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## New Blog Depicts Dickinson Life

### Admissions uses Tumblr to Attract Prospective

By Catie Duckworth '14  
News Writer

The Dickinson Admissions Office started using Tumblr in August as a new means of communicating with prospective students. The Tumblr account, "Student Stories: The Dickinson Experience," has eight student bloggers sharing their experiences at Dickinson over the academic year on the social networking site.

To start off the school year, the student bloggers posted live updates on the Admissions Tumblr. Molly Boegel, assistant director of Admissions, explained that her office decided to join Tumblr after discovering how popular it is among high school and college students. The goal of the Tumblr account is to "convey the Dickinson experience through the eyes of current students," Boegler stated.

Margaret Gertzog '12, one of the student bloggers, said that the eight students are involved in many different activities and organizations on campus and can give prospective students a large variety of information about Dickinson. "Really, we are just trying to give prospective students a small snapshot of what our lives are like," explained Gertzog, "so they can see if they would be a good fit here."

Boegel will meet with the eight student bloggers every two weeks to discuss what they should post. Boegel said her office hopes Dickinson students who have Tumblr accounts will follow Admissions and "reblog" posts they find interesting. The blog can be accessed at [studentstories.tumblr.com](http://studentstories.tumblr.com).

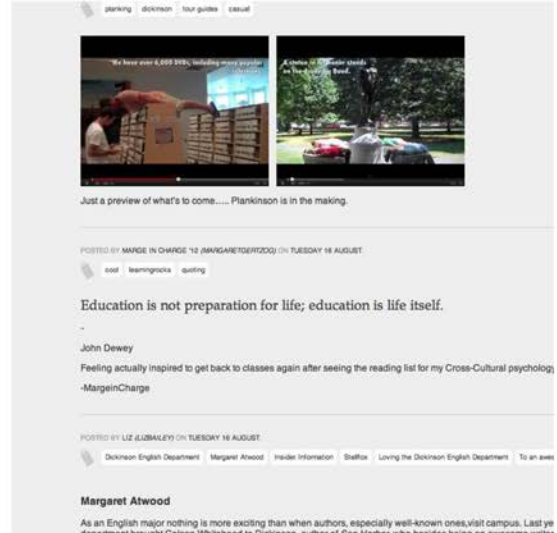
In the past, Admissions used the social media sites Twitter, Facebook, and Flickr to communicate with prospective students. Last year the office started a blog on WordPress. Boegel said she hopes to have more creative dialogue among the bloggers than she had last year with the WordPress blog.

The Admissions staff believes that the Tumblr will allow the Dickinson experience to reach a more geographically diverse group of students. Boegel hopes that the Tumblr will allow Admissions to continue the conversation with prospective students because of the ability to ask questions, write comments, and "reblog" posts on the site. Posts to Tumblr can additionally be made using cell phones.

The next step for Admissions, Boegel said, is creating a counselors blog where Admissions counselors will post blogs for students to read. This will be another way for counselors to continue conversing with students once they leave campus.

#### Student Stories: The Dickinson Experience

Theme by Andrew Steinbock for Tumblr



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## DPS Reports Student Hospitalizations

By Matthew Korb '14  
News Editor

Between Aug. 24 and Aug. 29, the opening week for many new and returning Dickinsonians, eight students were admitted to the Carlisle regional hospital with alcohol-related complications.

According to the records of the Department of Public Safety (DPS), there were no cases of students being sent to the hospital for alcohol consumption during the first week of the 2010-2011 school year. While this sterling record did not extend through the first month of the school year, the rise of cases at the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year has become a topic of interest for some faculty members on campus.

"The number one priority of Public Safety is the safety of students. When someone calls for assistance due to intoxication for themselves or a friend, our priority is to get them appropriate medical care," said Dolores Danser, director of Public Safety. "If a student is highly intoxicated and they have vomited, they will be evaluated by Carlisle Emergency Medical Services to determine if they should be transported to the hospital for further evaluation or treatment." While DPS was called for each of these incidents, Danser explained, only one—a repeat offender—was sent for further disciplinary actions. "In the vast majority of these incidents," continues Danser, "The student is not referred by Public Safety to Student Conduct for discipline, so they don't get 'written up.' However, the Dean of Students often follows up with students who have gone to the hospital."

"The incidents this past week are not related to each other so this is not some new problem that has presented itself out of left field," explained Dean of Students Leonard Brown. "It is an indication that excessive alcohol consumption continues to exist in our student culture."

During the first week DPS also had their hands full with other alcohol-related issues on campus. One night 17 students were written up, all cited when they were attempting to crowd into one room in Baird-McClintock. Inebriated students were involved in numerous other noise complaints, thefts and "indecent activities" throughout the week, according to a report released by DPS.

Looking ahead, Brown is aiming to continue to expand Dickinson College's alcohol education program. "We are also working with Professor Sharon Kingston to implement a comprehensive study this spring of alcohol consumption on campus. This will allow us to address the issue directly based on facts and data, not just what we think we know," offered Brown. "There are several other interventions that are in the process of being implemented. These include staff training, bystander training, risk management education and social norming all made possible by a gift from the Chesley family."

When asked about the recent events, first-year Jeremy Lupowitz '15 spoke candidly about his feelings. "I think it's kind of ridiculous," explained Lupowitz. "You'd think that, coming to an institution with this reputation, you wouldn't have this sort of problem so quickly. It hasn't really changed my opinion of the college, however. This is the people in the college's fault, not the institution itself."

"It's our hope that the students involved will take a good look at the decisions they made and move forward in a positive manner," commented Dr. April Vari '84, vice president of Student Development.

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## Seniors Form New Discussion Group

### Class of '12 Take Pints with Profs to a Whole New Level

By Holly Bowers  
Opinion Editor

The Class of 2012 will have the opportunity to take part in a new kind of social interaction this year through the Senior Club. The Senior Club will allow seniors to gather for events and discussions with each other and with faculty in order to foster class unity and intellectual discourse. In an email, Dr. April Vari '82 described the organization as "a more mature form of social life centered around good conversation, adult beverages and the opportunity to interact socially (but substansively) with faculty and administrators."

Dr. Vari reached out to the senior class about the Senior Club last spring, and a group of students began working to organize the club. Marianh Aman '12, Brie Coyle '12 and Kim Starfield '12 were three of the founders of the Senior Club. In a joint email, they explained that many seniors had recognized the void on campus of a space for mature social interactions. "I think it is a really good idea to foster senior class bonding and identity," Coyle commented. "Freshman year we splinter by dorms. By sophomore year, we are immersed in our majors. By senior year, I feel like I don't know my neighbors."

Aman, Coyle and Starfield hope to have weekly events for the Senior Club beginning in mid-September, ranging from small discussions over beer or wine and cheese to larger pub trivia nights. They promise that the inaugural event in September will be "big and special."

Every member of the Class of 2012 is automatically included in the Senior Club, which is funded by the Office of Student Development. The club is free for all seniors, and faculty will be invited to all events.

Vari and the club's organizers emphasized what a wonderful opportunity this is for seniors to take advantage of their last year and to form longstanding relationships with each other and with faculty while participating in a group that was not available on campus formerly. "I want to hang out and talk to faculty and other students on a social level, and in a relaxed setting. This will be a great opportunity for all of us," Aman commented in her email.

In addition to fostering class unity, Dr. Vari hopes that the Senior Club will also provide an example of how alcohol can be used in responsible ways as a part of adult life and conversation. Alcohol will be available to those seniors who are over 21, although other beverages and refreshments will also be served.



Matthew Korb '14

Seniors develop new forum for dialouge

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## Flags Will Return to the Caf

By Glenn Dunmire '12  
Managing Editor

“It looked empty and boring,” said Sarah Henry '12, “not like our Caf should be.” Henry was not the only returning student to be surprised to find one of the Dining Hall’s most prominent features, the flags, missing.

When questioned, Dickinson President William G. Durden '71 explained that the flags were missing for a simple reason: they were being cleaned. “Cloth in a cafeteria gets dirty and must be cleaned periodically,” Durden said. The president added that they were designed to “bring some additional ‘color’ and interest into the Cafeteria” as well as designed to stress Dickinson’s “global commitment.”

Originally the flags were not supposed to go back up. Durden explained that the flags added to “the decorative noise” and, because “the College is quite secure in its identity as a global college,” did not need to increase that message through the display of flags.” Initially, Durden said, students who wanted the flags to return sent him some notes, but did not offer a good reason to return the flags. Durden said he inferred the students simply did not want change and said “I found this—as always—unpersuasive in a learning environment where we attempt to ready students for the constant change in the world.”

However two concerned students told Durden about how, in the past, students used the flags to navigate around the Caf. For example, a student might tell her friends to meet her “under China” so everyone knows where in the Caf to gather. Durden liked the idea that the flags had a practical use and served an educational purpose: a student has to know what country the flags represent.

Now, the flags will be put back in place once they are cleaned, a process which Keith Martin, the director of Dining Services, says should be finished in a week or two. However, Durden warned that the flags might go up in a new order, “so students are not on autopilot.”



*Courtesy of A. Pierce Bounds '71*

*Before the flags were taken down for cleaning, students used them to locate each other*

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## Letter From the Editor

By Julianne Greco '12  
Editor-in-Chief

After a year of writing abroad columns from Morocco for The Dickinsonian, it feels a bit different sitting in the office in the basement of the HUB as editor-in-chief. Life last year in Morocco was a bit crazy for me, to be frank. I never knew what to expect in the morning when I woke up. Would I make it across the thick of Rabat and through the swarming traffic to my Arabic class first thing in the morning? Now the question is whether or not I can roll out of bed and walk over to Denny on time now for my first class (from Denny apartments). The latter's not always as easy as you would think.

As I walk around campus, there are so many fresh faces. A brand new freshmen class here for the first time, a sophomore class whom I never met because I was gone all of last year, and with a lot of the junior class abroad, that just leaves some juniors and members of my 2012 class. No doubt, the reshuffling of the classes happens each year. Because we are all part of such a small, or rather intimate and interesting community, it seems advantageous and wise to do as my fellow classmate Student Senate President Austin Farneth advised in his convocation speech, "Keep your doors open."

The Dickinsonian has a combination of fresh and familiar faces, too. I have seen the paper grow so much under the past three editors: Alec Johnson '09, Eddie Small '10, and John Jones '11. The Dickinsonian has developed its status as a reliable source of community and campus news, in addition to putting out quality content in opinion, sports and life and style each week. Every year the paper comes out and gets better.

This year we will be working to maintain that progress while looking ahead and I'm confident that I have the staff with the strength and ability to do so. Our first issue, available only online (for the first time ever) is testament to this. It's no secret that the face of journalism is changing and continues to do so. One of our focuses this year will be developing a stronger website that we will ultimately strive to update as stories come out. Don't forget to like us on Facebook and follow us @TheDickinsonian on Twitter to say hey, check in, give us thoughts and feedback and see what is happening on campus.

In response to Farneth's challenge to keep our doors open, The Dickinsonian's door will be open this year to you—on more of a metaphorical level of course. Wouldn't want to leave it open when we are not here. If you have news or tips that you think we should know about, don't hesitate to email us at [dsonian@gmail.com](mailto:dsonian@gmail.com) or stop by our office in the HUB. If you want to respond to something that we printed or something else going on at Dickinson, send us a letter to the editor. And of course, find us online!

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## The View Up Here

By Holly Bowers '12  
Opinion Editor

Returning to small-town, rural New England for the summer after spending a year studying abroad in Europe was a massive adjustment, one that I was not excited about, to say the least. Although it was not particularly bad, the summer felt very stagnant to me. I went from volunteering in a castle in Norwich, England to working the same summer job that I've held since high school – what happened?

When I looked around, I realized that I was by no means the only person in this situation. While some of my friends did find amazing internships, just as many, if not more, took any type of work that they could find. Then I looked a bit farther afield and realized that I really, really was not the only one who wasn't going anywhere over the summer – the entire country seemed to be stagnating. How many weeks did the debate over the national debt ceiling occupy Congress and the national news? How many Americans watched in frustration as compromise after compromise was defeated for one political reason or another while unemployment rates hovered at 9.1 percent in July and economic growth crawled to a miniscule one percent in the spring? (Statistics are from an August 26 article from The Associated Press, "Economy Grew At Slower 1 Pct. Rate This Spring," on NPR.org.) Congress seemed to be stagnating in its own inability to see past the politics of the situation, and the consequences showed in the national drop from the Standard and Poor's AAA credit rating.

A similar immobility seemed to grip America in its stance on recent events in the Middle East. It was not until August 18 that President Obama declared an official stance against President Assad's actions against protesters in Syria. That conflict has been raging since the Arab Spring in March. What took so long? Again, politics seemed to halt progress.

So what can we do in the face of such stagnation? I can tell you from personal experience that listening to mellow indie rock in your room is not the answer. First and foremost, we have to acknowledge that we have no choice but to get through whatever difficulty we're facing – there is no "easy" button, nice as that would be sometimes. Then we have to take responsibility on an individual level and make changes on that level.

Travel writer Tara Mahoney posted a piece on the Matador Network on August 17, 2011 called "A Gen Why Manifesto," in which imagined looking back on 2011 from the vantage point of 2040. Mahoney applauded our generation, "Generation Why," for overcoming the broken world that we inherited and using the opportunities, the knowledge and the technology available to us in order to ask the tough questions and make drastic changes for the better. If we are to come anywhere close to achieving Mahoney's vision, work has to start on the individual level.

What would happen if everyone in the country made an effort to recycle more or use their cars less, or practiced more fiscal responsibility? Those small changes just might add up to something. It comes down to the Mahatma Gandhi quotation that teachers would write in your middle school yearbook: "Be the change you wish to see in the world." No one else will pull you out of that stagnant place.

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## Letter from the Student Senate President

With the striking of the bell at Convocation the 2011-2012 academic year has officially begun. The start of a new year can mean many things to different people. It can be a time for setting new goals and priorities, or a time for personal reflection. This year I had the distinct honor of addressing the incoming first-year class, and I took some time to think about what advice I would give to the class of 2015. Although my speech was aimed specifically at them, I realized the message was just as applicable to all of us. That message is about keeping your doors open in life.

In the figurative sense, leaving your doors open is a reminder to be open-minded and open to new people. However, the more literal idea of leaving your dorm room door open is equally valuable on a small campus like Dickinson's. It is a way of inviting people into your room, and an opportunity to share experiences and stories with people from many different backgrounds. This is how we create dialogue and conversation, which are the foundations of learning and friendship. It is through these interactions that we grow and develop as individuals. We embrace new ideas and reconsider old paradigms in ways that force us to reflect on who we are and who we want to be.

For first-years this is a reminder that you are all new to the Dickinson community. You have the opportunity to engage your peers and make new friends. However, for upperclassmen, use this time as an opportunity to think about your involvement and how you can contribute to the betterment of this campus. It is never too late to make new friends and get involved. Too often we become accustomed to the status quo. We forget why we chose Dickinson, and sometimes grow disillusioned. When this happens it is unacceptable to do nothing. Dickinson is not a place for those who wish to stand idly and watch as the world develops around them. It is a place where each and every one of us recognizes our duty to be involved, to have an opinion, and to always stand up for what you believe. Use your remaining time here to make a difference; it is never too late.

As the Student Senate President it is easy for me to talk about change and to deliver an energetic speech. However, if we cannot harness that energy and put it to good use, then all of this talk will be for nothing. That is my challenge for this year: to stay true to my principles and advocate every day for the interests of my peers. I will do my best to keep my doors open, but I cannot do it alone. Now it is your turn to accept the challenge. A challenge to be creative and to think critically, a challenge to be involved in your community, a challenge to engage your peers in meaningful conversations, but most of all, a challenge to be true to yourself and grow into the person that you want to be. If you can do that, then everything else will soon fall into place.

I look forward to serving as your Senate President this year, and hope that we can all work together to ensure that this college always realizes its full potential.

Austin Farneth '12 Student Senate President

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## Cartoon of the Week

By Rena Collector '12  
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## An Early Taste of Autumn

### White Chocolate Chip Cranberry Oatmeal Cookie Recipe

By Melanie Levine '13  
Contributing Writer

Even in college there is no better “after school” snack than delicious homemade cookies. There is just something so comforting about warm cookies from the oven. Baking at school is a great way to release any stress and also to meet new people. Offer some baked goods to people in your common room or your new neighbors and you will surely make some friends. Even though it is still technically summer, now that we are back in school it feels like fall is here. I love fall foods, and these white chocolate chip cranberry oatmeal cookies are a perfect bite of autumn. Although the name is ridiculously long, it is worth it. The dried cranberries make these cookies chewy and also add some sweetness. The oatmeal adds a great texture by making these cookies nice and hearty. It also reduces the amount of flour and guilt for the health conscience cookie lover. With a bit of cinnamon the cookies have a delicious spicy flavor perfect to have with apple cider or a spice chai latte from the Quarry. The white chocolate brings the sweetness to round out a perfect combination of ingredients. But don't forget to add the most important ingredient of all: a tablespoon of love.

#### White Chocolate Chip Cranberry Oatmeal Cookies

1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour 1 teaspoon baking soda 1/2 teaspoon salt 1 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon 1 cup (2 sticks) butter or margarine, softened 3/4 cup granulated sugar 3/4 cup packed brown sugar 2 large eggs 1 teaspoon vanilla extract 3 cups quick or old-fashioned oats 1 cup white chocolate chips 1 1/2 cups dried cranberries

Preheat oven to 350° F.

Combine, flour, baking soda, salt and cinnamon in small bowl. Beat butter, granulated sugar, brown sugar, eggs and vanilla extract in large bowl. Gradually beat in flour mixture. Stir in oats, cranberries, and white chocolate chips. Drop by rounded tablespoon onto ungreased baking sheets.

Bake for 10-12 minutes. Cool on baking sheets for 1 - 2 minutes; remove to wire racks to cool completely.



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## Tips for Tips: Lessons from a Waitress

By Laura Schorfheide '13  
Life & Style Editor

A note card with the quote, "If you need help, help others" has been in my desk drawer since spring of my first year at college. This phrase reminds me that people can benefit from small acts of kindness, and performing community service for others gives me that clichéd good feeling inside. But as I learned this past summer, although waitressing is a type of service, in the food industry this phrase boils down to, "If you need financial aid, assist others in receiving food and hope that they think your service is decent."

It is true that community service is a voluntary act of kindness and waitressing is a job, two categories that may not seem right to compare. However, considering that my job title is a server and my job description is ultimately to serve food and provide good service, I cannot help but to compare it to my experiences with community service. Working as a server is like the evil cousin of community service; walking out of a restaurant after a shift draws more attention to the ache in your feet and legs rather than a warm, fuzzy feeling inside that you may have from performing genuine help to others. Instead of offering your skills to others while expecting to receive nothing in return, as a waitress you often suck-up to your customers and hope that they liked you and the food enough to leave a decent tip.

Despite the differences between community service and waitressing, there are important lessons to be learned while running to and from tables and around the kitchen. Like most blogs will tell you if you search "how to be a good waitress," it is crucial to smile, move quickly and check your orders before bringing it to the table. However, important lessons can be learned from serving other people, no matter what the circumstance is. I have decided to compile a few things I have learned during my summer of waitressing that performing community service has not emphasized.

Firstly, a positive attitude despite unfavorable circumstances makes a terrible day more manageable. There are times when every other little thing goes wrong, and the only thing you want to do is take a nap and forget about it. As a waitress, showing fatigue is like asking the customer to give you a lower tip. Being welcoming and relaxed not only makes others happier, but you will also feel more in control. Wallowing in self-pity is not productive, and the simple act of greeting someone with a smile, even if it's the last thing you want to do, can help improve your attitude.

I also learned to always be a few steps ahead of myself. Instead of thinking about one task at a time, I had a running checklist in my mind. I found this to be helpful when I was on the brink of being overwhelmed (or if I had already crossed that threshold and was closer to a meltdown). When I knew exactly what I was going to do, tasks seemed more manageable. With focus and efficiency, you remain on top of your work and feel more in control. Of course, flexibility is important if and when something unexpected disrupts your mental checklist.

Lastly, know how to gracefully take responsibility for your actions as well as other problems that are not a result of your wrongdoing. Sometimes I personally took the blame for a mistake made in the kitchen or at the register. Although you may feel like explaining how it is not your fault, complaining or finger pointing does no good; it is often easier to apologize and fix it yourself. At the same time, do not let yourself be pushed around and stand up for yourself when needed. And remember, if a customer is particularly rude, kill them with kindness instead of spitting in their food.

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## ‘Planet of the Apes’: Rise of a Better Prequel

By Hannah Kren '14  
Contributing Writer

In the age of the never-ending movie franchise, “Rise of the Planet of the Apes,” directed by Rupert Wyatt, is a decent prequel to Franklin Schaffner’s 1968 film “Planet of the Apes.” If you are looking for big bangs and explosions, I would look elsewhere. This film stands by the original as more of a touching drama about the foolishness of man than a mind numbing action film. The movie follows the story of Caesar, the son of an experimental chimpanzee rescued by the guilty doctor, Will Rodman (James Franco), who was affected from his mother by an experimental Alzheimer’s cure causing his intelligence to skyrocket. Although a little different, Caesar seems to enjoy a blissful childhood being raised by Will Rodman, his Alzheimer’s stricken father, Charles (John Lithgow) and the kind veterinarian, Caroline Aranha (Freida Pinto). It isn’t until Caesar is incarcerated that he learns the true cruelty of man and decides to take action and change the history of the world.



*Courtesy of Google Images*

*“Rise of the Planet of the Apes” hit theaters Aug. 5 this fall.*

Overall the mood of the film is perfect. Although there is enough action to keep you on the edge of your seat, the base of the film is rooted in a heart-felt drama. Although the general plot of the underdog turning the tables of his oppressors is a bit of a cliché, the film is decent enough that it does not drag and keeps the mind occupied. The characters are enduring, and the messages of grouping together and raising up to face the adversary are comforting subjects.

The acting in “Rise of the Planet of the Apes” was relatively good; it was heartfelt and not forced. Even though I do not believe that this film will win any awards for the acting, the performances from James Franco, who you might recognize as playing Harry Osborn (the Green Goblin) in the Spiderman series of the 2000’s, and Freida Pinto, who has come a long way from her breakthrough role in “Slumdog Millionaire” playing the older Latika. Both of these characters are convincing and seem to share the same self doubt about Caesar. Although they both care about him, they seem to be caught in a turmoil of guilt about the rights of animal research to save human lives as a necessary evil, and the rights of Caesar the great ape with a higher than normal IQ.

Although the plot and the acting are convincing, one of the more striking points of this film is the beauty of it. The technology that went into the making of this film was similar to “Avatar”. The CGI and special effects are flawless. The film is visually stunning and the facial expressions of the apes are wonderfully animated. Although the apes’ speech sign language has subtitles, it almost seems that even if they were removed the film would still make sense and carry the same weight.

Overall “Rise of the Planet of the Apes” is one of the better prequels to ever be made; with only subtle hints to the original movie anyone can see the film without feeling lost. The graphics are stunning and the characters are wholehearted and well developed. The actors’ performances were worthy of praise but not award winning by any stretch. In the end this film is nothing really new in the world of film, but it is entertaining. A little like comfort food—nothing you haven’t seen before but definitely worth watching. We can only hope that this movie sets a new example for Hollywood. If you are going to dig up a classic film and reboot a remake, prequel, or sequel, develop it, well put your heart into it and have a little class.

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## Football Relies on Young Talent

By Brian Schwartz '13  
Contributing Writer

For over a decade the Dickinson Red Devil football team has always been considered at the top of its class in Division III sports. With legends such as Ian Mitchell '10, Pat O'Connor '10 and Gordon Craig '10 still having their names mentioned in Red Devil football folklore, the sense of legacy and dominance in the Centennial Conference is constant. However, times have changed since those great players have graced Biddle Field with their spectacular moments. A new breed of Red Devil has been produced. The days of "captain fantastic" Mitchell are over and a new era of young talent begins with quarterback Todd Smolinsky '14 leading the charge. Smolinsky is considered by his former high school athletic director as one of the "top three quarterbacks" that have played for North Penn High School in Lansdale, PA. In Smolinsky's senior year he helped North Penn win a Suburban 1 Continental Championship and eventually made it all the way to the district final. Although he only took a few snaps last year and couldn't play the last few games due to a broken hand, his performances during spring training camp and summer preseason were noticed by head football coach Darwin Breaux. Coach Breaux said "Todd has the ability to throw and run, on top of being a good decision maker. He has performed well in the spring and thus far in pre-season."

While Smolinsky is at quarterback, one of his sophomore brethren will be standing strong beside him. Mike Capone '14 will be the starting fullback for the Red Devils this season. Capone is a slightly more experienced player in the centennial conference than Smolinsky, playing in eight games last year and finishing fourth in rushing yards with 130. Look for Capone to play an even bigger role this season and to be used as another weapon for the Red Devil offense. Finally, with Craig graduating and taking his amazing, record-breaking kick with him, Dickinson has some questions to answer on special teams. Although David London '12 seems to be the obvious choice to replace Craig, the Red Devil front office made a good decision to recruit the talents of first-year Adam Kaminski '15. Kaminski graduated from Bishop Shanahan High School in Exton, PA and was considered to be one of the best athletes. He broke the record for most varsity letters in a senior year with 14, playing in four different sports, including football. Using his talents at soccer as a weapon to impress the football coach, he became the starting kicker for the Bishop Shanahan High School football team.

This team would not be complete without a strong group of senior leadership. Andrew Fink '12, starting defensive back, is one of two defensive captains for this season's squad. He totaled 58 tackles last season, including 38 solos. The other starting defensive captain is Scott Sullivan '12. Last season he ranked second in tackles with 84 while also being a big presence in the air with three interceptions. With Fink and Sullivan on the defensive line, the Red Devils are guaranteed to cause problems for opposing offenses. The other two captains, Cam Di Fede '12 and Michael Tucker '12, are both on the offensive side of the ball, but are major threats to any defense. Although Di Fede only caught one touchdown last season, he is a great deep threat and can be used to gain big yardage down field. He finished third in receiving yards with 215. Also, keep in mind, almost every year Di Fede was in the shadow of, now former Red Devil receiver, Craig Helfer '11. Since Helfer's departure, fans should expect Di Fede to be the number one throwing option for Smolinsky. Tucker is the complete opposite from Di Fede. Tucker is a 6-0, 245 lb, offensive lineman, who knows how to tackle. He and Di Fede have proven time after time to be great leaders on and off the field.

This is a team with an enormous amount of talent. If they can come together and play as the skilled team that they have the potential to be, then be prepared for a phenomenal season.

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## XC Squads Read and Set

By Kevin Cottingham '13  
Associate Sports Editor

Following a remarkable fifth place finish at Division III Nationals last season and having finished in the top three in the Centennial Conference every year since 1998, the Dickinson Men's Cross Country team has some big running shoes to fill this fall. The titles and accolades the previous team accrued have created some high expectations for the Devils. While replacing last year's seniors, who included two top-55 runners at Nationals in Kent Pecora '11 and Brian Krusell '11, will not be easy, this year's group of runners look to have the talent and depth to build off of what they accomplished last season.

The team's top finisher at Nationals last year, Omar Hyjek '14, could be poised for a fantastic second season, as could classmate Henry Mynatt. Another strong senior class for the Devils, led by David Breen and Dylan Straughan, should provide some veteran leadership for the team's younger runners that give this year's squad a lot of depth. Dennis Young '12 agrees, stating, "We probably have 10 or 15 guys who would have been good enough to make the top seven on any other team in school history. That depth should serve us well in trying to win our third conference championship in four years."

The women's Cross Country team faces similar levels of expectations following a second place finish at Centennial Conference Championships and a 22nd place finish at Nationals. Coming back as one of the top runners in the conference, Catherine Campbell '12 returns for her final season as a Devil. After grabbing First-team All-Centennial Conference honors and a top-60 finish at Nationals last season, Campbell aims for even bigger things this fall with fellow seniors Julie McTernan and Rebecca Robbins providing leadership alongside her. Much of the Red Devils' success last year also came from a group of first-years, led by Taylor Ludman and Emily Miller, which could propel the women to greater heights this fall as they now have a year of experience under their belts.

Despite graduating some of their top runners from last season, both teams know they have the talent to pick up right where they left off and literally hit the ground running towards another successful season. However, it takes more than talent alone to reach the level of performance the Devils are used to reaching. It also takes heart and determination, something that Young also thinks plays to the Devils' advantage. "Guys are going to have to sublimate their egos and train really hard. If we do those two things, we could accomplish something pretty special this fall."

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## Fresh Talent Kicks Off Men's Soccer

By Mike Bennett '12  
Sports Editor

The Dickinson College men's soccer team will kick off its season on Saturday, Sept. 3 at 2 p.m. against Scranton. There's a feeling of refreshment among this year's squad. In 2010, the team started with playoff expectations and championship hopes.

With a great combination of fresh talent and senior leadership, it seemed as if the Red Devils were poised to climb atop the conference standings. Largely due to a difficult schedule and overall lack of spark, Dickinson missed the playoffs by one game, finishing with a record of 10-4-3 overall. Needless to say, redemption is in the air at Dickinson Park, but Ben Gemberling-Johnson '12 said it best: "We definitely fell short last year, but we know what we need to do to get back into the conference championship."

Before we get too excited, it's worth noting that the locker room will be without the likes of Mark Lyle '11, Mike Montross '11, Tom Parkinson '11, Tim Rahauser '11 and Dale Rodman '11. These graduated seniors will be deeply missed, but their absences yield more playing time for promising young players. Javier Mena '14 and Derek Kachadurian '14 look to continue finding the back of the net, as they were tied for eighth in the conference in scoring last year. Shep Waldenberger '13 and Sung Woo Kim '13 make a fine junior duo that will consistently set up plays and tally assists. Cody Hickok will assume his role in front of the net. He earned the starting spot after finishing fourth in the conference in Goals Against Average last season.

Let's not forget the seniors, led by Team Captain Taylor Ferry '12. P.J. Levinsky, Bryan Gilmartin and Gemberling-Johnson make up the small group of four-year players that aims to provide the leadership and discipline needed to get back to the conference championship.

"Our team is really talented, we just need to prove that we have the discipline and the work ethic to win big games," said Gemberling-Johnson. "We also really appreciate the support from our fans. [They] literally make every game ten times more exciting."

The competition will be fierce, as expected in Centennial Conference soccer. Four of Dickinson's scheduled opponents rank in the top 25 for the NSCAA pre-season poll, including the #1 ranked team, Messiah.

If the Devils stick to disciplined and determined play, there is no reason they cannot find themselves back in the conference play offs. If the fans keep up the strong attendance, we might even find the squad back in the championship.

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## Field Hockey Excited for a New Season

By John O'Neil '14  
Sports Writer

Newfound excitement surrounds Dickinson College's field hockey team due to the arrival of first-year head coach Caitlin Williams. Williams, a 2008 graduate of Duke University, was hired last February after serving as an assistant at her alma mater for the previous three seasons, two of which saw the Blue Devils finish in the top 10. Now at the Division III level, Williams will look to implement her successful style of play to a program that has struggled over the last few years. Williams has instilled a confidence amongst the players due to a greater focus on work ethic and commitment not only to the program but to the other members of the team. There has been a bigger focus on team chemistry this year.

The Captains are Lauren Kelly '12, Katie Mersky '12 and Claire Mammen '12. Kelly will start at center-midfield while Mersky will be at midfield and Mammen will be at the right-back position. Tanya Bellingham '13 brings a lot of experience to the center-forward position, and classmates Alex Boorse '13, Laura Hitchings '13 and Marybeth McCarthy '13 round out the returning starters that are looking to have their most successful season as a part of the DCFH program.

"We've been making the progress to become a better team," said Mammen. "Coach Williams definitely brought on a better attitude with team camaraderie." She also pointed out big improvements from returning sophomores, especially goalie Katy Schlechtweg '14.

To go along with the plethora of experienced players, there are also plenty of new faces on the team 8 first years will suit up for the Red Devils. The new additions bring a great deal of speed to the team and several look to contribute right away. Dickinson opens up at home against Bridgewater College on Friday, Sept. 2 at 4:00 p.m. before facing Eastern Mennonite College the following day. The Eastern Mennonite game will also be home.

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## Injuries Cloud Women's Soccer

By Justin Farrell '13  
Sports Writer

You cannot ask for more from a team than what the Dickinson Women's Soccer team accomplished last year. The Red Devils fell one goal short of winning the Centennial Conference Championship, won the first two rounds of the NCAA Tournament before falling to Messiah 3-0 in the third round, rallied off a team high 11 straight wins, pitched 13 shutouts, and won 3 games in overtime while winning another in double OT. They also had four players named to all conference teams: Annie Weichert '13, Genevieve Olson '12 and Ashley Kunkle '11 made first team, while Marissa Kunkle '13 made the second. Head Coach Kelly Tyrrell was also named coach of the year.

This year's team is not too much different than last year's. A large number of younger players will provide the team with depth behind the two lone seniors on the team: Brenna McKelvery '12 and Olson. This year's squad will also be returning its iron curtain defense, led by the iron horse herself McKelvery, who has not missed a start since arriving here as a first-year. Heather Jaran '13 and Ashley Fields '13 also anchor the strong defensive front with Annie Weichert '13 rounding them off in net for the Devils. This season, unfortunately, has not gotten off to the greatest of starts for the Devils, as they entered preseason with a laundry list of injuries that has grown and shrunk by the day. As of now they have about five players with knee injuries, mostly in the form of ACL injuries. Katie Branson '14 will return to the Devils lineup this season after missing majority of last season with a torn ACL, and Kim Callaghan '13 will also try and work her way back into the lineup after suffering the same injury in spring season. These are just two of the injuries that have kept Devils sidelined. Dickinson suffered its biggest blow in a scrimmage when Olson went down with a season-ending ACL injury.

While Olson's injury serves a huge loss to the team roster, the team has used it as inspiration. "We've been playing for Gen," said Jaran. "She is still so supportive on the sidelines, and a huge leader for our team. There's a lot of team camaraderie here."

Callaghan had this to say about the team and season: "We've had some season ending injuries already, but we're a young team and have some strong first-years that can definitely contribute to the team's success this year. I really think we can build off the momentum from last year. Hopefully have another great season."

They won a recent scrimmage 3-2, but will continue to improve for their opener this weekend against Brockport St. on Friday, Sept. 2 at 3:30 p.m. and Lycoming on Sept. 3 at 5 p.m. Great things will be expected from this team this year, but these girls seem ready for the challenges that lay before them. After what happened last year there does not seem to be any challenge that these women and this team cannot handle.

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## New Coach Brings High Hopes for Volleyball

By Kevin Cottingham '13  
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After a disappointing 2010 season, 6-16, for the Dickinson Women's Volleyball team, that included a 3-7 mark in Centennial Conference play, there was no denying that something had to change to get the program back on the right track. In response, Dickinson named Scott Reynolds as the new Head Women's Volleyball Coach this summer, and he has the team poised to undergo the transition necessary to bring more success to the program.

Despite the struggles and challenges that teams often face during a new coach's first season, it is not unrealistic to expect to see improvements right away with this year's team. They return many key players from last year, including Liz Norris '12, Avery Zuvic '13 and Grace Morgan '14. They will also hope to get a spark from some of their new players, mainly MacKenzie Masten '15 and Mia Bedford '15.

Coach Reynolds does not seem to expect the fact that the team is so young to deter his approach for the season. In fact, it looks to fit right in with his new system. "The team is fairly young, going through a significant amount of change," he pointed out. "Not only is the personnel being streamlined, but I am also taking the philosophy of the team in a different direction. While in the past, players were allocated to specific positional roles, my philosophy revolves around building more of an all around player which seems to fit the current roster."

The season begins for the Devils on Friday, Sept. 2nd at the St. Vincent Tournament, which stretches the course of the weekend. There are sure to be some bumps along the way this year with a new coach at the helm and many new faces on the floor, yet there also looks to be a lot of excitement to look forward to with this brand new Devils volleyball team.

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