

INSIDE THE LOCKER ROOM

Although nearly four years have passed since Andrew Herzik attended his favorite party as a Middlebury student, he is much appreciating the off-campus lifestyle. His roommate, Will Hunt '07.5 thinks that his birthday party was Herzik's most memorable social experience, but the water polo player affirms that Robert Randolph party at the McCullough Student Center stands out above all.

Teammate Robbie Burton '08 confirmed that the night life probably peaked during his first year when the water polo team attended "Barbarella's Diamond" in Ottawa.

Last fall, amidst searching for an equally satisfying social experience, Herzik and the water polo team finished in third place in the final North Atlantic Division standings, meaning that the Panthers just missed a bid to the National Championships, which they attended in 2004 and 2005.

While much of the campus will graciously welcome parents and their credit cards during Fall Family Weekend, the water polo team will be en route to New Haven, Conn. to compete in a tournament with six other teams from all over New England, including NESCAC rivals Williams and Wes-

The Campus splashes Andrew Herzik '07.5 with questions

	Herzik	Hunt	Burton
Is it better being a super-senior Feb, or living off campus?	Living off campus	Living off campus (1)	Living off campus (1)
Salt water or chlorine?	Salt water, duh	Salt water (1)	Salt water (1)
Best water polo match while at Middlebury?	Win vs. Dartmouth in 2004	Did they beat Dartmouth? (.5)	Beating Dartmouth in 2004 (1)
Favorite kind of beer?	Magic Hat's Circus Boy	Anything free (0)	Turkish Diesel (0)
More embarrassing water polo "accessory" — speedo or cap?	Definitely a tight speedo	Ear guard (cap) (0)	Borrowed speedo (1)
For how long can you tread water?	Probably two hours	Forever and a day (0)	Like 100 hours (0)
If you could be a kitchen appliance, which one would you be?	Dish sponge	Dish rag (.5)	A pancake griddle (0)
final score		3.0	4.0

leyan, as the Panthers work towards earning a National Championship bid.

Herzik, however, has no problem trading in free dinners at Tully and Marie's for a couple hours in a speedo.

Burton has logged a lot of hours in the pool with Herzik so far this fall and throughout the last four years. Herzik's fellow Feb and roommate Hunt knows a thing or two about his habits and routines, but does he know what

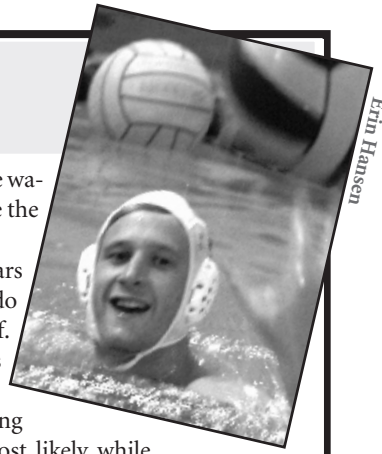
it is like in the water and inside the locker room?

It appears the Redondo Beach, Calif. native spends a fair amount of time flipping pancakes (most likely while wearing his speedo, according to Hunt), but it is less clear which would bore him faster — flipping pancakes for hours or treading water for something like "forever and a day." No matter if Herzik is using a dish sponge or a dish rag for post-pancake-production cleanup, he and his squad will look run the (clean) table for the rest of the season.

In the end, Burton keeps his head above water and squeaks out a victory over Hunt by a slim margin.

Treading water and swimming around the pool in an organized fashion, Herzik and the water polo team will host the New England Division Championship in the Natatorium during homecoming weekend on Oct. 27 and 28.

— James Kerrigan, Sports Editor



Erin Hansen

PANTHER SCOREBOARD

Date	Sport	Vs.	Results	Comments
10/3 10/6	Men's Soccer	Norwich Amherst	2-1 W 1-3 L	With the Panthers loss to Amherst, the Parent's Weekend showdown with Williams is a must-see and must-win.
10/4 10/6	Field Hockey	Keene St. Amherst	2-0 W 1-0 W	Caitlin Pentifallo '09 played a mean net as she notched two consecutive shutouts last week.
10/6	Football	Amherst	19-16 W	Donald McKillop '11 won NESCAC Rookie of the Week thanks to his solid and mistake-free effort in the win over Amherst.
10/6	Women's Soccer	Amherst (2OT)	0-0 T	In the rematch of last year's NESCAC Championship, the two teams played 110 grueling minutes of soccer.
10/6 10/7	Men's Golf	Hamilton Fall Invitational	3rd of 12	The men posted their lowest scores of the season and finished one stroke out of second place.

BY THE NUMBERS

1	Thing the football and volleyball teams share in common: spandex.
5	Number of 3-0 shutouts for the women's volleyball team this year.
6	Number of yards per catch the Middlebury football team is averaging this year.
156	Number of passing yards the Middlebury football team is averaging per game this season.
156	Number of high-fives outside hitter Lindsay Patterson '08.5 gave in a 3-0 win over Norwich on Sept. 27. It is believed to be a record.

Editors' Picks



Questions of the week	James Kerrigan	Simon Keyes	Jeff Patterson
There is a big soccer game on the turf this weekend when the men take on Williams. What will the score be at halftime?	TWO-ONE Saturday will be the highest energy game of the season — both inside and outside the touchlines.	ONE-ZERO As this season has shown, the new pristine pitch the Panthers play on is not friendly to visiting opponents.	ONE-ONE But 2-1 at the end.
Volleyball hosts a NESCAC Quad this weekend versus the Big Three from Maine. How many matches will Middlebury win?	TWO I'm digging deep to make an educated guess at this one.	THREE It's going to come down the Bowdoin game.	TWO There are two first-years on the team.
The defending rugby champs play St. Michaels on Saturday. Will they continue their great win-streak?	YES I hear they hit just as hard as the linebackers on the football team...safety first.	YES New Zealand's national team lost in the Rugby World Cup, so now the only sure thing in rugby is Middlebury's dominating play.	YES Their coach has a good last name.
The NL West belies all conventional wisdom and puts two teams into the NLCS. Which team goes on?	ROCKIES How can you bet against these guys? It will be a smooth trip to the World Series for the Colorado Rockies.	ROCKIES To quote a thread owned by Andrew "The Kid" Elliman, "Everyday is Holliday." Holliday steals the show and the hearts of Denver.	DIAMONDBACKS The Rockies will (Alberto) Callaspo under the pressure.
NASCAR baby! Who will win this year's Nextel Cup?	JIMMIE JOHNSON Had to consult my sister on this one. Seriously.	JEFF GORDON Much to the dismay of many below the Mason Dixon Line, pretty boy Jeff Gordon races the 24 car to the tune of a flapping checkered flag.	TONY STEWART Done.
Career Record	22-28 (.440)	23-31 (.430)	48-41 (.539)