

Campus Happenings

Three Miles Lost

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For most students, the first few weeks of the semester are fairly difficult to survive. Adapting to new teachers, rooming situations and Saga food can be exciting and difficult. This means clubs and intramural sports sometimes are often forgotten or put off until later in the year. However, the William Smith Cappella group 3 Miles Lost (3ML) has not wasted any time in embarking on their 2009 academic year.

Three senior women are leading the way, and the group held auditions for new admits this past weekend. Upon meeting with one of the seniors, Elizabeth Greene, to discuss the group, she informed the Herald that currently there are 10 members.

The auditions were a huge success, with 25 students mostly first years, sophomores and a few juniors trying out. They are hoping to take four to six new women as a few current members are or will go abroad shortly. Greene is looking forward to them making their decisions fairly soon, allowing them to begin meeting all together.

Commitment is vital to the group's success. 3ML meets three times a week and tries to incorporate six hours of practice time weekly. Many college students can only imagine this difficult task. As an example, Greene described a typical Monday for her as a student, athlete, and singer. She wakes up at 6:30 a.m. for lifting, goes to class, then soccer practice followed by a 3ML meeting at 10 in the evening.

The young ladies are so busy that sometimes they must meet late at night when they are all available. One can imagine their strength in having to work their voices at an hour when many are letting their televisions do the talking.

This does not mean that the group is all pain and no gain. Greene states that it is a very democratically

run club. There are no official leaders, but seniors play prominent roles in holding meetings. Ideas for songs and performances come from the entire group. One of their main goals for 2009 is to make sure democracy remains present in the club.

Some members even compose songs that are included in the performances. Greene informed the Herald that some of newly auditioned first years have amazing ideas for pieces; she looks forward to bringing in fresh insight. For those who have participated in any club or sport on campus they know that teamwork and communication are the most important aspect to success and this is no different for 3ML.

Their performances vary from semester to semester. However, they have already performed at the Opening Day Dinner for the WS first years. Greene tells me that fall is a very busy time. This includes one or two larger concerts along with different performances at WS event. Last year this included the Campaign for the Colleges and Koshare.

Fundraisers and community service events are also great opportunities to for 3ML to work their pipes for a good cause.

This does mean that they do not ever collaborate with their Hobart counterpart the Hobartones. The "Spring into Spring" concert is common time when the two groups work together; it is both fun and different for the women.

This year they are hoping to have set of ten to twelve songs arranged and memorized. Some include ones from previous years such as Jason Mraz's *I'm Yours* or new tunes including Tegan and Sarah's *Where Does the Good Go*. The line-up varies from contemporary music heard on the radio currently to reviving older songs.

Greene told the Herald that the main objective of the group is to create good music and have fun; for members and the audience alike, this is music to our ears!



The Hobartones

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Ever walking near by the quad late on a weekday night and happen to hear beautiful voices projecting throughout the field? No, it is not the Medberry boys singing in the shower, it is the Hobartones. Hobart's very own all male Acapella group.

The club is well known throughout the campus, however it has no affiliation with the music department itself. Therefore the men must resort to late night practices after all the other instrumental groups have finished for the day.

Most campus residents are not complaining though; they would much rather listen to the Hobartones than the hum of techno music through paper-thin dorm walls.

The Herald was able to talk with the leader of the group Michael Erickson this past week, about the singers and their plan for the 2009-2010 year.

The group consists of twelve guys and just a few weeks ago auditions were held where they admitted four new members.

The new students are currently in all different areas of their academic careers including a senior, sophomore and two first years. Erickson took over the group as early as his sophomore year for a semester when the previous head went abroad. Thus, he was the likely candidate to run 09-10 group.

Nonetheless, it is a team effort. One young man works with IT Services to obtain microphones and any other electronics necessary for performances. Another member focuses on playing certain notes on the piano to make sure everyone is in tune.

Erickson directs the

meetings and works with the Music department to coordinate times when they can practice. He aims for roughly three separate practices for an hour a piece a week.

The Hobartones put on performances throughout the semester. Their next concert is during Parent's Weekend. Hopefully, it will once again be held downtown in the Smith Opera House. The gentlemen have chosen about twelve songs to focus on this year, which must be previously arranged specifically for an Acapella group before practice.

A recent graduate who initially composed a song for guitar later arranged it for voice. Erickson hopes to include this in the line-up. He states that they



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try and choose songs from all different genres including: 50s music, Coldplay and even modern hip-hop; a particular crowd favorite is "No Diggity".

Another enjoyable performance is at President Geran's home for trustee weekend. Although, it is not open to students, Erickson still considers it a fun gig. However, their biggest concert does not come until right before Winter Break. It takes place and in Albright Auditorium and even includes a comedic video created by the guys, which is usually a big hit.

So, if this year you are looking for some entertainment that includes good music and laughs head on over to a Hobartones concert and you are sure to feel satisfied!



Friday, September 18

- 4 Hobart student and 1 William Smith student under 21 found in possession of alcohol in Durfee at 9:20pm.
- 2 Hobart students found in possession of marijuana in Medbery at 11:15pm.

Saturday, September 19

- 2 Hobart students in possession of marijuana at 1:30am.
- Window vandalized in Comstock reported at 1:18pm.
- Vehicle vandalized in Barn parking lot reported at 1:18pm.
- Vehicle vandalized on St. Clair St. reported at 3:26pm.

Sunday, September 20

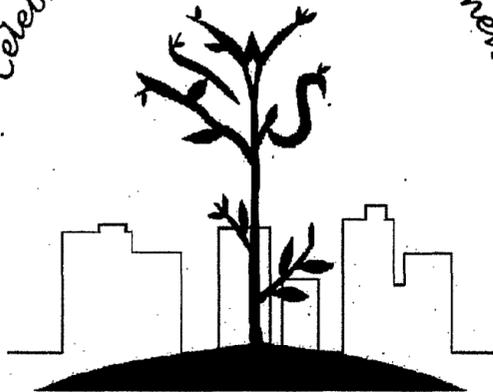
- 4 Hobart and 5 William Smith students under 21 found in possession of alcohol in Durfee at 12:40am.
- 2 Hobart and 3 William Smith students found in possession of marijuana in 408 Pulteney at 1:50am.
- 1 Hobart and 2 William Smith students found in possession of marijuana in 380 S. Main at 4:32am.

Monday, September 21

- Student arrested for DWI in Sherrill at 1:30am.
- Parking permit stolen in Medbery reported at noon.
- Vehicle vandalized in Medbery reported at 1:34pm.
- Jewelry stolen in Sherrill reported at 2:45pm.
- Student accused of harassment on Pulteney St. at 10 p.m.

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