



Getting to Know Dr. Robert Huntington

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Staff Writer

As Heidelberg College begins its transformation from a College to a University, the Board of Trustees has added an important ingredient to the challenging conversion.

Following a nationwide search, which yielded 75 strong candidates, Dr. Robert Huntington will begin his term as Heidelberg's 14th president on July 1, filling the position currently being held on an interim basis by Dr. Jim Troha.

According to the Heidelberg Web site, Huntington brings 15 years of higher education experience, along with 25 years of corporate experience.

Huntington currently serves as chair for the institutional advancement committee at Lasell College, while simultaneously working in numerous executive and vice-presidential roles for Dunkin' Brands.

Huntington is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Middlebury College and earned his master's degree in German literature from Middlebury's University of Mainz (Germany) program.

Also, he earned his MBA from Dartmouth's Tuck School of Business and his Ed.D. degree in higher education administration, planning and social policy from the Harvard University Graduate School of Education.

The Heidelberg Board of Trustees clearly identified several areas of challenge and opportunity for the incoming president to tackle. Many of those are related to finances.

While Huntington's professional credentials have been well publicized, most of his personal interests are not widely known. For this reason, the following personal questions were posed to him:

1. *Name the person you most admire and explain why.*

My own father (Bob) and my deceased father-in-law (John) because they both worked long and hard in their respective professions, earned tremendous respect from their peers, provided a lot for their children, conducted their lives with incredible honesty and humility and gave so much away in time and talent to others.

2. *List four people that you like to have at your dinner table.*

I would invite six people to dinner. Jesus, because I would like to hear him tell his story. Nietzsche, because he was the most challenging thinker of the last 300 years. I would have him sit next to the first guest.

Lincoln, because we need a lot of help right now. J.K. Rowling, because she is the most imaginative creative writer of our generation.

Pete Townshend, because he is the most imaginative rock musician of our generation. And Rita, the girl that grew up with my sister and me before she disappeared 35 years ago, because I would want to tell her dad before he dies that she came home. Clearly, I would need a bigger table.

3. *Name your favorite movie and list the best quote that you can remember.*

I still cannot get past the greatness of "Schindler's List" and his cry near the end when he says "I could have saved more of them!"

I like all five of the Harry Potter movies, especially that Dumbledore line to Harry in the second one, "It is our choices, Harry, that show what we truly are, more than our abilities."

And I still love "The Sound of Music" after all these years and every line that Julie Andrews sings.

4. *Name your favorite sitcom of all-time.*

"M.A.S.H."

5. *From your favorite sitcom, your most beloved character.*

Radar, because he was such an unassuming, hard-working, funny and dedicated guy who kept everything glued together. It was always amusing to see the colonel yell for Radar, turn abruptly and then bump right into him.

6. *Favorite restaurant and the meal you are most likely to order.*

Practically any restaurant when I am with my wife, Susan, is the best. I like Italian meals. There is this neighborhood family pub out in Portland, Ore., near where I grew up and they have the best hand-packed hamburgers and sweet potato fries that my brother and I know about.

7. *Name your favorite snack food.*

Blue corn organic tortilla chips with lime salsa. I also like dried cranberries and an assortment of granola bars.

8. *When you order a pizza, what toppings do you choose?*



I like eggplant, mushrooms, red peppers, onions, ham and pineapple. However, with kids around, I eat a lot of plain cheese. I have never ordered pizza with brussel sprouts and anchovies.

9. *Do you consider yourself more of a cool-headed person or a warm-hearted person?*

Although I consider myself a warm-hearted person, and would like to be thought of that way, I tend to approach things through my thoughts and a fair amount of mindful deliberation. I do not know how cool that makes me.

10. *Which rules you more: your head or your heart?*

It's a smoothie-like blend.

Although the old adage proclaims that we can pick our friends but not our family, the Board of Trustees selected Huntington as a good fit for the Heidelberg community. Who knows, maybe Huntington will implement blue organic tortilla chips with lime salsa night at Hoernemann.

NSSE May Equal Free Gas Card

Katherine Pierce
Staff Writer

Freshmen and seniors, watch out! Heidelberg is giving free gas cards away to a lucky few. All that is required to get in on this exciting raffle is your opinion.

Heidelberg will be administering the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) to freshman and seniors to receive feedback about students' college experiences so far. This information will help Heidelberg administrators change policies to better help students be successful.

In an e-mail interview, Dr. Virginia Gregg, college assessment coordinator and associate professor of psychology, said there will be free gas card drawings for students who participate in the NSSE. Gregg also said that the earlier a student participates, the more chances he or she will have to win.

The survey will be administered in early February, Gregg explained. Students will be able to access the survey via an e-mail from Interim President Troha.

The NSSE's questions focus on "student participation in programs and activities that institutions provide for their learning and personal development" according to the survey's Web site. Some of the services Heidelberg offers to aid in this progress are the Career Development Center and the See GAS CARD, pg. 7

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Campus Weather Emergency Policy & Procedures for 2008-09

These are the steps Heidelberg takes to be sure that faculty, staff and students are safe during inclement weather.

1.) When the Seneca County Sheriff's Department and the City of Tiffin Police Department declare the roads in Seneca County and the City of Tiffin impassable and motorists are advised to stay off the roads and highways, Dustin Brentlinger, dean of students, in collaboration with Dave Weininger, vice president for academic affairs, and Rick Raymond, vice president for administration, will determine whether classes should be delayed or cancelled for that day, and if offices will be closed. The decision will be made as early as possible in order to inform employees and students.

2.) All Arrowhead class closing decisions will be made by the office of academic affairs and Mike Pratt, dean of professional

studies. Decisions regarding graduate school classes on the Tiffin campus will be made by the office of academic affairs.

3.) The following media sources will be utilized to inform students, staff and faculty of delays or closings: WTTF (Tiffin – 1600 AM) and WCKY (Tiffin – 103.7 FM); WTVG-TV (Toledo – Channel 13), WNWP (Toledo – Channel 24), and WTOL-TV (Toledo – Channel 11).

4.) Dustin Brentlinger and/or another identified college official will notify Christine McArthur, Web and electronic communications manager, for the purpose of posting the weather emergency information on the college Web site.

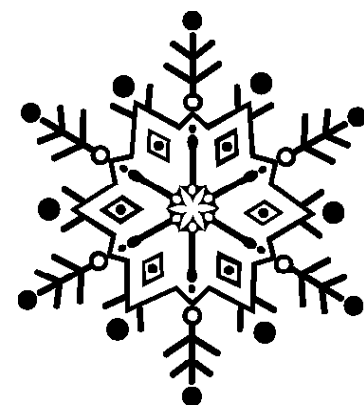
The senior student affairs on-call person will send notification to all faculty and staff with the Emergency Notification System

5.) Heidelberg Security will be

available by phone during periods of delay or closing.

6.) It is important to realize that, due to being a residential college, there are essential services that must be provided at all times.

Essential services personnel include the associate vice president for facilities and engineering and all members of Krammes service



center staff, the dean of students, the director of food service, the senior security officer and the vice

president for administration.

Each of these employees will be expected to determine what members of his or her staff should also be present at that time

7.) Rod Morrison, associate vice president for facilities and engineering, will utilize the appropriate staff to make sure all paved parking areas will be cleared.

Delay of Classes

If the decision is made to delay the opening, Monday, Wednesday and Friday classes will be scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. (8 a.m. and 9 a.m. classes will be cancelled).

Tuesday and Thursday classes will convene at 9:30 a.m.

Faculty Unable To Reach Campus

From a memo dated 1/18/99 from the vice president for academic affairs:

"Unless classes are delayed or

cancelled by the College, faculty members are expected to meet their classes. However, if a faculty member feels that he or she cannot safely travel to campus for class, the faculty member should do the following:

1.) Call 448-2216 and leave a message with the following information: Name, Department, day when classes will not be held.

2.) Whenever possible, faculty should call with the message before 7:30 a.m. It is important that this information is available for commuters as early as possible.

This information will be transferred to a special voice mailbox that has been created for weather related information. By calling 448-2222 students will be able to learn which faculty members are not holding class prior to driving to campus or leaving the residence hall."

Financial Aid Renewal Process: FAFSA for 2009-10 Due March 1

It is time to file your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the 2009-10 academic year at www.fafsa.ed.gov. You can access your FAFSA information using your PIN on the Web. Please complete the FAFSA by March 1st.

We encourage you to submit your 2009-10 FAFSA over the Internet. If you do not have a PIN, you will need to obtain one before you begin.

1.) **Get a PIN.** Your Pin number will serve as your electronic signature. It will also be your password to access information on Student Financial Aid Systems.

To get a PIN or request a duplicate go to www.pin.ed.gov. Your PIN will be mailed or e-mailed to you. Both the student and one parent need to have a PIN.

2.) **Access your information.**

Once you have a PIN, you can electronically access your information at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

You will only need to update information that has changed since last year. Processing is free and secure, and generally is complete 7-14 days faster than if you filled out and mailed a paper application.

View Financial Aid Awards in OASIS2

Financial aid awards will be available online in OASIS2. We will notify you through your Heidelberg e-mail address when your award is ready.

We will begin releasing awards in March for students that have complete FAFSA files and no satisfactory academic issues.

This earlier release is beneficial for students and their families to take care of their financial arrangements before going home for the summer.

Student Employment Hiring Cards Required

We will continue the current hiring process for student employees.

All students will be required to have either work study eligibility or a non-work study job approved through the financial aid office and listed on the Financial Aid Award before they begin to work.

All supervisors will have a hiring card that will be signed by both the supervisor and student prior to employment.

Satisfactory Academic Progress

Before your financial aid will be official, we must review grades and hours passed for Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP).

In order to be eligible to receive financial aid for the 2009-10 school year, students must maintain satisfactory academic

progress (SAP) mandated by the federal government.

To maintain SAP at Heidelberg, full time students must pass 24 semester hours the prior year and maintain the minimum required GPA based upon the total hours attempted.

Please refer to the college catalog for specific grade point average requirements. Please review your status, so you are aware of your own progress.

Off Campus Living

All students wishing to live off-campus **must apply for approval** through the Office of Residence Life before their financial aid award can be packaged to reflect this status.

Studying Abroad

The financial aid office requests students to notify our office directly if they will be studying in an abroad program so financial aid

awards can be packaged according to the program's cost.

Deadline for Fall 2009 is Feb 28. Limited financial aid is available.

If you have any questions or concerns, stop by our office in College Hall, call us at extension 2293 or e-mail at financial-aid@heidelberg.edu.

College Goal Sunday

College Goal Sunday offers college students FREE, professional help filling out the FAFSA. Pre-registration for this event is highly encouraged.

On Feb 8, beginning promptly at 2p.m., financial aid professionals will be available to walk students and their families through the financial aid application. Feel free to attend the site most convenient for you. To view a list of the sites in Ohio and to pre-register, please visit www.ohiocollegegoalsunday.org.

Q&A With Interim President Jim Troha



Near the end of last semester, students in MED 212: Introduction to Journalism posed the following questions to Interim President Jim Troha; his responses (provided by e-mail) follow:

1) Are there still plans to build an athletic and recreation center?

Yes, there are definite plans for a recreation and activity complex, commonly referred to as the "RAC."

The architectural drawings for the main component of this complex, which totals almost 50,000 sq. ft. of new space, are nearly complete.

This space includes a regulation 200-meter track, four multi-purpose courts (b-ball, v-ball, tennis), cardio/fitness area, new athletic offices and locker rooms.

It is important to mention that this space is intended to be for ALL students; this is not a facility for just student-athletes.

Phase I was the multi-purpose athletic field that was completed this summer. The facility I am describing above is Phase II.

2) When will this be done?

I wish I had a firm answer. It will simply depend on how quickly we can raise the money to build it.

3) Are there any plans to further develop Heidelberg's art program? For example, are there plans to add an art building or offer additional art classes?

I am not aware of any plans to expand the art program, including adding an art facility.

4) What are the plans for Laird?

Laird will be undergoing a major transformation shortly. Already renamed Adams Hall after John Q. Adams (class of 1958) who gave \$2 million for its renovation, this facility will house our new school of business.

It is a \$5 million project and we have nearly \$4 million pledged toward its completion. We are VERY excited about this project and what it will do for our business program.

5) Are there plans to make all campus buildings handicap accessible?

We attempt to make improvements each and every year. Some areas are easier to make progress on than others. From curb cuts to restroom facilities to general building access, we have invested heavily in improvements over the years and will continue to do so. This is very important to us.

6) What is the status of the plans between Heidelberg and the city of Tiffin to improve the streets around campus/improve the flow of traffic near campus? What is the time frame

to implement these improvements?

I just met with Tiffin's mayor this week [week of Jan. 12] to discuss this very issue. We are progressing on schedule to complete improvements to Greenfield St. and the intersection near Aigler and Perry St.

It is an extremely complicated process because of the federal dollars involved and the need to include the department of transportation.

There are multiple agencies involved and that does indeed slow things up. But it will get done and it will be a terrific improvement to our campus and community.

7) What is the schedule for repairs to residence halls (e.g., King could use new carpets, new showers, etc.)?

France Hall is next on the list, relative to major renovation. We conduct general maintenance and repairs on all of our facilities during the course of the year, but, like we did with Brown Hall, France is in need of a major facelift.

King would probably be after France. Depending on enrollment growth, we have also considered new construction as well.

I understand how important it is to provide quality living space and thus it remains a high priority item for us.

If you have a question you would like Interim President Troha to address in an upcoming issue of The Kilikilik, please e-mail it to Sam Dailey, editor in chief, at sdailey@heidelberg.edu; please put "Troha Q&A" in the subject line.

Treacherous Stairway

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It is clear that the large amount of snow and ice that's fallen this winter season in the Tiffin area has caused trouble and even danger for those who live in or travel through the city.

Heidelberg is no exception to some of the problems presented by the large quantity of snow, and there are even some dangerous spots on campus.

One of these locations would be the stairs by the Krieg dormitory that is often in use by students.

There have been many reports of students slipping down the steps; some have even fallen and gotten injured trying to travel to classes.

An informal survey of 12 students was taken asking if students had personally experienced any trouble with the stairs.

The first question asked was if they had ever slipped on the ice-covered stairs. Nine of the 12 said they had slipped at least once on the stairs, some even stating to have done so numerous times.

Next the students were asked if they had ever fallen on the stairs, which four admitted to having done. One student even admitted to actually hurting herself falling down the icy stairs.

With the number of accidents being reported, earlier this month Heidelberg was forced to close down the set of stairs most used

by students.

This greatly reduced the number of falls in that area, but the Krieg stairs are not the only area on campus that has treacherous ice.

It was then asked of the 12 students if they had any suggestions or warnings for people traveling the campus; a couple of students suggested buying winter boots to wear to class.

One student said, "I'd been having trouble walking to my classes; I was always slipping

on the ice all the time. So I finally went and bought boots, and I can actually walk to class without slipping every step. They work much better than normal shoes."

Other students said it was a good idea to be sure to leave for your destination sooner so that you aren't rushed, reducing your chance of slipping on frozen sidewalks.

All of these suggestions could definitely improve the chances of keeping safe from falling during the winter season.

The ice and snow have proven to be a true menace thus far this winter season and will probably remain a problem for the remainder of the season.

So remember to always account for the slippery dangers that are waiting outdoors and take precautions to ensure your safety. But don't forget to sit back and enjoy winter's beauty!

New Campus Keycards: Security Friend or Foe to Berg Students?

Garrett Nash
Staff Writer

Upon returning from winter break, Heidelberg students were welcomed with a new step toward security with the installment of the new keycard system. These new keycards replace hall keys to get in and out of the building. Students are still, however, in need of their room keys.

The question is, though, will these new keycards be a welcome addition to students. In this writer's opinion, the keycard system is both cost- and security-efficient. I live in a house off campus and would prefer not to have to fish out keys if I was entering Miller or Brown Hall at night. It is also much easier to carry your student identification card (ID) with you

than a string of keys.

Most students I had the pleasure of interviewing spoke highly of the system. Chris Washko, a senior resident adviser, said, "They are great for security purposes and convenience. As soon as all the kinks are out, everyone will like it!"

Not all the students however are as pleased with the system.

Freshman Amelia Kemner spoke out against the system, noting "if they were going to use these systems why didn't they make sure they were in complete working order before we got back?"

Other students have said that they would prefer to have kept their keys instead of changing to the brand new key card system

since they keep their IDs in their dorm rooms.

Without a doubt this writer is a big fan of subtracting a key from the old key chain and adding just a small piece of plastic to the back pocket for easy access to wherever you live. In the end the system is in, and we are all sliding plastic. So I ask one question, are the cards your friend or foe?

Economy's Effect on Student Loans

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Across America, and all over the world, economic recession is causing hardships. With the recession experts say that it may become much harder for some students to acquire student loans.

The economic stress leaves many students at Heidelberg with questions and concerns regarding their ability to make ends meet.

"I left the bulk of my financial decisions to my parents," said sophomore Brent Holmes. "It wasn't a great idea; now I have no idea how my finances work, and therefore no idea how to get through this recession."

Holmes isn't the only one with questions. "Even if I get accepted to a grad school, how am I supposed to pay for it with the student loans I already took?" asked senior Garrison Gondek.

Answers are not abundant for these people, but answers are out there. Finding answers to questions like these is the job of Juli Weinger, director of the office of financial aid, here at Heidelberg.

In spite of the ongoing economic crisis, business at the financial aid office will remain much as it has been.

Weinger said that the financial aid office is well

equipped to deal with students who are worried about being able to pay for college, even in times like these.

"This is not the worst we've ever seen," said Weinger, "but we do anticipate that things will get worse."

Designed to cope with fluctuations in the economy, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, is recalculated annually, which makes it easier for the financial aid office to reassess the need for financial aid.

"Processes are already in place to deal with changes in the economy," said Juli Weinger.

The office constantly reevaluates the basis for awarding financial aid, and the recession will not affect the way they do business.

But what the FAFSA does not account for, is if a change in family income takes place or is scheduled to take place during the pending year.

Unexpected events that reduce a family's ability to pay for college, such as job loss or pay cuts, are not addressed by the FAFSA, and if occurrences such as these take place after the FAFSA is filled out, there's not an easy way to make these changes known to the

federal government.

Things like job loss or pay cuts are what Weinger calls special cases. Weinger noted that special cases such as these are likely to become more and more common as we move through this crisis.

"We're really trying to pay attention to each student's individual concern," said Weinger. Weinger said that the financial aid office has been able to help many students pay for college.

Despite her predictions that things are likely to get worse, the number of special cases has yet to escalate noticeably.

"We haven't been overwhelmed yet," said Weinger, who doesn't anticipate the ensuing crisis will become necessarily unmanageable.

Weinger said that students who are concerned about their ability to pay for college should visit the financial aid office for advice.

Weinger also identified two Web-sites that are often useful in determining solutions to financial issues. Both www.finaid.org and www.fastweb.com are recommended by the Heidelberg Financial Aid office, and both are free for registration by the public.

Heidelberg's Student Research Conference

On Feb. 19, several students will partake in the 16th annual Minds At Work Student Research Conference. Not only will Heidelberg students be sharing their research, but also

attend any of the presentations throughout the day and hopefully find a presentation that sticks out to them. The presentations are from varying academic backgrounds, so students are



participants from area schools.

One of the goals of the conference is to "increase student interest and knowledge concerning academic research and scholarship" while also being able "to recognize, honor and reward academic excellence."

If interested, students can

encouraged to branch out and explore new areas of study.

Students have the opportunity to attend as many of the presentations as possible and learn more about what their fellow students have been up to and share in the new knowledge that they have acquired.

The Kilikilik Staff

Heidelberg's student newspaper, The Kilikilik, is located on the third floor of Founders Hall. Information about upcoming events, story ideas and letters to the editor are always encouraged and may be submitted to the Editor in Chief. Accepted submissions will be published in the next available issue. You can read The Kilikilik online at www.heidelberg.edu/studentlife/studentactivities/studentorganizations/kilikilik

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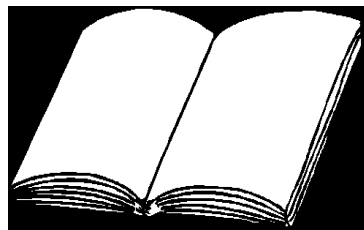
Club to Discuss "My Sister's Keeper"

Must I be my "sister's keeper"? Jodi Picoult addresses this question in her popular novel of the same title.

Come to the Friends of Beeghly Library Literary Club discussion on Feb. 5 at 7:30 p.m. to consider whether it is right to conceive a child in order to provide life-sustaining medical assistance to another, and whether the resultant child is obligated to fulfill the medical needs of that sibling.

At the age of 13, Anna Fitzgerald seeks medical

emancipation from her parents so that she can make her own



decisions about just how much she is willing to do for her leukemia stricken sister, Kate.

Anna's action unsettles her

loving family life, revealing the hidden turmoil of a family in stress.

According to the "Daily News" in New York, this book "has the emotional tenacity to fuel tears and talk."

Copies of the book are available to borrow through OhioLINK or from the Beeghly Library Reserves collection. The Tiffin-Seneca County Library also has it as an audio book on cassettes.

The Literary Club discussions meet in the Rickard-Mayer Rare Books Room in Beeghly Library.

Charlie Brown is Coming to Town!

Sylvia Mieskes
Staff Writer

The musical comedy "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" will be performed in Gundlach Theatre on Feb. 18, 20 and 21 at 7 p.m and on Feb. 22 at 2 p.m.

It is the first time that there will be a musical in spring at Heidelberg.

And there's something else special about this musical: it is directed by David Glover, who is a communication and theatre arts major.

"You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" is a students only production. The show is produced by the honorary fraternity Alpha Psi Omega and the department of communication and theatre arts.

"We, the students, are basically free in what we want to do in the show. It is a students-only production," said Glover.

The musical's adviser is Dr. Chris Tucci, who is the director of the theatre at Heidelberg.

"Dr. Tucci is giving more life to the theatre. All in all, we will have seven productions this year and I am ecstatic to see more opportunities for our theatre department," said Glover

The relatively small cast comes to rehearsal four days a week for two hours. As there are only six characters, "they spend a lot of time on stage," said Glover.

This is very demanding for the cast as they have only short breaks in between.

"You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" is the first show Glover has directed himself.

Glover said that the most challenging thing he had to cope with was to use the actors' time efficiently. Time management, keeping track of the finances, organizing and working with more than 20 people are only a few tasks he had to fulfill in addition to all the creativity that is needed for directing a musical

comedy.

For Glover, it is especially important to "get things done in time."

Another challenge is to try to make 20-year-olds look like 8-year-olds or younger. Therefore, everything on stage needs to be a



David Glover directing cast at rehearsal. (Photo by Sylvia Mieskes)

little bit bigger, like for example a 6-foot couch, which makes the actors look smaller.

Glover's favorite character in "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" is Linus Van Pelt, because Glover himself played Linus when he was in sixth grade.

"Linus is also one of my mom's favorite characters that I have ever done," he explained.

Glover said that the production of "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" may be what made him interested in theatre production in the first place.

Garrison Gondek's (Linus) favorite character is Linus as well. "I like Linus, because he is way too smart for a 6-year-old. He is a little philosopher. But he also dances with a blanket and has a thumb fixation." For Gondek, dancing is the most difficult thing.

Gondek is the author of the play "The Audience," which will be performed at Heidelberg this spring. Furthermore, he played Cinderella's Prince in the musical "Into the Woods," which was performed at Heidelberg in the fall.

Jeff Meyers Jr. (Snoopy) was also involved in the musical "Into the Woods." "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" is his 19th production.

"I always loved Snoopy. When I was a child, my family exchanged Snoopy ornaments for Christmas," said Meyers.

For him, the most challenging thing about playing Snoopy is acting like a dog, because he only talks in monologues and his movements are a combination between walking and crawling.

For Dan Reichert (Charlie Brown) and Liz Kurtzman (Sally Brown) the music was the most difficult thing. They both were involved in "High School (Non) Musical."

"This is my first musical at Heidelberg" said Kurtzman.

Sally is Kurtzman's favorite character. "She is the youngest and gets away with a lot. She is just a lot of fun to play."

According to Kurtzman, playing a 4-year-old was not difficult for her at all. "I'm very good at being immature, and I like being goofy. I just think of my little cousins and act like them."

Robert Kowalczyk, who is a music major, is playing the role of Schroeder. For him, acting young and having the mentality of a 5-year-old was the most difficult thing. But he likes the material and the cast very much.

Darcy Young (Lucy Van Pelt) is a first-year-student who had a lead in "High School (Non) Musical."

This is her first musical at Heidelberg, and she enjoys the atmosphere of the rehearsals the most. "I like hanging around with everyone, and I enjoy performing."

Cast member Meyers offered the following invitation: "Come see [the] show. It's gonna be sweet."

Thank You to Campus From Dr. Huntington

Dear Heidelberg University Community:

Welcome to the New Year and spring semester! I hope that everyone enjoyed a wonderful holiday with their family and friends. My family celebrated a lot of fun time together with others at our present home in Massachusetts. The snowstorms put a nice wrap around everything.

I want to express my deep appreciation and gratitude to everyone for the tremendous reception that my family and I received during our visit to the campus last month.

Susan, Ashley, Aidan and I enjoyed meeting many of you, touring the college facilities, seeing the larger Tiffin area and participating in numerous events.

The warm spirit and gracious hospitality of our introduction made us feel naturally welcomed to the Heidelberg Family and more excited about joining this great institution.

I am in the process of finalizing

my transition plan for the next several months before starting as president in July. In close consultation with Dr. Jim Troha and Sondra Libman, I expect to be on campus for meetings and events several times during the upcoming months as part of my on boarding process, including the Board of Trustees meeting in February and Commencement in May.

In addition, I will join Dr. Troha and others for the annual Florida alumni event in March. Along with our ongoing communication and connection, these various activities will help me to continue learning and preparing in as supportive a manner as possible.

Indeed, I have much to learn about Heidelberg University.

In the meantime, I want to thank all of you again for the gracious welcoming into your community. I am honored to become your next president.

Thank you very much.
Rob Huntington

New Library Acquisitions

DECEMBER 2008

A very brief sampling of new items to Beeghly Library is listed below. If you would like to see the complete list, click on: cat.opal-libraries.org/ftlist and then click on Heidelberg's list.

- "90 Minutes in Heaven: A True Story of Death and Life," by Don Piper with Cecil Murphey. BT 846.3 .P56 2004

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Browns' New Coach Brings Controversy

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If you're a die-hard Browns fan, or even get on the bandwagon when they're actually winning, one thing is for certain, the season and organization can go one of two ways with the recent changes.

The first change is with the hiring of Eric Mangini, the former "spy gate" lame duck head coach of the New York Jets.

Mangini was introduced as the new head coach of the Cleveland Browns on Jan. 8. He will be the successor of the latest Browns scapegoat, Coach Romeo Crennel.

This hire will bring Mangini back to the organization where he started his NFL career 14 years ago.

Mangini started his career in the NFL as a paper-carrying, ball boy who mainly stood by a copier machine and handed the daily news updates to the media.

Mangini's first NFL coaching position was a quality control coach with the 1996 Baltimore

Ravens, following former Browns, Ravens, Jets and now current New England Patriots Head Coach Bill Belichick.

Mangini has posted a 23-25 record overall as a head coach with a 0-1 record in the post season with the only loss coming from the New England Patriots in the 2006 AFC Wild Card Game. He was the top candidate for the Browns' coaching vacancy.

Mary Kay Cabot of the Cleveland Plain Dealer reported that "Mangini vowed that he has a 'distinct vision of a team and of an organization. We want not just talented players, but talented players with character, selflessly driven toward the same goal.'"

These words are what every blue collar Cleveland Browns fan wants to hear.

The fact of the matter is if the Browns go 4-12 again, owner Randy Lerner will be hopping on the nearest jet out of Cleveland, but, if Mangini becomes the man to finally turn the Cleveland Browns around, Randy Lerner

could end up being labeled man of the year by Time magazine for picking the ugly duckling of the bunch who ended up making a team improve from a 4-12 record and rising again to the prominence of the NFL and AFC Central.

Many in the Cleveland media feel the decision to hire Mangini was the worst move of any owner in Cleveland sports history.

Heidelberg student Matt Cotman, sophomore, said, "There were better people available, and they could have brought in a much more talented coach."

Although Cotman was not excited about the new change, he stated, "I will always support the Cleveland Browns. I've felt the lows and highs of this organization, and I don't think that one or two bad decisions of Randy Lerner will stop me from being a Browns fan."

Through all of this one thing is clear, the new era of Cleveland Browns football will either kick off to a great start or will crash and burn.

Cavs Maintain Streak

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Is this the Cleveland Cavaliers best team ever? Cleveland fans seem to think so.

While interviewing 100 Heidelberg students, 87 percent of them stated that this is the best team that Cleveland has ever put together.

The Cavaliers have posted an amazing 20-game winning streak, and they show no signs of slowing down.

The Cavs are tied for the best record in the Eastern conference with the Boston Celtics, and there is no doubt that LeBron James is mentioned on the top of everyone's MVP voting ballot.

Right now the Cavs' record stands as the third best record in NBA history behind the 1985 Boston Celtics and the 1995 Chicago Bulls.

The starting cast for Cleveland is: LeBron "King" James, Zydrunas Ilgauskas, Mo Williams, Delonte West and "Big" Ben Wallace.

It has been speculated among

fans that that the Cavs will not lose a game at home this year.

Lebron James has the Cavs rolling, and there is no sign of stopping them.

Earlier this season there was talk about Lebron not being with the Cavs in 2010.

The media said that he would like to play with the New York Knicks. He ended all of these rumors by stating that he is happy in Cleveland and wants a contract extension.

This statement has all but proven to Cleveland fans that he wants to remain with the Cavs. He has also proven that he is trying to make history with this team.

While a lot of basketball fans think the 2009 NBA finals will be the Los Angeles Lakers vs. the Cleveland Cavaliers, only time will tell.

The question on all fans' minds this season is, will Lebron and the Cavs make history in 2009?

Ballroom at the Berg Club Holds Inaugural Dance

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For those students who like "Dancing With the Stars" or such movies as "Take the Lead," a new dancing scene has come to campus.

On Saturday, Jan. 24, more than 70 students attended "Ballroom at the Berg," an event hosted by Matt Cotman and the new Heidelberg Ballroom Club.

It all started with the Ballroom Dancing Class, a Health and Physical Education (HPE) course taught by Dr. Steven Velasquez, and the enthused students who continued to dance, even after the class had ended for the day.

Once told by Velasquez that Heidelberg had a Ballroom Club in the past, those students decided to start it up again and succeeded.

Now that they have official club standing, "[We] needed

a coming out," said Cotman, "something saying 'we're back,' and we figured, hey, we're a dance club, why not have a dance?"

And they did. Saturday's "Ballroom at the Berg" was the first of many events by the Ballroom Club.

The event was a "surprising success," with not only students, but community members attending, mingling, dancing and drinking punch with each other.

The highlights of the event were a demonstration of the Waltz and Argentine Tango by Gavin McCarthy and Cassie Frisch, both members of the Ballroom Club. The pair wowed viewers with their grace and style, earning applause and admiration alike.

The rest of the four-hour dance (including a one-hour lesson in East Coast Swing from 7 p.m. to

8 p.m.) was taken up with dancing of the Swing, Waltz, Foxtrot, Hustle, Argentine Tango and Merengue.

Deviating slightly from the ballroom theme, the Electric and Cha-cha slides and the Macarena were also featured toward the latter part of the night.

Velasquez and Professor Linda Stine also graced the floor with two impromptu performances of the Cha-cha and the Argentine Tango.

"It was fantastic," said Amanda Brown, a Heidelberg freshman, of the dance.

When asked what she particularly liked about it, she said that she simply loved dancing, and appreciated the chance to dress up and have fun with her friends.

Many participants were learning the dances for the first time, or refreshing from having

taken the Ballroom or Latin Dancing HPE classes before.

Admission was free, but donations were always welcomed to help support future events and the club.

For students who missed the last event, the next one is scheduled for Feb. 21, from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. in the Great Hall of Campus Center, with additional ones planned at later dates.

"We would not have been able to make this a reality without the hard work of each and every member, and it just goes to show what a little hard work and perseverance can do," Cotman stated.

The Heidelberg Ballroom Club meets in France Great Hall on Mondays for Latin Dancing and Wednesdays for Ballroom Dancing from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Sundays for review from



Amanda Brown and Carl Pakish demonstrate the East Coast Swing. (Photo by Sam Dailey)

8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

For Heidelberg students the monthly membership cost is \$20 per person with the recommendation of joining with a partner. To join, contact Dr. Velasquez to register for the next monthly session, beginning Feb. 2.

From the Stacks: Vampyre Frenzy

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The Goddess has been chosen, and from this moment on, life will never be the same. All around the world there are schools called the House of Night. They are finishing schools for the world's vampyres.

The "House of Night" series is written by P.C. Cast and her daughter Kristin Cast.

P.C. Cast is well known for her blend of fantasy, romance and mythology. Kristin Cast is a college student who helps her mother with the series by making sure the characters sound like teenagers with their actions and dialogue.

16-year-old Zoey Redbird grew up with the heavy influence of her Cherokee grandmother, who tried to instill some spiritual beliefs into her. But it is a complete shock to Zoey when she receives a crescent moon on her forehead.

It is the mark that many know of. Zoey has been marked as a vampyre fledgling.

Her friends begin to look at her differently. It isn't long before Zoey is transferred over to the Tulsa, Okla., branch of the House of Night.

It is through Zoey's adventures that more is learned of the world of vampyres. The desire to drink blood does not occur until after one has completed the change to a full-fledged vampyre.

However, Zoey is unique among other fledglings. The Goddess Nyx has blessed her, and, as such, Zoey is gifted with an affinity for the five elements.

She is not alone in this as each of her friends finds that they have been gifted as well. Zoey's roommate, Stevie Rae, has an affinity for earth.

Shaunee and Erin, often called the twins, are gifted with fire and water respectively. Then Damien, the sole male in the group, is gifted with air.

Also important in Zoey's life are her cat, Nala, who chooses her shortly after she arrives at the House of Night; Aphrodite, a rich and popular girl with a goddess given talent of precognition; and Neferet, the High Priestess of the Tulsa House of Night.

To complicate matters, Zoey finds herself remaining in contact with her human "ex"-boyfriend, Heath, something that is entirely forbidden at the House of Night.

Unlike most other vampyre fledglings, Zoey does have a taste for blood, and with that also comes the ability to Imprint another person. In this case it is Heath.

By drinking his blood she inexplicably makes Heath completely addicted to her, so much so that he is willing to sneak into her school to see her.

As if that isn't enough, Zoey also catches the interest of one of the most attractive males at the school, Erik Night, who is what we would think of as a senior while Zoey would be considered a freshman.

Soon humans are being killed, and people believe it is the vampyres that are causing their deaths.

This series is one I would recommend for anyone interested in vampyres, particularly if interested in a little romance as well.

So far four books have been published and more are on the way. The first four books of the series are: "Marked," "Betrayed," "Chosen" and "Untamed."

The fifth book, "Hunted," will be released in March 2009.

Obama's Kick-Off Party

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On Tuesday, Jan. 20, Barack Obama became the 44th President of the United States of America. Along with the inauguration ceremony came several events, such as a kick-off celebration and several inaugural balls and galas.

According to the Presidential Inaugural Committee Website (pic2009.org), the kick-off celebration, titled "We Are One: The Obama Inaugural Celebration at the Lincoln Memorial," took place on Sunday, Jan. 18.

This particular celebration featured a showcase of musical performances and readings by several celebrities on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, including: Beyoncé, Bono, Renee Fleming, Josh Groban, Shakira, John Legend, Mary J. Blige, Garth Brooks, Sheryl Crow, Herbie Hancock, Heather Headley, Jennifer Nettles, John Mellencamp, Usher Raymond IV, James Taylor, will.i.am and Bruce Springsteen.

Several music students on the Heidelberg campus gave their opinions on the combination of performers. Freshman vocal performance major Kara Barker thought the Presidential Inaugural Committee did a great job of choosing performers for the celebration.

"Going from Garth Brooks to Beyoncé to Renee Fleming with opera, [the list] spans several genres," she said. Barker also stated that the committee's choice of performers was "really spanning a different generation, as well as spanning the gap of [musical interest]."

"With Renee Fleming, Beyoncé and Bruce Springsteen all performing on the same stage, the committee really [wanted] to please everyone," stated senior political science and music major Emily Dages.

She also thought the wide range of music performed at the celebration, including rock, country, R&B, rap and opera,

proved to be an eclectic choice by the Presidential Inaugural Committee.

While both Barker and Dages thought that musical performers pleased all of the viewers, both students were also confused as to why they would not be able to view this kick-off celebration on network or basic cable television.

As stated on the Presidential Inaugural Committee Web site, the celebration was free and open to the public in Washington, D.C., but could be viewed on HBO or HBO.com only.

The decision to not air this celebration on a popular network such as ABC or NBC made it hard for most, especially Heidelberg students, to view the kick-off celebration.

"A lot of people don't have HBO, especially college kids. It is a shame they [did not] make it available to everyone," stated Barker.

Dages agreed with Barker, stating that "for an election based on equality and change, it is strange and somewhat selfish to keep [the celebration] from certain people."

Senior vocal music education major Ben Lupo also agreed that the celebration should have been aired on a more accessible television network.

"It is like saying, 'let's start this unifying event with a private telecast,'" said Lupo. "If [the celebration] should include all American people, then it should be able to be viewed by everyone, too."

Some stations, such as MSNBC and CNN aired Barack Obama's speech at the Lincoln Memorial celebration, showing parts of the celebration while talking with political analysts and news anchors.

A local station, channel 22 for those on Heidelberg's campus, was taken over by HBO to air the celebration, but was not advertised until the day of the broadcast. Those who missed the event can watch it on HBO.com.

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Academic Success Center.

According to the NSSE Web site, the survey has been used by more than 1200 colleges and universities in both the United States and Canada. Both small and large schools alike participate in the survey.

Heidelberg has participated in the survey three previous years, 2001, 2003 and 2005 according to the NSSE Web site.

Gregg explained that the NSSE was chosen by Heidelberg for several reasons.

One reason is that that the survey is used by multiple colleges and universities, so Heidelberg will be able to compare results with other schools.

Past NSSE results will be

used, Gregg said, "so we can make some comparisons to see how Heidelberg has changed over the past several years."

Another reason the NSSE was chosen, Gregg said, was this survey "has strong psychometric properties, meaning it has strong reliability (consistency) and validity (measures what it's intended to measure)."

Heidelberg will use the results received from the researchers at NSSE to complete further studies within the college.

Gregg also said that the results will be shared with students, faculty and staff of Heidelberg in fall of this year.

The cost to Heidelberg to administer and receive the analysis

of the survey is \$3975. Gregg explained that this cost will also cover sending out reminders and the survey to students.

This survey is not just information for current college students.

High school students looking at colleges may want to look at the results to get less biased information on the different institutions.

In Mary Beth Marklein's article "How to make NSSE scores work for you," on usatoday.com, she suggested students should look at the results to "help them evaluate whether a particular campus offers the kinds of experiences and opportunities that are known to benefit students."

Music Legends, Newcomers Recognized With Grammy Nominations

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Music is a very important part of people's lives, especially college students. People use music to help them exercise, to work, even to help them relax.

On Feb. 8, the nation will watch as America's most popular music stars are honored for their craft.

Originally called the "Gramophone Awards," the Grammys are a presentation of awarding musicians who, by the opinion of the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences, deserve an award for their contribution to the music business.

The awards show will feature presentations to artists of many

genres, including rock, country, pop, gospel, instrumental, R&B and Hip Hop.

The show will also feature performances from various nominees throughout the night. Kenny Chesney, Coldplay, The Jonas Brothers, Lil Wayne and Katy Perry will take the stage during the show, playing some of the most popular songs on the radio this year.

During the week of Jan. 12, Jennifer Hudson and Carrie Underwood were also announced to perform.

Many Heidelberg students have said that they are very pleased with the Grammy nominations this year.

Record and Album of the Year nominees are Coldplay,

Adele, Radiohead, Lil' Wayne and Robert Plant; while Best New Artist has Duffy, The Jonas Brothers, Lady Antebellum and Jazmine Sullivan.

Older singer/songwriter Paul McCartney has also finally been recognized for his 2007 album, "Memory Almost Full."

Nominated for Best Male Pop Vocal Performance for his bluesy sidestepped track "That Was Me," he is competing against James Taylor, John Mayer, Kid Rock and Ne-Yo.

Robert Plant and Allison Krauss have been the talk of the nominees' list this year.

Plant, obviously more famously known for his work with Led Zepplin, teamed up with country star Krauss to write and record a

very admired and prolific country album, titled "Raising Sand."

Similar work has been seen in recent years with that of Jack White and Loretta Lynn, with their album titled "Van Lear Rose."

Plant and Krauss are nominated for five separate Grammys, including Record and Album of the Year, Best Pop Collaboration with Vocals, Best Country Collaboration with Vocals and Best Contemporary Folk/Americana Album.

Brittany Green, a music education major at Heidelberg, said she hopes acts like Radiohead and Coldplay pull through. "They're artists I particularly enjoy, especially Radiohead. Their last album was, at best,

phenomenal."

Garrison Gondek, an English major at Heidelberg, retorted that he hopes the Jonas Brothers fall very short this year at the Grammys.

"I can't stand them, to be quite honest. They do nothing for me, actually hearing that they're being recognized for anything is surprising, and kind of irritating," he explained.

It seems that many Heidelberg students have many varied opinions on how the Grammys should go, but one thing is for sure: the night will be filled with music appreciation and celebration.

Seeing as though the nominations are filled with variety and color, it should turn out to be a very interesting night.

Golden Globes Awarded

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Jan. 11 was the kick off to the awards season with the 66th Annual Golden Globes. The Golden Globes are given out by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association, which is a group of about 90 writers.

Small films were favored this year, with "Slumdog Millionaire" taking home four awards, including Best Dramatic Picture, and Sally Hawkins from "Happy-Go-Lucky," won Best Actress in a comedy or musical.

Kate Winslet walked away with two awards on that Sunday night, including Best Supporting Actress in a film with her role in "The Reader" and Best Actress in "Revolutionary Road."

Heath Ledger won Best Supporting Actor for his role in the biggest box office success of the year, "The Dark Knight." Director Christopher Nolan accepted the award in honor of Ledger, who passed away last January. The award will eventually be given to his daughter, Matilda.

On the television side, HBO was a big winner with "John Adams" picking up four awards,

including Best Mini-series.

NBC's "30 Rock" was another big winner with Tina Fey and Alec Baldwin taking home Best Actress and Actor respectively. The show was also named Best Comedy.

The Cecil B. DeMille Award for outstanding contributions to the entertainment field was given to Steven Spielberg. Sophomore Dylan Booth said of Spielberg's win, "I have great respect for all the work Steven Spielberg has done over his career. It was one of the best parts of the show."

On the red carpet Eva Longoria wore a Reem Acra red strapless dress with a white, sparkling silver clutch.

Kate Winslet looked stunning in a strapless Yves Saint Laurent black dress. And Anne Hathaway was quite elegant in her navy blue Armani Prive strapless dress, along with those bright red lips.

This year's Golden Globes had some upsets and underdogs that came out on top. However, the winners of the evening seemed to have much support from the public, and the ratings for the show were much better than in previous years.

New Year Brings New Films to the Screen

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It's a new year, and that means there's a new list of great movies to anxiously anticipate.

2009 has had a slow start, mostly relying on low grade horror movies like "The Unborn," My "Bloody Valentine 3D" and "The Uninvited" to bring in audiences.

Also currently out are "Notorious," "Paul Blart: Mall Cop" and Clint Eastwood's "Gran Torino."

Have no fear, however, because there are plenty of movies lined up for the rest of the year to satisfy anyone's movie crave.

For fans of the superhero genre, "Push," a thriller about people with telekinetic abilities, comes out Feb. 6.

The sequel to 2007's "Transformers," titled "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen," is scheduled for a summer release, and Hugh Jackman returns for the spin-off to the X-Men trilogy, "Wolverine."

Also, the highly anticipated "Watchmen" will come out later this year. It is based on the graphic novel about superheroes that have to face personal demons while living in a world where

they are unneeded, unwanted and forgotten.

The horror genre for the remainder of the year will be mostly remakes, so it's difficult to say if it will be a good or bad year for being scared.

"Friday the 13th" slashes into theaters on Feb. 13, ironically a Friday, and is the 12th movie in which mass murderer Jason Voorhees appears. This year, Hollywood also brings us remakes of "The Wolf Man," "Creature from the Black Lagoon" and "The Birds."

On the lighter side of things, romantic comedies like "Confessions of a Shopaholic" and "He's Just Not that into You" also come out this year.

Other comedies like "I Love You, Man," "Fanboys" and "Adventureland" look promising enough to satisfy audiences after the past couple years of memorable comedies like "Superbad" and "Tropic Thunder."

Several movies this year are sequels. "Terminator Salvation" revives the franchise 25 years after the original was introduced, with Christian Bale ("The Dark Knight", "Reign of Fire") starring

as John Connor, leading the human resistance against the machines.

Another Star Trek movie is scheduled to be released, and "Fast & Furious," the fourth installment in the series, brings back original stars Paul Walker and Vin Diesel.

The most awaited sequel is "Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince," the sixth film of the cash cow franchise, scheduled for a July release.

There you have it, some of the hottest movies of the year that have a little something for everyone. For trailers and news on these movies and more, check out www.movies.com.

