increases the scholarships available to prospective chess players to four.

Sponsored by Coca-Cola, the scholarship has four possible positions for students, each carrying full tuition and a \$15,000 housing stipend as benefits for students. The scholarship also holds certain expectations for those four positions, as the chess players must have a Grand Master strength rating of over 2500 while taking the role of a serious student. The recipients of the scholarship also must complete 300 hours of community service. The new scholarship has allowed UMBC to attract four international masters to the campus.

UMBC also has three other types of scholarships for prospective players for the university: the Chess Player Scholar, Special Merit for Chess, and Tournament-Based scholarships. The Chess Player Scholar entails full tuition, room and board,

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## UMBC Community Takes Back the Night with Speeches, March and Speak Out

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ual violence actually happens."

"Take Back the Night" occurs on college campus across the country and is planned at UMBC by the Voices Against Violence program and the Women's Center in conjunction with the Sexual Assault Awareness Month planning committee. For many organizers, the participation of those present symbolizes the first step toward raising awareness and making change.

Heather Brantner, director of the Voices Against Violence program, opened the march by welcoming the crowd of over 50 people and emphasizing the importance of their presence. "I thank you for showing up," she said, "for speaking out and for joining in the fight against violence against women."

Casey Miller, director of the Men Against Violence program, followed with a similar message of support. "Rape is a human issue," he said. "The men in Men Against Violence will be speaking up with you... Taking action is as simple as that: speaking up."

Miller and others made it clear that sexual assault does not just include rape; the term is defined as any unwanted sexual contact. Furthermore, one student involved in the Advocates Against Violence program claimed that even non-physical contact can be received in much the same way. Unwanted catcalls, ogling and commentary can be assaults to one's sense of security

and feelings of self-worth. These, too, she claimed, were what "Take Back the Night" was about.

As the march commenced from in front of the Retriever Activities Center, participants were given a chance to do their own speaking up. Chants of "We have the power, we have the right; the streets are ours, take back the night" and "Yes means yes, no means no; whatever we wear, wherever we go" filled the air as dusk settled over the UMBC campus.

Many marchers stated that though they felt that the campus is a safe one, "Take Back the Night" was still important. The sisters of Lambda Theta Alpha came out to support the march as part of their chapter philanthropy of domestic violence.

Erin Price, a student, stated she came "just to show my support... [the march] give more exposure to the [Voices Against Violence] program which I think a lot of people really don't know about."

Judith Campbell, in Advocates Against Violence, expressed a similar sentiment. "Sometimes I feel like I have a false sense of security here because of the loop and because we are self-contained, but people need to be aware of their surroundings at all times."

Campbell also made note of the impact that the Voices Against Violence program, and specifically the Advocates Against Violence help-line, were having at UMBC. "On a campus this size, generally, there's

an estimated 175 sexual assaults a year. This campus, the year before the program started, had two reported. That number of reports is definitely growing now that our program gives a central place for reports to go."

This may not be the case for long, however, as the grant that funds the Voices Against Violence program expires at the end of the year and the university has yet to find new funding for it. Members of the Advocates Against Violence program and Men Against Violence circulated a petition at the march and at other times last week encouraging President Freeman Hrabowski, to make other funds available so that the program can continue.

Still, while the fate of the Voices Against Violence program hangs in limbo, the effect that it has had on the campus continues to grow. A greater number of students attended this year's "Take Back the Night" than last year's inaugural march. Though the echoing chants that rang across campus Tuesday night have died down, it is the hope of organizers and participants alike that silence will not overtake the issue of sexual assault. Said Campbell, "I think the fact that more people form more diverse organizations are here shows that awareness is getting raised on campus and that more people are coming out in support. It is an issue that affects everyone."



### Talks End After N.Korea Claims to Have Nuclear Bomb

SEOUL/BEIJING (Reuters) - Nuclear talks in Beijing ended on Friday after U.S. officials said North Korea disclosed it had atomic bombs and Pyongyang said it presented a plan to resolve the dispute but was ignored.

Despite the apparent deadlock, China, which hosted the three-day talks, said on Friday the three countries had agreed the discussions were a "good beginning" to ending a crisis that had been festering for six months.

A nuclear-armed North Korea would pose a major threat to the region, South Korea's foreign minister said after a briefing by U.S. Assistant Secretary of State James Kelly, who flew to Seoul for consultations after the talks in Beijing. "If it's true that the North has nuclear weapons, it violates the joint North-South declaration on denuclearization and would be a major disturbance to peace on the Korean peninsula and to Northeast Asia," Foreign Minister Yoon Young-kwan said, referring to a pledge signed by the two Koreas in 1991.

Yoon did not elaborate on Kelly's briefing, which the U.S. envoy is scheduled to repeat in Tokyo on Saturday.

Kelly has said nothing publicly. But a Japanese official said he informed Japan his North Korean counterpart, Li Gun, had disclosed on Thursday that North Korea had nuclear weapons. Washington officials made similar comments.

China's Foreign Ministry said U.S. and North Korean negotiators shook hands and agreed to keep diplomatic channels open after a last-minute huddle between the three sides.

"All the participating parties considered the Beijing talks a good beginning of a process leading to the settlement of the North Korea nuclear issue," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao told Reuters.

A North Korea armed with weapons of mass destruction would increase the threat to neighboring Japan, China and South Korea and the 37,000 U.S. troops based there and make it trickier to craft a solution to the six-month-old nuclear standoff.

That isolated North Korea, a last bastion of Cold War-style communism, possesses nuclear weapons will come as no surprise to the United States, which has long said Pyongyang could have at least one or two atomic bombs.

President Bush dismissed the North's line as "the old blackmail game."

"They said what we always knew," said one administration source who asked not to be named.

The United States had hoped the talks might be a first step toward Pyongyang ending a nuclear weapons program Washington said it disclosed in October.

The Washington Post, in a report on its Web site at [www.washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com), quoted a U.S. official as saying Li had pulled Kelly aside and said, in effect:

"We've got nukes. We can't dismantle them. It's up to you whether we do a physical demonstration or transfer them."





## Police Log

### Theft from Building

April 16, 3:29 p.m.; ECS Building - A UMBC staff member reported that person(s) unknown entered her office and removed several credit cards and a Maryland driver's license from her purse. It was later learned that \$2,591 worth of unauthorized purchases was made on the credit cards.

### Malicious Burning

April 17, 6:24 p.m.; Harbor Hall - An unknown person set a pair of Hanes men's underwear on fire outside of Harbor Hall.

### Warrant Service

April 18, 10:41 a.m.; Lot 13 - An alert student in Patapsco Hall alerted the UMBC Police about 3 males walking around Lot 13 and seeming to focus on an Acura Integra that was parked in that lot. Officers responded and identified the individuals. When officers ran a wanted check on the individuals, it was learned that, Montgomery County Police currently wanted one of them, Yoenny Camilo-Paredes for several crimes including 1st. Degree Burglary, Auto Theft, Destruction of Property and Conspiracy. Mr. Camilo-Paredes was placed under arrest and detained for officers from MCPD. Search incident to arrest yielded some burglar tools.

The quick action of this one observant student surely prevented another vehicle theft and resulted in the identification of individuals possibly responsible for stealing cars from our campus in the past. An investigation will continue to ascertain how these individuals may be involved in those thefts.

### Theft of Vehicle Parts

April 18, 5:37 p.m.; Outer Hilltop Cir./Dam Site. - While on patrol an officer noticed a vehicle without tags. When the officer made contact with the driver,

the driver stated that the tags must have been stolen.

### Underage Possession of Alcohol

April 18, 9:35 p.m.; Hilltop Cir./Center Rd. - While conducting an alcohol interdiction initiative, officers observed a student that appeared to be underage purchase alcoholic beverages. Upon the student's return to campus, the officers stop the vehicle and identified the driver and determined that she was in fact underage. The student was given a judicial referral and Maryland Civil Citation for alcohol violations. The passenger, also a UMBC student, received a judicial referral.

### Burglary

April 19, 1:26 p.m.; UMBC Golf Driving Range - While on patrol, UMBC police discovered that person(s) unknown pried open the door at the Golf Driving Range. Investigation revealed that there was no property missing.

### Underage Possession of Alcohol

April 19, 11:00 p.m.; Harbor Hall - Based on information of a UMBC RA, officers accompanied the RA to check the wellbeing of a student who was possibly endangered as a result of over-indulgence of alcohol. The room was found to be unoccupied, however, subsequent investigation led to the occupant of the room being charged judicially for alcohol violations.

### Malicious Destruction of Property

April 20, 4:49 p.m.; Inner Hilltop Circle / Center Road - A UMBC student reported that person(s) unknown forcibly entered his truck via the passenger side window and attempted to remove his vehicle CD player causing damage to the vehicle dash area.

## UMBC Students Receive Unwanted Solicitations

MALCOLM FURGOL

Retriever Weekly Senior Writer

Sleep, the past time of choice for students, is facing yet another challenge in the quest for those ever elusive eight hours of peace.

Throughout the month of April a magazine subscription company has been disturbing students with early morning wake-up calls. For subscribing to one of their magazines the solicitors promise students entry into a drawing for a large cash reward. Along with being entered in the drawing, the company says it will send several other magazines free of charge to students.

Junior psychology major John Rock has talked to solicitors from the company four times.

"They told me I could win \$10,000 if I subscribed to their magazines," Rock said as he recalled his interactions with the solicitors. He added that, "I was woken up three times by phone calls, the third time they woke me up I told them not to call me anymore in the morning." After being contacted once more in the afternoon Rock says that the next time he gets a call he will ask the solicitors to stop attempting to reach him.

Receiving unwanted solicitations is not a new phenomenon in the information age, but what is unique about these particular solicitations is that they are being delivered via students' on-campus telephones. Rock stated that it was "strange that they had my school address in their records as well as using my campus number to get in touch with me, this is the first time in the three years I've gone to UMBC that I've received solicitations on my campus phone."

The company's solicitors have told students that they received their contact information from the student's credit card companies, but none of the students interviewed for this article had their campus phone number registered with their credit cards.

One student, freshman Humanities Scholar Asynith Palmer, has never even had a credit card. "When I told them I

didn't have a credit card they just hung up," Palmer said of her discussion with the solicitors.

Some students had their own theories regarding how the company was able to get in touch with them. Rock suspects "that UMBC has had some kind of role in the company obtaining students' campus addresses and phone numbers."

Palmer's roommate Katie von Brand, also a freshman Humanities Scholar, received two calls from the magazine company. She stated that the solicitors were upset when she indicated she wasn't interested in buying a subscription and that they then proceeded to terminate the phone call.

Another student who received calls from the solicitors, freshman Kirsten Ederer, was asked for her social security number, which she refused to say to them. Her roommate has also received a call from the solicitors. This was the first time either student had been contacted by solicitors at school.

The name of the company that made the solicitations was unavailable at press time. Either the students interviewed could not recall the company's name or claimed it was never given to them. "I never was told by the solicitors what company they worked for," said Rock.

In a possibly related incident computer science major Wesley Ray was contacted by solicitors via his cell phone. The solicitors promised him cash prizes if he completed a survey. Ray was perturbed that he received such calls on his cell phone, "I have to pay for my minutes and do not like the fact that I have to waste them talking to people who try to keep me on the phone as long as possible to sell me crap that I don't want, don't need or can't afford."

Another recent on-campus solicitation attempt involved a friend of Rock's. His friend had been getting free magazines in his campus mail only to be followed a few weeks later by a notice requesting him to renew his subscription to the magazines, publications that he had never asked for in the first place.

## UMBC Research Team Makes New HIV Progress

KAIDYE HANSEN

Retriever Weekly Staff Writer

Here at UMBC's Howard Hughes Medical Institute, astonishing progress has been made in fighting the HIV virus in its early assembly stage. The discovery has located a new target on the HIV molecule which may open the way for a new branch of drug to battle the AIDS causing virus.

The team, led by Dr. Mike Summers and including Biochemistry graduate student Chun Tang; sixteen-year-old college sophomore and Presidential Fellow Erin Loeliger; Meyerhoff Scholar and HHMI Undergraduate Scholar Isaac Kinde; and former Meyerhoff Scholar Samson Kyere, now an MD/PhD student at the University of Maryland, Baltimore.

The Journal of Molecular Biology featured the discovery on the cover of its April 11, 2003 edition.

"The greatest challenge in treating HIV today is drug resistance brought on when the virus mutates and renders existing drugs ineffective at stopping viral replication," said Summers. "Our research has led to the identification of a new class of compounds that inhibit a novel target in HIV. These compounds disrupt the assembly of the HIV-1 capsid protein, which is a vital step in changing immature, non-infectious HIV into its mature, infectious form."

This discovery was shared with collaborators Achillion Pharmaceuticals, a New Haven, CT based privately owned drug company, as well as a Oregon Health and Science University research

group.

The research assistants are yet another astounding aspect of this endeavor. "This work is yet another pivotal achievement for Dr. Summers and his students," says Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID). "The fact that undergraduate students played pivotal roles in this research makes it even more impressive."

NIAID provides part of the funding and support for the research endeavor, as does the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, the National Institute of General Medical Sciences and the National Institute of Health.

"I always knew that research was going on here at UMBC, but that it has

this big of an impact is news to me," explained UMBC sophomore Trevor Nuchols. "I am extremely excited that the discovery has been made, as well as the fact that it was made here."

The team made the discovery in a branch of thought which has been held for quite some time but which has not seen much progress until now. According to Summers, "Investigators around the world have been looking at the HIV-1 capsid protein as a potential anti-viral drug target for more than a decade, and we are therefore particularly pleased to finally have solid leads to guide these efforts. While we are encouraged by the laboratory tests of the compounds we've identified so far, additional testing needs to be undertaken before this approach can be tested in humans."



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## Ehrlich Receives Mixed Welcome From Students

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noted with amusement items on Shockley's resume, including his role in the campus Democrats and internship with a Democratic legislator. He also acknowledged the presence of the "crazy bunch" of supporters from the campus Republican party, who stood in the back of the crowd adorned in old "Ehrlich for Governor" campaign materials.

Ehrlich said that the key to achieving things in government despite partisan differences was respect. "Respectful agreement at times, or respectful disagreement, but always respectful," he said.

He also expressed his interest in "trying to protect what the campus has done," that is, its progress and success. "There's no reason we should allow tight budget times to narrow our focus or our goals," Ehrlich said.

However, the governor did not address the rising tuition costs – which have gone up 5% this year and will go up another 14% next year – or say specifically what he intended to do to help the school.

However, the governor had plenty of praise. "There are few schools in the country right now as hot as UMBC," he said.

Ehrlich took several questions from the audience. The first addressed the Delaware "tax shelter" loophole, which corporations in Maryland can use to avoid paying taxes. Ehrlich's reply was that the concept of a tax loophole is rel-

ative. "What for some people is a tax loophole is for others a tax preference," he said.

The topic of the slots legislation Ehrlich recently tried to get through the General Assembly was also raised. "I do not support nor do I advocate casinos," Ehrlich began his reply. He also tried to distance the matter from party politics. "Please do not view this as a partisan issue," he entreated.

Ehrlich went on to say that he would like to try the bill again next legislative session, but only if the climate in the Assembly is different. "I'm not going to expend political capital – of which I have a limited amount – if I don't see a change in personnel or mindset," he said. "I'm not advocating a personnel change," he hastily added, "but I need to see at least a change in mindset."

For the final question, the microphone was usurped by one of the supporters of would-be presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche. LaRouche campaigners have made themselves notorious on campus for handing out literature amongst the academic buildings, and a groan ran through the crowd as the speaker's identity became clear.

The LaRouche advocate talked about the economic state of the world and the war in Iraq, asking whether Ehrlich would support several of LaRouche's proposals concerning the US economy and President George W. Bush's cabinet. Ehrlich interjected only to insist that Defense Secretary Donald

Rumsfeld be referred to as "Secretary Rumsfeld."

Ehrlich began his reply to the lengthy question by asking everyone to be respectful. "I would disagree," he said, saying that the war in Iraq has in fact been going on for twenty years.

He then went on to say that the real war is against "a loose confederation of terrorists" who would "take away your right to do what you just did." He praised Bush's stance on Palestine and lauded the war effort. Ultimately, he said, "Maryland is a safer place because of what the president did."

Hrabowski urged students to look kindly on Ehrlich, despite fiscal woes. "This man has a very difficult job to do," he said. "He's trying to make sure you have the classes, facilities and faculty you need." Hrabowski also presented the governor with a Chess Team jacket. The Chess Team recently won a national championship in college chess.

Shockley said afterward that all students have a voice in the fiscal future of the school. The tuition increase for next year is set, but students can still affect the year after that. "Every student needs to go to Annapolis and fight for tuition," Shockley urged. "We have a say."

Freshman Rose Cappelz of the campus Republicans said her group felt it necessary to come out in support of the governor. "We're trying to show our support for Ehrlich and his efforts to support higher education in these times of... fiscal... crisis," Cappelz said. She

added that they were undaunted by the funding cuts. "We know that he's working to do it," she said, saying that the governor faced challenges from the legislative "system."

Cappelz also said she thought the governor would face significant opposition if he tried to bring a budget with more money for education before the Assembly.

Freshman David Gill of the Green Party said his group was present to try to gauge Ehrlich. "We wanted to see him," Gill said. "There are a lot of issues we don't agree on."

In a statement released later, UMBC Students Against Violence and Exploitation (SAVE) expressed their disgust at the governor's appearance, taking particular objection to his discussion of the war and Hrabowski's defense of the governor. "We are ashamed that President Hrabowski did not stand up for the concerns of UMBC students and faculty. Instead, he resorted to public begging," the statement said.

Sophomore Rah-ed Ghume, a student who was born in Libya and knows firsthand the type of police state with which Ehrlich threatened war opponents, also voiced his dismay. "I think it was a huge letdown that instead of standing by students, Hrabowski found it necessary to beg," Ghume said. "I think he's right about a loose confederation of terrorists," Ghume added. "But they exist in this country."



## Distinguished Professor Discusses African-American Visual Art Theory



Jean Dougherty / Retriever Weekly Staff

**Talking Art:** David Driskell discussed the history of African-American art.

### KARL STRAUSS

*Retriever Weekly Staff Writer*

Art historian David Driskell gave a presentation at UMBC last week on the development of African-American art.

Curator, artist and lecturer, David Driskell presented "Black Visual Theories: A Spiritual Rendering" in the Albin O. Kuhn Library Gallery. The lecture traced the development of African-American visual art theory and its relation to the spiritual and religious traditions in African-American culture.

His presentation consisted mainly of a slide show including works by famous artists such as the prominent leaders of the Harlem Renaissance, a time when, as Driskell said, "the pattern of traditional landscape art was broken." The two artists featured from this era were Aaron Douglas and Alain Locke. Dr. Driskell showed several pieces by Douglas including "Judgment Day" and "The Crucifixion."

Driskell has done many artistic renderings in his lifetime and has had them exhibited at the D.C. Moore Gallery in New York and other galleries throughout the United States as well as South Africa, Poland, and Brazil. Professor Driskell has also authored five books, co-authored four others, and published 40 catalogs from exhibitions over the years.

As a result of his achievements, Driskell has received nine Honorary Doctorate Awards and was given the prestigious President's Medal in 1997 at the University of Maryland College Park.

He discussed how Locke helped cre-

ate art that was more connected to the ancient African past. According to Driskell, Locke and other artists of the Renaissance "equated culture with the manifestation of who they were as a people." They looked to the past to help build the future.

Following his speech on the Harlem Renaissance, Driskell told the story of his own past and how he became interested in the arts. He drew much inspiration from his father, who was a Baptist preacher in North Carolina. Driskell said his father's sermons "fueled his own beliefs, works and interests." He then displayed several of his artistic renderings. One of these was the Arc Angel Gabriel, which he completed in 1965.

The final two slides shown in the presentation were two windows that he designed for the People's Congregational Church in Washington D.C. Both the east and the west windows are products of his work and inspiration. Driskell said these two windows "connect religion to slavery and utilize some forms of Christian iconography."

Driskell received his undergraduate degree from Howard University and then went on to earn a Masters in Fine Arts at Catholic University. The professor then did his post-graduate work at the Netherlands Institute for the History of Art at The Hague.

Driskell's lecture was the final one in the series sponsored by the Center for Humanities and was in honor of the founder of the Humanities center, Daphne Harrison.

## Can't Kick the Habit? UHS Will Help for Free

### KAIDYE HANSEN

*Retriever Weekly Staff Writer*

It's 3 a.m., homework is getting nowhere and the smokers can be seen out the window, puffing away, relaxed. The temptation becomes too great, and five days of quitting go down the drain. The cigarette tastes bad, but for some reason it is still satisfying. This is called an addiction, and can be triggered by many things. Stress is one of the many triggers that can cause a person to light up a cigarette. UHS can help battle the addiction as well as the triggers.

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The students are then added to an email list, which is divided into two parts, the active and the inactive. The active are those who are still continuing with the program, the inactive are those who are not.

Many students are seen multiple times. "It's an addiction, and it often takes more than one time to try and quit," explains Hahn. "This semester we have already helped eight people to finish the program, and are working with 18 active members currently."

"This is an excellent program, one of the reasons I haven't tried to quit is because

I don't have the money to," says freshman Larissa Schofield, "but this gives me the stuff for free, as well as giving me incentives, where would I lose?"

Kari Bruce, UMBC's Health Educator, displays her recent purchase of nicotine replacement aids for the program, reading off the receipt. "Nicoderm patches - \$40 a box, Nicorette gum - \$52.99 a box, Commit Lozenges - \$38 a box." All of this is provided free of charge to those who sign up for the program.

In addition to the nicotine replacement, there is candy and twizzle sticks in the office. "I have one kid who likes the cinnamon toothpicks," says Hahn. At the successful completion of the program, the person receives a gift certificate to Arundel Mills mall.

The only thing the program doesn't supply is dependence. "It is an independent program, we don't have any meetings like NA or AA," says Hahn.

The number of smokers at UMBC is actually much lower than most people would think. "Through research and surveys we have conducted here at UMBC we have found that only 30 percent of students identify themselves as smokers. The perception is much higher than the reality because the smokers are always there, to be seen."

Hahn feels that the program is successful for the most part. The things which help to make it unsuccessful are those which the program battles so fiercely. Phil explains, "Smoking is an addiction, lots of things can trigger it, such as stress, which is pretty hard to avoid here at school. Another trigger that is common is partying, drinking with friends; people tend to light up a lot more often."

The current program began in January 2003, and the prior program began in September 2002.

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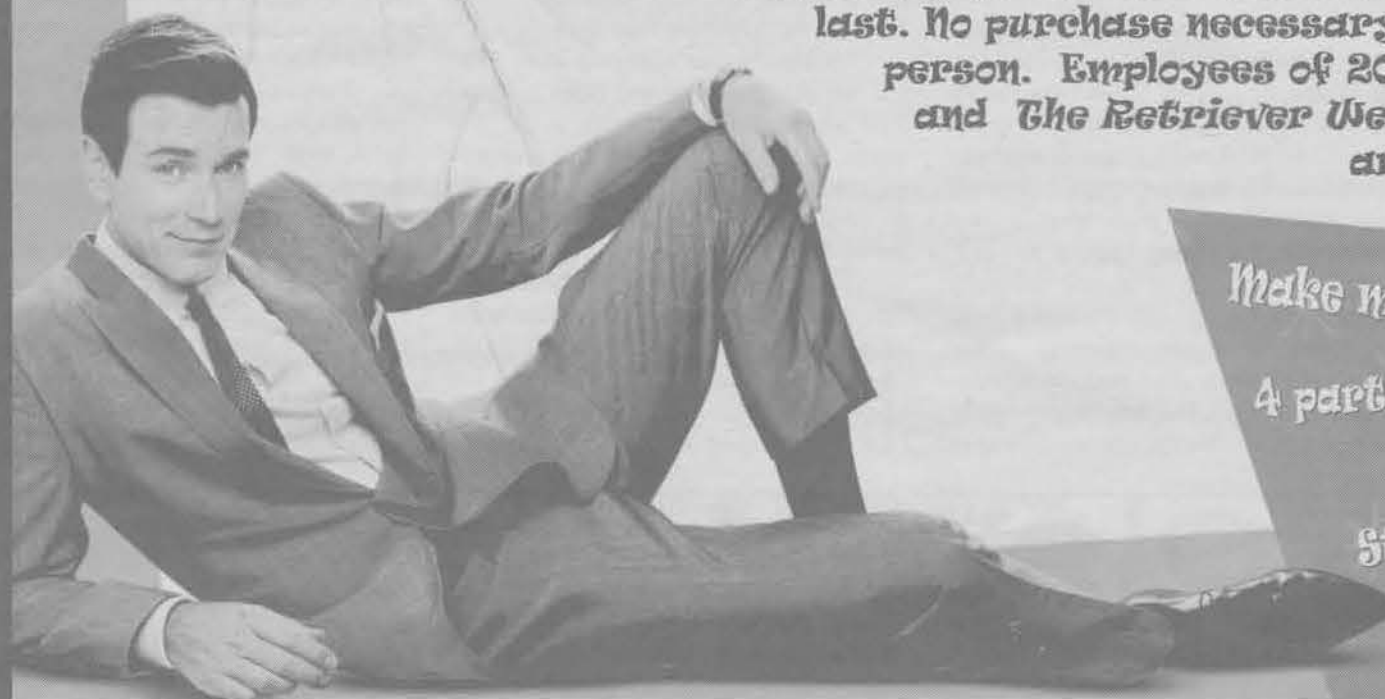


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# Faculty Concerned From Faculty About Hiring, Salaries

BRANDON DUDLEY

Retriever Weekly Editorial Staff

A recent article in the Baltimore Sun detailing the rise of upper level administrator salaries at UMBC has caused concern for the History department and prompted the department to write a letter to President Freeman Hrabowski decrying the situation.

The letter, which was dated April 7 and whose subject line was "Furloughs, Salaries, Staffing" expressed the History faculty's concerns regarding the furlough days and the administrative lines and salaries as well as hiring trends within the department.

The letter was sent to Hrabowski and was also sent to Provost Arthur Johnson and Dean of Arts and Sciences G. Rickey Welch. According to Johnson, Hrabowski is looking forward to discussing the issue with the faculty but has not yet replied.

The first concern raised in the letter, which was written as a result of monthly faculty meetings and other discussions, was with the use of the term "furlough" to describe what the department sees as pay cuts. "We fully agree with the decisions to achieve necessary budget cuts this year by pay reductions rather than by layoffs and to hold the lowest-paid employees of the University harmless in the pay cuts. We object, however, to the euphemism 'furlough' for what is in fact a reduction in pay with no reduction in work or in classes. Whatever the reasons for using the term, it has not been adequately explained to others by USM or campus administrators."

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According to Johnson, this is a misunderstanding of common Human Resources terms. Johnson defined 'furlough' as a pay reduction. Johnson also went on to define "pay reduction" as a reduction of base pay. He also went on to say that "We have tried very hard to explain to the public and to legislators what we have done and what sacrifices are being made, and of course other campuses have laid employees off and we have tried to avoid that."

According to Dr. Kriste Lindenmeyer, one of the signers of the letter, the concerns were broader than just definitions though. "The faculty supported pay cuts ('furloughs') to help solve the current budget shortfall," she said in an e-mail interview. "However, we object to the term 'furlough' since this was effectively a pay cut. The designated furlough days occurred during Spring Break when no one was teaching, but still paid as part of their annual salary. Faculty do a lot more than teach classes. Teaching classes is an extremely important part of faculty responsibilities,

but it is not their only responsibility. In other words, the work-load remained the same, but all faculty accepted a pay cut. No classes were cancelled, and no other work responsibilities were adjusted. The faculty did not want the students to suffer under the current cuts, so the plan to designate the pay cut days during Spring Break is probably the best decision. But the use of the term 'furlough' does not emphasize that this was a pay cut—not a voluntary work and salary reduction. The situation was similar for staff and administrators although teaching responsibilities generally do not apply." Lindenmeyer went on to say that "Using the term furlough seemed an insult to many who wanted a label that more appropriately described their sacrifice for the good of the university."

Another of the major concerns that the faculty has is with compression. Compression is when the starting salaries of new employees is either equal to, matches, or even exceeds that of employees who have been working at a job for a number of years. According to Johnson, this is caused by a competitive, high demand job market. Johnson agreed that this was a problem. "Over the years the salary increases were not that large, yet the market and inflation works to raise incoming salaries, so the rate of inflation and demand for the market are going up at a more rapid rate than salary increases would. We've done some things to combat that but clearly it's a problem."

According to Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs Marilyn Demorest the university has done some things to combat this compression by raising the increase in salary when a faculty member is promoted. The current promotion increase is \$3,000 or \$5,000, depending on position. A few years ago it was \$1,500 and \$2,000. She acknowledged that compression was still a problem, however, and that the university was looking for ways to fix it, but the current budget crisis was damaging that effort.

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The number of part-time and full time faculty, as well as tenure and tenure-track faculty is also a concern. "Full-time faculty (especially those who are tenured or on tenure-track) build strong programs and bring opportunities for students to campus through their research and publications," said Lindenmeyer. "Retaining talented and productive faculty is key to having nationally ranked departments and programs—and maintaining 'an honors university.' These factors alone directly affect students, but there are also other issues. Part-time faculty may be excellent teachers, but they do not do student

advising, have little time for mentoring students, are usually not in a position to do research, and too often have few connections in their professional fields that will help students advance their career goals. Full-time faculty also serve an important role in campus governance, another issue that directly affects students."

According to Demorest, the university has put a great deal into hiring faculty, but limitations in the budget create problems. Demorest stated that part time faculty are more economical, but that the university would rather see more full time faculty in most cases, but sometimes part time faculty are hired because they are experts in their field, but also have other jobs, preventing them from being full time hires.

"The percentage of full time instructional faculty, despite small improvements in the past two years, fell from about 58% in 1996 to 48% in 2002," said Lindenmeyer. "The percentage of full-time tenured and tenure-track faculty fell from a high of 49% of all faculty in 1996 to 37% in 2002. But the specific numbers are not what is troubling. What is most troubling is the fact that student enrollment rates are outpacing and the proportion of full-time faculty (especially tenure and tenure-track positions). The university Planning and Leadership Team has begun to talk about these issues, but solving this problem will demand attention from many levels across campus, and a strong commitment from the administration."

"One of the implications there is that we haven't hired enough faculty," said Johnson. "Between 1998 and the year 2002 we have hired 135 tenure track faculty at a cost of \$8 million in starting salaries and 8.2 million dollars in start-up costs. That gave us a net gain of 35 tenure track since 1997. We made the hires between 1998 and 2002. In addition to that we hired another 92 non-tenure track faculty includes visiting and lecturer appointments and clinical faculty. We have increased faculty by 78 since 1997."

Demorest also said the small number of classes taught by graduate students increases the amount of part time faculty. Demorest expressed concerns about the fact that most grad students are expected to go on and teach at other schools, but get very little time, if any, to teach here at UMBC. "We have relatively few classes taught by grad students, she said. "Maybe we should be doing more grad student teaching," she went on to say. "Maybe that's not the right thing to do."

Another concern addressed in the letter was that of high salaries and raises for upper level administrators. According to the Sun article, the top 30 officials at three state universities have had an average raise of \$68,000 per person, or 41 percent. According to the article, the combined pay for the three UMBC vice presidents has increased 58 percent since 1998 and states that their raises were in the amounts of \$62,000, \$64,000, and \$52,000. The 15 vice presidents at University of Maryland in Baltimore, UMBC and College Park had median salaries of \$210,000,

\$25,000 more than the national average for the largest schools in the country, according to the Sun report. Hrabowski's salary has gone from \$182,347 in 1998 to \$330,720, an increase of 81 percent. The average salary of History faculty, according to the letter, has only risen 20 percent.

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"The figures on the compensation and salary increases of administrators are on their face astonishing," said the letter sent to Hrabowski, "especially in the perspective of staff and faculty salaries. We have no objection to appropriately high salaries for administrators at UMBC, who have important and demanding positions; but we are concerned about how disproportionate their increases have been as compared to those for faculty and staff. We also observe that the salary increases for administrators bring them to (or above) the level of their peers in Maryland and elsewhere at the same time that faculty salaries overall at UMBC are allowed to languish behind their peers elsewhere."

According to Johnson, much of this is because of the competitive job market for high level administrators. Each of the vice presidents have had offers from other universities, he said.

When asked about Hrabowski's salary, Johnson said "...compare it to any chief executive running a \$280 million company" and that his salary would be considerably less. When asked about the percentage of the increases of administrators, Johnson declined to comment, saying, "I don't want to come across as defensive or as debating the history department."

Demorest stated that she believed, with the amount of work that Hrabowski does, that he is worth twice what he gets and that he gives much of his money back to the school and to charity.

Demorest also said that the percentage of salary increases and hiring were much more complicated than they first appeared. "Simplistic comparisons are very easy to make," she said.

According to Lindenmeyer, the high compression rate and the lack of comparable raise percentages could affect future hiring. "...I hope that the administration will see this as a potential problem and address these issues now so that they will not be a problem in the future."



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# Closed Trial Planned for Shockley, Evidence Released

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Organizations on April 15 with over a third of that body not present, charges that Shockley, who was recently re-elected for the 2003-04 school year, violated the SGA election policy as well as the Maryland Open Meeting Act—a state law—and “slandered” members of the SGA.

The Portfolio of Evidence is available for student review at the Office Assistant desk of the Student Organizations offices in the Commons. The twenty-one-page document consists mostly of emails between members of the SGA, including recent presidential candidate Brian Swayne and staff members of *The Retriever Weekly*. There is also an unpublished draft of a *Retriever* article as well as a series of emails between Shockley and an anonymous correspondent named only as “Concerned Student.” There is a lengthy excerpt from the Open Meeting Act and, finally, a copy of a *Retriever Weekly* article, “New SGA VP Appointed” (Feb 4).

According to SGA bylaws, after the impeachment legislation is passed, the defendant has ten business days to prepare his defense. The constitution further specifies that the trial must be held in the “first regular meeting of the legislative body not bringing the charges.” Considering this and the Senate’s schedule, May 12 is the first and only date available.

Cirincione said he offered the Senate the opportunity to suspend the rules and call a Special Session of the Senate to have the trial earlier, but they declined. “After some discussion, the Senate body found it more prudent to have the trial on May 12, although it is the last meeting of the Senate,” Cirincione said.

If found guilty and ordered to leave office, Shockley will have a month to do so. By the time this month is up, Shockley will have begun his next term, so he will spend no time out of office.

Some students interviewed admitted they were not very familiar with the affair, but

those who were expressed skepticism. “I think it’s ludicrous,” said junior Chris Cormier, who called the impeachment “typical government bullshit.” Cormier said the timing of the impeachment is a large part of his opinion. “He’s impeached, but he’s reinstated. It makes about as much sense as Clinton and Monica Lewinski,” Cormier said.

Other students also compared the situation to the impeachment of former president Bill Clinton, who was not removed from office. Sophomore Tanya Cohen had a different opinion of the impeachment, however. “From what I’ve heard, he probably deserves it more than Clinton did,” Cohen said.

Freshman Chris Stanton was of a different mind. “It didn’t seem like he did a whole lot wrong,” Stanton said. He also cited the fact that only ten of the sixteen-member House of Organizations was present for the vote. “It seems like impeachment is a big deal to throw it around like that,” Stanton said.

Freshman Kate Laskowski, who called

the impeachment “shady,” noted that the presidential election results were appealed around the time the impeachment was presented made her skeptical. “It sounds like they’re really trying to get rid of him,” Laskowski said.

According to House of Organizations minutes from the April 15 session in which the legislation was passed, Representative and legislation sponsor Kristen Cevoli maintained that the impeachment was not a matter of dislike but rather of responsibility. “This is not a personal thing, this is a governing body and I feel that it has a responsibility to act in certain ways and I felt that he has breeched things that he is obliged to uphold, thus leaving us with little choice,” Cevoli said.

Governor Robert Ehrlich recently selected Shockley for the position of Student Regent for the state. There is no word yet from Shockley’s office on how this will affect his presidency next year.

## UMBC’s Unstoppable; Chess Team Does It Again

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with the requirements being a combined SAT score over 1400, a chess rating over 2000, and the player must graduate in the top 10% of his/her high school.

The Special Merit for Chess scholarship is similar to scholarships given to artists and musicians who choose to attend UMBC, in that there is a cash amount (valued \$1,000-\$10,000) to each recipient. The student must also be in good academic standing and hold a chess rating over 2300.

The last scholarship is a Tournament-Based available to chess players that have won two past tournaments, the Maryland Scholastic Chess Championship (known as the “Sweet 16”) and the United States Cadet Championship, which is an invitational tournament for the top ten players American players under the age of seventeen. If meeting the requirements for the scholarship, the player is awarded full tuition by UMBC.

Regardless of the different aspects of each scholarship, the universal requirements for all prospective recipients remain that they must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 and be a full-time student at UMBC. The scholarships have allowed the university to attract students to UMBC from many other schools and Dr. Sherman explained, “We have attracted students who have turned down Harvard, Yale, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).”

The recent success for the chess program is not taken lightly by those involved. A gradual improvement has been made each year that has helped UMBC chess to achieve such an esteemed position in collegiate chess. At the PAN-AM tournament in 1990, UMBC placed 26 out of 27 teams, standing as a distinct low point in the program’s history. Yet, thirteen years later, the program has made its mark on collegiate chess, with the program’s expansion a major improvement.

Dr. Sherman, an associate professor of Computer Science at UMBC and also the Director of the UMBC Center for Information Security and Assurance

(CISA), became involved with the chess program in 1991, two years after he began to teach at the university. In 1991, Dr. Sherman assumed his present role of the Faculty Advisor of the chess club and the Director of the chess program.

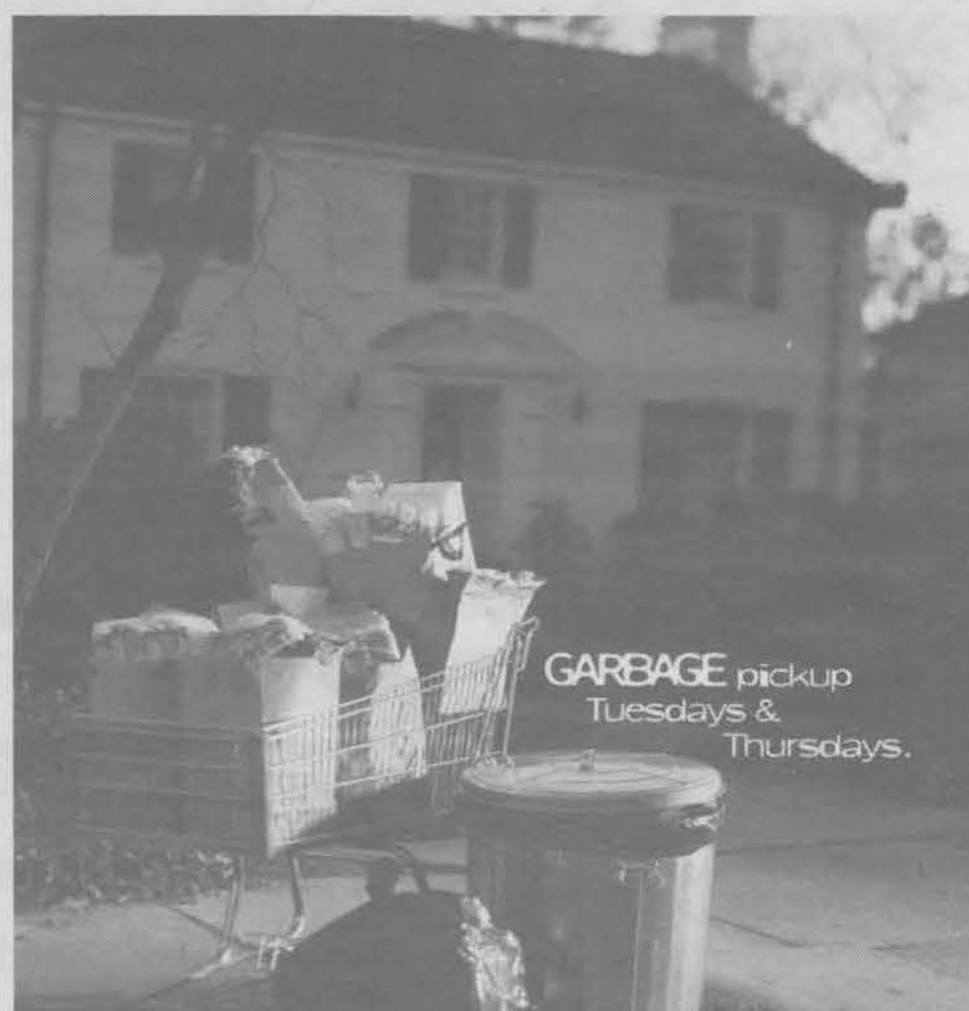
Dr. Sherman has witnessed the tremendous transformation of the chess at UMBC, as the chess club was first a recreational SGA organization as a student club. “Today,” described Dr. Sherman, “we are part of the Intellectual Sports council and are more like a Division I athletic team.”

All of the accolades from emerging victoriously from each tournament have brought a greater media coverage for the program. UMBC’s chess program has been recognized on CNN, BBC Radio, Maryland Public Television (MPT), National Public Radio (NPR), the Today Show on NBC, Good Morning America on ABC, as well as in the Washington Post and Baltimore Sun. The chess program has surely done its share to spread the word about not only the program, but UMBC as well.

It is an exciting time for the chess program at UMBC, with the annual student/faculty chess tournament held during Quadmania and the upcoming Speed Chess Spectacular. The Speed Chess Spectacular will be held on Thursday, May 1 on Main Street in the Commons from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

A big event for the chess program, the Speed Chess Spectacular will have move-by-move sports commentary provided by JOCK 1300 AM radio. Competing for \$1,000 against top schools like MIT, Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Stanford, and Duke, the Speed Chess Spectacular will involve 16 players that each have five minutes to complete the chess game.

The UMBC chess program has grown and displayed its talent for several years, yet its success remains relatively unknown to students. Nevertheless, students can come out to the Speed Chess Spectacular to see the top chess players from UMBC compete in what Dr. Sherman proudly called “an exciting intellectual sport.”



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## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Rape happens at "hot schools" too!

UMBC's Voices Against Violence program, which helps stop violence at UMBC, recently held a "Take Back the Night" march and speak-out. It was an opportunity for members of the UMBC community to show their support for victims and survivors of violence, including domestic violence, sexual assault, sexual harassment and stalking.

Given the sensitive nature, and the importance of this event, we were appalled by the undignified manner with which certain members of the UMBC community conducted themselves. Even at an "honors" university we found hecklers at a rape vigil. Many of these hecklers wore Greek letters.

Specific slurs included, "No means yes," and "You girls just need to take it up the ass." This was directed at rape victims. This is an occasion for outrage, and is indicative of the support that Voice Against Violence has gotten from the students. Some members of the administration convey the same lack of support by refusing to institutionalize Voices Against Violence.

Despite a dramatic increase in reported instances on campus since our program's inception, we are left at the end of the semester not knowing if our immensely successful program will see another dime. Certain members of the administration refuse to take a stand on the incredibly important issues our program addresses, and by doing so disregard the basic safety of all students on campus. Not to mention by not institutionalizing the program, they will be in violation of Maryland state law, which requires for there to be victims' services and resources on university campuses.

We are the only existing program on campus which has the capacity to serve that need.

We have received over 50 reports of sexual violence, where in the previous two years before the program there were only 3 reported cases! This is an unrealistic figure, as up to one third of young adults between the ages of 16 to 24 have been reported being involved in an abusive dating situation. Not only does Maryland state law mandate the reporting services that Voices Against Violence provide, but providing such services is the right thing to do.

If any fraternity feels slandered as a result of this letter, we urge them to voice their support for Voices Against Violence—specifically Men Against Violence—by coming to our meeting next Thursday May 1, at 4pm in the Health Education conference room on the first floor of Erickson. Administrators with concerns are welcome to attend as well. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

The Undersigned

Scott Nicholson

Rah-ed Ghuma

Luc Clark

Student Members of the Men Against Violence Program

see LETTERS, page 14

## Despite Rain Quadmania Comes Up Strong

Despite all the rain on Saturday morning, the events for Quadmania went on as planned and everyone was treated to a fantastic day. Thanks to SEB and the SGA, Quadmania 2003 was just another day for students to get drunk, participate in all the festivities, and to hang out with that neighbor that you have never talked to before. Though the crowd was a little small at the beginning, it soon picked up as the afternoon went on. All the "props" have to go out to SEB for their constant success with bringing talented performers to this campus. This time it was Third Eye Blind who rocked the stage, and what a party it was! Crowd surfing was the thrill of the evening as students lined up to be thrown onto thick throngs of thousands of enthusiastic fans. For all the faithful attendees who were over 21, the Beer Garden did wonders for the brain cells, and the same can be said for the Tilt-a-whirl, which left students dazed and confused. Can Quadmania get any better than this?

Well, yeah, maybe next time Quadmania will not be scheduled on a rainy day and those security guards will let people walk on the Quad. What is so special about the Quad that students can't walk on it to see the bands play, even on Quadmania? As nothing can be done about it now, this looks like another issue for President Hrabowski to have brought to his attention for the future.

## Three Cheers for SEB

Hip... One cheer for another great Quadmania. Our annual spring-time ballyhoo celebrated 21 years of existence in a way that would do even the most dedicated partier proud. So what if Third Eye Blind is no Shakira? Do we really go to Quadmania for bands, especially when there is a garden growing beer steps mere steps away? SEB proved once again that it has its fingers squarely on the pulse of the community and will gladly give us what we want.

Hip... One cheer for the mind-bogglingly fun of last week's Ultimate Campus Challenge. Anyone wondering why trios of students were trekking through the backwoods of campus or serenading desk staffs need not be confused any longer. A scavenger hunt of mammoth proportions, the UCC was a feat of astounding creativity that dwarfs most other college activities events. Let's see them try that at College Park.

Hooray... For a great, building year for SEB in which they expanded their officer-selection process, put on literally dozens, if not a hundred great events of all types and interests. Talk to your friends at other schools and ask them about college activities and you'll see just how good we have it. Three cheers for SEB; here's to another great year.

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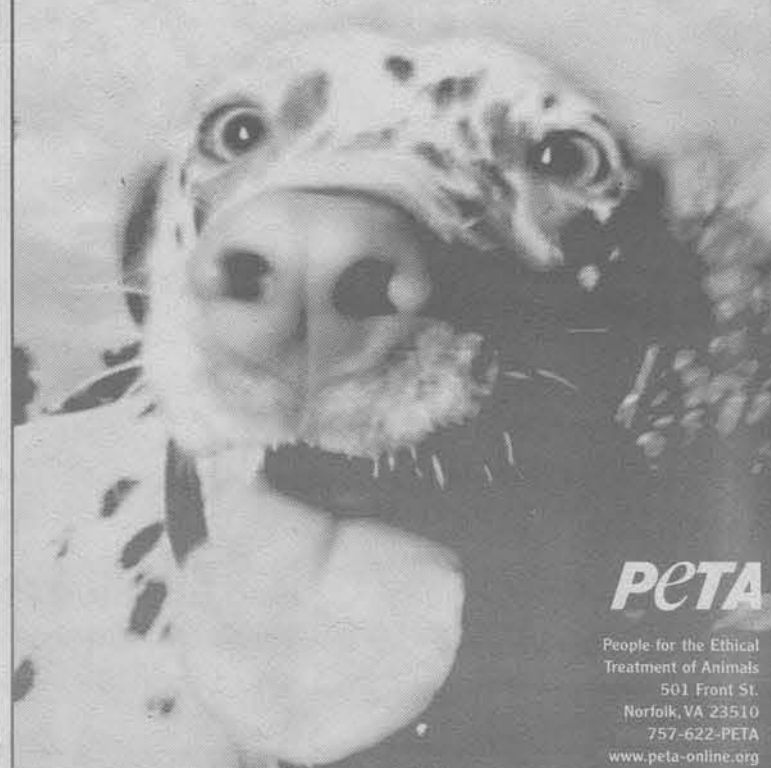
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# The Littered Landscape of UMBC: A Belated Earth Day Tribute

AMBER SAMPSON

In my experience of nearly two semesters on this campus, I have come to appreciate the level of consideration that UMBC students have for each other. A friend of mine who transferred to another school this semester told me that the first thing she noticed was that students there don't hold doors for each other. This difference may sound trivial, but it drastically affected her initial impression and opinion of the campus.

I have to say that even though the willingness of someone else to hold the door for you can prove to be more inconvenient than opening it yourself—like those times where you actually have to speed up to save the person from standing around waiting for you—it still makes for a nice atmosphere of common consideration and respect. I exchange thank-yous and you're-welcomes with countless people every day and, although it's not the deepest of relationships, I'm a happier person for it.

You can then imagine my dismay when, upon making my way back from the dining hall, I happen upon a Coke cup in the middle

of the sidewalk. What is disturbing to me about this Coke cup is not so much that it's on the ground; if it were simply lying there I might make the assumption that it fell out of one of the many overflowing trash cans on campus. What disturbs me is the position of the coke cup; that it is full and standing erect, obviously placed purposely on the sidewalk and left there.

And this coke cup is not alone. I have seen remains of lunches left on the ground beside parking spaces, pizza boxes left in the shadows beside Harbor courtyard, and ice cream cones left in front of doorways for other people to step in as they go home. This past week—on Earth Day—I walked through a constant stream of wind-strewn flyers from the library all the way to my dorm. I have trouble reconciling a body of students who wait for strangers to hold their doors with such blatant inconsideration as to leave other people to pick up their garbage.

It's true that trash removal can be a problem on this campus; cans are often overflowing. But there is no shortage of them. Is it too much to ask of people to find an empty trash can, instead of placing their garbage on the ground? Sometimes people think they

have the right idea and place their trash on the ground right in front of a trash can, as if it will stay there until collection day. Instead, it gets kicked around and ends up in a field or a sidewalk, where either someone else is forced to pick it up or it joins the innumerable cigarette butts crushed into the landscape of UMBC.

What I find equally puzzling to this contradiction of considerations is the apparent inability of honors university students to recycle correctly. I am consistently befuddled by the fact that when faced with the choice of 3 holes—large square, small circle, and thin slit—people will put cans and bottles in the square hole and paper in the circle. I'm not sure whether I'd rather believe that the students of UMBC are incapable of shape recognition or just so apathetic that they ignore the distinction. I happen to be an avid recycler, and my heart just sinks when I drag my stack of newspapers and boxes down a flight of stairs to find food and pencil shavings in the paper recycling container.

I might be able to blame bad labeling—maybe shape variance isn't enough—except for the fact that blue containers speckled with

triangles which read "aluminum only" at the brim of the lid are still full of paper and plastic bags.

Maybe it's a problem of motivation. I have to admit that sometimes I feel like it's not worth it to recycle if no one else does. I even suspect that perhaps my recycling is in vain and all the trash will end up in the same place anyway—it's been known to happen here. But that's not a reason to give up on it.

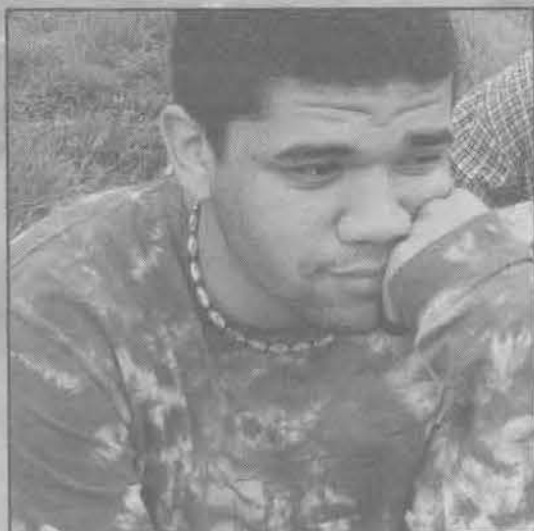
There is in fact no reason that seemingly intelligent, considerate people can not make a decision to take care of their campus, pick up after themselves, and conserve resources by recycling. Student complaints about trash collection and availability of recycling containers should certainly be addressed. But if the administration provides all the trash cans and recycling containers in the world, and students still choose to put Coke cups on sidewalks and cans in square holes, nothing will be accomplished. UMBC students can do better than this. Let's agree to be consistent in our considerations and encourage others to do the same.

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## Quotes from the Quad

What is the strangest thing you've seen today?

photos by Anita Field



**Fist of the North Star, Eternal**  
Freshman, Black Arts  
"A hobo with syphilis eating fire."



**Phil Owen, 19**  
Sophomore, Financial Econ  
"People in safe and sober shirts at the beer garden."



**Ryan Dorrill, 18**  
Freshman, Mech Eng  
"Students on campus during the weekend at UMBC."



**Josh Radtka, 23**  
Grad, Bio Chem  
"The Slip n Slide down West Hill."



**Suran DeSilva, 22**  
Senior, IFSM  
"Captain SEB chugging a beer."



# Looking for Love in All the Wrong Places: Iraqi Gratitude

AMBER SAMPSON

The tides of media reports have turned once again. The images from Baghdad of parading Iraqis, singing and dancing in the streets and raising their thumbs to the camera have been replaced by protesters waving their fists in the air and shouting opposition. To be sure, there were opposing Iraqis at the fall of Baghdad and there are supportive Iraqis now, but it's clear that overall public opinion has turned against the U.S. in recent days. Many are disappointed, aggravated, even humiliated by the entire ordeal of intervention.

This is sure to cause shock and even resentment among Americans. What happened to the roses for soldiers, the "thank you Bush" signs, the warm welcome? Didn't our boys fight and die for their freedom? Is this the thanks that we get?

Those who are waiting for an American flag on every Iraqi doorstep and a welcoming smile on the faces of rising leaders are sure to be tragically disappointed. Exiles who have cooperated with America are already beginning to distance themselves from U.S. meetings. The Washington Post commented of the self-proclaimed governor of Baghdad: "They believed Zubaidi has close ties to the U.S. government, which, they predicted, would doom his

chances of broad public acceptance." This may be an upsetting reality for Americans, but we don't have reason or right to be surprised or indignant.

David Ignatius, a columnist for the Washington Post, wrote in a rather prophetic article on March 20 that "if you want to understand the problems the United States will confront in post-war Iraq, take a look at France. Seriously." He was pointing to the fact that less than a year after the French were freed from Nazi occupation by the U.S. and Britain, they were antagonizing both—a behavior which Ignatius points out persists to this day.

It shouldn't be surprising that Iraqi opinion towards the U.S. has turned even more quickly, considering the vibrant anti-Americanism so pervasive in the region and the world-wide condemnation of America as imperial invader. Many proponents of the war thought that military intervention in Iraq, followed by a "positive American presence" through rebuilding, would mollify anti-American sentiment in the Middle East. Whether that will happen in the long run remains to be seen, but it certainly is not coming soon.

And we shouldn't expect it to, for several reasons.

The first is that this is Operation Iraqi Freedom, not Operation Iraqi Gratitude. The language of this war—the persistence that the Iraqi people have the ability and right to govern themselves,

that they are a dignified people, that they deserve independence from oppression—has sent the message that the only reason we are engaging in military conflict is that the Iraqis lack the military capability to overthrow Saddam themselves. Iraqi sentiment can be summed up in a recent Post headline: "Thanks for Ousting Saddam, Now Please Go Home." We said we came to bring freedom; to Iraq, that means freedom from us too.

This is not to say that we pull all of our forces out of Iraq immediately and leave the people to fend for themselves. We have promises yet to fulfill and damage to repair. Buildings are looted, national treasures are destroyed, people are still without jobs and provisions. Iraqis are disillusioned by the contrast between their expectations for America and the present state of "postwar Iraq." Iraqis are voicing their disappointment and resentment, and we can not ignore their voices in favor of looking toward the greater good of freedom. We must be able to admit our failures, try to rectify them as much and as quickly as possible, and earn the faith and trust of the Iraqi people. Demanding goodwill is the work of dictators, not liberators.

In 1990, Václav Havel issued a famous speech to Czechoslovak society at the turn of their velvet revolution when the people had overthrown a hated regime and faced the task of rebuilding.

"This moment contains the hope that in the future we will no longer suffer

from the complex of those who must always express their gratitude to someone else. It is now entirely up to us...whether our civic, national, and political self-confidence will be awakened in a historically new way." He attributed much of the success of their revolution to "optimal international conditions." The crux of the coalition argument has been that intervention was necessary only because conditions for regime change did not exist within Iraq or on the global scene. If this is the case, then our goal should be to let the Iraqis rebuild as independently as possible.

I won't deny that I enjoyed the brief stint of thankfulness while it lasted. I have a newspaper clipping on my wall that features a smiling Iraqi man holding up his young son to kiss an American soldier. I hung it because it reminds me that my country did right by oppressed people. I don't expect to see many more pictures like this, but I can accept that. What I care about for the future is not that the man in the picture is smiling at an American, but that he is smiling at all. I want the hope in that man's face to stay long after the soldiers leave or the gratitude fades. And if pro-Americanism fizzles in Iraq but a pro-freedom sentiment remains, I will judge the outcome a victory.

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Dear Editor,

Rah-ed Ghuma, have you ever lived in a police state? I haven't so I was amazed by your remarks that you so eagerly shouted at the DCPD. You are so quick to judge the actions of the police. Have you ever been a police officer? Do you have any clue what it is like to wear a uniform that brings upon a negative reaction from those around you. I don't think you do. I wear my US Army uniform across campus every now and then when I have to report to drill, and I am given a wide variety of looks ranging from interest to disgust. Protesters may appear in certain situations to be peaceful. However when groups of people begin to cause a minor disturbance, such as walking into traffic, or occupying private property the police have the job of being the bad guy. And every time a cop has to ask a protester to move off the street or relocate to another area they are met with opposition.

Last Thursday night at Baha Beach House I was fortunate enough to witness 200-300 drunk teenagers stumble out into the street at 2am. At the time there was one Baltimore police officer there to try to get us out of the street. All of a sudden fights started to break out all thru out the area. People were throwing bottles, fighting, yelling F\*\*\* the police. That cop was suddenly out numbered 50 to 1. As he was walking backward he pulled out his mace and his baton. He then proceeded to use them as the crowd got closer to him. When other cops showed up they were met with the same resistance and hatred. As I walked toward my car a girl was crying about how some cops were brutal and sprayed her with mace. I thought for a minute about if it was all necessary. What keeps me on the police side is an old saying, "I would rather be judged by 12 than carried by 6." I have trouble believing you reported the event exactly as it happened because, you are bias. You went down there to find this exact thing. I know that it was not a calm happy little family outing as you say it was. Nothing in DC is ever like that. DC cops are looking out for the people and they are looking out for themselves. They have to.

In EMT school I was taught that you put yourself first, your partner second and the patient third. Cops do the same. Except you and your peaceful friends were the patients in this case. Try not to report so bias next time. And please tell your friend in the excellent photo that wearing an american flag is an insult to the flag and the country. Make sure that while you voice your rights you at least respect the flag.

Jeremy Galvan

Editor's Note: Rah-ed Ghuma has indeed lived in a police state- exiled from Libya, his family currently lives in Oman.

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter in response to the chain that has been erected in front of the small road near the Terrace apartments. Through all of the last and current semester, students were able to drive into this small circle to drop off friends late and night, quickly drop off heavy loads of groceries, or a variety of other activities that the close road permitted. Now, apparently, we are not allowed to do that; I believe the issue is purely one of control.

About two weeks ago, some physical plant workers installed two steel posts to keep people from driving on this road. Not a day later, they had been mysteriously removed, probably by some student stumbling by in a drunken stupor. Now they have installed the chain. Why, you may ask? Because the small road is a fire lane. This hasn't stopped countless UMBC physical plant workers, police, UPS deliverymen, and countless others from parking there unmolested. Apparently, this doesn't apply to students. The question I raise is, if it is so important that the lane be unblocked for a fire truck to get through, why does UMBC insist on BLOCKING it with posts or a chain? In my opinion, it is far safer to risk having a random car parked on this road than to have a fire truck or ambulance stuck outside the road waiting for the UMBC employee with keys to get there. What if it's at 3 AM? Who do the emergency services contact then? And if the response is that they would simply cut the chain, what purpose does it serve in the first place?

This is where I see the entire issue as one of control: if it wasn't, there would be no chain, since there is no logical way to say it is safer to have the ENTIRE road impeded rather than the chance of a small part being blocked. I demand to hear the official reason the UMBC physical plant used to so dangerously block this entire road when an unblocked, available road is so obviously safer and more reasonable.

Mark Miller  
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Dear Editor,

I'm writing to urge the SGA Senate to vote AGAINST impeachment of President Shockley. I am appalled that a few people with personal grudges would abuse their power in such a manner. The charges against President Shockley seem to be based on speculation with no real evidence to back them up. Other charges hardly seem like impeachable offenses. I don't believe it is a crime to talk to the media, in fact I would encourage it. Just because you may not agree with something he said does not mean that he was acting maliciously and should be removed from office. I also find it odd that President Shockley is being accused of "defamation" when most of the "attacks" are against him. Through this same logic, you could impeach the House members who brought up these charges.

In the end I hope you will agree with the election board and find the charges without merit. Hopefully, next year the SGA will be able to move past these petty squabbles and get back to the work of serving the students.

Erin A. O'Connell

Dear Editor,

Quadmania: the wholesome UMBC Spring event that brings together bad music, rowdy college students, and beer. While the event supposedly strictly monitors the consumption of alcohol to ensure that only students of age drink, we all know that underage kids who want to drink will drink. For example, I was being picked up by my mother in the early afternoon on Saturday, and as I walked to the car a small group of young men trotted up to my mother and asked her if she would buy him beer. Since he hasn't turned 21 yet. My mother laughed and told him no, because it is ILLEGAL, yet he continued to persist until we got in the car and drove away. Also, yesterday I was walking behind the Commons on my way back from class, when I noticed a Bud Light tractor trailer parked by the grass, and three college girls running up to it. One of the girls spread her arms open wide, pressed her body against the side of the truck, and licked it.

On Saturday night, after Quadmania had officially finished and students were wandering the campus in a drunken stupor, I walked down to The Spot. On my way I passed three stinking piles of vomit on the sidewalk, and almost retched myself at the sight. It was disgusting. In the 8 months that I have been a student here, I have never come across vomit on campus. While that in itself is a good thing, it doesn't help that I had to sidestep my way along the sidewalk because students at Quadmania don't know how to curb their drinking.

How sad is it when a college spends its budget money (which we're supposed to be cutting back) on beer for its students? With all the alcohol-related problems at colleges nowadays, you'd think that drinking would be discouraged. But no, we here at UMBC like to show the world that we are a contemporary university, bringing in the best and the brightest while also allowing them to maintain a free (and in some cases, illegal) lifestyle. Thank you, UMBC and SEB, for bringing such a wonderful event to our campus! Thank you for encouraging students to drink and purge themselves all over the walkways! Thank you for making me realize what's important to this university!

Mary Ricks

Dear Editor,

So I'm walking to class one day, to the Fine Arts building (which is a pain enough as is), when a flyer proclaiming the Satanic paternity of our president is shoved in my face. Ignoring it, I try to sidestep the person who's peddling this propaganda, but there is a huge table set in the turn to the Fine Arts building, loaded with anti-Bush posters, more flyers, and crude drawings (made, as far as I can tell, in Microsoft Paint).

Now, there are a lot of bad things that I would say about Bush—that he's a complete moron, that he likes war a little too much, and that his naïf-conservative politics are ruining all levels of domestic policy, most notably the economy and the environment—but claiming him to be the "Son of Satan" is a bit of a stretch. Besides, I don't like being hassled while I'm on a schedule and trying to go to class. It's one thing to set up a stand out of the way of the traffic flow, but it's something else to block everyone's way and hold us up, wasting our time as we try to go to class without being late.

So, Mr. LaRouche, please instruct your followers to set up shop somewhere less obstructive, like the roof of the library, or perhaps in the RAC's outdoor pool.

Jonathan Rayne

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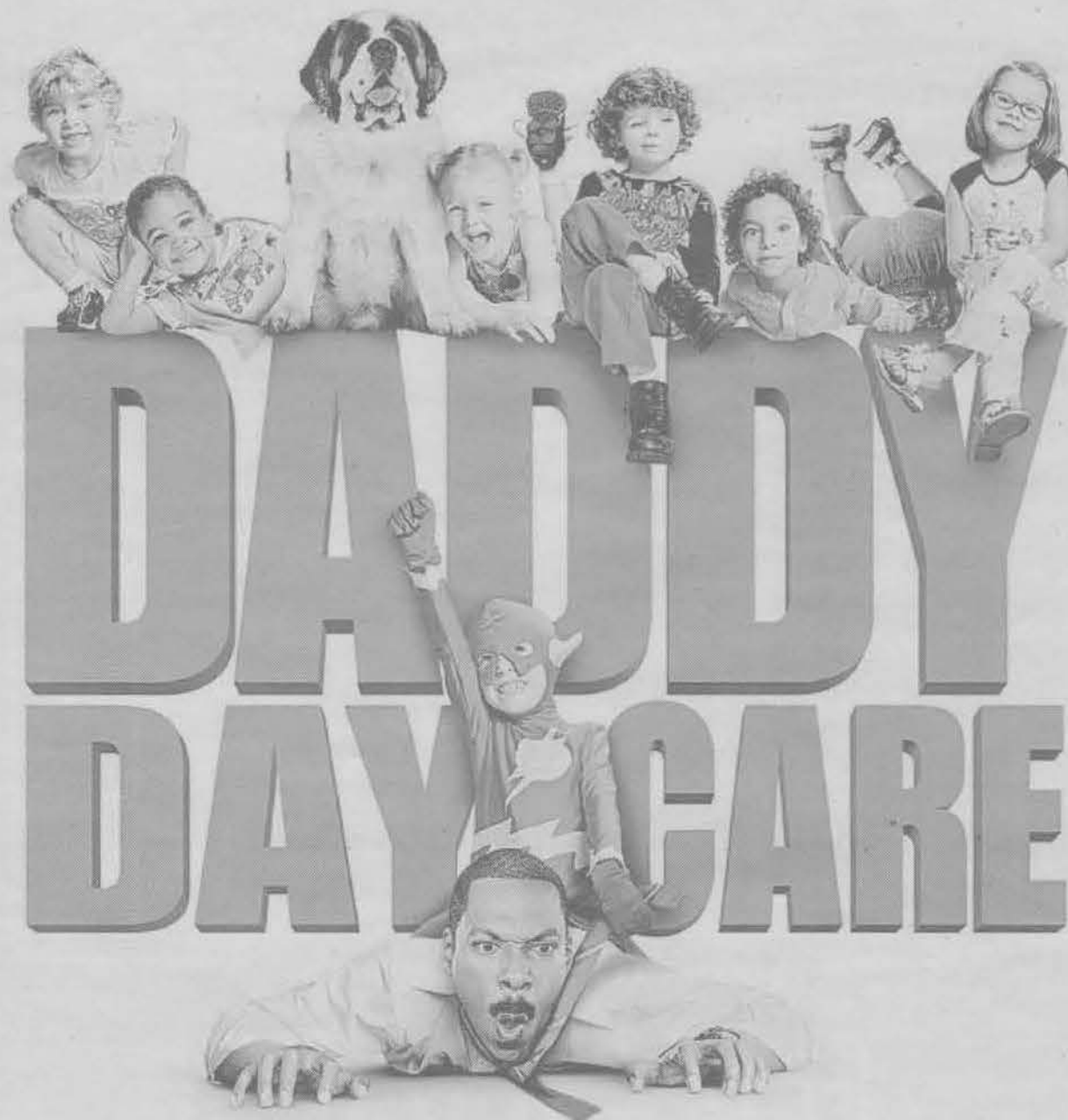
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7pm

Beth Israel Congregation, Owings Mills

Hillel of Greater Baltimore will recognize the achievements and contributions of outstanding student leaders involved with Hillel. These awards reflect contributions in the areas of leadership, service, learning, and ongoing commitments to Jewish life on campus.

## Resident Student Association End-of-the-Year Reception

May 6

8:30pm - 10pm

The Commons, Skylight Room

This reception is to celebrate and recognize all RSA and Hall/Apartment Council members for their hard work and volunteerism over the past academic year.

## Greek Awards Banquet

May 7

5 - 7pm

The Commons, Skylight Room

The Greek Community will be honoring the success of the fraternities and sororities at UMBC.

## Commons Administration Student Staff Appreciation

May 9

11:30am-1:30pm

The Commons, Cabaret

## Residential Life Banquet

May 9

6 - 8pm

Sheraton BWI

Invited guests are asked to join us in honoring Residential Life's student staff at this year's banquet, "Up All Night." Awards recognizing outstanding individual and community-wide achievements will be presented, and the close of another great year will be celebrated!

## Omicron Delta Kappa Induction

May 10

UC Ballroom

9:30am

UMBC's ODK, a national leadership honorary society, is excited to induct the newest class selected for their exceptional leadership, service and achievement.

## Career Development Center

May 12

11:30am - 1pm

CDC Conference Room

The CDC is having a thank you party for our office assistants to show our appreciation for all of the hard work they have done.

## Student Appreciation Banquet hosted by the Offices of Admissions, Financial Aid, and Scholarships

May 13

4pm

Albin O. Kuhn Library, Seventh Floor

A recognition ceremony for invited students who have assisted in the university's enrollment management areas.

## Student Government Association Celebration and Inauguration

May 13

7pm

Albin O. Kuhn Library, 7th Floor

SGA will honor its outgoing members and induct into office the newly elected SGA members for 2003-2004.

## Graduate Student Association End-of-the-Year Cookout

May 13

6-11pm

The Commons, Cabaret

Join GSA in celebrating the end of the year. We are grilling out (and yes, we will have veggie burgers too). Come eat, drink, sing a song, and relax before finals!! \*Proper identification required for entry (ages 21 & up).

## Student Events Board

May 13

8:30-10:30pm

SEB will have an end of the year celebration to acknowledge the tremendous work they have done this year. They have done great work and have offered high quality programs all year; they deserved to be celebrated.



# COGNITION WEEK

*of student achievement at UMBC. We are very proud of our students  
their efforts and great works. May this week serve as a reminder that  
and know that UMBC is a better, stronger community because of YOU!*

## **Celebration of Office of Student Life Student Staff (Office Assistants, Marketing and Technology Interns, & Peer Mentors)**

May 14

12-1pm

The Commons, Suite 336

We have had a very busy and productive year and we couldn't have done it without our wonderful student leaders. Many thanks for all of your hard work!

## **Office of Diversity & Social Justice Initiatives**

May 14

1-3 pm

The Commons, Suite 2B10

We will have an Appreciation Celebration for all office assistants, 3BS Mentors and program interns. This is to recognize all students for their dedication, enthusiasm and excellent work this year.

## **McNairs Scholars/Fellows Dinner**

May 14

5:30pm

Albin O. Kuhn Library, 7th Floor

The achievements of the McNairs scholars and fellows will be recognized. And, all mentors will be saluted for their great work too!

## **Judicial Board Dinner**

**Location and Time To Be Determined**

The Justices and staff of Student Judicial Programs celebrate a successful year and the graduation of its seniors at an end-of-the-year dinner.

*All events are by invite only, except the May Graduates Day where all graduating students at UMBC are invited to attend. For more information about these programs, please contact the specific office hosting the event or Patty Perillo, Office of Student Life, at [perillo@umbc.edu](mailto:perillo@umbc.edu) or 410.455.3462.*

# MAY GRADUATES

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**All Day**

**Events centered in The Commons**

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- Division of Student Affairs Breakfast (8:30-10:30am)
- May Graduates Fair with Office of Student Life, Alumni Relations, Career Development Center, University Health Services, Chevy Chase, SGA, GSA, UMBC Graduate School, Professional Education and Training, Athletics, Honor Societies (12-3pm)
- Presidents' Toast (1-2pm/must RSVP to [alum@umbc.edu](mailto:alum@umbc.edu))
- Chapter of Young Networking Social (6-8pm)
- Gifts from offices at the Fair and discounts from the Wood Company and the UMBC Campus Bookstore



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## Trombones, Trumpets, Saxophones, and All That Jazz

OLIVER BARANCZYK

Retriever Weekly Staff Writer

The horns blasted, the drums crashed, and the energy soared during the UMBC Jazz Band's spring concert. Incorporating a diverse selection of pieces, the Jazz Band, led by Jari Villanueva, displayed its enthusiasm and talent throughout the performance.

The Jazz Band is comprised of numerous members of UMBC's Down and Dirty Dawg Band, heard loud and clear at every men's and women's home basketball game during the

winter.

Dressed in black, the ensemble blew through a set of nine songs, which spanned several genres, with individual pieces dappling in upbeat swing, hip latin, and rock-influenced jazz. The performance added a bit of variety by utilizing the silky smooth voice of Carolyn Mele on the Jazz Band's version of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," a song from the classic film "The Wizard of Oz." The band utilized several soloists within each song, demonstrating the depth of the band.

One particular highlight of the performance remains the 10-minute medley of songs composed by Duke Ellington. Prefaced by Villanueva as being a "very difficult piece," the band created a distinctly mysterious mood throughout the medley with its interludes between songs that highlighted the use of the piano, percussion, and saxophones. The three pieces, "In a Sentimental Mood," "Mood Indigo," and "Don't Mean a Thing If It Doesn't Have That Swing," alternated between somber soundscapes to buoyant sec-

tions of all-out fun.

Continuing with the eclectic song selection, the band played "Mercy, Mercy, Mercy," a song filled with lively piano and guitar solos, utilizing a sound and chord progression that related the great influence of rock 'n' roll rhythms to the jazz genre in the 1950s. From "Mercy, Mercy, Mercy," the band continued its energetic roll into "St. Thomas," a well-known latin/rock piece composed by Sonny Rollins. The performance of "St. Thomas" hinted at the surprises in store for the audience before the

night's conclusion.

The final two songs, "Sing, Sing, Sing," and "Spring of Pearls," had not only the members of the band keeping the rhythm, but the audience as well. Described by Villanueva as "A signature song not only with the Jazz Ensemble, but also the Pep Band," "Sing, Sing, Sing," written by Louie Prima, allowed the band to really let loose and have some fun. Slightly confusing at first, the crowd saw the members of the band disperse into the audience

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## Politics At No Extra Charge: Paul Chan's Multi-Dimensional Artwork

RICHARD MCNEY

Retriever Weekly Staff Writer

For the last several weeks, images of Iraq have monopolized the news. Video of burning buildings, bombs exploding, and soldiers with raised guns have become Iraq's representation in American eyes. These pictures are pumped daily into our homes and over all of them is always some journalist's voice telling us what we are looking at. Paul Chan's video art filmed in Iraq speaks for itself by displaying the lives Iraqis lead; the lives not shown on television.

InterArts and the Visiting Artists Lecture Series presented a lecture by New York City artist Paul Chan. A full UMBC Fine Arts lecture hall listened to Chan, who is a 2003 Rockefeller Arts Fellow and teaches video and film at the University of Pennsylvania, discuss several pieces of his artwork.

"I do digital work," said Chan sitting on the back of a chair, dressed in all black save for brown pointy shoes that only an artist could pull off. He continued, "which basically means I make shit on computers."

The shit the artist refers to includes digital video, new media artwork and interactive media. Chan has dual interests in politics and art. As a result, much of his artwork has political implications.

From Dec. 14 to Jan. 14, Chan lived in Baghdad filming the people and the culture. He traveled to Iraq as a member of the Iraq Peace Team, a group initiated by Voices in the Wilderness, an independent international campaign that since 1996 has attempted to end the economic sanctions and warfare against the people of Iraq. Members of Voices include teachers, artists

and church workers who live in Iraq at different times documenting the lives of Iraqi citizens. The Iraq Peace Team began in Sept. 2002 in an attempt to prevent a U.S. attack on Iraq through the use of non-violent actions. Today the team remains in Iraq recording the Iraqi citizens' experiences throughout the war and occupation with the goal of increasing awareness of the situation.

"This is too tragic and woeful of a time to be remembered only through op-ed pieces and human

interest stories," Chan said. "Voices in the Wilderness knew that artists and writers and poets had to be involved, had to be on the ground to remember what is happening down there because we can't count on the journalists and the historians and the Pentagon. I was really touched; I was really moved by this idea that a political group was thinking aesthetically."

Chan was so moved that he signed up and lived in Baghdad for

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**Moved to Create:** Paul Chan documented life in Iraq during his year-long visit.

## Laundry Room Etiquette for the Socially Impaired

DEVLYN FENNELL

Retriever Weekly Staff Writer

There seem to be an awful lot of people out there who haven't a clue as to what basic laundry room etiquette is. You know who you are. You're the ones who seem to think the laundry room belongs solely to you. You're the ones who act as if it's just an extension of your house or apartment, never mind that the rest of us have to use it too. Clearly you need to have the do's and don'ts laid out for you.

1. Do take your clothes out of the washing machine and dryer promptly when they are done. It's incredibly rude to put them in and then to wander off and not come back for hours and hours. That space you're so negligently hogging can be a hot commodity, especially in the smaller laundry rooms.

2. Don't come to the laundry room and fill up every single washing machine or dryer with your clothes. If you do have that many loads to do, space them out enough so that you're not the only one who gets to use the laundry machines. Filling up every single machine when others might want to use them too is very self-centered. Do I have to remind you once more that you're not the only person in the universe with laundry?

3. Do clean out the lint tray in the dryer when you're done with it. Okay, this one isn't as big a deal of the others. But it's still just the polite thing to do. Leaving wads of fuzz behind for the person after you won't be appreciated. Especially if it gets on that person's wet clothes.

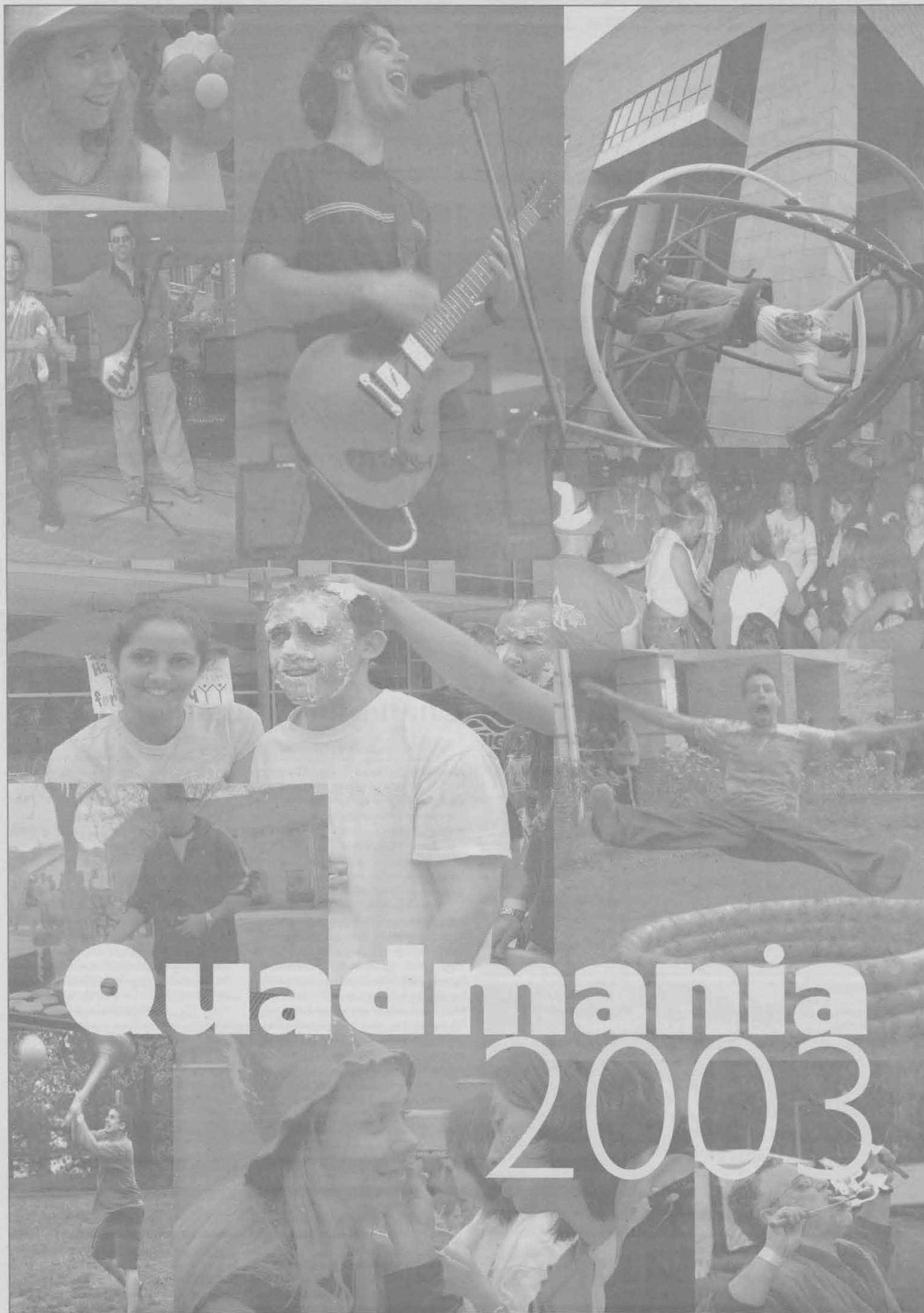
4. Don't open the dryer door to see how much longer someone else's clothes will be until they dry, then not restart the dryer. If you don't re-push the little start button, the drying time that person has paid for goes by without any drying actually happening.

You really shouldn't be opening up the door to a dryer that's going anyway. Just wait patiently until it's done. But if you absolutely must open the dryer door to check, at least try not to be an inconsiderate ass about it.

5. Do be neat if you are taking someone's clothes out of the dryer for them because they're not there when it stops. Sometimes delays of a couple minutes happen, and a person might take a few minutes to get to the laundry room. It's annoying, but it's not like it's hours, so it's also understandable. No doubt everyone does it occasionally. But if you're in a hurry and need to move their clothing, be neat about it. If it's in the washing machine, put it in the dryer. You don't have to start the dryer, just put it in there. You could also leave the dryer door open so that they'll see where their clothes are when they come down. If their clothes are in the dryer, put them neatly on a clean surface off to the side. Or, if they've left their laundry basket in the room, put them in there. Folding the clothes for them is clearly not necessary and would be going way above and beyond the call of duty. But don't dump them on the floor.

These are the basics of laundry room etiquette. None of them are anything that wouldn't become obvious to anyone who stopped to think about it for even a minute. Providing of course that they aren't completely self-absorbed. Not following these standard laundry room operating procedures will just piss everyone else off. Then we will be forced to run you down and smack you with our wet underwear that didn't dry because you opened our dryer door and didn't restart it. But since you know the rules now, you should be safe as long as you follow them. You're welcome.







## When I Grow Up

By: Allison Houseworth

### AIM!

There is no doubt in my mind that AOL Instant Messenger has made me a better person. I know everything about everyone; I laugh out loud; I cry; I have hot shades, a cute wink and a fabulous halo I wear every time I go out drinking. I am alive, on top of things and can talk to 53 people at once. It's amazing.

Instant Messenger has taught me how to multi-task. I am currently talking to three people as I write this column. Last night I talked to at least five people while I wrote a ten-page paper. I think multi-tasking is very important in today's world. You can flip burgers and ask "would you like fries with that" at the same time. You can walk and chew gum. I get dressed, eat, dry my hair, read, and instant message all at the same time. I have become so marketable I can't stand it.

AIM has made me a kind-hearted soul. This morning I woke up and read on an away message that my best friend had a rough night last night. I was able to express my concern instantaneously. Away messages show me who to buy beer for, who needs a hug, which movie I could watch when and where. There is no better way to find out how a person is doing than to read their away message.

Writing away messages has made me a better person. My friend Eric can't stand it when he comes over before we go out because it takes me at least five minutes to write a good away message. This is, of course, after I have thought about it for the entire hour beforehand, while I was getting ready. I write the message, edit it, and five minutes later Eric's itching to go drink and yelling at me. I can't leave until my away message is insanely clever and grammatically correct.

I once copied and pasted a mini-conversation I had with someone into my profile. He told me he loved me and that I am "bueno." I asked him why. He told me it's because I "just am" and I have "bitchin' away messages." I cried. I was so flattered. That moment will forever be the greatest moment of my life.

My profile changes, on average, every seven hours. Mostly it will include quotes from my friends who tell me how awesome I am. It's like therapy. They bling over their silly little message, I smile my yellow smile, ctrl-c, ctrl-v it into my profile and my self-esteem is raised 15%. I am one of the most arrogant people I know sometimes, mostly because of my profile. I have been told it's

the "homepage of profiles." It is my duty to uphold the bueno-ness of my profile. Again, we edit it so it's grammatically correct. If I could wear a t-shirt around all day with my profile on it, I would be the happiest person on the planet.

Right now my profile has a countdown to graduation and a warning that if you are not cool I don't want to deal with you in the next few weeks. Every morning I go into it and subtract a day. I usually cry. OK, that's a lie; I'm usually drinking coffee. Anyway, this religious changing-of-the-profile helps me remember what has been so important over the last four years. Friends, lazy days, late nights, laughter, away messages...

I don't know what I'm going to do without AIM when I graduate. Most students who will be walking the Walk of Doom on May 22 have been thinking about how they will finance a trip to Europe, pay off their loans; they factor car insurance, rent, water bills into their budget. I'm setting aside a large chunk of money for my Comcast Cable high-speed Internet bill. I wonder if my away messages will change dramatically, what my profile will come to say. I am completely losing my mind. Is there a losing-your-mind emoticon?

I hang out with a lot of people who don't use AIM. I see something special in them. They are more relaxed, in-tune with the world and have a general sense of happy-hippiness since they have chosen to avoid this particular technological force. They make me smile on the inside, make me want to slip off my shoes and cover myself in patchouli oil. Then I realize they're crazy.

How can you not want to know everyone's business all the time? How can you not want to keep in touch with old friends so easily? How would you have ever become friends with That Really Cute Frat Guy Who Lives in Your Building had you not gotten his screen name from someone and started stalking him?! It's preposterous! God save those souls who don't use AIM. What a sad sad life...

When I grow up I will always wear my lovely halo, smile my big-toothed grin, keep up with my friends, have high self-esteem and pay my high-speed cable Internet bill on time.

*Multi-task! E-mail Alli at ahouse1@umbc.edu. Really, do it, this is her second to last column. Stop sittin' on your butt in the Commons reading this nonsense. Go check out a laptop; drop an email! Live, communicate, AIM!*

## Scopin' Out the Future

by Devlyn Fennell

### Aries (March 21 - April 20)

Ride to class on a sidesaddle bicycle this week. We promise not to laugh.

### Taurus (April 21 - May 21)

Someone has broken into your house and hidden all your pens and pencils. The many fruitless searches this will result in will drive you completely nuts.

### Gemini (May 22 - June 21)

I am secretly pointing and laughing at you.

### Cancer (June 22 - July 23)

You will drink mass quantities of Sprite this week. So much in fact that on Friday you will explode.

### Leo (July 24 - Aug. 23)

You will spend all day Saturday cleaning up bits of a friend who exploded the night before from too much Sprite.

### Virgo (Aug. 24 - Sep. 23)

You're not an artist; you're a doodler on a large scale. The rest of us are tired of pretending otherwise.

### Libra (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

This week your car will break down in front of a very, very, very expensive parking meter. Got quarters?

### Scorpio (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

For your next birthday your family will help you start that teapot collection you've never wanted. Too bad you don't drink tea.

### Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

Malevolent kittens are going to sneak into your room and dismantle your stereo equipment. Awwwwww....how cute.

### Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

Now I can hear the voices in your head. Turn them down!

### Aquarius (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

Someone has sabotaged your hammer so it will hit you on the thumb the next time you use it. Pack extra band-aids.

### Pisces (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20)

I have cursed you so all your light bulbs will burn out at one time. Now I am cackling in glee.

## Chan Shows Reality In Iraq

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a month filming the Iraqi people. The piece he is in the process of editing will probably be titled, "Baghdad in No Particular Order" and is a montage of scenes filmed in single channel digital video.

"It is amazing how determined things are when you watch it on the news," Chan said. "When you watch video footage or stills someone is always talking over it as if they are telling you how to look. It is refreshing that I didn't do any interviews or I didn't want to show any talking heads."

Indeed, in the clips Chan showed, the images spoke for themselves. In one scene, a man covering his head and face with a red turban stands near a beat-up yellow car while the beautiful singing of the Islamic call to prayer fills the air. The scene following shows water spraying out of a small hole in a pipe on a Baghdad street. The sounds of nearby traffic and the sprinkling water are the only sounds heard. Following the scene are close-ups on the twitching face of a monkey dreaming in a cage in the lobby of the hotel where Chan stayed. There were also scenes of twin girls dancing and other children smiling, seemingly without worries. Another scene shows the outdoor book market in Baghdad where piles of books sit on the street. The wind blows the pages so that they look like the wings of birds. The video ends with female English majors at Baghdad University singing.

Much of the work Chan showed was political. In another piece entitled, "RE: THE OPERATION," Chan imagines George W. Bush's administration were soldiers in the war against terrorism. The project began

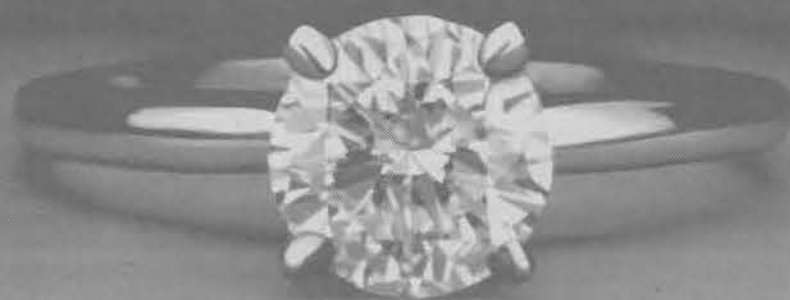
when Chan made desktop replacement icons depicting Bush's administration as wounded soldiers. The idea evolved into a series of video portraits in which each member of the administration reads a letter written home to a loved one over digital snapshots of their involvement in the war.

The final piece Chan showed was a digital installation piece entitled, "Happiness (finally) after 35,000 years of civilization." The piece, which has been displayed in several museums, is an animation project that combines the drawings of eccentric artist Henry Darger with the writings of Utopian socialist Charles Fourier. In the museum installation the animation is projected onto a green translucent fabric hung in the center of a room. The end result is a strange hypnotic animation that combines and updates the two men's utopian views and artistic techniques. The colorful animation shows many young girls on a grassy, flower-filled, rolling landscape running, flying, eating grass and going to the bathroom. Eventually a group of men in suits go to war with the girls, but in the end the girls prevail and kill all of the men. The combination of absurd images and the audio track of sounds taken from nature and girls laughing and playing creates a hypnotic experience that can only be described as strange.

Chan said he wants his art to incorporate ideas of freedom and no judgment. He also believes that politics and art often do not mix.

"One of the reasons I am in art is because I want to surround myself with intense people," Chan said. "When art doesn't do it for me, I jump over to politics, and certainly there are intense people in politics."

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## another time

by ryan bloom

### The Brothers That Are Quay

Once upon a time there lived two brothers; identical twins named Stephen and Timothy Quay. The two lads grew up in Norristown, Pennsylvania and began their higher education at the Philadelphia College of Art. Dissatisfied or discouraged—nobody knows for sure—the pair soon transferred to London's Royal College of Art. In the early 70's, the duo began work in a stop-motion practice that would soon bring them widespread recognition and accolades in the world of animation.

Stop-motion animation is a technique used to bring inanimate objects to life. The process involves taking still pictures, and in between each picture, moving the object, puppet, etc in small increments. When combined, every 24 pictures will conjure the illusion of seconds worth of movement. This was the way many great films, such as the original King Kong, were produced.

Stephen and Timothy Quay were influenced by the work of master stop-motion animator Jan Svankmajer. Many familiar elements from his work, such as harsh colors and grimy textures, can be found throughout the works of the Brothers Quay. The films of Svankmajer also often carry similar themes and techniques to those produced by the Quays. What is most exciting about the relationship between the works of the Brothers and those of Svankmajer is how the Brothers have managed to take what was first pioneered by Svankmajer and bring it to the next level. They've arguably made better and more fluid what was already an overly impressive set of works.

In 1980, for their film "Nocturnia Artificialia," the Brothers won great enough recognition to allow them the opportunity to establish Koninck Studios in England. There they would begin production on the seeds of what would eventually make up a strangely beautiful catalog of films. By 1993 the Quays had no less than nineteen complete shorts under their belt, with their feature debut, *Institute Benjamenta*, sitting just around the corner.

While many in the commercial industry have copied their style, today it's not just imitators of the Brothers Quay who find themselves dipping into the commercial pool. Although there is no visible credit given (onscreen at least), the Brothers have put together television advertisements for Coca-Cola, Nikon, MTV, Round Up, Slurpee, the Partnership for a Drug Free America and most recently for the Fox Sports network; quite a collection for a pair that so obviously shuns normal means of publicity.

Most recently the Brothers Quay finished their film "In Absentia" and produced four new short films that highlighted a special show that took place at the Tate Modern in London just this past April 16th. For a long time it was very difficult to get ahold of any Quay material, but thanks to DVD technology we now have available a good portion of their work on a single disc. If you are a fan of stop-motion or any complex animation at all, do yourself a favor and check these Brothers out.

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## This "Road" Well-Traveled, but Worth Revisiting

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Listening to Lizzie West's debut CD, "Holy Road: Freedom Song" one gets the feeling that one has heard it all before. Which is not necessarily a bad thing. West's throaty voice and Sheryl Crow-meets-Catie Curtis songs recall a great many breezy, guitar-driven albums, but in the end, the completed project is something altogether new. West's voice, which is quite reminiscent of Natalie Merchant and Delores O'Riordan, lead singer of The Cranberries, can go from carefree and lilting, as on the up-tempo "Dusty Turnaround" to melancholy and haunting, as on the folksy "Monkey Back Blues."

As much as West's versatility works to her benefit, it makes her style hard to classify and her voice less distinctive than it deserves to be. One is constantly recalling singers from Merchant to Wendy Matthews and even, a few times, Bjork. Still, West is no imitator, and in this album she proves that she's able to compete for herself. She avoids

some of the navel-gazing abstruseness that sometimes envelops new folk female singers like herself, while also side-stepping cloying saccharine sweetness in her lyrics, another unfortunate trademark of similar artists.

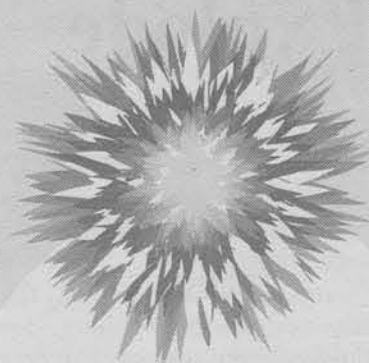
Indeed, West's lyrics are probably the best aspect of "Holy Road." West cites Leonard Cohen and Walt Whitman as influences and with bon mots like "Man as of yet is half grown... he is all leaves and roots without a sign of stem in sight" from the soulful "Prayer" one can see evidence of that. Each of the 13 songs on West's CD proudly exhibits a different style and tone, in both words and lyrics—all by the artist herself. From one track to the next she can go from old time gospel fervor to a straight up rock and roll song without missing a beat.

West makes a strong and memorable debut with "Holy Road." Though her sound may recall a variety of similar female artists, one notices that each of them, from Natalie Merchant to Catie Curtis, has been quiet far too long. Perhaps there's room on the path for one more.



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# Brass and Jazz Explode

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and meander through the Recital Hall while the backbeat continued to set the tone. With a sudden explosion of brass, the crowd was filled with the pounding of the horns from the cleverly positioned musicians standing on the seats, walking down the aisles, and congregating on stage. Although "Sing, Sing, Sing," did not prove to be the finale of the concert,

it was a certain crowd-pleaser and the actual closing piece. "String of Pearls," ended the evening and placed a smile on the face of each person present for the performance.

The culminating concert of the spring semester, the performance, for jazz enthusiasts and casual listeners alike, provided an evening of silky sounds and fun entertainment.

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## Surviving Ophelia: Alone

by Brett McKenzie

Ophelia was in class when the realization suddenly swept over her. She had come to terms with being cheated on, with being dumped, but not with the fact that her relationship with Derek was actually over. Permanently.

She sucked air in through her teeth and tightened her fist around her pen. Who was she going to eat breakfast with? Now there was no one to ask her how her day was, or give her a massage when she felt stressed.

In the past two weeks since she'd found out about Derek's infidelity, she had slept very little. Ophelia took comfort in late night television, shows like "Iron Chef" and reruns of "Fraternity Life." At 3:30 a.m., it always felt very nice to know she wasn't alone. The warm glow of her television reassured her of that.

But then she was alone. Sure, she had her friends, she had class, but Derek had been there around the clock. Sleeping alone was the worst. It had taken forever to get used to fitting two bodies in the tiny university beds, but once she had, she couldn't sleep without him. There was just too much room and she always felt cold.

At the front of the room, Ophelia's professor lectured on the Civil Rights Movement, something all American Studies professors seem to love talking at length about. Ophelia suddenly felt very small, in the lecture hall, surrounded by a hundred students who knew who they were and who they were eating dinner with. She couldn't think anymore.

"Excuse me. Sorry," she hissed as she climbed out of her seat, back pack in tow, and walked towards the exit. People stared at her incredulously but she kept moving. The door creaked open loudly and she emerged into the sunshine outside.

Ophelia threw her duffel bag onto her bed and began shoving clothes into it, begging herself not to cry again.

"What are you doing?" Chelsea shrieked. Ophelia looked up, surprised. She hadn't heard her best friend come in.

"Jesus you scared me," she replied. "I'm going home for the weekend."

Chelsea crossed her arms. "Um, no you're not."

"Yeah, Chels, I am."

Chelsea threw the duffel bag on the floor. "No, you're not. Look it's Quadmania tomorrow. You're not going home."

Ophelia realized she'd almost forgotten Quadmania entirely. Why did it matter? Everyone was just going to get ridiculously drunk and pass out all over campus. Derek never had wanted to do anything at Quadmania except hide out in his room and watch TV all day. Naturally, she'd always just joined him without a second thought.

"Look, you know what?" Chelsea said, interrupting Ophelia's thoughts. "You need to stop feeling sorry for yourself. And I don't mean to be rude or insensitive, but it's getting a little old."

Ophelia opened her mouth to protest.

"Like just because you have to be single now doesn't mean it's the end of the world! Stop being such a baby. You're just afraid to get to know anyone else. But you really don't know anyone here, except me, your roommate, and Derek's friends." Tears of frustration welled up in Chelsea's eyes. "And you know what else? I thought maybe now that this was all over I'd finally get some time to spend with my best friend where I come first. Not him. Because he's such a dick and you finally know it. But no, he's still coming first even though he's not a part of your life anymore. Because you're letting him."

Chelsea and Ophelia stared at each other in silence. Angry comebacks and defensive retorts rose in Ophelia's throat. But she knew Chelsea was right. About everything.

Chelsea turned to leave but Ophelia grabbed her arm. "Wait. How much are Quadmania tickets?"

Chelsea beamed. "I bought you one already." Ophelia laughed and they hugged.

"Come on, we gotta get to the liquor store!" Chelsea shouted suddenly. "Before they run out!" Ophelia shook her head and grabbed her purse.

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# AROUND TOWN

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Wednesday, April 30  
All My Life...

...I've been waiting for something: to see the *Foo Fighters* live in concert! Don't wanna be your monkey wrench, but the Foo's unfortunately aren't booked for the immediate area. Their closest show for the time being is at the Patriot Center in Fairfax, VA, so "this is a call:" start your traveling early to avoid the lethal traffic. The highly-maniac *Transplants* open at 7:00. TM\*

Thursday, May 1  
What is it Good For?

All you activists types come on out; it's time for an unbridled protest! Or is it...? I'll leave it for you to decide, for it seems that *War* (the band) is coming to town. You can't quote me on their opinion on "Operation Iraqi Freedom," but I can tell you that they're a quality band, and you get a double shot of them at the Ram's Head Tavern in Annapolis. Be there to demonstrate, or just take in the tunes at 7 and 9:30. TM\*

Funnier than Funny!

She made the comedy club rounds after starting out in Maryland, won an Emmy writing for Chris Rock, and now she has her own show on FOX. It's the outrageously funny *Wanda Sykes*, who's sure to tickle your funny bone, down at the D.C. Improv this

whole weekend: [www.dcmprov.com](http://www.dcmprov.com)

Friday, May 2  
Rockin' the Rails!

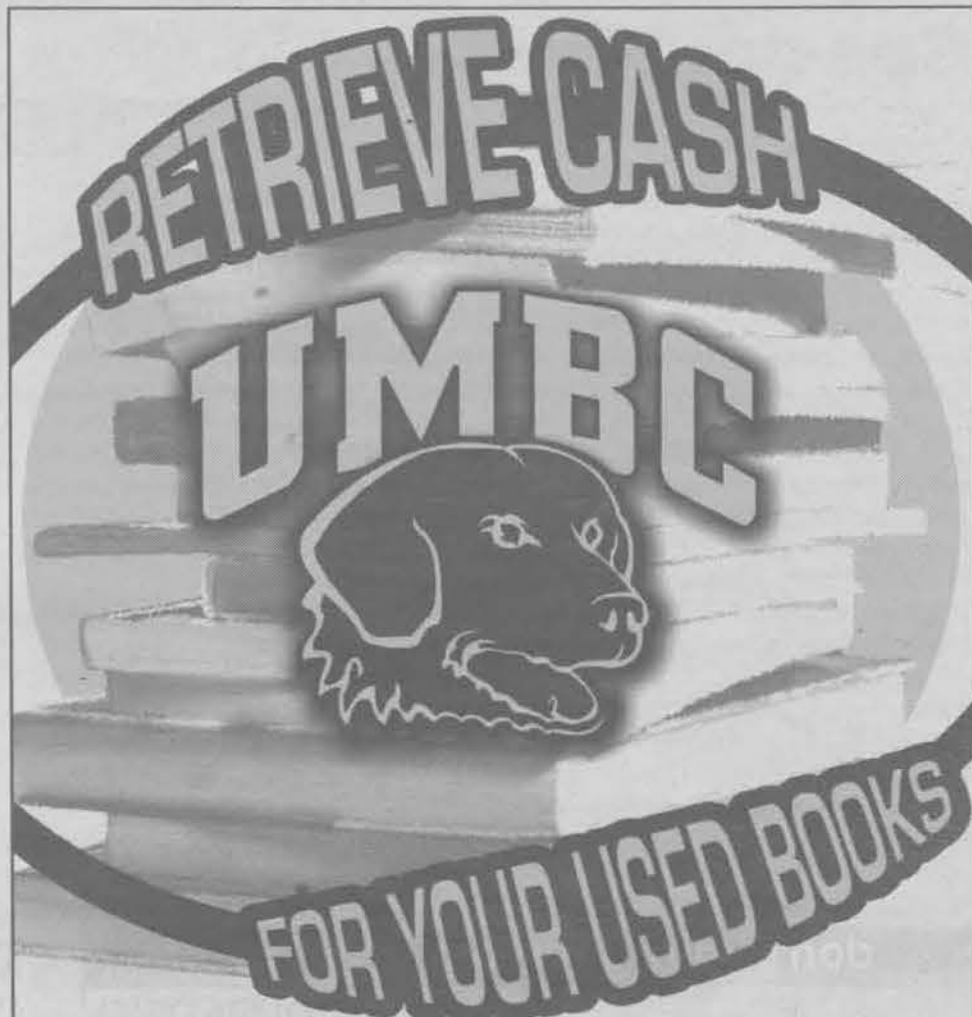
What makes the sound "glug-glug, choo-choo"? It's *Whisky Train*, Baltimore's favorite classic and hard rock group, crashing the stage at Loafer's Lounge nearby in Catonsville. Then they steam on over to the Towson Town Festival on Sun., May 4 from 4 to 6 p.m. Hey everybody, come see the best combo since peanut butter and jelly: liquor and locomotives, and hop on the Whisky Train!

Sunday, May 4  
One Love...

...let's get together and feel all right! Yeah mon, we be jammin', because celebrated Jamaican band *The Wailers* are about to play. They've gone through much iteration since their legendary frontman Bob Marley passed away over twenty years ago, but their funky reggae sound will live forever. Catch the magic at the Recher Theater in Towson tonight at 8. TM\*

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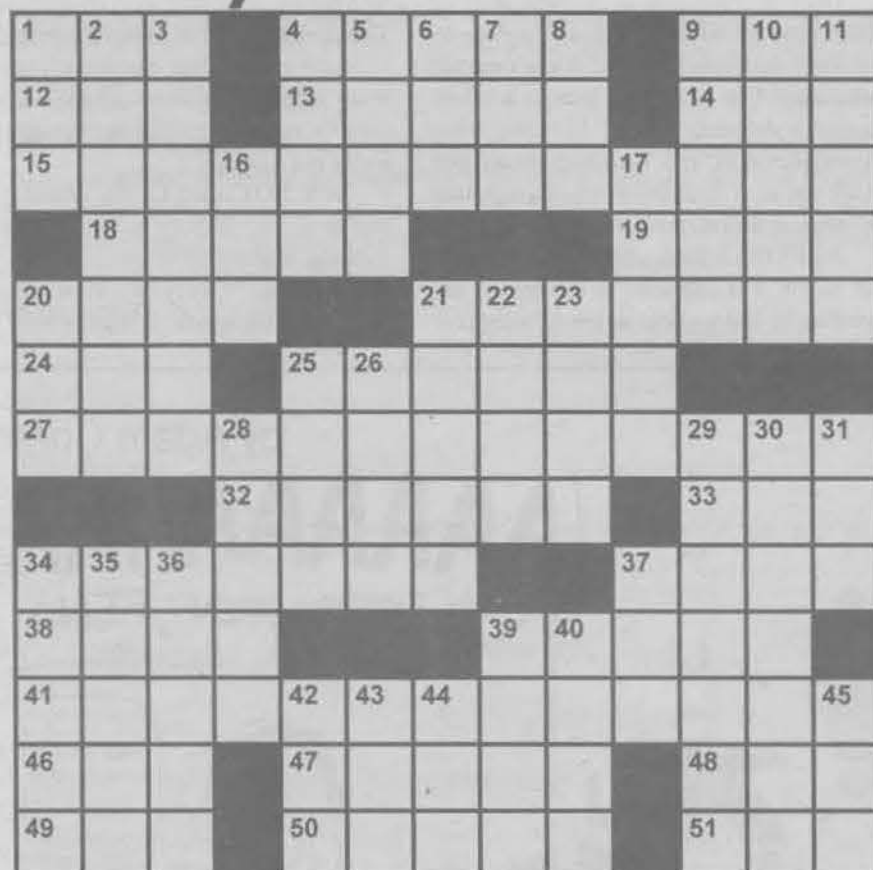
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## Weekly Crossword



## Clues

### Across

- 1 Water \_\_\_\_
- 4 Type of printer
- 9 Stick in one's craw
- 12 "Bobby Hockey"
- 13 Earthy color
- 14 Society page word
- 15 "Little Things" punk band
- 18 Bicycle wheel part
- 19 Altar wear
- 20 Pinball no-no
- 21 Electrical units named after a French physicist
- 24 Mapquest.com abbr.
- 25 Nay-sayer
- 27 Rehabilitate
- 32 Wild man
- 33 1051, to Caesar
- 34 Makes a choice
- 37 Branch Davidians, e.g.
- 38 Pizzazz
- 39 Slacks material
- 41 The big time, in books
- 46 Carpenter \_\_\_\_
- 47 Give out
- 48 "Don't Bring Me Down" band
- 49 Actress \_\_\_\_ Dawn Chong
- 50 Affixed
- 51 CD spinners

### Down

- 1 Water world?
- 2 Grinding
- 3 Bead of sweat
- 4 Yale product
- 5 Sore spot?
- 6 \_\_\_\_ Na Na
- 7 Act human
- 8 Cathol., e.g.
- 9 Between: pref.
- 10 Fix, as shoelaces
- 11 Bottom sides
- 16 Particle
- 17 Radio "I'm done"s
- 20 Computer key
- 21 Particle parts
- 22 \_\_\_\_ Lisa
- 23 Zest
- 25 Do door-to-door
- 26 Sandusky's lake
- 28 Contaminate
- 29 Did some editing
- 30 Rapper born James Smith
- 31 Well-suited
- 34 Exclude
- 35 Actress Verdugo
- 36 Social group
- 37 Polite letter start
- 39 Mr. Boddy's board game
- 40 Follow
- 42 It's at the bottom of an e-mail
- 43 Immigrant's class
- 44 Southern sch.
- 45 There are 12: abbr.



## Special Guest Appearance

by Love

Jenn Gibson

Oh my soul! Fans, let me very strenuously assert that I am ready to have my computer back! I had some words of wisdom for you, but unfortunately, I cannot give them to you because the computer I am using at the UMB Heath and Human Services Library will not let me upload them onto the server. So, while that means nothing to most of you, it means a lot to me because it irritated me enough to write a new column.

Or just add a paragraph really.

Last week, I went to Govna Ehrlich's little campus visit and was thoroughly disgusted. The way that certain people were all smiles and claps on the back with this man after the horrible mess that our budget is in, that our state is in made me feel sick. Yeah, Ehrlich is a hometown boy, oh yeah, he sure has made it good, made something of himself, but what about us? What about all the students in the state of Maryland that just had to pay \$100-\$300 dollars more because the Free State is broke? We are the ones who ended up losing.

Standing there, holding my sign, letting my silence speak instead of my voice, I feel like for the first time I am doing something. I am being active. I am doing something to make a difference, instead of passively sitting on my couch at home, watching the news and complaining about how everything sucks. We went out, raised our signs, and he saw us. Ehrlich saw us and saw that even though he's Mr. Hometown that did not mean that we would not let our feelings be known.

It was wonderful, it was intoxicating, I am powerful.

I'm just a wee Irish lass, with green eyes, and red hair and I'm so tiny, I'm so cute, don't you want to just pinch my whittle-bitty cheeks, how could I possibly do anything to rock the world? To that I say, "Wait and see." I am learning, I am growing, I am stretching my mind. Knowledge is a very powerful tool.

Moving right along....

This semester has been rough, between classes and jobs and impending threat of graduation and general random things that happen, I did not know how I was going to make it through. Oh, but I did. But I am. And the only way I've done that is through my friends, the friends I've had forever and the friends I am making now, now with around four weeks to go (insert scream here). I don't know why I waited until the end of my time at UMBC to do this, maybe now was the time I was supposed to, maybe now is the time that you all are supposed to enter and enrich my life. And you all are. I love. I love all of you. So many memories have been made, so many friendships that I do not want to let slip away because you are too important to me.

You know who you are. I know you do, but if you don't then come and ask me and I will tell, I will tell you all everything that is sitting inside of me right now, but just not here. There's not enough room to write down everything that is in my heart. So it is waiting for you.

\*ahem\*

That was my allergies acting up. Right? Right.

Have I told you all that Baby Smuff has been born? Well, she has, on Easter, in fact. I wrote a song for the occasion. It goes like this: "BABY SMUFF HAS BEEN BORN! BABY SMUFF HAS BEEN BORN!" That is all, it is only two lines long, but you sing them over and over throughout the day, so it seems longer. I like the song, it is a good song, as is the "Bueno" song. Both should be sung in the key of G, for JG. Baby Smuff will be coming home in June, I think. Late June. Hooray! Hooray!

Jenn Gibson is your Features Editor for this and one more issue. She is sooo crazy! Email her at [jg@trw.umbc.edu](mailto:jg@trw.umbc.edu).



Courtesy of Columbia Pictures

Hands Up: John Cusack and Ray Liotta star in this scary mystery.

## Identify the Murderer

HEATHER OSTROVE

Retriever Weekly Staff Writer

It seems that ever since the "Sixth Sense" delivered such a surprise ending that every other surprise-ending movie has tried to follow in its footsteps. Rarely do these movies do as well a job because the endings seem obvious or a last effort to keep the viewer involved. However, "Identity" is one of those rare movies that succeeds in giving the viewer scary moments and a really unseen ending.

"Identity" is really two separate stories, which at one point will connect, each taking place on the eve of a storm. The first story is one of a late night court hearing in which a convicted killer's attorneys are trying to get his conviction overturned less the client will be put to death.

The second storyline is set in a lonely, Norman-Bates style, motel. The roads are flooded, the phone lines are down and ten people come to stay for shelter. These ten people include a limo driver, John Cusack, an actress, Rebecca De Mornay, a police officer, Ray Liotta, a convicted prisoner, Jake Busey, a former prostitute, Amanda Peet, a family of three, John C. McGinley, Leila Kenzie, and Bret Loefer, and young newly weds, William Lee Scott and Clea DuVall.

Once it seems that all of these stranded guests have settled in, they start dying one by one. Each death taken by itself doesn't seem to make sense. One could have been an accident, another is definitely murder. However, when put together at the end, each is explained perfectly, and all of these guests who thought they had nothing in common actually did.

John Cusack gives a great performance in this movie. His character is the leader, and therefore he had to come across as being con-

fused, smart, strong, weak, conflicted and together all at the same time; all which he did wonderfully.

Ray Liotta has made a career of playing both good and bad guys. In this movie one can never be sure, till the end and that is not a hint, which of those two he is playing. However, the reason one can never be sure is his ability to make the two appear to be one in the same.

This movie was directed by James Mangold, who also doubled as the screenwriter. Mangold's credits include "Kate and Leopold," "Girl Interrupted," "Cop Land" and "The Yards." This being Mangold's first murder-mystery doesn't seem to hurt the movie at all. In fact, it might have helped, because this movie doesn't rely on special effects or camera angles to be creepy, the plot allows the movie to be creepy on its own.

The only problem with this movie is that it is a little slow. The movie is only an hour and a half long, so it is short enough that it being a little slow doesn't hurt the picture. However, if the movie had been any longer it could have really been a problem. One should remember that even the "Sixth Sense," which had the ultimate surprise ending, was a little slow at times.

"Identity" is NOT a movie that will keep you guessing; instead it will keep you wondering until the very disturbing end. This is really a great movie because the plot is simple enough that one doesn't have to do brain surgery to understand the ending and complicated enough that the surprise ending really is a surprise.

**MY BOTTOM LINE:** Would I wait in line to see it? YES (if it were a short one). Evening, Matinee, Wait until video or Forget it was produced? EVENING. How many times did I check my watch? 0. Rent or buy? RENT.

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NARC

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4:30PM

GAMEROOM

**FRIDAY FLICKS\***

RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

7 &amp; 9PM

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1. *The Retriever Weekly* (TRW) augments my knowledge of the UMBC community.

1 (strongly disagree)    2    3    4    5 (strongly agree)

2. I feel that stories printed in *The Retriever Weekly* are accurately researched and reported.

1 (strongly disagree)    2    3    4    5 (strongly agree)

3. A lot of thought goes into what is printed on a weekly basis.

1 (strongly disagree)    2    3    4    5 (strongly agree)

4. On average, the majority of articles are interesting and pertinent to UMBC.

1 (strongly disagree)    2    3    4    5 (strongly agree)

5. In order from most to least, I read the following sections (1=read the most often; 4=read the least often)

- ☐ News  
☐ Opinion  
☐ Features  
☐ Sports

6. There is not much news worth printing at UMBC that does not get covered

1 (strongly disagree)    2    3    4    5 (strongly agree)

7. News is covered in a professional, unbiased manner.

1 (strongly disagree)    2    3    4    5 (strongly agree)

8. The Opinion section represents most of the opinions of students on campus.

1 (strongly disagree)    2    3    4    5 (strongly agree)

9. Opinions of people other than students (faculty, staff, etc.) should appear in TRW.

1 (strongly disagree)    2    3    4    5 (strongly agree)

10. I take movie/book/music reviews published in TRW into consideration when deciding whether I want to see/buy them.

1 (strongly disagree)    2    3    4    5 (strongly agree)

11. I feel the columns in the Features section are entertaining and well-written.

1 (strongly disagree)    2    3    4    5 (strongly agree)

12. The Sports section accurately reflects the state of athletic teams at UMBC.

1 (strongly disagree)    2    3    4    5 (strongly agree)

13. The Sports section should focus on covering events and not use much space on stories about athletes.

1 (strongly disagree)    2    3    4    5 (strongly agree)

14. I feel the staff of the Retriever Weekly is accessible when I have information pertinent to a story or a story idea.

1 (strongly disagree)    2    3    4    5 (strongly agree)

Comments:



# Sports

## Men's Tennis Captures Conference Title, NCAA Bid



File Photo

**Big Finish:** Joseph Novotny ends the season on an eight game winning streak.

JOHN FRANCE

*Retriever Weekly Editorial Staff*

The Fairleigh Dickinson Knights rode into the NEC tournament in second place with an impressive nine game winning streak under their belt. FDU put away the Monmouth Hawks in the quarterfinals 4-0, and advanced into the semifinals to dispose of the Robert Morris Colonials, 4-1. However in the title round, history repeated itself

with UMBC successfully defending their crown with a 4-0 victory. The Retrievers now receive an automatic bid to compete in the NCAA tournament, and will play in the opening round on Saturday, May 10.

The win marks the Retrievers' fourth consecutive NEC title. UMBC has not dropped a single set in the past four tournaments. Next fall, the tennis squad will move into the competitive America East conference, and hopefully

bring their winning legacy along with them. "It's always great when you can leave on top," said freshman Mike Keller.

UMBC shutout all three of its competitors, en route to capturing the title. The eighth-ranked Wagner Seahawks were UMBC's victims in the quarterfinals and the fourth-ranked Quinnipiac Bobcats went up against UMBC in the semi finals.

Against the Knights, UMBC junior Mikhail Kouznetsov defeated Daniel Wynne, 6-2 and 6-0. Junior Luis Baraldi downed Angel Rubio, 6-4 and 6-1. Freshman Djan Gusmao tripped up Rodrigo Avila, 6-1 and 6-2.

Junior Joseph Novotny proved to be a key contributor for the Retrievers during the tournament as he won his eighth straight match against Bobcat Justin Worthy with scores of 6-2 and 6-2.

Freshman James Tyler closed out the regular season by being named NEC Player of the Week, making him the third consecutive Retriever to receive that honor in the spring. Tyler earned the award from a 3-0 performance in the number three singles spot.

Now, the Dawgs will prepare for the NCAA tournament. "We are the under-dogs coming in," Keller said. "We have nothing to lose and all to gain."

## Women's Tennis Defeats Quinnipiac to Retain NEC Title

KATHLEEN JACKSON

*Retriever Weekly Senior Writer*

The women's tennis team bid farewell to the NEC in style as they snatched up their fifth consecutive conference title defeating Quinnipiac 4-0 on Sunday in the tournament finals. On their trip to the winner's circle the Lady Retrievers bested the number eight Fairleigh Dickinson Knights 4-0 in the quarterfinals and the number four Monmouth Hawks 4-0 in the semifinals. The number two-seeded Bobcats knocked out the number seven St. Francis (PA) Red Flash in the quarterfinals, and the number three-ranked Long Island Blackbirds in the semifinals, in their opposing bracket.

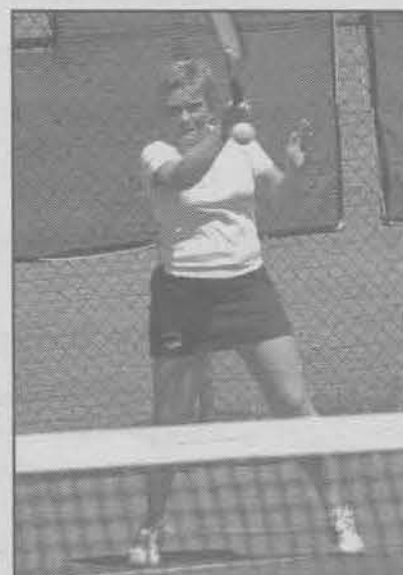
In the title match, junior Tia

Kaasalainen bested senior Cristin Arachovites, 6-3 and 6-4. Freshman Ale Pedernana defeated junior Heather Rahm, 6-1 and 6-0. Sophomore Aimee Lim tripped up sophomore Katherine Ehle, 6-2 and 6-1. Senior Anita Pushpanathan and sophomore Lana Khvalina completed the Retriever shutout in doubles action, besting Arachovites and freshman Tina Hoang, 8-3.

Highlights from the Monmouth bout come from Khvalina who dispatched her Hawk foe 6-0 in both sets. For the week ending April 8, Khvalina took home Player of the Week honors.

In the Fairleigh Dickinson

see RETAIN, page 29



File Photo

**Conference Queens:** Tia Kaasalainen and the women's tennis squad capture five straight championships.

Softball on 11 game winning streak **31**

Women's lacrosse back in first place **29**

Track competes in Penn State Invitational **31**

Ale Pedernana is AOTW **29**

## This Week in Sports

### Baseball

**April 29 Long Island University at Alumni Field 3 p.m.**

A long season is winding down, but the baseball team has a week full of NEC opponents to get through. UMBC is second in the NEC with a record of 10-5. They play Long Island for the second time this year, having already beaten the Blackbirds twice. LIU has struggled all year, and are ninth with a NEC record of 6-9.

**April 30 Mt. St. Mary's at Alumni Field 3 p.m.**

UMBC's local NEC foe is in town for a mid-week game. The Mount stands seventh in the league, with a conference mark of 7-8. Only the top four teams make it to the conference tournament, so MSM looks out, while UMBC looks in.

**May 3-4 at Quinnipiac 12 p.m.**

UMBC heads north for a weekend series with the Bobcats. Just like the two opponents this week, Quinnipiac has struggled to a sixth place standing and a record of 8-9.

**May 5 St. Francis (NY) at Alumni Field 3 p.m.**

A long week, which has seen two home games, a trip to Connecticut and a trip home, wraps up with St. Francis (NY). The New Yorkers are third in the NEC and are two games back from the Retrievers. This game could help determine seeding for the NEC Tournament.

### Men's Lacrosse

**April 30 at Ohio State University TBA**

This game is a make up from an earlier date. The Retrievers look to get back into their winning ways against the Buckeyes in their last game of the season. Ohio St. is relatively new to the lacrosse rankings, but have had a solid season. Despite this, there probably will not be 50,000+ at the game, like there are at football games. This is a must win game for UMBC as they are fighting for an at large NCAA tournament bid.

### Women's Lacrosse

**May 2-4 NEC Tournament at Fairfield Connecticut**

A long season has come to this. An NCAA bid is at stake as the top four regular season teams battle it out over the weekend. UMBC has won five of the six NEC Tournaments ever held. Monmouth, who beat UMBC earlier this year, won the other.

### Softball

**April 30 at Drexel University 3 p.m.**

The regular season is winding down for UMBC softball. They are on an 11 game winning streak, and that will be on the line against Drexel in an early week game. The Retrievers have a 30-17 overall record this season, to date.

**May 2 Long Island University at the UMBC Softball Field 2 p.m.**

Long Island is first in the NEC, with a record of 13-1. UMBC is only one game behind them, at 12-2, and hope to even things up today. The Blackbirds have been especially hot lately and have won five straight.

**May 4 Monmouth at the UMBC Softball Field 12 p.m.**

Monmouth is the last NEC regular season game for the Retrievers. The New Jersey side is currently third in the NEC, three games behind UMBC. Their record is 9-5 on the year, and they will look to gain a little ground on 12-2 UMBC. Both teams look to be solidly into the NEC Tournament, where the top four squads qualify.

### Track

**May 3-4 NEC Championships at UMBC Track**

UMBC hosts the NEC Championships this year. The team has had a successful spring campaign, and they look to cement that with an NEC crown. Superman Heugens Jean will look to continue an impressive run in the high jump. He recently won that event at the Penn Relays.



# Women's Lacrosse Closes Season With 20-4 Thrashing of LIU

## Allen, Stringer and Traber Honored on Senior Day, UMBC holds LIU to One Goal in First Half

NICK CHREST

Retriever Weekly Editorial Staff

After losing 5-7 to Monmouth early in the NEC season, many observers felt that maybe the UMBC team was not going to win the NEC for only the second time ever. All the Retrievers did to answer that challenge was to close out conference competition with six straight wins, outscoring all comers 107-37. The last victim, Long Island University, came on Retriever Senior Day with a score of 20-4.

Stephanie Allen, Lauren Traber and goalkeeper Courtney Stringer, all captains, closed out their time in front of the UMBC faithful in grand fashion. Allen scored five times, Traber three times and Stringer only allowed four goals, as the Blackbirds were never really in the game. Just 15 minutes in, the score was 8-0 and UMBC was on its way to a 7-1 conference record.

Junior Lauren Hess opened the scoring, just one minute in, off of a pretty feed from Allen. Once the LIU net was breached, the flood started. Freshman Kelly Fiorani and sophomore Stephanie Crouch each scored once while Allen scored three of her goals and Traber added one to give the Retrievers their eight goal advantage. The team then took a seven minute break, allowing the Blackbirds' Nichole Lopez to score the only first half LIU goal, before picking up three more to close an



Christina Han / Retriever Weekly Staff

**Go for it:** Jen Dragoni and the women's lacrosse team end the regular season on a four game winning streak.

11-1 half. Allen, Traber, and Hess were the goal scorers.

After the break, the Retriever dominance continued, and they changed up their lineup a little bit to get everyone involved. Just 20 seconds into the half, sophomore Annie Davis scored her first of the day. She was followed up by quick strikes from junior Jen Dragoni, freshman Jennifer Kasper and Allen before LIU could break the flow and score their second on the day. UMBC then got back to busi-

ness and went on a four goal run before allowing the Blackbirds to score two of the final three goals. The final buzzer marked the end of a tough day for an LIU team that, despite the score, had played with a lot of heart. LIU barely has enough players to field a team.

The other second half tallies came from Fiorani, twice, Traber, and Dragoni. Sophomore Julie Libertini scored with about ten minutes left to round out the Retriever output, her first of the season.

A scary moment came with about four minutes to play when sophomore Tracie McClintic went down with an injury and had to be helped off of the field. She would not return to action. McClintic has played very good defense for UMBC this season.

Earlier in the weekend, on Friday, UMBC dispatched a hot Sacred Heart University team 15-8. Once again, UMBC got off to a great start, scoring the game's first seven goals. Dragoni and freshman Kate Worthington each scored twice in the opening salvo. UMBC controlled the rest of the half, allowing only two Pioneer goals, and led 10-2. In the second half, SHU tried to spark a comeback, but were never really able to get close to the Retrievers. Dragoni netted two more goals, to give her the team high, with four. Fiorani and Worthington each ended the day with three. Traber and Kasper chipped in two apiece while Allen closed scoring with one goal. Allen remains in the top five nationally in draw controls per game.

May 1 is the start of the NEC Tournament, and the Retrievers will run it back against this Sacred Heart team. The winner here will move on to face the winner of Monmouth vs. Wagner. Everyone expects that UMBC will play arch rival Monmouth in the final, with an NCAA Tournament bid at stake. Next year, UMBC will be relocating to the America East Conference. So the big question is: will the Lady Retrievers end their NEC run on top?

## Tennis Ladies Go Out on Top, Cinch NCAA Bid

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encounter, Pedergrana took care of senior Marisa Puga with scores of 6-0 and 6-1. For the week ending March 18, Pedergrana earned Player of the Week honors.

Sunday's finals mark the forth-consecutive year that UMBC and Quinnipiac have been in contention for the NEC title. UMBC, Quinnipiac, and LIU for the third consecutive year were initially seeded and finished in the one-two-three spots in the tournament. In the last four NEC final

competitions the Dawgs have annihilated the Bobcat's 4-0 to maintain their title. The 4-0 win in the finals seals the deal on the third year in a row that UMBC has gone without dropping a match in the NEC tournament; all of this sending a message to the Retriever's new home, the America East Conference, that they are ready to compete.

The tournament victory earns UMBC a trip to the first round of the NCAA regionals scheduled to take place on Friday, May 9.

## Jean Continues to Dominate High Jump Division

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competition with a jump of 2.14-meters and second place in the triple jump at 14.35-meters. Sophomore Jesse Stump came in first place with a time of 3:58.83 in the 1600-meters. Junior Adam Driscoll also placed first in the 3,000-meters in 15:05.30. In the pole vault competition Dixon placed first with a jump of 4.40-meters. And in the 4 x 800-meter relay UMBC came out on top once again in a timely 8:07.96.

The Lady Retrievers did not fare as well, placing fourth overall. The two first place finishers were freshman Stefanie Thomas and sophomore Anita Lawver. Thomas had the best time of 10:28.04 in the 3,000-meter race. Lawver pole-vaulted 2.90-meters to win her competition.

Next up for the Retrievers is the NEC championships May 3 and 4. UMBC will be playing host at UMBC Stadium.

## Athlete of the Week: Alessandra Pedergrana

by Brett McKenzie

The UMBC women's tennis team has a tradition of excellence, collecting their fifth consecutive Northeast Conference tournament championship this weekend. Although new to the team, freshman Alessandra Pedergrana has spent this entire season proving that she fits right in.

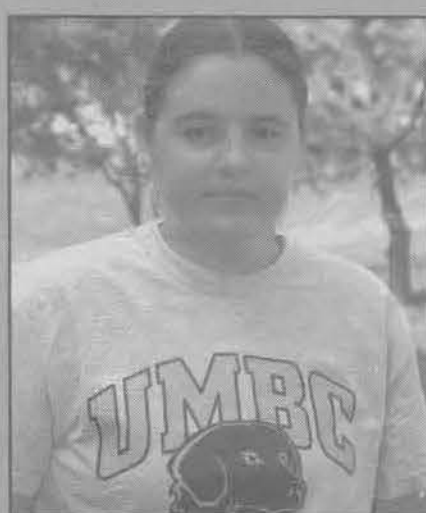
Pedergrana, a native of Hollisworth, NY, typically plays in the number-four spot for the Lady Retrievers squad. This weekend, she defeated Quinnipiac's number-four Heather Rahm by scores of 6-0 and 6-1 in the championship match. Pedergrana will make her first NCAA-tournament appearance on May 9.

"Being that the team is solid from top to bottom of the lineup... I'm very excited at having a chance to play a top team and give them a tough match," Pedergrana says of the tournament.

Before becoming the power collegiate contender she is, Pedergrana was a four-time All Long Island player during her high

school career at St. Francis Prep. Pedergrana left quite a mark on her high school, setting a record for most consecutive victories with 74. She is ferocious on the court, which earned her the national ranking of fourth in the Eastern section during her senior year.

But to her close-knit group of teammates, Alessandra Pedergrana is just Ale, a dependable friend and enthusiastic supporter with an unbeatable sense of humor. Pedergrana not only fits in talent-wise with this team's dynasty of champions, but in personality as well. In fact, she cites her teammates as one of the biggest reasons she chose



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UMBC over Cornell, Penn State, and Maryland.

"My teammates are great; they're my best friends," Pedergrana says. "I came to UMBC because it was good academically and the athletics were good. It was Division I, the tennis team kept on doing well in their conference, winning year after year." She also knew current teammates Lana Khvalina and Aimee

Lim from the New York tennis scene, which helped her make her decision. Her teammates are certainly glad she did.

"She's gangsta!" jokes senior Jana Karaskova, Pedergrana's doubles partner and UMBC's number-one player. But on a more

serious note, "she is a great and caring friend and an amazing tennis player. I have a lot of respect for her."

"If I have to put my money on someone to win," junior Luis Baraldi says, "it would be her. She is the most dominant player at her position."

Pedergrana is particularly excited about UMBC's move to the America East Conference next year. "I think it's a step forward, having won five consecutive conference championships in the NEC and being the top team... I think moving to the AmEast will be more challenging with bigger schools with even stronger tennis programs and we can showcase our talent there right away."

While next year lingers on her mind, Pedergrana will spend the next two weeks practicing twice a day and running at least twice a week in preparation for the NCAA's. She may only be a freshman, but to Pedergrana, that means she only has to work harder to keep shining.



**Current Women's Lacrosse Standings as of 4/25/03:**

|                   | Conference |        |       | Overall |        |       | streak |
|-------------------|------------|--------|-------|---------|--------|-------|--------|
|                   | wins       | losses | draws | wins    | losses | draws |        |
| 1. UMBC           | 6          | 1      | 0     | 7       | 8      | 0     | W3     |
| Monmouth          | 6          | 1      | 0     | 7       | 8      | 0     | W2     |
| 3. Sacred Heart   | 5          | 2      | 0     | 10      | 5      | 0     | L1     |
| Wagner            | 5          | 2      | 0     | 7       | 8      | 0     | W2     |
| 5. Mt. St. Mary's | 4          | 3      | 0     | 7       | 9      | 0     | W4     |
| 6. Quinnipiac     | 3          | 4      | 0     | 7       | 7      | 0     | W1     |
| 7. Long Island    | 2          | 5      | 0     | 2       | 8      | 0     | L3     |
| 8. Central Conn.  | 1          | 6      | 0     | 4       | 7      | 0     | L1     |

**Conference Wrap Up:**

Junior Jen Dragoni has scored in every game since UMBC's season opener. Senior Tracey Uellendahl of Central Conn. leads the nation in both scoring (5.86 ppg) and goals (4.57 gpg) according to the latest NCAA stats. Sacred Heart, who will host the NEC tournament for the first time in history, was knocked down to third place after a weekend loss to UMBC. If Monmouth does not to lose another NEC contest, they will finish the regular season in first place for the second time in NEC history.

**Current Men's Lacrosse Standings as of 4/24/03:**

|               | Conference |        |       | Overall |        |       | streak |
|---------------|------------|--------|-------|---------|--------|-------|--------|
|               | wins       | losses | draws | wins    | losses | draws |        |
| 1. Georgetown | 4          | 1      | 0     | 10      | 1      | 0     | W2     |
| 2. Mass       | 3          | 1      | 0     | 12      | 1      | 0     | W5     |
| 3. Penn State | 3          | 2      | 0     | 6       | 6      | 0     | L1     |
| 4. Rutgers    | 2          | 2      | 0     | 9       | 4      | 0     | L1     |
| 5. Navy       | 1          | 4      | 0     | 6       | 7      | 0     | W1     |
| 6. UMBC       | 1          | 4      | 0     | 7       | 5      | 0     | L1     |

**Conference Wrap Up:**

For the week ending 4/21, senior Grey Coklin of Navy took home ECAC Offensive Player of the Week honors for scoring a career high five goals in the win over UMBC, marking the team's first ECAC win of the season. Senior Chris Garrity of Penn State took home ECAC Defensive Player of the Week for making 14 saves in the upset over Rutgers. Freshman Sean Morris of Mass. took home ECAC Rookie of the Week honors for scoring a career high four points in the win over Georgetown.

**Current Softball Standings as of 4/24/03:**

|                   | Conference |        |       | Overall |        |       | streak |
|-------------------|------------|--------|-------|---------|--------|-------|--------|
|                   | wins       | losses | draws | wins    | losses | draws |        |
| 1. Long Island    | 13         | 1      | 0     | 20      | 17     | 0     | W5     |
| 2. UMBC           | 12         | 2      | 0     | 30      | 17     | 0     | W11    |
| 3. Monmouth       | 9          | 5      | 0     | 13      | 19     | 0     | L2     |
| 4. Quinnipiac     | 10         | 7      | 0     | 28      | 13     | 0     | W2     |
| St. Francis (PA)  | 10         | 7      | 0     | 13      | 26     | 0     | W2     |
| 6. Wagner         | 7          | 8      | 1     | 11      | 25     | 1     | L2     |
| 7. Mt. St. Mary's | 4          | 6      | 0     | 9       | 17     | 1     | L3     |
| 8. Central Conn.  | 6          | 10     | 0     | 10      | 26     | 0     | L4     |

**Conference Wrap Up:**

Junior Lauren Hebb set a new single season record for home-runs as did freshman Kali Byers of Robert Morris. For the week ending 4/21, freshman Lauren Nicholson took home her second NEC Pitcher of the Week honor for going 3-0 with a 0.44 ERA. Senior Sarah Collins of Quinnipiac took home NEC Player of the Week for batting .538. Freshman Alissa Villanueva of Long Island took home NEC Rookie of the Week for batting .421.

**Current Baseball Standings as of 4/25/03:**

|                        | Conference |        |       | Overall |        |       | streak |
|------------------------|------------|--------|-------|---------|--------|-------|--------|
|                        | wins       | losses | draws | wins    | losses | draws |        |
| 1. Central Conn        | 11         | 5      | 0     | 19      | 11     | 2     | W2     |
| 2. UMBC                | 10         | 5      | 0     | 13      | 17     | 0     | L2     |
| 3. St. Francis (NY)    | 8          | 7      | 0     | 12      | 14     | 1     | L2     |
| 4. Fairleigh Dickinson | 9          | 8      | 0     | 10      | 17     | 0     | L1     |
| 5. Monmouth            | 8          | 8      | 0     | 13      | 22     | 0     | W2     |
| 6. Quinnipiac          | 8          | 9      | 0     | 11      | 19     | 1     | L1     |
| 7. Mt. St. Mary's      | 7          | 8      | 0     | 12      | 17     | 0     | W2     |
| 8. Sacred Heart        | 7          | 10     | 0     | 12      | 21     | 0     | W3     |

**Conference Wrap Up:**

For the week ending 4/21, sophomore Mike Orlando took home NEC Player of the Week honors for batting .444 equaling nine RBIs, four doubles and two home runs. Junior Joe Wilson took home NEC Pitcher of the Week for winning his third straight outing. Freshman Joseph Kotula of the Mount took home NEC Rookie of the Week for batting .474 equaling nine hits. Monmouth head coach Dean Ehehalt reached the 250 win milestone last week. He is in his tenth year with Monmouth.

**Weekly Poll:**

Q: Should testicles be put on the 'True Grit' statue out in front of the RAC?

Yes  
No

Email answer to:  
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**Who's Hot**

Lauren Hebb of softball for setting a new UMBC single season home run record with 12 during game two in the Mount St. Mary's series.

**Who's Not**

The designer of the new basketball court floor inside the RAC for having the NEC logo painted on it.

**Last Week's Weekly Poll:**

Q: Should the athletic department better promote alumni games and pre-season tournaments?

Yes 100%  
No 0%

## Sadowl Wins 14th Game of Year

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In the same inning, sophomore Lara Seamon hit her first career home run. Junior Kristin Dulay, the relief pitcher, improved to 4-5 in the season with the win.

"I thought with Dulay coming in and shutting the door down at the end was big because Dulay hasn't pitched since she got hurt three weeks ago," French stated.

In game two, the Retrievers squeezed out a 4-3 win. It came down to the bottom of the seventh when the Mountaineer shortstop, junior Elleen Williams, fumbled catching senior co-captain Abbie Kahn's line drive allowing Boone to score.

In the top of the third, sophomore Kristie Pickeral made an unassisted double play to hold the contest scoreless. Bases loaded, Pickeral successfully fielded the ball and tagged the incoming runner to third, then touched the bag before the leadoff runner could get back to it. Freshman pitcher Amy Sadowl picked up her 14th career win.

The victory brought the Retrievers' winning streak to 11 and their conference record to 12-2, putting them right behind first place Long Island in the standings. The Mount's conference record dropped to 4-6, placing them in seventh place and on a three game losing streak.

French credited the Mountaineers' performance to, "the hard pitching today." He added, "we're the defending champs. Everyone gets up for us."

## Mother Nature Creates Havoc

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hitter Chris Becraft on first, sophomore outfielder Mike Orlando reached on an error, and Saffron scored, unearned.

The Retrievers big win in game one only seemed to inspire the Blue Devils to work harder in the nightcap. Central Connecticut came right back with a 6-2 victory over UMBC. The Blue Devils roughed up sophomore right-hander Eric Butkiewicz in five tough innings.

Connecticut's Barry Hertzell prevented the Retrievers from helping Butkiewicz out on the offensive end, holding the Dawgs to only three hits in his complete game win.

"Plain and simple, I mean they are a good team, but they hit the ball and we didn't," said senior catcher Scott Kosmicky. Kosmicky was walked twice by Hertzell.

Butkiewicz struck out four and was

charged with 13 hits and the loss. Sophomore Matt Farina pitched two innings of relief, allowing only one hit, but the damage was done.

The Retriever bullpen has grown increasingly consistent throughout the season, with junior right hander Mike Johnson pitched his first collegiate shut out over Towson University on Tuesday (which was also his first collegiate complete game).



# Track and Field Competes in the Penn State Relays

AMIT CHAND

Retriever Weekly Staff Writer

The annual Penn Relays is a prestigious tradition in outdoor track and field. For three days each spring, the best of the best travel to Penn State to show their stuff on the track or in the field. This year, UMBC senior Huguens Jean, proved himself a worthy contender, claiming victory in the high jump with a leap of 7'0.5".

"I felt very good," Jean said. "I wanted to get higher. I tried not to listen to the crowd. I kept myself focused on the outcome. I can't believe I won the Penn Relays. When I was a freshman I didn't come here because I didn't qualify. I won the IC4As (indoors), but as far as the atmosphere and crowd and everything, this is my biggest win ever."

The Lady Retrievers started things off for the UMBC runners on Thursday in the 4x400-meter relay. With a time of 4:03.08, UMBC came in last place out of the field of eight. North Carolina A&T came in first place with a time of 3:46.03.

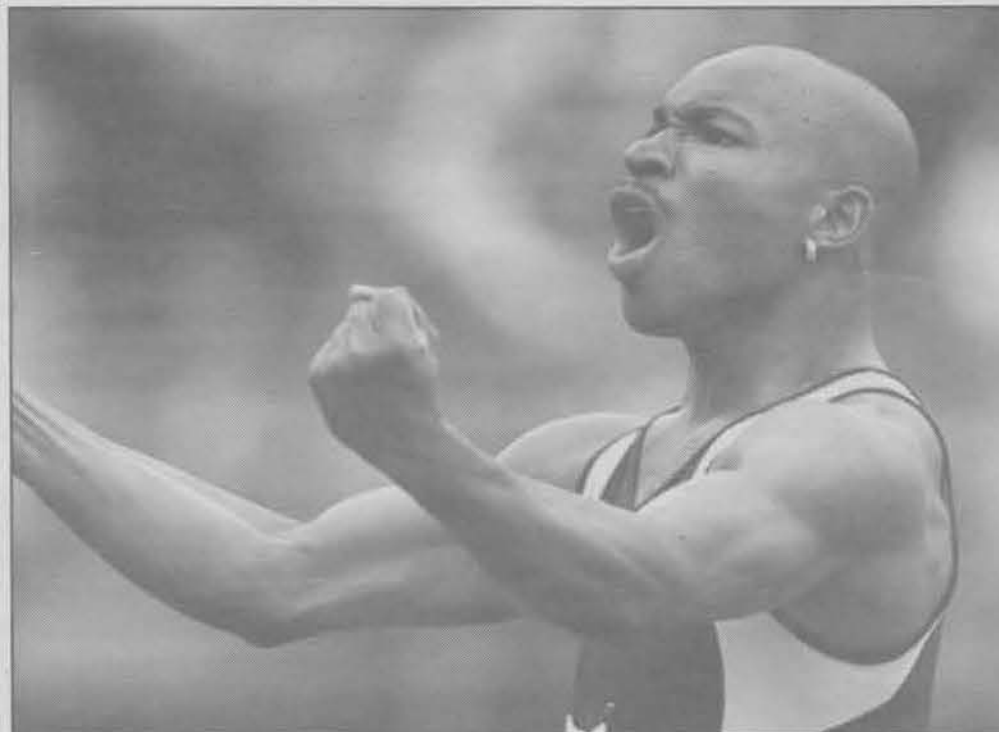
In Friday's action, freshman pole vaulter Nathan Dixon jumped 15'1", good enough to earn fourth place out of 18. "[Dixon] has made some big

improvements [this season]," remarked UMBC coach Murray Davis. Dixon was recently named the NEC track and field Rookie of the Week. Dave Bollinger, representing the Nittany Lions, had an outstanding jump of 16'0.75" to lead the pack by a comfortable margin.

In action later that Friday, the Retriever men's team placed sixth in the 4x400-meter relay. Their time of 3:20.05 was good enough to put them ahead of Wheaton, Ithaca and Methodist. The winner was the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore, with a time of 3:15.55, besting the eight other schools.

Saturday saw the Retrievers compete in three events. The women finished seventh in the 4 x 800-meter relay out of a field of fourteen in the first of two heats, with a time of 9:02.31. At 8:51.81, Buffalo came in first place, followed by Columbia and Indiana. In the second heat George Mason won with a slower time of 8:59.00.

Also on Saturday, the men competed in the 4 x 800-meter relay. The Retrievers time of 7:39.21 was good enough for a placement of twelve out of nineteen in heat one. The top team was



Courtesy of the Penn Relays Photo Gallery

**The Best of the Best?:** Senior Huguens Jean claimed another huge high jump victory, this time winning Penn Relays. Do we smell a national champion?

the Tar Heels with a time of 7:28.82. Rounding out the top three were William & Mary and Oklahoma State. In heat two, Fordham was number one at 7:37.46.

In last week's action, the UMBC men won the Morgan State Invitational. Jean came in first place in the high jump

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## Softball Captures 11th Straight in Series Verses Mount St. Mary's



File Photo

**The captain:** Lisa Boone commands the infield at the shortstop position.

JOHN FRANCE

Retriever Weekly Editorial Staff

It was an uphill battle for Joe French's Lady Retrievers all afternoon. The trouble started in the top of the first with Mountaineer freshman Danyale Goode driving the ball out of the park for a three run homer. As leadoff hitter junior Lauren Hebb stepped up to the plate in the bottom of the sixth, UMBC was down two and in need of a big play. Hebb delivered, hitting her 11th home run of the season. That mark tied the team's single season home run record, a record which Hebb would later break in game two of the series with a two run home run in the bottom of the third.

Hebb's hit sent junior Sarah Crowell and freshman Donnell Sousley home as well, giv-

ing the Retrievers an 8-7 lead which they would hold onto for the NEC victory.

"She's just come out big for us all year," commented French. "The top of my order, one through seven, they're all .300 hitters and Hebb just keeps getting big hit after big hit and I don't think people think she can drive the ball like that. She's an all-American and we brought her in to do the job and she has."

The third inning belonged to senior co-captain Lisa Boone who commanded the infield at the shortstop position by having a hand in all three outs. The first came from Boone intercepting an infield hit and making a successful throw to first base. Boone then caught the next batter's pop fly and sent the ball to third before the runner could get back, for the final out.

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## Baseball Splits Series with Conference Champs

BRETT MCKENZIE

Retriever Weekly Editorial Staff

The latest buzz out of Alumni Field is that, after a brief slump, UMBC's ace lefty Joe Wilson is back to his old self. The truth well may be that the "new" Joe Wilson is even better.

Wilson pitched a complete game victory over the Retrievers' number-one conference rival, Central Connecticut State, in game one of Sunday's doubleheader. Wilson, who improves to 4-5 on the season, struck out seven batters in seven innings en route to the 4-3 victory over the Blue Devils.

"Joe had a solid pitching performance," fellow pitcher Mike Keller said. "It's exactly what you expect when he is on the mound. He has some great stuff and he is consistent every time."

Despite Wilson's impressive performance on the mound, the Dawgs were down 3-0 in the bottom of the sixth. It was then time for the Retrievers' hitters to come up with some impressive performances of their own.

They delivered.

Third baseman Brad Glascock doubled to left center, driving in short stop Dan Carpenter to score UMBC's first run.

Freshman first baseman Isaac Friedel then cracked out the first home run of his collegiate career, tying the score at 3-3 going into the seventh inning.

Wilson's flawless defense prevented the Blue Devils from scoring again. In the bottom of the seventh, with pinch runner Jack Saffron on second and designated

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Jean Dougherty / Retriever Weekly Staff

**Swing away:** Jake Bennot and the baseball team ready for the tournament.



# Rain, Field Conditions Hurt Men's Lacrosse Against Terps



David Landgren / Retriever Weekly Staff

**Stick it good:** Freshman attacker Brendan Mundorf (13) is second on the team in goals with 21.

**ANDREW CHANEY**

*Retriever Weekly Editorial Staff*

The 13th ranked UMBC men's lacrosse team seemed to have an answer for the fifth-ranked Terps this year as they built a 3-1 lead early on in the game at Byrd Stadium. But, Maryland finally

woke up and scored goal after goal to take a 15-8 victory over the Retrievers. The torrential downpour along with the field being a sloppy mess made for a spectacular event for those who braved the elements.

Early on in the game UMBC had the offensive line trying to get by the stiff

Maryland defense. Senior Josh Gerber took a nice pass and threw it high above the goalie for the first goal of the game. Junior Pat Muston and senior Joey Kessternan soon followed with scoring tallies to up the lead to three. It looked as if the Dawgs would walk away with the first half, but the lethal Maryland attack soon followed with eight straight goals of their own before the half ended. The Terrapins have one of the nations' best offenses and they proved that early in the first half as they maneuvered through the UMBC defensive unit.

The second frame turned out to be the same story as the Retrievers missed many scoring chances which allowed Maryland to capitalize. On eight third quarter turnovers by UMBC the Terrapins ran it down the field and set up some nice plays for goals. Senior Josh Gerber was a bright spot for the Retrievers when he let his shot go for a goal. Then sophomore Phil Grillo deposited a ball into the cage to cut the deficit to 9-5 early in the fourth quarter. Maryland proved to be too strong as they scored six more goals and would eventually go on to win the game by a score of 15-8. "As a team we want to forget about this loss," stated sophomore Rob Cross.

Gerber led UMBC with three goals and now goes into the history books with

28 goals for a season. The only other time a player scored more was when UMBC had two players score more than 30 during the 1999 season. Looking past the score, senior Tim Flanagan had a very solid game in the net denying 15 shots. Flanagan continues to be the backbone of this team with his stellar goaltending between the pipes. He came up big in the win versus North Carolina from the ACC and now he posted another solid game against Maryland. Grillo was the other star of the game as he scored two goals and added an assist.

The rain coming down on Friday night made the contest that much more interesting. When one player was setting up the offense another player was on the ground slipping through the mud. The field conditions didn't help either team in what turned out to be one of the best played games of the college season. The Retrievers can look past the loss and turn their season around against Ohio State. "Ohio State is a must win," commented Cross.

This game is being rescheduled from March 1. "We have to beat Ohio State," stated sophomore Travis Tomczak. A victory over Ohio State is the squad's last hope for a trip to the NCAA's.

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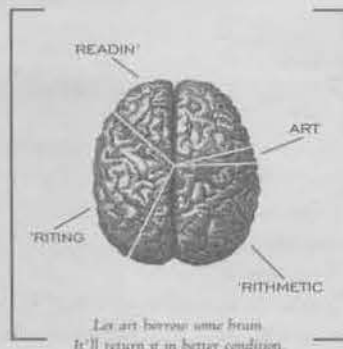
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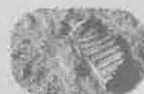
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