

## Around Campus

### McDaniel Radio Show Hits Airwaves

#### Kaitie Welch

For those students who are constantly wondering what exactly to do on those dull Monday nights, there is now a new option available: Why not go down to the radio station and check out McDaniel College's new radio programme?



The first show will air Monday, December 8th from 6 – 7pm; though the show is currently unnamed, this will be the show's permanent timeslot. The hope is that by the end of the first airing there will be an actual name for the new extra-curricular baby (and perhaps a few students will have ambled down to the studio to be on the air?).

The RadioReal Studio – RadioReal being the station that the new show calls home - also doubles as a café where students can watch the show live or browse the internet while having coffee. The show will also be streamed from the internet on RadioReal.hu. There students can post comments and call in to the radio station to take part in discussions or request tunes. It is politely requested that we be conscientious about our content, for the time being, the internet currently knows no broadcasting regulations

Although McDaniel is modest in size, that should not overshadow how much fun we get to have when we're not writing brilliant papers or memorizing the details of European history – after all, if anybody can learn to juggle time, it's a McDaniel student. It may be small but the school is host to plenty of activities; from our school newspaper (hey there Messenger readers!), to a football team and even an up and coming film club – and we reserve the right to rock the airwaves

As well, students from all programs at College International are encouraged to go down to the studio and check it out.

The show will be fairly casual for the first few weeks as all the kinks get worked out and everyone gets into the swing of things, but with any luck there will soon be exciting interviews and topics heating up the hour – feel free to send requests, comments, secret admirer emails or just plain babble into the show – and keep your eyes out for a Facebook group notifications as well as bulletin board announcements informing students of special events and broadcasts.

Any one who would like to be involved should contact Professor Adamson or Katie Welch (the present author)– no experience is required.

Directions to RadioReal Studio, Ilka Utca 25-27: Take bus 7(not express) from Keleti to Stefania Utca, walk in same direction bus was going and turn right on Ilka Utca.

## 60 Seconds

#### Sebastian Pesthy

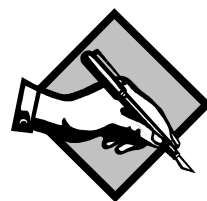
*A few questions for Students leaving the Budapest Campus....*



Name ..... Tolga Öztan (right)  
 Program..... Budapest Semester in Mathematics  
 Favorite Hungarian Word..... Vizontlátásra  
 Where would a friend find you On a Saturday night?..... In Szimpla of course!  
 What will you do on your last day in Budapest?..... Party until my plane leaves

Name ..... Laura Kim  
 Program..... McDaniel Study Abroad  
 Favorite Hungarian Word..... Kösszi  
 Where would a friend find you On a Saturday night?..... In my apartment  
 What will you do on your last day in Budapest?..... Pack

Name ..... Kevin Ventu  
 Program..... Budapest Semester in Mathematics  
 Favorite Hungarian Word..... Egészségedre  
 Where would a friend find you On a Saturday night?..... In a Hookah bar  
 What will you do on your last day in Budapest?..... Stay up and maybe get drunk



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## McDaniel Research Prize

#### John Meyers

It's 6:00, and there's a silence in the crowd. Only a few soft murmurs and the sound of Estefania Luraschi preparing her presentation can be heard in room 224. As her PowerPoint slides appear on the projection screen, the final portion of the competition starts. There's no turning back now...

On the evening of December 4, 2008, the first annual McDaniel Research Prize Contest was held in McDaniel College Budapest. Despite the fact that this was the first time the contest was held and the idea actually formed rather late in the semester, everything ran very smoothly, and there will more such competitions in the future.

To participate in the contest, contestants had to submit a paper of at least five pages in length. The papers submitted had to be related to something that the students had studied in the college, but not necessarily from the present semester. In total, ten papers were submitted from a variety of programs. There were papers from many different subjects including history, political science, literature, communications, psychology, and many different combinations of the previously mentioned subjects. The pa-

pers submitted were: "Examples of School Violence in Ferenc Molnár's Novel *The Paul Street Boys*," by Orsolya Bader; "Women in American Society: A Half-Century of Change," by Clare Farrell; "He Loves Me, He Loves Me Not: An Analysis of Love versus Infatuation," by Victoria Hurney; "A Contemporary Example of Holocaust and Memory," by John Meyers; "American Election 2008: The Successful Strategy," by Jason Norton; "Privacy and the Holocaust in the Age of Information," by Hollen Vickery; "An Analysis of Swiss Direct Democracy," by Dadvey Zargarán and the three top papers. Once all the papers had been submitted, they were read by a group of professors from within the school, and the top three were picked. This semester, the chosen papers were: "Georgi Markov: A Playwright in a Totalitarian Regime," by Dessislava Krasteva, "Social Entrepreneurship: A Case Study of LINK-UP, Cameroon, as a Social Enterprise," by Estefania Luraschi and "Was the 2008 Election a Realignment Election?" by Jenai Towuru. The three candidates for the prize were then required to give a fifteen to twenty minute presentation on the subject matter of their papers. The forum was a great suc-

cess due to the fact that all three contestants gave very engaging presentations. This, however, made the job of the jury very difficult. The jury, composed of four faculty members and three students, took into consideration the development of ideas, clarity of language, depth of analysis, and sound use of resources, and considered as well quality of exposition. The jury also judged the quality of the exposition and the evidence of expertise in the field into consideration.

Estefania started the competition off, followed by Dessislava and finally Jenai. An encouraging number of students and faculty both were in attendance. All of the contestants acquitted themselves well and answered any questions that they were asked with fluidity. Members of the jury commented that it was very hard to come to a decision and that there were many discussions held before the winner could be named. After the jury spent close to a half hour deliberating they declared **Jenai Towuru** the winner. Jenai won a night on the town—dinner and a movie. Congratulations to Jenai and the runners up! *Below from left: The student/faculty jury, and Estefania, Jenai, Dessislava presenting their research.*



## Community

### Making a Difference: One Dog At a Time Clare Farrell

Budadogs is an organization that was recently started by a veterinarian student here in Budapest, Anouska Godtfredsen. She and a few of her classmates run the group together and regularly find homes for homeless dogs. The goal of this group is to get unwanted but healthy dogs new

homes. Anouska summed it up well during an interview with *The Messenger*: "We are rescuing dogs from Illatos ut. [location of city pound] which are on the euthanasia list, but are also healthy and absolutely adoptable. First we place them in a 14-day quarantine. Following this they go into foster care in Budapest until they are ready to be adopted in Norway." *Continued on page 3.*

## Events

### A Farewell to the Graduating Students

#### Kelechi Ajoku

On Friday December 19th, McDaniel College will be once again holding a graduation ceremony to honor its graduating students.

Since it is barely two weeks away, it has come to that time of the semester when the staff and students of McDaniel College will have to exchange pleasantries and say farewell to each other. These students have come to the end of their studies at McDaniel, having gone through a rigorous academic training to equip them with the knowledge, skills and disposition they will need for graduate school, future careers and to build the world of their dreams. They have also been part of a school community and no doubt their presence will be missed. It could be their company in class and study groups, those warm smiles and hellos exchanged in the hallways—not to forget those memorable basketball and salsa classes with them.

Even though they will be missed, wish them good as they enter the next phase of their lives. *The Messenger* was able to reach some of these soon-to-be alumni of the school and asked them to share their thoughts about graduation.

Many of the students said that they would miss McDaniel College, while some said they were beginning to miss McDaniel college already. “When I leave, I am going to miss the friends that I made in these few years and the people that were in my life. Some of my good friends have already graduated and left, others are staying. I am also definitely going to miss the McDaniel stairs and climbing them at 8:30 in the morning” says Maja Florsic a Communications major from Croatia. Maja is also going to miss overdosing herself with the Cafeteria coffee during midterms and finals. Dadvey Zargarani a Political Science major from Iran said he will miss all those sweet moments of getting good grades, motivation and encouragement. He also said that he was going to miss all the friendly and devoted faces of the good professors and staff that have always been there for him and his fellow students, to give hope, knowledge and support. Peter Gazda, graduating in political science, will miss the international community and his favorite professors.

A few students said they dislike the McDaniel stairs and would not miss them at all. This goes as well for the yearly renewal of the residence permit, and those pesky early morning classes.

The students also offered some words of wisdom and encouragement for students who still have a while to go before graduating: don’t just pass through the school but let the school pass through you. Peter’s advice to students is to spend there four years as students actively, and enjoy the school years. Other student said attending classes and taking assignments seriously are the keys to success. “Make your time worth it and use any opportunity you get to the best of your ability” says Dadvey.

*The Messenger* wishes all the best out there for the graduating students.

### McDaniel Students Lead Political Debates

#### From McDaniel.hu and Jenai Towuru

McDaniel students joined by faculty members and political enthusiasts from around Budapest gathered together at the Raday Salon to discuss hot button political issues which arose from the 2008 US presidential election.

The Raday Salon is hosted by Michael Simmons and Linda Carranza in their home on Raday Street in downtown Pest. Michael and Linda are human rights activists who have been based in Budapest for several years. Their friends, acquaintances and other academic, professional, and activist contacts have formed a lively social and intellectual community who, among other things, convene periodically for the Raday Salon, where they listen to presentations and hold discussions on the issues of the day. They were kind enough to invite students of Professor Matthew Adamson’s U.S. Campaigns and Elections course to lead a series of discussion on this year’s presidential election which included reasons why Obama won the election, the role of race in the election, the changing American electorate, and the future under an Obama administration.

Amidst refreshments, all and sundry engaged in tough discussions with each and every participant voicing their views or disagreements, but the night belonged to McDaniel students, who showed expertise in their various field of discussion, and also to Linda and Michael who proved to be generous hosts.



Top Left: Estefania Luraschi and Jason Norton on Why Obama Won. Top Right: Prof. Berne Weiss, Laura Kim, Chelsea Blair in the “Kitchen of Change” Bottom Left: John Meyers and Joseph Ogundipe on the Role of Race. Bottom Left: Prof. Peter Schimert, Jenai Towuru, Philipp Sigrist, Orsoyla Bader on the Changing Electorate. Left: Hosts Michael Simmons and Linda Carranza

## Community



Clare Farrell and her adopted dog Buddy

Continued from page 1. Each dog has its own story, but one thing they have in common is that all of these dogs want to find a new, loving home. Most have never been treated with respect and have been caged their whole life.

The reason why these dogs get euthanized is because they have been in the shelter for several months, and no one has claimed or tried to adopt them yet. There are so many dogs at these shelters that the people running them feel its best for them to die rather than sit in a kennel. But, Anouska believes that even if it takes a while for someone to claim them, it is well worth it to wait because then they are given an opportunity to have a good, happy life.

There are several ways to help these dogs. If you are unsure as to whether you want to adopt a dog, you can simply foster the dog for four months. Another way to help is to contact Anouska to donate either food, toys, or money. Budadogs pays for everything while the dogs are being fostered, so there is no financial burden for the volunteers. The

foster caregiver have the first choice to decide to keep the dog permanently. If they choose to keep the dog there is a HUF 10,000 compensation fee for what Budadogs paid for during the fostering. If the foster caregiver decides not to keep it, then Anouska tries to find a home for the dog in Norway. Sometimes, she flies two or three dogs at a time to Norway where each of the dogs awaits their new loving home.

What is truly amazing about the dogs from Budadogs is how well behaved they are. Some people might think that because these dogs have had a hard life, they would be aggressive. Both William and Buddy are not only kind to each other, but everyone they encounter. To think that so many healthy adoptable dogs were going to be euthanized is tragic but now there is hope because of Budadogs and now they have the chance to go on to find happy loving homes.



Budadog William

For more information contact: budadogs@gmail.com

## Editorial

### Go Figure

#### Jason Norton



Figuring out the world does not matter. We as humans have reached a cognitive level at which we label everything in order to understand it. We label a chair as a solid and can thus speak of its characteristics in this context. We label someone who favors environmental rights a liberal and understand that person insofar as he or she is a liberal. One could even keep this as simple as someone’s age, and all the connotations that go along with that age. But this hasn’t gotten anyone very far, nor should it, for the attempt to understand the world is one that has been going on long before any of us were born and will continue long after we pass on. It may seem unnecessary to suggest that figuring out the world doesn’t matter, but it seems to be a futile effort that leads to the same end anyway.

We are all subject to this phenomenon, especially those attending school. I can speak of political science the best, but it applies to any field. Political science attempts to understand why and how a decision is made. It attempts to use deductive or inductive reasoning, which is tested in the world, and eventually conclusions are made. These conclusions can be used to explain past occurrences or predict what will happen in the future. Although one may find this useful, it is also analogous to a basketball “expert” using sound reasoning to predict who will win the next game. He or she can use all the reasoning in the world and still predict the wrong

team to win. The same analogy can be applied during the post-game interview. He or she can use all the available knowledge to explain the win or loss and still only be able to do nothing more than speculate. This doesn’t matter, but what does matter is how that commentator has built him or herself on that sport.

Many of us have found something in our lives that intrigues us and draws us closer. In school we’re focusing our skills and knowledge to a particular field, with the hope of using that knowledge to what we like to do. In the process you may have the opportunity to meet new people and gain new experiences. This is what really matters.

This semester in Budapest has filed me with new experiences and has given me an opportunity to meet new people and build upon the person I am. I recognize that what I have learned as a Political Science major has its place, but it in itself is nothing more than a means to an end and a necessary distraction—a means by which I may eventually apply for a job, and a distraction from all the questions we can ask and that can eventually drive us crazy.

I have gotten more out of my classes and related events around Budapest than I expected, but it’s not why I came here. I came here because I realized that there is more to the world. There is still much to be seen, but there is so much I’ve been able to experience. As cliché as that may be, that’s what it’s all about. One has only so much time on this planet, and it should not be used to try and understand it all, but just to be used as best as possible. You can thus continue in the attempt to understand the world as I most certainly will; simply recognize that it doesn’t matter, and perhaps all the complexities of life may seem that much simpler.