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Christi Thomas: A Celebration of Life

When Life Gives You Lemons...

Nikki Locker
Staff Writer

By the time most children turn nine years old, their biggest excitement comes from choosing their project partners in their third grade class.

For a little girl named Christi Thomas, excitement was all about selling cups of lemonade to raise money for pediatric cancer research.

It was the little things, like being an honorary Heidelberg student for a day, or being able to read aloud to a group of college students that brought joy to Christi's life.

Christi's bright and shining optimism lit up everyone's day.

For three years, her lemonade stands were the highlight of the year for the Heidelberg College Early Childhood Education Department.

It was always an impatient countdown until the day when Christi would arrive.

When she came through the door with her broad smile and her contagious spirit, it was impossible to see how much she was suffering.

At the age of five, Christi was diagnosed with neuroblastoma, a rare childhood cancer that affects the nervous system.

A few years ago, Christi made friends with another little girl battling the same disease.

Her name was Alexandra "Alex" Scott.

Alex was the founder of Alex's Lemonade Stand for Pediatric Cancer Research.



Christi Thomas and Lori Grine, assistant professor of early childhood education, take a break from pouring lemonade in the fall of 2005. Heidelberg has hosted Christi & Alex's Lemonade Stand for two years. (Photo courtesy of Lori Grine)

Christi teamed up with Alex and decided to have lemonade stands of her own all over the country, where all of the donations would go to Alex's fund.

Soon, Christi's lemonade stand started to appear on the Heidelberg campus, outside of the Lavelly-Sheddenhelm Education Center.

And, of course, with the lemonade stand came Christi herself.

Lori Grine, who heads the early childhood branch of the education department, soon had Christi coming to visit her classroom.

Students from Grine's classes sat and listened to Christi read aloud from "Alex and the Amazing Lemonade Stand," a book about Alex Scott, which references Christi.

Soon, the education department came to refer to Christi as "the lemonade girl."

Last year's lemonade stand on the Heidelberg campus raised \$1575.

As of May 2006, nearly two years after Alex's death at age eight, Alex's national campaign had raised more than \$6 million.

Sadly, Christi will not be here this month for her annual lemonade stand.

She "earned her angel wings" on Sept. 19, at the age of nine.

"It is such a bittersweet moment," said Grine. "Her spunky personality and outlook on life is contagious."

She said, "That kind of drive has to live on. A love for children drives you to go beyond the curriculum and be an advocate for causes like this."

"Sharing her life is a witness of love and what life is about," she said.

In celebration of the remarkable life of Christi Thomas, the early childhood education

department and the Spiritual Activities Team (along with Christi's parents, Angela and Shane Thomas) are hosting a Celebration of Life Service to be held on Thursday, Oct. 5 at 11 a.m. in France Great Hall.

Immediately following the ceremony, there will be a yellow balloon launch on the front lawn of the Education Center and a memorial lemonade stand from noon until 2 p.m.

All proceeds benefit the Christi Thomas fund.

Christi Thomas, our little lemonade girl, will live on forever in our hearts.

When life gave her lemons, she made lemonade...and when she gave us lemonade, she made the nation smile.

Ardner Leaves Heidelberg's Student Activities "Unsung Hero" Moves On

Mollie Scott
Staff Writer

Heidelberg Student Activities has recently lost a caring, wonderful, hardworking mentor: Rose Ardner.

After six long years of working diligently for Heidelberg, Ardner has decided to leave the Berg family.

Deciding to leave and take a new position at a local veterinarian office was by no means an easy decision.

"I have more stable hours and am able to spend more time with my family, which is something I gave up to my job with Heidelberg," Ardner explained.

"I do not regret my time with Heidelberg. I have many wonderful memories and friends to last me forever," she stated.

Ardner has five children, two in high school and one attending Heidelberg.

Ardner still speaks to Heidelberg alum she worked with, stating, "We formed a bond working together; I gave each and every one of the students my advice and experience to help them succeed in their endeavors."

Aside from working full time in the Student Activities office, Ardner was also the Kappa Psi Omega advisor for three years and organized various events, such as Around-the-Town, Hospice and several out-reach programs.

Ardner also received the "Unsung Hero" Award in 2005 for all of her work behind the scenes.

Ardner strived to treat everyone equally during her time here.

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In Memory of Christi Thomas

Thursday, Oct. 5

A Celebration of Life Service

* 11 a.m. in France Great Hall

Yellow Balloon Launch

* 11:50 a.m. on Education Center Lawn

Lemonade Stand

* 12-2 p.m. on the Education Center Lawn (rain location outside of Miller Small)

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NEWS

¡Viva Mexico! Students “Arise”

Johanna Glas
International Editor

Have you ever complained about “all these Mexicans coming to your country illegally and taking away all these jobs?”

If not, do you view this highly disputed issue completely differently, maybe even feeling pity for “these people?”

Well, no matter your attitude or position regarding this subject, as long as you are open to another culture and willing to give up part of your own ethnocentric point of view, you should enroll in the EDU 398 border-trip class!

I knew this class was for me from the time I initially heard of it. It was so interesting to learn about Mexico and the difficulties Mexican citizens have to face.

It is no wonder they try to flee conditions down there; for them America is “the promised land” that, once entered, will solve all of their (mostly financial) problems.

This class, however, is not all about reading or learning facts – it stresses hands-on experience, which is participating in the one-week border trip.

In class, we spent quite some time planning fun activities and games that we could play with the Mexican children.

What you will do – should you be willing to try something new and take this class – is go to Texas for one week.

While there students stay in a Project Arise center, which is only a couple of minutes away from the actual border to Mexico.

Once you arrive, you will be confronted with conditions you may not be used to: heat, humidity, simplicity (no luxury articles) and a different culture.

Even though you are still in the United States, you will feel as if you were actually in Mexico.

Everybody speaks Spanish (which might be a good opportunity to improve your language skills), and even the mentality and the way of life of the people is more Mexican than American.



Students participating in the border trip arrive at the Southtower airport. (Becky Rowland)

While you are staying at one of the three Arise centers, you will be responsible for taking care of the children from this colonia or colony.

You will engage them in activities, play games with them, help them with their English skills and participate in sports with them. They especially adore soccer.

You will experience Mexican cuisine, and you will get to know very interesting people who won't be afraid to share their often very sad stories with you.

One of my favorite pastimes on this trip was spending time with the local volunteers, whose job was to help you take care of the children.

They were a lot of fun to be around, and they were very open to new cultures.

For most of them, I was the first German they had ever met, and they were curious about my country.

They constantly asked me to teach them words in German, and they were very interested in learning more about my culture.

During those few days, I grew very close to the residents and volunteers of the colonia South Tower.

Before we knew it, was time to say goodbye, which made us all very sad.

Even we students, all quite different, had become close to one another.

Saying goodbye involved a lot of tears, exchanging of addresses, taking one last picture with a volunteer and also many smiles.

One of the most touching moments was when Ricky, a 12-year-old volunteer, gave me a hug and said, “Danke; ich werde dich vermissen.” (Thank you for everything; I will miss you).

I definitely miss everybody there, too.

I had a wonderful time at South Tower, and I am sure you would love it just as much as I did if you are open to something new, people from another culture and poorer conditions than you are used to.

You will come to learn, though, that the people in the colonia, even though they might seem very poor, are rich in many ways simply because they are exposed to so much love.

They are probably the most hospitable people you will ever meet.

They will share everything with you, even though they have so little.

Thinking back, I have to say I would not think twice about taking this class again. It is an experience I would not want to miss.

If you have any more questions about EDU 398 or the border trip, feel free to contact me at ext. 2757 or Dr. Lepeley at ext. 2037.

Live from New York.... It's Carrie Rosenbloom

Hello, I am the new RC for the senior apartments and Cooperative Learning Community (CLC) houses.

Originally from New York City, I moved to New England to attend the University of Rhode Island (URI) for my undergraduate degree.

During my senior year at URI, I worked as a tour guide and held an internship in the admissions office.

At the end of that year I realized that I wanted to make a career out of working with students.

After I graduated in 2002 with a bachelor's degree in animal science, I went on to be an admissions recruiter for my alma mater.

That position was temporary, and, after four months of traveling and recruiting students, I was hired as the assistant director of admissions at the University of New Haven in Connecticut.

I worked there for a year before I moved back to New York City and took a position as the admissions counselor for the School of Continuing and Professional Studies at New York University.

I worked at NYU for three and a half years before I decided I was ready to go back to school to get my master's degree in college student personnel.

I did a lot of research about graduate schools and decided to apply to Bowling Green State University.

This past March I was admitted to the master's program at BGSU and was offered an RC position at Heidelberg College as part of my graduate education.

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I went to the event fair and signed up for a few things, but I really didn't like the whole setup. It felt like everything was being thrown in my face at one time, and I wanted some time to think about where I really wanted to be.

It was so weird to me that I had no idea which direction I wanted to go in. That was something that I had never really felt before.

In the past month I have made a lot of new friends and been to some fun events. I have also started

This is the first year the senior apartments and CLC houses have an RC committed to working with them exclusively.

I see myself as a resource for my students.

I am a liaison between the residents and Krammes as well as a connection between the residents and the Office of Residence Life.

My responsibilities are to assist the CLC houses with their community service projects and help the senior apartments maintain a safe and enjoyable living community.

Since my position is new, I add responsibilities every day.

In the last three weeks I have lent students anything from my vacuum to my advice.

Some of my favorite things in life are visiting my family and friends all over the country, eating ice cream, skiing, reading and scrapbooking.

I love '80s music but have a soft spot for classic rock, too.

My favorite songs are “Elsewhere” by Sarah McLaughlin, “Two Step” by Dave Mathews Band and “At Last” by Etta James.

I love a good commercial but prefer to read an even better book.

When I graduate in 2008 from my master's program, I would like to leave Heidelberg College with a larger CLC constituency.

I would like to see more students (other than the ones living in the houses) get involved with CLC service projects.

I would also like to see the senior apartments continue to be an independent living option for juniors and seniors.

to get a good feel of the campus and feel more at home.

Most importantly though, I have realized that I have nothing but time here.

There's no rush for me to choose one group or another. I have the next four years of my life to get involved with as many or as few groups as I want.

College is all about trying new things and getting involved where you want to be involved.

But slow down and do the things you enjoy. There is always time.

The Kilikilik Staff Welcomes submissions of the following:

- Calendar Items
- Letters to the Editor
- Photographs
- Article Ideas
- Suggestions
- Comic Strips/Political Cartoons
- Reviews
- Opinion Pieces
- Graphics

See “Campus Calendar” on page 6 for Moodle submission information, or e-mail a staff member. The deadline for the next issue is **Oct. 2**. All submissions are subject to editor/adviser approval.

NEWS

Freshmen Earn Their Stripes In FYE

New Orientation Program a Success

Devon Walsh
Photography Editor

Juniors and seniors surely remember their first months on the Heidelberg campus - the struggle to move in, the sobering first encounter with cafeteria food and the infamous Total Student Development (TSD) program.

Ask any upperclassmen about the days of TSD, and they will gladly regale you with trench stories about piling into Rickly Chapel on sweltering days or enduring six grueling weeks of TSD sessions.

They wear that experience like a badge of honor.

Take a seat, upperclassmen.

The freshmen and sophomores have you beat.

The First-Year Experience, or FYE, is the freshmen orientation program that replaced TSD in 2005.

While like TSD in many ways, the new program is more thorough and more demanding.

In previous years, incoming students came to one orientation day during the summer, when they scheduled their classes and met some of the other freshmen.

Summer orientation is still on the agenda, but now students

come for two-day sessions, spending one night in a residence hall room.

These orientation sessions are overseen largely by the student orientation leaders, or OLs, who spend part of their summer helping freshmen prepare for the upcoming year.

Both the new students and the OLs are required to move in early for several days of orientation before classes begin.

In addition to the longer orientation session, freshmen are also earning more stripes in terms of academic requirements.

Freshmen now register for a semester-long FYE seminar, rather than the comparatively short six weeks of TSD.

The 13 FYE sections are somewhat similar to the upperclassmen's COR 300 classes.

They cover a wide range of subjects from biology to the popular television show "South Park," offering students an in-depth look at topics which may or may not be covered in the regular curriculum.

Furthermore, every first-year student (along with some of the faculty) must read a book

and is required to meet regularly with the newest incarnation of the TSD group: the family.

Students' opinions of the First-Year Experience understandably vary, though it seems that most students recognize the value of the program.

"I have made a few friends from my class," said freshman Kelly Anderson.

"And I guess it just depends upon whether or not you're willing to put forth the effort to make the class fun that will help you to get along with some of your 'family'."

If nothing else, FYE offers students a bonding experience, one that will hopefully last beyond the first semester and will make Heidelberg seem like home for the next four years.

So, freshmen, take heart - years from now, you too will be weathered, grizzled upperclassmen.

You will sit in Rock Creek, watch the first years with a knowing eye and swig your root beer as you swap stories about the days of "Blood Done Sign My Name."

Celebrating Our Constitution

Rita Barga, Assistant Professor of Business & Political Science
Erica Figley, Ameri Corps VISTA Campus & Community Collaboration Leader

2005 Legislation passed by Congress requires institutions of learning that receive federal funding to hold an educational program pertaining to the United States Constitution on Sept. 17 of each year.

If Sept. 17 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, programming is scheduled either during the preceding week or the following week.

According to the guidelines, "Colleges and universities across the country should ensure that programming is fun, yet has an impact on the greater understanding and content of the United States Constitution."

The Academic Enhancement Committee of Heidelberg College, which is an ad hoc committee open to any interested student, faculty or member of the Heidelberg community, arranged a few events to comply with the U.S. Department of Education guidelines for Constitution Day.

Bobbie Bishop, circulation supervisor, arranged the Beeghly Library display case on the Constitution.

On Sept. 14 in Frost, there was a showing of the DVD, "Our Constitution: A Conversation,"

featuring retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and Justice Stephen Breyer answering questions about the Constitution and how implicit and explicit rights are defined.

On Saturday morning, Sept. 16, Erica Figley showed the video of "America Rock!," which is part of the "Schoolhouse Rocks" series, animated features showing how the Constitution established a system of separation of powers and checks and balances.

Four students attended with breakfasts from Hoernemann in tow, where they enjoyed reminiscing about when they watched the "Schoolhouse Rocks" shows when they were kids.

On Monday, Sept. 18, from 1-3 p.m. in Herbstler Chapel, Judge Steve Shuff of the Seneca County Court of Common Pleas (and a 1975 Heidelberg graduate), held hearings and criminal pleas for our students (and faculty) to observe part of our legal system in action, replete with all the protections that the Constitution established.

Between 150 and 200 students and faculty attended this court session.

Staff Spotlight: Brenda Ludwig "Steels" our Hearts

James Poynter
Staff Writer

Brenda Ludwig is a woman that many of us see on a daily basis in our favorite place to eat at the 'Berg - Hoernemann Refectory.

She works every weekday from 1:15 p.m. until close.

We all know that she is a big Pittsburgh Steelers fan, and that her grandchildren are her pride and joy.

But I decided to take a closer look into the life of one of our favorite Heidelberg members, and see what she enjoys about Heidelberg and what happens after she leaves work at night.

Brenda has been married for 34 years and has worked at Heidelberg for 25 years as of Sept. 19.

She started her career at the 'Berg when her sister-in-law helped her get a summer job here, and then stayed because the

cafeteria had enough work to keep her busy throughout the year.

Since then, she has been a solid supporter of the Berg and its activities.

Her most memorable moment here was when she received her GED and returned to work with a ceremony from the dean, Bob Wilson.

In cap and gown, she was honored for her achievement and cheered by her friends as they celebrated.

Brenda's home life is as regular as her love for her favorite sports team, the Steelers.

She has three dogs, one inside housecat, a miniature horse, one lovebird and one turtle that greet her when she gets home.

Her hobbies include reading, watching the Steelers play (since the '70s) and doing crossword puzzles in her spare time.

Brenda has one daughter named Patches, and two

grandchildren.

She is the oldest sibling of six brothers and two sisters.

As a child she moved around a lot, and therefore went to a variety of schools throughout her lifetime.

Her parents originated from Clyde, Ohio.

Her family now lives relatively close to her in the surrounding counties, so it makes it easy for her to visit and contact them.

When asked what her favorite animal was, it was definitely apparent that it was the miniature donkey.

She explained that this was so because she had four of them when she was younger. She loves them for their easygoing and loving attitudes and low maintenance.

Brenda also likes to travel with her family whenever they go on vacation. Her favorite place that they have visited is Thunder Bay, Canada.

The Kil Staff is looking for nominations for our staff spotlight column. To make a nomination, please e-mail Jennifer at jtangema@heidelberg.edu

VIEWS & OPINIONS

College Observations Ring True

Jim Troha
Vice President for Enrollment and
Student Affairs



Each night of the week, my seven-year-old daughter asks me the same question as she gets tucked into bed.

It is a simple yet delicate question that has typically elicited a rather bland yes or no response from dear ol' Dad.

The question? "Daddy, will you be here in the morning?"

What she means by that, literally, is whether or not I will have left for work or for my early morning exercise routine by the time she wakes up.

As time passes for me (and her), however, that question has begun to extract feelings and emotions that compel me to think about, among other things, priorities.

I have started to think about time and how little we have of it. I have started to think about "do-overs," as in if I had to do

something again, would I do it the same way?

This reflection led me to think about the start of a new school year, particularly the new students that were joining the Heidelberg community.

I subsequently began to think about how my experiences and observations might be helpful to students starting to think about their own priorities, time and do-overs.

And wouldn't you know it, a list (what else) was born.

Like you students, I spend lots of hours on campus meeting new people and learning new things.

Over time I have accumulated some things that might be helpful as your journey toward graduation unfolds.

And in the spirit of sharing, I offer you these not-so-philosophical observations in an effort to assist in that journey we call college:

1. Be passionate. About something. Anything.

2. Say "hello" to those you see walking on campus. It is what makes Heidelberg and smaller schools special and unique. It also makes you and them feel pretty good.

3. Study abroad. It is an experience you will never forget, an expense you will never regret.

4. Remember that what is right is not always popular, and what is popular is not always right.

5. Absorb the intellectual power that exists here. Take the time to get to know your professors, inside AND outside of class.

6. When shaking somebody's hand, look them in the eye. It shows a sign of respect for yourself and the other person.

7. If your college years are without failures, you are not taking enough risks.

8. I hope you come to understand that consuming eight beers and hurling on your shoes is not an effective way to impress your friends. If your friends are impressed, you have the wrong friends.

9. Involved students are successful students.

10. Become a critical and analytical learner and come to recognize that there is a vast difference between smart and wise. There have been plenty of straight-A students who have flunked life.

The irony in sharing these observations with you is this: these are yours to begin with!

This list represents my time and my memories of you.

And it grows each and every day in ways that I have come to deeply value and appreciate very much.

Almost as much as the daily inquiry from my daughter.

Good luck to you, and I look forward to working with all of you over this next year.

Lifelong Transition

Elizabeth Colglazier
Staff Writer

High school felt like one big blur to most of us. I know it flew by for me.

One minute I was walking into the auditorium for my first marching band rehearsal, and the next minute I was walking across a stage in downtown Dayton holding out my hand to take a diploma.

It was, however, a completely different experience for each one of us.

Some people just went through the motions praying that it would end soon. Others spent the whole four years getting involved in everything they possibly could. I was somewhere in between.

I was in the marching and concert bands, played softball, was the treasurer of German club and was in National Honor Society.

It sounds like a lot when it is listed, but it was spread out enough that I did not have to stress out about all of it at one time.

I had a lot of fun being involved in so many different things and met a lot of cool new people. Being involved in many different areas was always important to me.

I did not want to focus on a single thing and never try something different. I loved being active; it motivated me and helped me become the person that I wanted to be.

Finding my place in college was not really something that I worried about. I figured that once I got here there would be a club or two that I would get involved in.

I mean, seriously, how many different clubs and organizations does Heidelberg have? A lot.

So I came to Heidelberg, then I moved into my dorm, met my roommate, went to orientation, hung out with my "family" (all the freshman stuff); it was exciting.

Really, I promise. I was still completely confident I would find something right away.

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Women Bringing Home the Bacon

Deena Marlette
Entertainment Editor

I do not proclaim myself to be a feminist.

I have not torn my bra off to burn it in fury in the name of women or danced around a pole in protest.

But, I do have one question for America.

Where are all the stay-at-home dads?

According to <http://www.rebeldad.com>, as of 2004 there were approximately 147,000 stay at home dads in the United States.

This means that a major percentage of women in our country are stay-at-home moms or take their children to work or daycare.

Rosie put down her rivets after World War II.

But women have triumphantly returned to the daily grind for the past several decades.

So how did the corporations react? Sure, they will hire women.

They will even hire mothers! At a price though, of course.

Major corporations have begun to put daycare centers in their offices so that women can work and have their children safely cared for.

If women are successful enough in their jobs, then husbands can surely stay at home and assume the responsibilities of the wives.

I am not a man, obviously.

I suppose I cannot understand why men find it demeaning to stay at home with the children.

Perhaps it goes back to the age-old adage that "men bring home the bacon."

But pardon me when I say that that saying is ridiculous and outdated.

A woman can pull in a decent

salary and support her family just as well as any man.

Am I biased? No. I grew up in a traditional Italian family.

My father worked 50 hours a week while my mom drove me and my three siblings to every sport possible.

We came home to a hot meal every night.

This is how I grew up, and I am sure it is how most of you did also. If women are to continue being liberated in American society, it should not be assumed that we will have to take our children to work with us.

I know that I personally want to be in the work force as an adult, but I also want to have a large family. And it is not particularly easy to find a man keep house, but I am determined to find one.

VIEWS & OPINIONS

The Divine Comedy: Erasing the Lines in the Sand

Rev. Darryl Kistler
Director of Campus Ministries



Not that I am even remotely optimistic that my words matter to the Pope, but I need to get something off my chest.

Shame on you, Pope Benedict XVI! Shame on you for not following through on the one thing a great theologian as yourself should always do, namely to ask the question of God and to search for its answer through the use of reason.

In fact, the topic of your lecture given at the University of Regensburg was on faith and reason.

And to your credit, you spent

much time in the lecture denouncing violence as a way to spread the faith, any faith.

You ended your lecture beautifully with an exegesis of John chapter 1, and went to great lengths to show that any reasonable soul should be able to find God without the need to resort to forced conversion.

And yet, you thought it reasonable to quote a Byzantine Emperor circa 1394 about how Islam has brought nothing new to this world except violence and confusion.

You thought it reasonable to abuse your bully pulpit as the world's most influential Christian leader and widen the ever expanding gap between Islam and the West.

You thought it reasonable to put faithful people in the Middle East, Africa and Indonesia in jeopardy of being hurt and killed, with churches and mosques being burnt to the ground.

And now you think it reasonable not to apologize, but instead to simply explain it was an

academic speech and the media have taken it out of context.

Since when did the pope enroll in the Terrell Owens school of public apology?

Shame on you.

For me, the scariest thought of all is I must acknowledge that Pope Benedict XVI did find it reasonable to use the very slanted views of Byzantine Emperor Manuel II Paleologus in his very public lecture.

The ill timing of the lecture, on the eve of Ramadan, cannot be easily explained except that it is consistent with the pope's departure from dialogue with the world's largest religion.

Since his pontificate has begun, Benedict has claimed Christianity's superiority over Islam and the spiritual danger of harmony between the two faiths.

One of Pope Benedict's first moves as pope was to dismantle the Vatican's Muslim dialogue office, a move which demarcated the new line in the sand: a line that separates the Muslim from the Christian, not a tether binding

them together.

These moves are a stark reversal from his predecessor, Pope John Paul II, who often called Christianity, Judaism and Islam the "three children of Abraham."

I find such an image beautiful and a respite from the angry rhetoric of leading clergy.

When John Paul died, Muslims around the world mourned his passing.

He was a friend to the Muslim, as well as the Jew.

Now, I am no John Paul apologist.

His stances on gay priests, female clergy and the delayed response of the Vatican to the HIV/AIDS pandemic in Africa (where more Catholics live than anywhere else in the world) still leaves a bad taste in my mouth.

But I do yearn for the days when the foremost Christian leader and spiritual guide could visit a mosque with integrity and a compassionate spirit.

Finally, as a chaplain of a

college, and a lover of both the Church and the University, Pope Benedict's comments are even more disparaging due to the fact he delivered these words at an institution of higher learning.

His words were disrespectful, but his choice of words was equally unethical.

He failed a student body and a faculty charged to move forward along the path of validating people living in a diverse world.

Dogma has no place within a university environment; dogma stagnates the learning process.

Instead, because we are a college community, we must endeavor to understand different religions, peoples and beliefs, and we must break down age-old stereotypes and stigmas.

As we have now gone through Diversity Week, I hope we have accomplished some of that.

And I pray that we can erase hard lines in the sand, and stand together as "children of Abraham."

And all of God's children said... Amen.

The Horrors of Television News

Matt Lofton
Sports Editor

This summer I was watching old episodes of "The Simpsons."

And there was one particular episode that I viewed multiple times: "Homer: Bad Man."

In the episode, Homer is accused of sexual harassment by a woman with just hearsay and is condemned by the townspeople, media and even his own family.

Springfield's own "Rock Bottom," a spoof of "Hard Copy," even got into the act. Thanks to cutting and pasting of an interview, the show's producers made Homer look like a sex-crazed maniac, when in fact the show used unethical tactics.

The most interesting part: The episode is from the sixth season (1994-1995). Oh, how TV news has gotten so much bigger since the expansion of the Internet and 24-hour news channels.

Take for instance "Nancy Grace" on Cable News Network Headline News. A former prosecutor in Georgia, one can view stark support for prosecutors and a tongue-lashing given to defense attorneys just from watching her.

While promoting her book "Objection!—How High Priced District Attorneys, Celebrity Defendants, and a 24/7 Media Have Hijacked Our Criminal Justice System," Grace claimed she was "on a search for truth." And I have just a couple questions about her above board tactics.

Was that before or after you berated defense attorneys who suggest and present evidence for how a suspect may be innocent?

Was that before or after you gave a tongue-lashing to a mother on air whose child had just been kidnapped?

According to the SNBC.com Web site, in a Sept. 13 article titled "Fla. Mother's Suicide Snarls Missing Child Case," the mother committed suicide a day after the taping.

Whether Nancy Grace was a reason for the suicide is debatable. But another aspect of her show are the fans that take Nancy Grace's rants and raves to heart and make those outrageous phone calls.

Much is the same for the countless e-mails Bill O'Reilly or any of the other "news" talking heads spew forth.

To see the networks at their finest, let us look at a few stories that are the 24/7 news channels "flavors of the month," shall we?

Included in the many examples is the Duke lacrosse case. When the accusations were first brought to public knowledge, there was absolutely no objectivity to the case.

It was privileged white male athletes who ran amok with the forbidden fruits of an African-American "dancer" in the media. Very few actually thought to wait for the evidence to comment.

When the evidence started trickling out, the media slowly dissipated with egg all over their faces.

Very deep is the lists of overplayed and unbalanced views; it continues on and on: Terry Schiavo, Natalie Holloway, the pledge of allegiance, the fight over the word "Christmas," etc.

Bottom line, the American people need to understand these talk show on 24/7 news channels are giving *opinions*, not news.

Please do not accept these shows hook, line and sinker.

Think.

Heaven forbid people form their own opinions.

The Graduation Race

Jes Wilfong
Co-Editor-in-Chief

These past three weeks have been a tough transition.

I have gone from a student who has no cares outside of making the grade and where's the next party, to a student filling out graduation applications and grad school admission forms and pulling her hair out in frustration because of everything that still needs to be done.

The fact that I'm finally graduating and leaving behind nearly four years of classes, craziness and comfort was made clear last Monday.

As a senior I am required to fill out an application for graduation, go to a reception in honor of it and even look at pricey, but nice, college rings.

This year's senior fair was, in my opinion, very nicely done.

I was only able to quickly run in and fill out a vast number of forms and gather lots of brochures, but even in the few minutes I had to spare I could tell that the event was truly an "event" in some seniors' opinions.

I heard a number of students complain, asking, "Why are they stressing us out now?"

The idea of graduating and moving on was put into a better perspective for me this past weekend when I spent time with recent Heidelberg graduates Cassandra Lagunzad and Leslie Bowman.

It was a shock when Leslie's mother took me aside and hugged me, saying that until after May I should just go with the flow; but it's after I graduate that I should be forcing myself to move on and just put one foot in front of the other.

Sage advice coming from a woman I greatly respect and a definite form of reassurance.

I also have more confidence after the senior reception, which featured Special Agent James G. Randas, who graduated from Heidelberg in 1973, and Special Agent Samir E. Yebaile, who graduated from the University of Akron.

Their speeches featured motivation for the seniors and ideas of how to succeed in the real world.

All in all the first of what is likely to be many senior events went off without a hitch and helped cement the idea that it's almost time to set off in the face of the unknown.

CAMPUS

Mayo - Not Just a Condiment

Sara Bowers
Staff Writer

For most students at the Berg, summer serves as a time to relax, spend time with friends and make some extra cash to bring back to school in the fall.

Megan Orloski, however, successfully completed all of this with a twist.

Megan spent her summer in a paid internship position, researching at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

The Mayo Clinic is one of the world's most advanced research institutes for medical discoveries.

Last spring at a seminar, Megan saw an advertisement for a paid internship opportunity at the clinic.

She applied, and within a week the institute contacted her and granted her acceptance to the program.

More than 1,200 applicants from all over the world were interested in the position, but the clinic accepted only 60.

Megan stated, "I was very fortunate to have been accepted for such an opportunity. I worked with people from all over the world...my lab consisted of

foreign exchange students from various countries with many different backgrounds in the field."

The internship consisted of 11 weeks of lab research.

Megan worked in the genetics research lab with well-known research partners Dr. Chris Ward and Dr. Peter Harris.

She stated that she was comfortable with the lab work because she had done so much of it at Heidelberg and the Columbus Children's Research Institute during a previous internship.

She jumped right into work. With Dr. Ward and Dr. Harris, Megan worked on a "Protein Project" in her lab.

In just a few short weeks, Megan had made a few novel discoveries that will be published later this year.

With all of the hard work that she was doing in the lab, it is hard to believe she would have any free time to roam the "Land of a Thousand Lakes."

On the contrary, an average day ran from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., leaving plenty of time for sightseeing, fishing, dancing and fun.

She speaks of Rochester with

great fondness and advises people to visit such a neat place.

The clinic bought a hotel next to the grounds and renovated it to provide "dorm-style" living for all of the interns.

Megan is still in contact with many of the students that she worked with, and her mentors as well.

When asked if she had any regrets about her summer, she stated, "I have no regrets...only that I didn't meet more people. After work we would all go out on the town in groups of friends, but I wish I could have gotten to know some more of the interns."

Megan is spending her senior year missing her time spent at the Mayo Clinic and preparing for graduate school next year.

She laughed as she stated, "Toward the end of the 11 weeks, everyone in the lab and at the Clinic constantly asked if I was coming back."

She hopes to attend graduate school on a coast, keeping the Mayo Clinic in mind.

The hours she earned during this summer would be applied toward her credit for graduate school.

If this type of work interests you, keep your eyes and ears open.

Megan plans on sharing her experience with the Heidelberg community this fall.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Oct. 5-19: Used Book Sale

The Beeghly Library Used Book Sale will be from Oct. 5-19. Book trucks will be located near the circulation desk as you come in. The price is 50 cents per item. "Leaf" through our selection of books for a good one.

Oct. 12-15: *The Secret Garden*

Tickets are now available for *The Secret Garden*, the fall musical production from the departments of music and communication and theatre arts.

Based on the book by Frances Hodgson Burnett, with lyrics by Pulitzer Prize winner Marsha Norman and music by Lucy Simon, the play opens Thursday, Oct. 12 and runs through Sunday, Oct. 15.

Evening shows are at 8 p.m., and the Sunday show is a matinee at 2 p.m. Tickets are available by calling the box office at ext. 2305 or stopping by the CTA office in Founders.

Seating is limited, so reservations are highly recommended.

Tickets not picked up 10 minutes prior to curtain will be redistributed to those on a waiting list.

The Kilikilik will be accepting campus/community calendar items this year. To submit

calendar information for the October 13 issue, follow the steps below:

1. Go to <http://emu.heidelberg.edu/moodle/>
2. Select "Miscellaneous (Misc. Courses)"
3. Select "KIL-100-0: The Kilikilik"
4. Log in to Moodle using your BergMail username and password
5. Enter the enrollment code 54545 when prompted
6. Select "Calendar Submissions for 10/13 Issue" (place stories under "Story Submissions")
7. Follow the posted guidelines

Please note that all submissions for the October 13 issue must be received by October 2. Feel free to contact Dr. Julie O'Reilly, Kilikilik adviser, with any questions.

Ask Professor Frink

Heidelberg Hits the Rails

Something I'm always asked by students is why the campus is so close to the train tracks, to which I reply, "Why, Heidelberg wasn't going to be in Tiffin at all!"

In 1848, Tarlton, Ohio, offered a proposal to founders of the Ohio Literary and Theological Institute to build a new school in the village. Tiffin initially seemed more interested in "railroads than colleges." S.S. Rickly, one of the founders of the college, offered the institution to the village of Tarlton.

However, for \$11,030 Tiffin took home the prize of landing "Heidelberg" or, in English, translated "Huckleberry Hill." From 11 proposed sites, a decision was reached to locate the institution at its present location.

One trustee commented on why building the college so close to train tracks was such a good idea: "In case the college failed, it could be more easily placed on freight cars and moved elsewhere."

Tarlton may still be waiting for that train!

The "Ask Professor Frink" column is a new edition to the Kilikilik this year. The articles, written by an anonymous author taking on the name of a character from "The Simpsons," will focus on little-known historical facts about Heidelberg College. Two columns will be appearing each issue in the "Campus" section of the newspaper.

Preferring to keep his identity anonymous, Professor Frink stated, "Although my holding a Master's degree in Hyperbolic Topology should naturally obtain your focus, it is knowing about your college's history and traditions that should take precedence."

If you have any comments or would like to ask Professor Frink a question, please e-mail kfrankar@heidelberg.edu, with the heading "Professor Frink."

Theatre Department Jazzes Programs

Nikki Locker
Staff Writer

Heidelberg College never stops expanding its horizons.

In the past few years alone, we have seen new buildings, new faculty, new landscaping...and now a new major.

The communication and theatre arts department now offers a theatre major with a musical theatre emphasis (more simply put, a musical theatre major).

Compared to the theatre major, the new major offers only one new course, THR 407: Advanced Acting II.

Also, musical theatre majors must take both THR dance courses as well as THR 320: Musical Theatre.

However, they are not required to take the COM courses required of regular theatre majors.

In order to become a part of

the musical theatre program, all applicants must audition for the musical theatre committee.

The committee consists of Dr. Richard Groetzinger, Lin Talbot-Koehl and Dr. Gary Dickerson representing the CTA Department.

Dr. Doug McConnell, Dr. Jennifer Schuetz and Dr. Vicki Ohl represent the music department.

The audition for the musical theatre major consists of a vocal audition, an acting audition (a monologue), a movement audition, a musicianship evaluation and an interview.

Currently, Heidelberg only has



Gundlach Theatre, located in Founders, is where Heidelberg theatre productions are performed for the public. (Kyle Mears)

two students working toward a musical theatre major: freshman Karina Browne and sophomore David Glover.

Browne recently performed in Seneca Star Search 2006 on Sept. 23 at the Ritz Theatre.

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CAMPUS

What's all the Ruckus About?

Kameko Cherrelle MacPherson
Staff Writer

If you have not already heard, Ruckus is the legal music download program available on Heidelberg's server, which has been up and running since July.

It allows students to log in and listen to music on their PCs for 30 days; access is available after a quick and easy sign-up process.

Ruckus came about thanks to the Student Senate wanting a legal way for students to be able to download music on campus.

Other programs, such as Limewire or Bearshare, would put the school at risk because these programs allow music to be uploaded, shared and downloaded illegally.

Although Ruckus allows you to listen to the music, the music cannot be taken off of your PC.

Kurt Huenemann, associate vice president for information resources, described this as a "tethered" download, stating that because there was no money exchange through licensing fees the music can only be enjoyed from the PC.

There are, however, links from Ruckus to <http://buy.com>, for anyone who enjoys listening to a par-

ticular tune and would like to purchase the album.

Ruckus also offers "Ruckus-to-go," which costs only \$20 per term to move your songs from Ruckus to a compatible, portable music player.

The Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) is a merging of agencies that joins illegal downloading sites and then searches for peer-to-peer connections to find out who is uploading songs and sharing them with other people.

After they gain knowledge of your personal information they will send a letter to your college about what you are doing.

Since people typically download from the college server, they are easily tracked. Legal action may then be taken against you, which can include high fines and jail time.

When one thinks about the

consequences of using an illegal source, Ruckus can sound pretty amazing.

Most of the comments about the program have been positive, though there have been some complaints about it being less user friendly than programs such as Bearshare and Limewire.

According to senior Ferris Beashau, "Not all the songs are on there, even some of the more popular artists, such as Evanescence, and Justin Timberlake's 'Sexy Back'."

She also added it was hard to search because some songs were listed by the album.

This meant the search information needs to be entered in its entirety - unlike some other programs where you can put in partial information and still find what you are looking for.

Senior Max Petzold also ran into problems when he found he was not able to download Ruckus because it is not compatible with his Apple computer, which will hopefully be changed in the future.

"Rose would bend over backwards for anyone; she was our Mother Goose," she continued.

Malusalila, who worked with Ardner on the International Program, believes Ardner helped her to strive for her best and was a very personable and understanding woman.

"At one point or another everyone had to go through the Student Activities Office for help or assistance, and Rose was there with a warm bubbly smile," Malusalila stated.

What hurts Ardner the most is leaving behind so many friends and memories.

Ardner put her spirit into everything she did for the Student Activities Office.

Every student felt very comfortable and able to lean on Ardner for support and understanding.

Ardner's decision to leave Heidelberg was not an easy one. "A piece of me will always be with Heidelberg; there's an unbreakable bond there," she said.



Burnt discs such as this one have caused an uproar in the music industry. (Kristie Frankart)

Ardner

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"Anybody, no matter who they were, professor, employee, student, were all on the same level," Ardner explained.

"I listened to each problem and worked out the best route to accomplish our goal together," she said.

Ardner's passion for interacting and working cooperatively with others is what made her excel at her position for so many years.

Not only did Ardner give support to all students, she acted as a mentor throughout her years at Heidelberg.

Many students have no idea about the summer events that take place on the Heidelberg campus.

Ardner was the "go-to-person" for nine major events hosted by Heidelberg.

These events included: show choir competition, basketball camp, United Church of Christ conference, new student orientation, admission preview day, alumni

weekend, water quality research conference, Great Britain soccer camp and the Clyde football games.

All of these events were a huge undertaking and were planned months in advance.

Building, staging, lighting, residence, transportation, food, and even minute details were all handled by Ardner.

Senior Kelli Stanley, who worked for Student Activities this summer, stated, "Rose gave up her family life for Heidelberg life; she enjoyed the fast pace life, but I believe she left to slow down for a bit."

Ardner's children will continue to attend Heidelberg even though their mother has left, but Ardner leaves behind many adopted student children, like Stanley and Gugulethu "Gugu" Malusalila.

Stanley worked closely with Ardner for two years.

"Rose was a huge part of this college; she knew everything," Stanley stated of Ardner.

Ask Professor Frink

Heidelberg's True Fisherman

This has nothing to do with Rock Creek. Financial Agent Henry Leonard (1812-1889) was shameless in his efforts to promote Heidelberg.

He was an enthusiastic fund-raiser who took on the persona of "The Fisherman" for the college.

Most notably, Leonard solicited "crumbs," small donations ranging from 10 cents to \$20, from children. Over his 22-year career (1856-78), more than 9,000 young persons contributed in excess of \$2,500, an enormous number considering the size of the donations.

As for College Hall, Leonard devised a plan of raising money from Sunday school children and young people to purchase a brick. One such record of his fund raising suggests that 200 bricks were purchased for \$2—a cent per brick. Of the 500,000 bricks it was planned children would buy, 126,000 were purchased in a little over a year.

Much of his fund raising travel, a total of 108,245 miles, was done on foot, horseback or by hitchhiking. This was one fisherman who was content with catching only bricks!

Senate Changes Faces

Ashley Althaus
Staff Writer

The student-led organization that has brought us Battle of the Bands, the ski trip and, just recently, Ruckus, is undergoing new changes with new faces.

Student Senate is being led this year by President Aaron Weaver, who has many big ideas for the organization.

The weekend of Sept. 9, the senators traveled to their annual retreat to brainstorm new ideas for this year.

One of the things they are hoping to achieve is to reevaluate the mission statement of the senate.

They want it to become a place where students feel comfortable coming to voice their concerns about Heidelberg's campus.

They also hope to help establish new student-led groups by sponsoring them and assisting them with the correct parliamentary standards.

"The first thing we need to accomplish is eliminating the debt that has occurred from last year," stated Weaver.

One final thing they hope to establish is called resolutions, which will be a way of documenting all of the different things the senate has proposed to the staff of Heidelberg. These things help to make sure that all the students' needs are met.

So what are we to expect from Student Senate this year?

An open forum for students not in the senate to come and voice their concerns and weekly surveys in front of Hoernemann and in resi-

dence halls to get a better understanding of what students want.

The technology task force also hopes to incorporate new television stations such as HBO and Cinemax into our cable programming.

We should also look for the annual Battle of the Bands and ski trip, which may include help from those BEC students in green.

Weaver also added that "Heidelberg students should also be looking for big things to happen between Heidelberg and Tiffin University."

Students with a "beef," as the group likes to call it, can look for their class representatives or attend the open forums.

Student Senate meets every Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. in Campus Center 220, or you can contact the senate's staff advisers, Dustin Brentlinger at ext. 2062 or Amy Berger at ext. 2292.

Theatre—

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Although Browne did not win the \$1000 prize, she enjoyed the experience.

David Glover, who will be acting in the role of Ben Weatherstaff in Heidelberg's fall musical "The Secret Garden," stated, "I think this is an awesome opportunity for both departments."

He said, "Granted, the program is a little rough right now in its first year, but after some time I know that it will be beneficial to both the major and the college."

SPORTS

Veteran Football Team Returns

Morgan Hawley
Heidelberg Sports Information Director

A veteran team with a winning attitude will take to the gridiron for the 110th year of Heidelberg College football in 2006.

With 29 letter winners returning, including 10 starters on offense and seven on defense, times will be changing around the Berg.

Under the guidance of fourth-year head coach Brian Cochran and a group of nine strong senior leaders, Heidelberg will be competitive on both sides of the ball.

"Winning is in the hearts and minds of everyone associated with the program," said Cochran.

The keys to the 2006 season will be the experience returning on the offensive side of the ball and their ability to put points on the board.

A strong point for the defense is a secondary that returns three starters and two other players with varsity experience.

Not to be outdone, the special teams should be solid with an experienced punter and placekicker.

The battle in camp will be for the starting quarterback position between juniors Bryan Prorok and Steve West.

Prorok started six games in 2005 and passed for over 1,100 yards and six touchdowns.

West saw limited action in 2005 appearing in only five games due to a leg injury after starting eight games in 2004.

He has recovered from the injury and is poised to return to the starting spot he held in 2004.

The Berg also has a talented returning core at wide receiver thanks to a talented and experienced sophomore class.

Lucas Bauer returns as the team's leading receiver in 2006.

Bauer led the team with 53 catches and five touchdowns and finished fourth in the conference in receptions.

Sophomore Kenny Sims emerged as a receiving threat along with Bauer in 2005.

Sims finished second on the team in receiving with 46 catches, which put him 10th in the conference.

He also scored four touchdowns during the season.

In limited action as a freshman

in 2005, Dawond Roddy racked up 113 yards on just five catches.

Also expected to compete for playing time at receiver are sophomores Elisson Dure and Kyle Kissling.

In the backfield, experience should bring back plenty of competition at the tailback position.

Competing for the starting position at tailback will be sophomore lettermen Chris Cola and Aaron Jonhenry.



The tight end position will have a greater impact on the Berg's offense in 2006.

It will be filled by senior Eric Hazlett.

Hazlett was the team's third leading receiver last season with 32 catches and will move to tight end to take advantage of his speed and strength.

The defense will be led by an experienced secondary in 2006 and will be anchored by senior free safety Chad Packard.

Packard has been a three-year starter and led the team in interceptions with two last season.

Sophomore Brian West returns at strong safety. West finished second on the team in tackles in 2005 with 73.

Fellow sophomore Fran Cavotta started all 10 games last season at the corner spot.

Sophomore Jimmy Bright, who saw significant action on special teams and in the secondary late in the season, will also compete at the corner position.

Brandon Jakubcin, a transfer from Ohio Dominican, is expected to compete for playing time at the safety position.

The linebacker core will once again be strong and experienced with the return of senior Brandon Grim.

Grim, a starter in 2003, missed the past two seasons due to injury.

Grim stayed involved as a student coach during that time

and had a solid spring in preparation for this season.

Junior Matt Nero returns at the middle linebacker spot.

Nero finished fourth on the team in tackles in 2005 with 51.

Junior Chris Strawser ranked third on the team with 69 tackles a season ago.

In special teams, senior Craig Smith returns for his final season at placekicker.

Smith was 2-for-5 in field goal attempts and 14-for-17 in extra point attempts last season.

Sophomore punter Jimmy May returns after starting all 10 games as a freshman.

"This should be a good year on special teams for the Berg,"

stated George Penree, special teams coordinator. "We have two experienced kickers who have worked hard to improve this off season."

Sports Dept. Receives Facelift

Julie Gorman
Staff Writer

A new school year brings new changes to Heidelberg's athletic department.

Included in these changes is a new coaching staff for many of Heidelberg's sports teams.

These changes began to surface last year and were made with the hope of making the sports teams the best they can possibly be.

Women's soccer is among the sports to have new coaches.

It is now under the leadership of Nick Spell from Marietta.

Along with soccer, track and football are also kicking it up a notch with a coaching change.

The men's track coach, Kevin Lucas, is now running double time, coaching both men's and women's cross country and track.

Senior women's track captain Casey Adams is excited to see where the changes will take the track team.

"I think that [these changes] will not only improve us as a team but also as individuals," said Adams.

She said, "I am excited to see how the coaching styles have changed to help us better ourselves. New ideas are always refreshing when you are trying to improve yourself."

Even the football team is getting a tough order from Jason Bendekovic.

Bendekovic is a new offensive coordinator from the Merchant Marines Academy.

According to Heidelberg's athletic director Jerry McDonald, the new coaches bring many good things to the field.

High energy, new ideas, a hope for an increase in recruitment and positive role models can be expected from these new coaches.

"Anytime you make a change, you are trying to do it for the better," stated McDonald.

"Right now I am very pleased with the direction the changes are taking us. Time will tell us the impact of the changes," McDonald said.

Chemistry Key for Men's Soccer

Matthew Lofton
Sports Editor

According to the coaching staff of the Heidelberg College men's soccer team, one word will be the focal point in 2006: chemistry.

Head Coach Brian Haley feels confident about the team. "I think we got a nucleus...seeing what we have seen in the preseason is the making of good team chemistry. Team chemistry gets you results."

Chemistry is a must for the Student Princes as they face one of their toughest non-conference schedules in recent years.

The Berg plays two top teams from the North Coast Athletic Conference in the first weekend on back-to-back days on their fields.

"We play a top team like Wooster who is a top team in the National Collegiate Athletic Association who has lost maybe 10 games in the last three to four years," said Coach Haley.

"Oberlin finished in the top four of the NCAC, which is a strong conference. [Against Wooster], we play a strong physi-

cal team and [Oberlin] is difficult to break down with the players they've got. Couple this with the always difficult Ohio Athletic Conference," he said.

The schedule does not get any easier upon entering conference play.

The Ohio Athletic Conference features 10 teams, seven of which finished .500 or better for the season in 2005.

Despite going 3-5-1 in conference, the Student Princes never lost by more than one goal.

About the conference, Coach Haley commented, "The OAC is not about finesse or technique, it is about grit and determination and working hard because it is a blue-collar conference."

The senior leadership will be monumental for Heidelberg in 2006, as the roster features 17 freshmen and sophomores.

Seniors Brent Kehrl, who led the team with 10 goals last season, and Sam Sunseri will provide offensive firepower.

Senior Dimitar "Mitko" Nedkov will provide on both ends of the field.

Fellow senior All-OAC Honorable Mention returnee Paul Evans will provide help for the Heidelberg defense.

Coach Haley is excited about the leadership qualities of the seniors.

"I think the four seniors have really shown the freshmen, and to some extent some of the sophomores, what they need to do to win games when it comes about."

With the majority of the roster freshmen and sophomores, these two classes will have immediate impact on the program.

"The freshmen class is like anything else, that it takes six to seven games to find out what it is about," remarked Coach Haley.

"They have good technical ability and they are growing to understand the game. Like anything else, if they can work hard they can really contribute a great deal to the team this year," he continued.

Assistant coach Vince Laverick added, "I think [the season] depends on how some of the freshmen come along and how things look."

SPORTS

'Berg Athletes Start Season on Right Note

Three Athletes Receive Conference Recognition

Matthew Lofton
Sports Editor

Heidelberg athletes are trying to beat the 2005-2006 season accomplishment of 21 Ohio Athletic Conference Athlete of the Week recognitions.

On Sept. 5, Student Prince senior Dan Simpson finished second of 105 runners at the Dragon-Berg Invitational on Sept. 6.

Simpson, who earned his first athlete of the week honor, finished the eight-kilometer course in a time of 26:17.



Senior Dan Simpson (Photos courtesy of Heidelberg Sports Information)

The Student Princes finished second of eight teams.

A duo of 'Berg athletes earned player of the week recognition on Sept. 11.

In football, sophomore wide receiver Dawond Roddy (Sidney,



Sophomore Dawond Roddy

Ohio) had five catches for 172 receiving yards and three touchdowns against Oberlin Sept. 9.

Roddy also tallied 122 yards returning kickoffs.

Heidelberg lost a tight contest with Oberlin 48-34.

For the second week in a row, on Sept. 11, a Heidelberg men's



Sophomore Scott Lasch

cross-country runner won the weekly award from the conference.

Sophomore Scott Lasch, a first-year collegiate runner, (Huron, Ohio) finished fourth of 133 runners at the Hanover Invitational Sept. 9 with a time of 26:36.

As a team, Heidelberg placed fourth of 10 teams.

Good luck to all 'Berg student-athletes in 2006-2007!

Cross Country Makeover

Leo Cappabianca
Staff Writer

The Heidelberg women's cross country team has undergone a new coaching change.

The runners will be led by Kevin Lucas, who late last year was put in charge of both the men's and women's cross country and track teams.

With the new coaching regime, the women are looking to turn things around and improve their place in the Ohio Athletic Conference.

Leading the way are sophomores Rachel Hoover, Tabitha Grim and Erica Tenwalde, along with junior Tausha Posani.

The women's team has a deep freshmen class as well.

The women's team has raced in two meets thus far.

At the home meet at Clinton Heights, the women started out strong and were led by sophomores

Rachel Hoover and Tabitha Grim and junior Tausha Posani.

At the NCAA Pre-Regional at Hanover College, the women had a good showing and were once again paced by Hoover.

The women will be joining the men for four big meets, including the All-Ohio Championships, before preparing themselves for the OAC Championships, which will be hosted by Heidelberg and held at Clinton Heights Golf Course.

While the women's team is very young, most of the runners being underclassmen, Lucas looks for them to run strong and compete well this season.

The future looks very bright for the women's team and with hard work and time under the new coaching regime, they hope to be among the elite in the OAC.

Running in the Fast Lane

Leo Cappabianca
Staff Writer

The men's cross country team enters this season returning with the majority of their top runners along with eight new freshmen.

Leading the way for the Berg are seniors Jeremy Wsocki, Dan Simpson and Leo Cappabianca.

Sophomore Scott Lasch, who transferred to the Berg last spring from Ashland University, is joining the freshmen as a new addition to the team.

Wsocki was the Berg's lone All-Ohio Athletic Conference runner from a year ago and is one of the top three returning conference runners this year.

The underclassmen make up the largest part of the team with 13 men who hope to keep the strong running tradition going here at the Berg.

The men have raced two meets so far this year, starting off with a home meet at Clinton Heights, where they finished in second place. They were led by Dan Simpson, who finished second overall.

Next, Heidelberg traveled to Hanover College to compete in the NCAA Pre-Regional meet and finished fourth, close behind second and third.

In the meet they were led by Scott Lasch.

The men will be racing in four more meets, including the All-Ohio

Championships, before competing in the OAC championships which will be hosted this year by Heidelberg at the Clinton Heights Golf Course.

The men's head coach, Kevin Lucas, has strong expectations for this year's team and expects them to challenge for the OAC title, which they have not won since 2001.

Last year the men finished fifth, but with the OAC meet on Heidelberg turf this year, they hope to make that up with a conference crown.

Senior Leadership Vital For Women's Soccer Success

New Coach Looking Forward

Matthew Lofton
Sports Editor

For first-year head coach Nick Spell, leadership and hard work will be the key to rebuilding a soccer program which has an Ohio Athletic Conference record: five tournament and regular season titles.

"The team wants to win more than five games and have a winning season," remarked Spell.

"We have a tough schedule, but we will be able to do it with the players we have. We are building leadership on the team and that is one of our goals, leadership along with unity."

Heidelberg looks to show improvement from 2005 where they finished with a record of 5-11-2, including a 4-4-1 non-conference record.

One of the main goals of the team is to improve upon a 1-7-1 conference record and an eighth-place finish.

Helping with the push to improve on its 2005 record is the fact that Spell was a player and assistant coach at Marietta

prior to his arrival at the Berg.

"It is beneficial I know the other coaches and have seen the different styles of play," said Spell. "I have the knowledge of the OAC and of the different types of players in the league. That knowledge will be valuable to our success."

Returning stat leaders for Heidelberg include senior goalkeeper Samantha Pawlak and senior forward Kasey Hill.

Pawlak grabbed a conference-leading 161 saves last season, an average of 8.94 saves per game.

Hill led the team in both goals (10) and points (23).

Also returning for her final year is midfielder Brianna Durtschi, who saw action in 16 games a season ago.

"They've been doing a great job," said Spell.

"It's tough when you have a new coach come in for your fourth season and change things up."

"I am demanding a lot from them and I have asked them to step up as leaders and to carry this team," he continued.

Working alongside the seniors will be a talented group of juniors led by Kelly Mueller and Tara Kirsch.

Together the duo recorded 10 goals a season ago, including a team high: two game-winning goals by Mueller and one courtesy of Kirsch.

Mueller also led the team with three assists while Kirsch and fellow junior Ashley Durand added two.

Returning for their sophomore seasons after seeing significant playing time in their rookie campaigns are Sarah Kudrak and Ivy Thompson.

Kudrak found the back of the net twice, both deciding scores, and Thompson contributed a goal and two assists in 2005.

"The sophomores that played last year gained some valuable experience," Spell said.

With the incoming freshman class of seven players, the future looks promising to coach Spell.

"The freshmen coming in have a lot of talent and you will see a lot of them playing for me because they have a strong work ethic," he said.

Upcoming Home Athletics

Football

- * Oct. 14 vs. Otterbein 1 p.m.
- * Oct. 21 vs. Wilmington 7 p.m.

Volleyball

- * Oct. 17 vs. Ohio Northern 7 p.m.

Men's Soccer

- * Oct. 14 vs. Capital 2 p.m.
- * Oct. 18 vs. John Carroll 4 p.m.

Women's Soccer

- * Oct. 20 vs. Marietta 4 p.m.

M and W Cross Country

- * Oct. 28 OAC Championships 11 a.m.

ENTERTAINMENT

McDreamy or "The O.C." Minus Marissa? Explore Fall TV

Beth McDermott
Staff Writer

As fall approaches, some people look around and enjoy the changing leaves, the candy apples and the cooler temperatures.

Then there are some that are more concerned with flipping through "TV Guide" frantically to make sure they do not miss the preview of their favorite show.

That is what fall is really about. Didn't you know?

It is all right to be the "TV Guide" flipper, so do not be ashamed if you are.

You have been waiting months, so indulge yourself! Whether it is "Grey's Anatomy," "Prison Break" or "Gilmore Girls," missing the season premiere is like missing your best friend's wedding.

There is no excuse good enough, and it is just unacceptable.

The networks are buzzing with top stories of returning shows and plenty of new ones to choose from.

New ones can be fun, but the ones that made you hold your breath in the finale are what you have really been waiting for.

One of the most anticipated premieres was "Grey's Anatomy" (Thursdays at 9 p.m. on ABC).

If you missed the first one, I am deeply sorry and would recommend not missing another all year.

Although Izzie (Katherine Heigl) quit the medical program, she is supposed to stay on as a main character.

The vet, Chris O'Donnell, is a full-time cast member now, but is he a full-time boyfriend on the show?

New characters and old storylines should keep season three as exciting as the first two, and do not forget about McDreamy!

Another favorite show, "Lost," returns to primetime Wednesday, Oct. 4 at 9 p.m. on ABC. The first episode is called "A Tale of Two

Cities," but do not think you will be getting a look at where the Others live.

Jack, Kate and Sawyer will be in some trouble that brings back memories of their lives off the island.

There will be leadership issues at the base camp, and Rose suspects Charlie has some secrets. Pay close attention to this show or you really do end up lost.

"Prison Break" returned Aug. 21 and will be on Mondays at 8 p.m. on Fox. A new FBI agent is determined to stir some things up, so it should get exciting.

"Desperate Housewives" (Sundays at 9 p.m. on ABC) returned Sept. 24 with all the drama it left with.

Carlos and Gaby have a baby... and a divorce on the way, while Bree could be getting married! A new edition to the Scavo family and Susan's love life will keep this season busy.

"The O.C." has a late start this season on Thursday, Nov. 2, at 9 p.m. on Fox. Marissa is dead, and the kids all head off to college.

Well, some of them. Life without Marissa will make this season interesting and take a little getting used to.

We all know the old programs we want to watch, but what about the new ones?

All the networks want the new hit show that everyone cannot get enough of. Getting it is not always as easy.

There are tons of new shows coming out this fall to keep an eye on, and some that will probably be big flops.

Some new shows are already getting a bad reputation, and they have not even premiered yet.

I find that a little unfair so I will not tell you which they are. They should at least get a chance.

ABC has a new promising show called "The Nine" premier-

ing on Oct. 4 at 10 p.m. Nine people have been taken hostage for 52 hours in a bank robbery.

See what happens during and after those horrible hours.

NBC came out with a new hit show bringing back one of our favorite "friends," Matthew Perry.

"Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip" premiered Monday, Sept. 18 at 10 p.m. Centered around a late-night comedy sketch show, this great cast and writing should really take off.

The world of reality TV is always around with all our old favorites, and who knows what the reality world will come up with next? It can be scary at times.

I cannot say what will happen because it is reality, or so we believe. The great American obsession continues.

Old or new, there are way too many television programs to go in

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Ohio Author Spotlight

Sam Dailey
Junior Copy Editor

Most of the time, the memorable authors are from New York, Los Angeles or some other well known location like London. Yet there are many great authors everywhere, even in Ohio.

Margaret Peterson Haddix is an excellent author from Ohio. She was born in Washington Court House in southern Ohio and was raised on a farm. Her parents and her grandparents were always reading and discussing books, so she grew up with a love of literature...thus the reason she decided to become an author.

In 1986 she graduated from Miami University with a B.A. in creative writing and journalism. From there she became a copy editor for an Indiana newspaper, then later she became a reporter for another Indiana newspaper.

When her husband's job required her to move, he encouraged her to focus on writing a book instead of looking for another job in the newspaper industry. Two years later, in 1995, she published her first book: "Running Out of Time."

Since then she has published many more books, including the "Shadow Children" series. Started in 1998, the "Shadow Children" series began with "Among the Hidden." The series continued with "Among the Imposters," "Among the Betrayed," "Among the Barons," "Among the Brave," "Among the Enemy" and culminating with the 2006 novel "Among the Free."

Other novels by Margaret Peterson Haddix include "Escape From Memory," "Turnabout," "Just Ella," "Double Identity," "Leaving Fishers" and "Don't You Dare Read This Mrs. Dunphrey."

Most of her novels early on in her career were in the realistic fiction genre but are now starting to revolve around science fiction. Her stories are also somewhat philosophical in nature, making the reader think about what life would be like if the government were different and only allowed families to have two children.

Despite her fame and success as a writer, Haddix has chosen to remain in Ohio with her family and friends, and where a lot of her fans can be found. For more information on Margaret Peterson Haddix go to <http://www.edupaperback.org/showauth.cfm?authid=250>.

Ritz Theatre Brings Life To Tiffin

Country Group Lonestar to Appear

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When you think of Tiffin, "entertainment" is never the first word that comes to mind.

Many students think we must travel to a big city in order to find some entertainment throughout the school year.

However, the Ritz Theatre could bring Heidelberg students the entertainment they have been looking for without having to travel but a few minutes.

The Ritz Theatre is located on South Washington Street, a few minutes from the Berg campus.

The Ritz offers many performances for all types of people.

The Ritz begins the season on Sept. 29, when country music's Lonestar hits the stage.

This performance is sure to be a great one, as Lonestar is expected to perform some of its smash hits, such as "My Front Porch Looking In" and "What About Now?"

Any college student could use a break for a few laughs after being buried under numerous books and papers.

On Oct. 14 the Ritz presents "The Slackers Comedy Tour."

This is presented by the same producers as "The Blue Collar Comedy Tour."

This show will be sure to help any student relax and get away from schoolwork for a few hours.

The Ritz has something for film lovers as well.

"Talk Cinema Tiffin" will be presented once a month throughout the year.

This gives people a chance to see foreign and independent films before they are released.

Following the screenings are discussions led by distinguished critics.

This is a great way to experience films before you even know what to expect!

For all of you students who remember loving Dr. Seuss growing up, the Ritz presents "Seussical: The Musical" on Oct. 28 and 29 to bring back some childhood fun for everyone.

The Ritz staff will bring everyone's favorite Dr. Seuss



The Ritz Theatre is located on South Washington Street, a short walk from campus. (Devon Walsh)

characters back to life for a magical musical.

The Ritz even offers a chance for you to show off your talents and see other performers from around the area.

The Ritz is starting its second season of "First Friday in The National Theatre."

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ENTERTAINMENT

Fashion Comeback's-'80s Style

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The season has already begun with bright colors, but we are not just talking about the bright colors you see on the trees.

We are talking about the great fall fashion that is beaming with new trends.

The summer brought us a lot of new fashion ideas, especially styles from the '80s, such as the waist belt and wedge heels.

It even brought back the classic leggings, which are still great to fill out an outfit, but the fall is bringing in hot items that you do not want to pass by.

According to Cosmopolitan magazine, the fashion "bible" to all women, the new key look that is really coming back in is the wide-cropped jacket.

It really adds an elegant look to just a simple outfit.

All colors are great, but you need to really try to stick with more neutral tones such as grey, black and olive.

Another trend that looks great, and has been around since the summer, is skinny jeans.

Skinny jeans look great with the new long tee.

These jeans are the perfect something to slip into when going out for a night on the town.

They have a very slim fit to around the ankles, and really bring out the length in everyone's legs.

"But, soft! What light through yonder window breaks?"

Now, I know Shakespeare is not all about fashion, but medieval styles are back in for fall.

The ruffled blouses are a great outfit completer, with an old-fashioned look.

The ruffled blouse is not the only thing that is back from

the medieval look.

A buckle on the shoe is also having a comeback in the fashion world.

So start buckling up, ladies!

When the weather starts to cool down one thing that you are going to want to snatch up at the store is a nice trench coat.

The knee-length jacket is a very classic look that is really spreading all throughout Hollywood.

Fall seems to be bringing a lot of great new trends to the streets, so keep an open mind and really enjoy what you wear!

And to leave you with a great fashion tip: According to Cosmo, "go all out in '80s garb."

The '80s have brought so much fashion and are still bringing on the heat, so keep the '80s fashions rocking!

Jena Moncheck
Staff Writer

Horoscopes

Aries

You're making new friends and having a great time. But don't forget about your studies. Having a good time will get you nowhere if your grades are not up to par.

Taurus

You have been a very busy bee these past few weeks. All of that hard work is paying off. Keep it up and everything will turn out well in the end.

Gemini

This is your month to get active. If you have been feeling lazy and tired, exercise is the answer for you. Use this time to think about big decisions in your life that you will be deciding on soon.

Cancer

Use this month to get situated for the rest of the semester. Take time to settle into your new surroundings, whether in a new room, with a new roommate or at a new school. Doing this will give you time to think through personal matters that you need to put behind you.

Leo

It's time for you to do more than just stare at the girl/ guy in your history class. Use your confidence and ask him/her out to dinner. Even if it doesn't lead to love, you may end up making a real friendship, and who couldn't use another friend?

Virgo

Your friends are really going to need you this month. Helping a friend work through his/her problems may put yours into perspective for you. Even if s/he doesn't want to talk about whatever is bothering him/her, just taking him/her to a movie or out to dinner will show you care.

Libra

Don't get behind in your classes already. Just keep in mind the goals you have for yourself to keep you on track. Your load will lighten up after the 15th, so you can spend more time on things that are more important to you.

Scorpio

Where did you go? Your friends and family hardly get to see you anymore. They know that it is in your nature to take on a lot but don't forget about them! Spending time with friends will let you see how important they are to you.

Sagittarius

You are finally seeing how your choices about your future are paying off. It was hard to take that first step, but now you are reaping the rewards. Take the time this month to relax and smell the roses before your school work starts piling on around midterms.

Capricorn

You seem to be under a lot more stress than you are used to right now. Remember that you can't do everything on your own. Make sure to take some time for yourself over the weekend of the 21st. You may be surprised how therapeutic it can be.

Aquarius

Lady luck in on your side at the beginning of the month; it seems like you can do not wrong. One slip up around the 27th could land you in big trouble. Stay focused on the things that are important to you, and it will be smooth sailing the rest of the month.

Pisces

My advice this month is to always keep smiling. When your favorite teacher knocks down your grade point in class just brush it off. As long as you can keep in good humor you will breeze through this month with no problems.

For a full listing of primetime schedules and show summaries check out http://television.aol.com/feature/fall_tv.

If you cannot find anything to watch there, then just throw your television out the window, you obviously do not need it.

Going Beyond Neutral

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Staff Writer

Fall is not only bringing great fashion trends to the stores, but it is also bringing new colors to makeup.

Some of the eye shadow shades for fall that you should keep in mind the next time you dig into your makeup bag are the coppers.

According to Allure magazine, it is the perfect transition color for your eyes and skin from summer to fall. Allure also talks about the olive eyeliner. Applying a thick line of deep green along the upper and lower lashes really brings out your eyes, and with the green it is okay to skip the mascara.

Turning away from the neutrals, the new bright colors that you could introduce your eyes to are the bright purples, blues and teals.

Wearing these colors really has a shocking effect.

When it comes to makeup or foundation, always make sure to keep it natural; use a makeup that goes well with your natural skin color, and add a little bronzer on your cheeks for a breathtaking glow.

In the summer, we always have to worry about maintaining a perfect summer glow while protecting our skin from the sun and keeping it well moisturized.

Now you may think that summer brings the worst to your skin, but coming into fall is where the fun begins. Keeping your skin well moisturized as the temperature decreases is the key to maintaining a smooth skin tone.

According to Allure magazine, make sure you use an oil-free lotion that preserves the natural oils on your skin.

Use a gentle cleanser to wash your skin, so as not to cause dryness.

Having that summer glow all year around is tough to maintain. Every woman loves to have a bronzed skin tone, but some of the ways people are doing it today could damage your skin even more.

Tanning beds can cause harmful effects to your skin.

Achieving that healthy summer glow look without the dangers is a lot easier than you think.

Try a self-tanner that you apply on your skin for that glow. You can find one at any convenience store.

Another option is the new technology of tanning, the spray tan, which applies the color through a spray without the harmful lights from the beds.

Adult Swim

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Not everybody outgrows cartoons when they get older, and Cartoon Network meets the need for whimsy in our hectic lives.

Adult Swim, a block of cartoon programming geared toward young adults, is constantly offering new shows featuring a spectrum of cartoons ranging from action-packed anime all the way to absurdist shorts performed entirely by action figures.

One of the newest series coming to Adult Swim is "Korgoth of Barbaria," a creation of Aaron Springer, the storyboard artist behind "Spongebob Squarepants."

This show has been promoted since summer, and new episodes are now showing on Cartoon Network and the Fix.

Adult Swim airs on Cartoon Network Saturday through Thursday starting at 10:30 p.m. on weeknights, and 11 p.m. and 10 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, respectively.

Episodes are also available for free viewing online at "The Fix" at AdultSwim.com.

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depth about each and every one of them.

INTERNATIONAL

Getting to Know Our International Students

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Staff Writer

Many of us have just experienced our first "big" move to the Heidelberg campus.

We have come to our new homes from cities and towns throughout Ohio, not to mention many other states.

For a lot of the students, it has been a smooth transition. But can you imagine traveling around the world to attend college?

I recently had the opportunity to talk with several of our transplanted co-eds, and here is what they had to say.

Johanna Glas is a 20-year-old sophomore from Munich, Germany.

She came to America because she felt this was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for her to study abroad.

She decided to come here at the end of her 13th year of schooling.

She is the only one from her family and school that got the chance to study abroad.

She is excited to be attending school here at Heidelberg because not many people go to college in Germany (only about 20 percent).

"Most people learn a trade in Germany," Johanna stated.

Johanna enjoys traveling and is interested in different languages and cultures.

She discovered Heidelberg College through her close friend, Christina Biegel, who also attended school here.

Johanna came to visit Christina, and fell in love with the campus, professors and students.

The Spanish professor, Dr. Lepeley, was also a huge influence on her decision to move to America.

Johanna didn't realize how many opportunities and majors there were at Heidelberg.

Here at Heidelberg, Johanna adores her professors, loves all of her classes and feels the students are very accepting.

Johanna is also fond of the construction of Heidelberg's campus.

"It reminds me of the Heidelberg Castle in Germany," Johanna said.

Johanna is also thankful for her host family, The Bilgers.

The Bilgers consist of Alan and Marsha and three children,

Bryan, Krystin and Matt.

"Bryan is like an older brother for me. He is always there when I need him," Johanna acknowledged.

Johanna said her host family treats her as they would their own daughter, and they will do anything for her. She loves them like her own family.

Johanna is thankful for the fact that the people of America are open minded, friendly and able to accept different cultures more than in Germany.

She is especially grateful for her best friend and roommate Heather Drummond.

She also loves the fact that the United States is so large.

Johanna admires the different climates, the mountains, the different cities and the English language.

She is glad to see that most of the shops are open 24 hours, and that the malls in America are extremely "cool."

However, there are a few things about America that Johanna doesn't like.

"I hate the food. I am not a fast food person. I am a vegetarian," she related.

She also dislikes the fact that people here can be superficial.

"Not every American is like that, but they are more here than in Germany," Johanna said.

Johanna is very attached to her home country.

She misses it a lot, especially the cafés, beer gardens and the summertime.

She misses the fact that everything is outside, and she misses meeting new people in Germany.

She loves the food and beer back at home.

That's right, beer!

The drinking age for beer in Germany is only 16, and for any other alcohol, it is 18.

Johanna enjoys the countryside and hiking through the hills. In Munich, she is very close to Italy, Austria, France and Switzerland, so she can visit a completely different world in just a short drive.

She has a deep sense of belonging to her home, even though she is gone.

The two things Johanna dearly misses are her family and friends. She is very close to her family.

They try to eat three meals a day together, and they have long

conversations instead of watching television.

Her parents are Michael and Renate, and she has one younger sister, Sabrina, who is 18.

Her family, including aunts, uncles and grandparents, try to get together as much as possible.

Her family life is very important to her.

Her friends are very near and dear to her heart.

She has known them for years and said she would even die for them.

She stated, "Making friends in America is different than it is in Germany. It is harder to make friends in Germany, but when you do, they are your friends for life."

Johanna knows Bavarian, German, English, Latin and French.

Last summer she taught herself Italian.

She is also studying Spanish here at Heidelberg, which will be beneficial, as her majors are Spanish and International Studies.

Johanna plans to graduate early and then travel to Spain for her Spanish major and study abroad.

"I want to do the best that I can because this has been a great opportunity and chance for me," related Glas.

Mkhuseli (Moo-koo-say-lee) Chigaru is also a 20-year-old sophomore here on our campus.

He is from Zimbabwe, Africa. Mkhuseli chose to come to America to study alongside his cousin Gugulethu Malusalila, who is a student at Heidelberg.

He decided to come to America at the end of his senior year of high school.

He would like to study architecture here because there are no good architectural schools in Zimbabwe.

He chose Heidelberg because he is very close to his cousin and because, he said, "Heidelberg just sounded different. I thought it would be different."

Here at the Berg, Mkhuseli likes the fact that the campus is small. Mkhuseli said, "You get to know almost everyone....kind of like home."

He appreciates the fact that here in America, life is easier.

He also likes how everything is automated.

However, Mkhuseli hates the

food here in America.

"The food is too processed and loses its taste after awhile. Everything back home is organic," he stated.

Mkhuseli said the main differences between America and Zimbabwe is the fact that we drive on opposite sides of the road.

Another difference, he said, is that people back home are more connected and more religious.

"They are more conservative in culture back home; however, everything is more expensive in Zimbabwe than it is here in America," he reported.

Mkhuseli said that Zimbabwe is bigger than Tiffin, and more civilized than what people think.

"It's kind of like Columbus," Mkhuseli said.

Zimbabwe has a hot, but not humid climate, more like a dry heat.

It has the usual banks, clothing stores, bakeries and market places.

They have many fruit and vegetable vendors in the downtown market place. Whole streets are dedicated to these markets.

For transportation, Zimbabweans use commuter buses that take you downtown to different neighborhoods. It is the main form of transportation for the working class.

"Almost everything is outside. We have outside bars, sports and gyms," Mkhuseli stated.

Zimbabwe is a highly agrarian society with many farms in the surrounding areas.

They also have many national parks where you will find much of the wildlife.

"It rains a lot," said Mkhuseli, "and our winter is different in Zimbabwe than here. It runs from May till July."

Back home, Mkhuseli has three brothers, Sibusiso, Bongani and Jabulani.

He also has one sister, Sithelwesihle, a father, Daniel, and mother, Thenjiwe. He is extremely close to his family.

"We are tight like that," Mkhuseli said.

His mother is a principal at a community college, and his father is a CEO for Zimbabwe's International Trade Fair.

His parents are the only ones left back at home.

"My sister, Sithelwesihle, and brother, Sibusiso, are both in Lon-

don. They have been there for about seven years. My brother, Bongani is in Canada, and my brother Jabulani is in Botswana, a neighboring country of Zimbabwe."

The number one thing that Mkhuseli misses about Zimbabwe is his friends.

He also misses how easy and laid back life was.

"I miss playing on the rugby team and having braais [barbeques]. I loved how social everything was. I liked to just chill, go hunting, and take weekend trips to Victoria Falls, one of the largest waterfalls in the world," he said.

Mkhuseli is majoring in computer science with a minor in art.

After college he plans on moving to a bigger city for a while, and then traveling back home to have his own architectural company.

Mkhuseli related, "I plan on living here for a while to get work experience, but I don't plan on staying here the rest of my life. Zimbabwe is my home, and that's where I belong."

Ritz

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The first Friday of every month will feature two or three performers.

Performance genres vary, and include music, poetry, songwriting and much more.

The Ritz offers a club environment with beer and wine while being in a smoke-free environment during these acts.

Many college students do not have a lot of money to be "wasting" on entertainment.

The Ritz is an easy way to be entertained without worrying about spending a lot of cash.

No matter the performance, the Ritz offers tickets 30 minutes before show time, if they are not sold out, for \$5 with your college ID.

If you are worried you are not going to get a ticket or want to find out more events that are going on at the Ritz, check out their Web site at <http://www.ritztheatre.org>.

Michael Strong, executive director of the Ritz Theatre, encourages all students to come down to the Ritz this fall to enjoy the great entertainment.