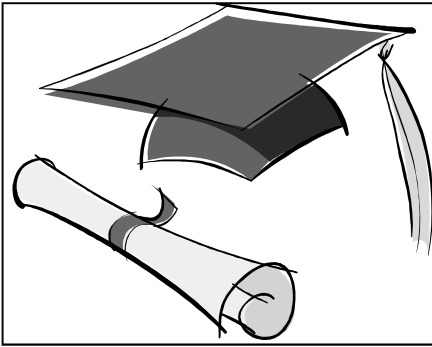




THE MESSENGER

Graduating Students Share Their Final Thoughts



By: Estefania Luraschi

Once again, students in their last semester at McDaniel College Budapest join the ranks of alumni and face the big world out there. Here are some of the thoughts and comments they share with the rest of our community.

Many students remarked that they would miss the McDaniel community. Christina Mwaura, a student from Zimbabwe, said she will miss "the friendly environment, the community (she) had become part of," and Balázs Kericsmarics mentioned he will miss "the familiar atmosphere" and the "small classes" where "everyone knew everyone." Both Daniel Goczó and Attila Dencsi said they would miss McDaniel's international community. Sven Pomykalo and Le Hoang Giang will miss their classmates and some of the teachers, such as Jay Miller, Dr. Mandy, Professor Pinter, and Professor Mitchell. Robin Jahnke will miss "the people" – she especially valued the feeling of being "part of a family" and the "emphasis on relationships as well as learning", after transferring here from a very

large university. Of course, other things will be missed such as "the wonderful naps" taken on the trolley ride to school (Esther Torocsik) as well as "making excuses for being late to class" (Katya Ivanova). Last but not least, Tamas Kis bitterly regrets having to say goodbye to the cafeteria.

There are other kinds of memories too. Belonging to the more unpleasant memories of being a student here were yearly residence permit renewals, tedious class registration, classes held too early in the morning, saying goodbye to friends who leave after one semester, and realizing one still has to fulfill the cross-cultural studies requirement (...). On a more positive note however, students also mentioned courses they enjoyed. Favorites ranged from Documentary Film Class, Principles of Marketing, European Film Art, Journalism, Public Speaking, Biology, Psychology, English Composition, Corporate Finance, and Basketball with Jay Miller.

Turning to those who still face a couple of semesters' worth of studies at McDaniel, some words of wisdom were uttered: Attila advises students to study hard, and Balázs recommends to study and stay a student "as long as possible." Sven promises that if you "study a lot (...), you will see results in the end." Katya assures everyone that "if you fail a class, it's not the end of the world", and says students should "take it easy." She adds that "there are

worse things in life than research papers." Christina advises fellow students "to enjoy as much while you are here because time flies and you won't realize it", and Robin suggests that one should "try to find that happy balance between taking life seriously and having lots of fun." She says, "working hard now will definitely pay off in the future, just as long as you don't look back and find that you never took the time to laugh!" Tamas says "be curious and active," and Daniel urges students to "participate in every school even, because this way (you) can meet and get to know each other." Giang says "stay humble", and according to Esther "in a world where you can be anything, be yourself."

We wish our graduates the best of luck in their future; may you be successful and find happiness in all you do!



Culture



The End of a Hungarian Adventure

By: Laura Hutton

May 24, the day I go home, the day I leave the Hungarian world that I have grown to love over my four months here. The 18 remaining days loom over my head and I wish I could add a few zeros to the end of that 18. This countdown feeling reminds me of the Nickelback music video for "Savin' Me," the seconds quickly disappearing from over my head as my Budapest semester ticks away.

Well aware of how quickly the end of May would arrive, I packed my days with activities in Budapest and trips throughout Hungary and the rest of Europe, with the hope of embracing as much of Hungary as possible. Journeying through the country, I was able to hang onto muddy hills in Visegrád, shop in Szentendre, enjoy the sun in Sopron, and waving at Margo as she videotaped in Pécs. Lake Balaton, my next and final stop on my Hungarian adventure will be my last hurrah before finals. Aside from cities in Hungary, I was able to visit Salzburg, Athens, Vienna twice, Pra-



gue, Paris, and tour through Ireland. I filled these trips with experiences that I hope stay on my mind forever.

The semester is coming to an end much too soon and I am torn. I do want to go home. My first three months here I did not miss much more than the pool. But as April drew to a close, I realized, like many of the other students I've talked to, I am ready to head home. I want to see my family and friends in person; Skype is just not enough anymore. I also want to do things I have not been able to do in months, like drive my car, and go to my favorite places in my hometown.

Hearing English everywhere when reentering the American life, understanding culturally what is going on around me all the time, and being one among a country full of Americans again will be a nice change of pace. During a political sci-



ence class, an American student stated that he felt more American during his time in Europe than ever before. At home, he is just another American surrounded by Americans. In Hungary, and countries I have visited, being American becomes more important because it is a part of one's identity.

I know, however, that I will miss Budapest when I arrive home and long to return. I can feel it already as the countdown continues to tick. As I long for some home comforts, I am awed by the experiences around me. These wonders will be a part of my everyday life for a few more weeks. When I get home, I can recall all of the experiences that permanently connect me to Budapest as I dream of returning to walk along the Danube while gazing at Parliament or go for a run on Margaret Island once again.

Budapest



‘Unframed in Budapest’: an ART Happening!

By: Amy Rust

What do you get when you mix a moldy orange crate with a can of black spray paint? What do blocks of wood, pieces of ceramic, and water color paint have in common? How many ways can you cut, rip, and/or fold a street map?

All these questions and more will either arise or be answered on Wednesday, May 14 in the parking lot behind the school building when visiting art professor, Linda Van Hart, showcases her students’ work. The installation will include works from both her Watercolor class as well as her Mixed Media Collage: Visual Poetry class.

During the picnic, black boxes created by the collage class and inspired by artist Louise Nevelson, the ‘Queen of Environmental Art’, will be on display around the picnic area. (Remember the commotion right before spring break with students scrambling to get a good photo before black boxes were moved to a new location?) In addition, the

collage artists have chosen select pieces of their own mixed media to have on display, to show you all what great works have been produced during the semester.

Also keep an eye out for works from Van Hart’s Watercolor class. Students in the Watercolor class have selected their best pieces from this semester to be displayed at the picnic.

The All College Picnic in the Parking Lot will be held on Wednesday, May 14, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the parking lot behind the school building. The works will be on display between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Music will be played, dinner will be served, and art will be installed. This is one of those rare things in life you will not want to miss! Hope to see you all there!

But if you so happen to miss out on this event, installations from both Van Hart’s classes will be displayed again in the auditorium during graduation celebrations on May 23rd.



Information

By: Maja Florsic

BUDAPEST SUMMER 2008

Cool events to visit during summer in the Budapest area.

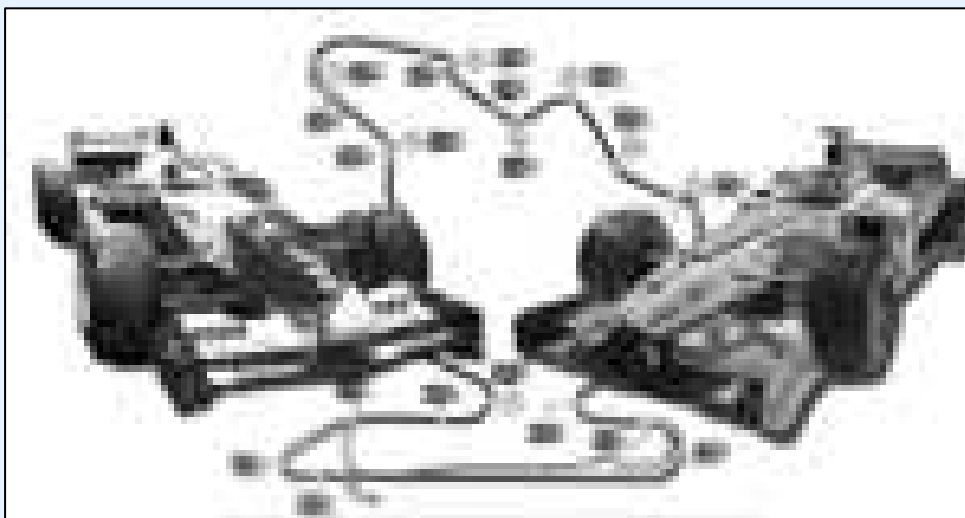
The Night of Museums, June 2008

Hungarian National Museum, Múzeum körút 14-16. VIII. district, trams 47, 49, M3 (blue) metro, Kálvin tér station

All museums in Budapest and in other Hungarian cities are open till late on the midsummer night. Buses drive visitors all around the city to help them get from one museum to another.

Look for the specific date around mid-June.

Formula 1 Hungarian Grand Prix, 31st July - 3rd August, Mogyoród



The Formula 1 Hungarian Grand Prix takes place in the village of Mogyorod 20 km from Budapest. You can get there by the M3 motorway.

Summer on the Chain Bridge, July-August, 2008



Information

Every weekend between the 2nd July and 14th of August The Chain Bridge is open for a cultural festival. This is the oldest bridge in Budapest and it displays over a 100 programs concerned with Hungarian culture, handicraft, and folklore.

Sziget Festival - 12th – 18th August

This year is the 16th anniversary of the famous Sziget festival which will be held on the Obudai island in northern Budapest. It is a multicultural pop/rock festival, the largest festival of this kind in Central Europe.

The main program is held from Wednesday to Monday and it offers a wide range of music, concerts, sports, shows, tattooing and piercing, shops, dance clubs etc.

Main Stage: an open-air place with the capacity of 50,000 people: 3 international stars and 1 Hungarian band perform every day

World Music Stage: bands from all around the world (capacity: 15,000 people)

HammerWorld Stage: a tent for hard rock fans (capacity: 5000 people)

djuice Party Arena: the largest tent on Sziget; electric dance music

Wan2 Stage: various music genres from world music to punk

Wine Village, 16th-20th August, 2008

Learn about and taste Hungarian wines at Felvonulási tér, Budapest City Park. Apart from the wine, you can also taste some Hungarian fruit brandy. Food tasting, musical shows, wine blessing and an open wine competition are the highlights of the event.



Just for fun

By: Katya Ivanova

From facebook.com

You know you live in Hungary when...

when you see people "fight" to get on/off the tram.
when you have to stand in lines for 20 minutes to pay the bills in the Posta, and then for another 20 minutes if you want a stamp, because thats another line...:-)

people get up from their seat on the train 30 minutes before their stop.

you hear the sound of people blowing their nose ANYWHERE.

when u know that "Persze" means "never".

when u know that a Zebra stripe is the best place to commit suicide.

when u dont know, if it is a skirt or a belt.

when you have to pay for a bag in the market.

You willingly ask for pálinka rather than whiskey at bars

You add coke to your red wine

5 things to do in class when you are bored:

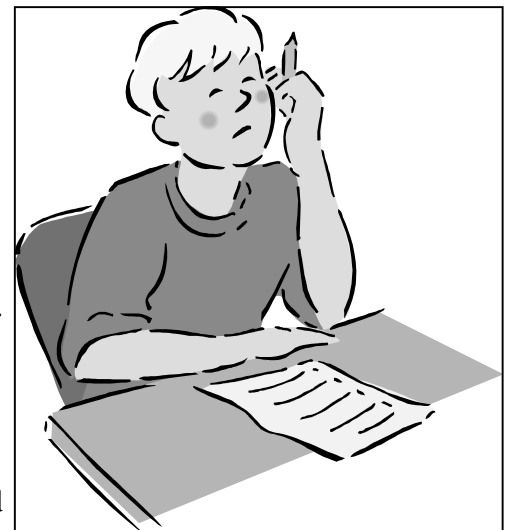
Give your teacher a note that uses improper English and misspelled words. Have the note insisting that you are 'the most bestest' in the class and demand to be moved up.

During a test, tell the teachers 'the voices' are making you cheat

If your teacher walks around the room during the test, cover your test and glare at them suspiciously.

Raise your hand and ask if you can be excused to skip class.

Raise your hand and introduce everyone to your imaginary friend Bob. Then loudly whisper to Bob saying that you hate this class.



Jokes

A student comes to a young professor's office hours. She glances down the hall, closes his door, kneels pleadingly.

"I would do anything to pass this exam." She leans closer to him, flips back her hair, gazes meaningfully into his eyes. "I mean..." she whispers, "...I would do...anything."

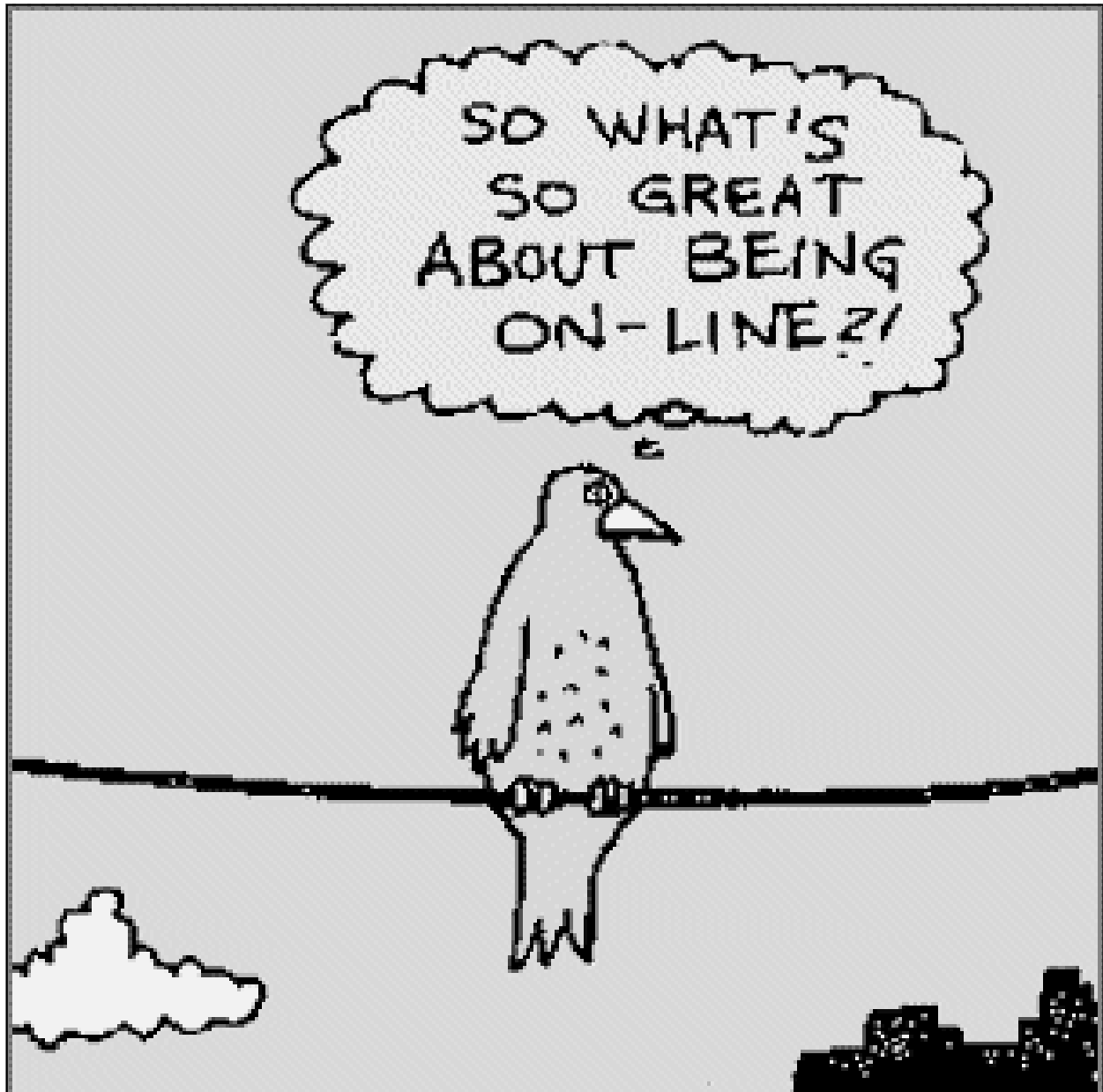
He returns her gaze. "Anything?"

"Anything."

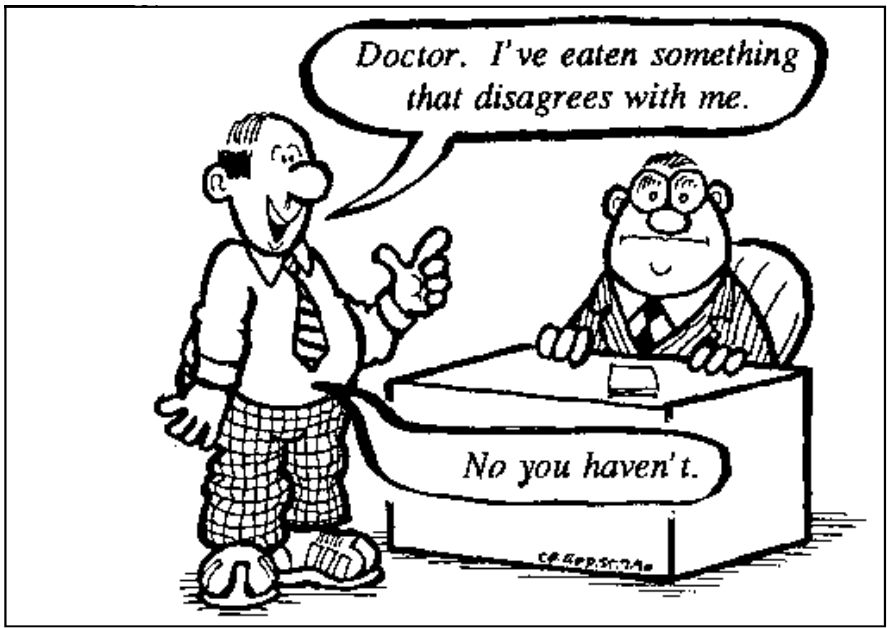
His voice softens. "Anything??"

"Absolutely anything."

His voice turns to a whisper. "Would you...study?"



Jokes



A SPECIAL THANKS TO KATYA AND SVEN

The last issue of *The Messenger* for this semester is also the last issue for the staff's two graduating seniors, our editor, Katya Ivanova and Sven Pomykalo, who is in charge of layout and distribution.

Besides wishing them both all the best in their future careers, I want to thank them for their hard work in helping to produce *The Messenger*. Sven, who has worked with many different editors, deserves special thanks for his enthusiasm and dedication over many semesters.

Dr. Mandy

Sports Schedule

The hours below are available at the Veterinary College gym (across the square) for student use:



Friday



Football: 4:00 - 5:30
Basketball: 5:30 - 7:00



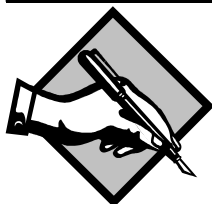
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