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## Technology Services Stand as Pacemaker, Pulse of School

BY BRANDON HAMMER

Every day, hundreds of students pass by room 020 unaware of the importance of that small quarter. Amid all the wires and noise, there are about twenty-five servers in room 020 that power the 600 computers, 400 telephones, and eighty printers throughout Gilman. Furthermore, the servers power Gilman's network while the switches route "traffic." The most important element that the twenty-five servers control, however, is what students know the least about. The servers power three databases that hold a great deal of important information. The financial and alumni development databases store financial records and alumni information respectively while the student-administrative database stores grades, comments, admissions materials, schedules, college counseling information, health center and trainer records, and more. These servers emit so much heat that there are two air conditioners in an area smaller than the average classroom.

The people in the Technology Services office are responsible for making sure that the servers, printers, computers, and telephones work properly. William Turner, the Technology Services manager, or "get it done guy" as he says, is responsible for making sure that someone is available to respond to technology problems; seeing to it that Gilman has all the technological equipment it needs; and "making priority decisions." He began working at Gilman in 1978 in the accounting department and separated to work strictly on technology ten years later. When newly appointed headmaster, Jon McGill, decided to coalesce the technology departments of the three schools in 2001, Mr. Turner was appointed Manager of Technology Services, the unit that would make sure everything

ran properly. Mr. McGill also appointed faculty member Mr. Gorski to the position of Director of Technology for the three Gilman divisions. Mr. McGill believed that someone "who thinks like a teacher," as Mr. Turner put it, would understand how to integrate technology into Gilman academics.

Every morning at 7:45am, Mr. Gorski holds a meeting with the four men and one woman of Technology Services to discuss any current problems, make sure seminars or other events requiring technology are taken care of, and warn of any new viruses. Following this meeting, everyone separates to work on his or her own job. Tanya Claggett, Mr. Gorski's administrative assistant, takes care of his calendar and schedule as well as ordering and paying for technology equipment. This allows Mr. Gorski and the members of Technology Services to concentrate strictly on technology.

Steve Paquette and Dave Eason are considered the "front line." They fix commonplace problems such as "My laptop is plugged in but keeps shutting down," which Mr. Ahlgren was heard lamenting Wednesday, November 10th. They receive 30 to 50 calls a day for problems anywhere throughout the school, from Mr. McGill's house to the attic of the gym. According to Mr. Paquette, they "only spend about a half-hour a day at our desks." Their most common clients, surprisingly, are faculty members and staff as opposed to students. Mr. Paquette did not intend to work with computers. He planned to become a lawyer until he began working with and enjoying computers. Along with answering technology calls, he coaches Indoor and Outdoor Track as well as JV Football. Mr. Eason, on the

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Sean Price '06 carries the ball on Gilman's way to a monumental comeback over archrival McDonogh. (Photo by Adrian Kostrubiak)

## Comeback City!

### Gilman Overcomes McDonogh in Fall Classic, Wins MIAA

BY DAVID FINE

Gathered on the blacktop of the Middle School, seniors Paul Stack and Pell George banged on the trash can lids, leading the spirited group into action. Soon the time came, and the group ran forward, led by senior Noel Fetting-Smith, who bore the school standard painted on his chest and cape. The intimidation was evident as the force charged toward the action. Some fell, others splashed through the mud, but the Gilman High School Cheering Squad endured as they ran to the stands in their new tradition. The main action was about to take place on the field as the game was set for the 89th annual Gilman-McDonogh football game that occurred on Saturday, November 13th. The captains from both teams met, and the coin toss gave Gilman the ball first. However, the game began in a disappointing fumble, which turned the ball over to McDonogh in Gilman's territory. McDonogh senior Tim Brandau wasted no time passing to senior Tony Lott for the first touchdown of the game. Lott, who caught many more passes and ended the game with 87 yards, played a major role in McDonogh's early scoring rally. After another fumble by Gilman

junior tailback Sean Price, McDonogh again took advantage to set up its second touchdown. At the end of the first quarter, Gilman's early misfortunes amounted to a 21-point deficit. Jordan Tucker, one of the captains of the team, said, "We just kept saying to everyone to keep the faith and to believe, and in the end we prevailed." After the disappointing and uncharacteristic first quarter for the Greyhounds, they rallied back in the second quarter under the wings of two touchdowns by Price. Gilman went into halftime trailing only by a touchdown.

With renewed hopes after their dominant second quarter performance, Gilman entered the second half, and though they did not score in the third quarter, the defense limited McDonogh to one field goal. These would be McDonogh's last points in the game as Gilman's defense really tightened. In the beginning of the fourth quarter it was all Greyhounds as Price scored yet another two touchdowns, putting Gilman in the lead by a score of 28-24. The fourth quarter also featured two

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Tech Services (from left) Tanya Claggett, David Eason, Steve Paquette, William Turner, and Matthew Bedine. (Photo by David Fine)

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## Reactions to the Election

### Four More Bad Years

BY DANNY STRAUSS

"This is why he dispenses with people who confront him with inconvenient facts. He truly believes he's on a mission from God. Absolute faith like that overwhelms a need for analysis. The whole thing about faith is to believe things for which there is no empirical evidence. But you can't run the world on faith." Bruce Bartlett, a former treasury worker for President George H.W. Bush and domestic policy advisor under President Reagan, paints a terrifying picture of the current president's decision-making process. This faith-based strategy encompasses all facets of the administration, from foreign to domestic policy. President Bush is a very religious man; this characteristic is not a fault, and in fact played a huge role in his reelection. However, when this unrelenting faith in the absolute correctness of his decisions becomes a factor in his actions and causes him to ignore the basic facts, his merit as president comes under major scrutiny. Over the next four years, expect more of the same: more American deaths in Iraq, expanding budget deficits, a deflated economy, and even more restrictions on our personal freedoms.

The most obvious victim of Mr. Bush's faith based initiatives has been his foreign policy. In Iraq, over one thousand American troops have died and even more injured and maimed. The President declared war on Iraq when, according to the bipartisan 9/11 commission, there was no immediate threat and Bush knew it. Now, even though the evidence has been proven false, he still sticks to his guns and calls the War in Iraq a success. Our goals, to get rid of weapons of mass destruction and to free the Iraqi people, have not been accomplished. There never were

any weapons of mass destruction and the Iraqi people are not free, unless daily bombings and killings constitute freedoms. Would John Kerry have done a better job? There is not a solid answer, but it would be hard to do worse than our president has. Over the next four years, expect no advancement in the War on Terror and expect more the actions of our president to encourage even more terrorist recruitment.

The economy has certainly not benefited from the policies of the Bush administration either. More than two million jobs were lost during Bush's first four years and the economy still is not growing at a steady pace. Also, the president's tax cuts, which benefit the top one percent of citizens, rely on a trickle down theory that has been proven to be ineffective, even by key proponent David Stockman. We can expect more of the same over the next four years, with the Republicans controlling both House and Senate.

The most important issue for voters in the presidential election of 2004 was character. Of the voters who said that character and the issue of moral values were the most important subjects to them, over eighty percent voted for Mr. Bush. This poses the question, what are moral values? To those who voted for the president, they are abortion, stem cell research, and gay marriage. President Bush will continue to use his faith to make decisions on these topics. According to the President, Christianity forbids abortion, stem cell research, and calls gay marriage immoral. Expect more actions dependent on faith alone, ignoring the factual truth, and expect this President to keep taking our country down the wrong path.

### Americans Re-elect a Strong Leader

BY BRANDON HAMMER

On Tuesday, November 2nd, Americans flocked to the polls in record numbers to re-elect George W. Bush. President Bush is not perfect and may be wrong on some issues, yet he is strong and understands what is best not only for our country, but also the world. He is working hard to defeat the insurgent terrorists in Iraq whose mission is to deprive the Iraqi people of freedom and democracy. This is evidenced by last week's defeat of Fallujah, one of the final terrorist strongholds.

Although it may seem costly now, the war in Iraq has served to intimidate opponents of democracy. These include Muammar Qaddafi, the tyrannical dictator who ordered his henchmen to blow up Pan Am flight 103 on December 21st 1988 killing 270 innocent people. Mr. Qaddafi dismantled Libya's nuclear program following the American incursion into Iraq. As other enemies of democracy realize that the Bush's fight for freedom cannot be hindered by terrorism, they will disarm as well.

Along with continuing to make the world safer and freer, President Bush intends to tackle many of our domestic problems in his second term. The first of these will most likely be the underfunded and soon-to-be bankrupt Social Security Administration. President Bush is working towards a bipartisan solution that would allow younger workers the opportunity place a small amount

of Social Security taxes into low-risk stock market funds. This plan will hopefully save Social Security, which our previous president neglected.

Tort reform is another important issue. Our newly re-elected president, as promised, will propose legislation that will put an end to frivolous lawsuits. These harmful charges cause malpractice insurance premiums to skyrocket, which, in turn, cause doctors to switch fields leaving a dearth of essential medical experts such as OB-GYNs. This is but the first of many steps by President Bush to fix our healthcare system.

Most importantly, President Bush will continue to be a moral role model for the nation and the world. Our President is a successful father with a loving wife and two children. His strong morals guide him through life and aid him in leading our nation. He believes in God but does not force others to follow his beliefs. His donations to faith-based organizations are not intended to force others to believe in Christianity but to give Americans a sense of community.

Americans, by the millions, made the right choice November 2nd and will be happy with their decision. The rising stock market index is but the first sign that America is moving forward. Our country is in strong yet caring hands.

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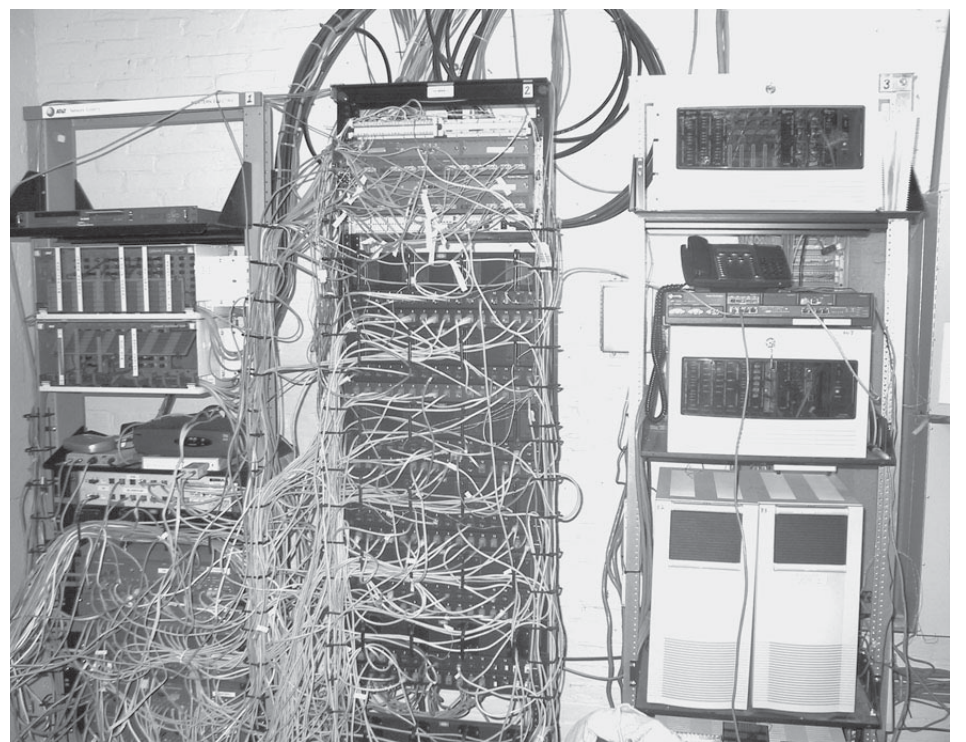
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*Exposed wires readily evident behind closed doors of server room.  
(Photo by David Fine)*

## Tech Services Provide Help Behind Scenes

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other hand, grew up in Hawaii and studied computer science in college. He came to Gilman after working with Comcast and currently coaches intra-murals.

The man behind the network is Matt Bedine, the network administrator. He is responsible for the student-faculty network, Business Office, the Development Office, Athletics, and Maintenance network. He spends half of his time monitoring the networks from his office and half in the server room, or "dungeon" as he calls it. He says that Gilman has so many servers because it is unwise to have "too many packages in one box." The abundance of servers protects the network from "going down." Mr. Bedine also did not major in technology in col-

lege. He majored in art history and worked in various professions from sandwich-making to mortgage brokering before coming to Gilman in 1999. He "was the help desk" in a tiny office shared by Mr. Turner until Technology Services expanded into the Accounting Office.

Knowing all the responsibilities for which the members of Technology Services are responsible, one may wonder what happens if someone is too ill to come to school. Mr. Turner assures the Gilman community not to worry because "we plan for that too." All in all, Gilman community owes a great deal to the hard working people in Technology Services.

# “Much” is Going on for Gilman Drama

BY JAMES GRIFFIN

Shivering with knees quaking, you situate yourself on the side of the stage anticipating the culmination of two and half months of preparation. Breathing shallowly, at the right moment, you begin walking the stairs, attempting to breeze over your lines in your head. All that is visible is the bright lights that blaze in front of you. Stepping out onto the wooden stage, you turn towards the audience, an unseen company that watches every action you take. However, for you, this is one of the situations you thrive on, a circumstance you adore. For you, this is acting.

As most students are heading home after an exhausting day of academics, athletics, and extra-curricular activities, a devoted few continue their day by practicing in Centennial Hall for the upcoming 9th and 10th grade play, *Much Ado About Nothing*. *Much Ado About Nothing*, a Shakespearean production, follows the compelling love of two main characters, Claudio, who is represented by Richard Lenz '07, and Hero, brought to life by Ashley Kesler. Yet, this famous theatrical work is more than a common love story, thanks to the addition of comedy and drama within the play. Zach Parkinson '07 describes the play as “Tons of fun, and a great way to learn Shakespeare.”

Another convincing element that strikes appeal into *Much Ado About Nothing* is that for most of the actors, this play marks the first dive into the pool of Gilman Drama. Still, the young actors owe a large part of their newly found abilities to the directing crew and stage manager, Dana Peterson. Scott Griffith '07, who plays the role of court musician, stated, “Dana Peterson seems experienced in drama and knows how to run it.” Parkinson noted, “She lets us experiment at practice, then she gives us feedback on our performances.” As for practice, the daily rehearsals that the cast participate in have been considered by some of the members to be friendly. Griffith commented, “In the practices, everyone understands how acting works and is sensitive to the known fact that there is pressure attached to the performing arts.” In retrospect, the actors all seem to agree that the experiences of the play have been incredible. Zach Parkinson believes, “The overall experience of *Much Ado About Nothing* has been fantastic.”

So, on November 19th, 20th, and 21st, come witness the laughs, romance, and men in tights of Gilman's performance of *Much Ado About Nothing*.

Gilman and Bryn Mawr Schools present

## Much Ado About Nothing

by William Shakespeare



Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup> / Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup> / Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>

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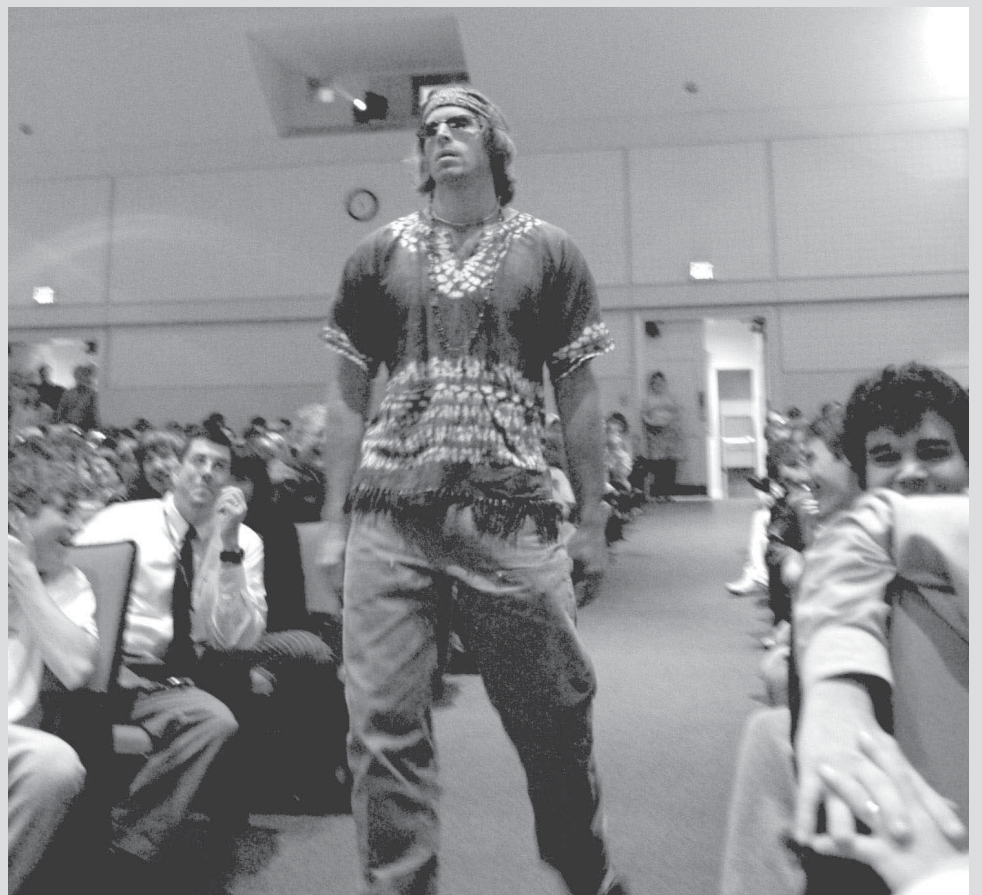
# HALLOWEEN ASSEMBLY

PHOTOS BY ADRIAN KOSTRUBIAK

*Dustin Rogers '06, aka Tyrone Biggums, can't contain his excitement. After an epic dance-off, Rogers tied for first place with the contestants in the next photo.*



*In homage to the classic SNL skit starring Patrick Swayze and Chris Farley, Pat Slevin '05 and Noel Fetting-Smith '05 put on a show as the Chippendales.*



*Teacher Mr. Carey amuses the audience with his stone-cold stare.*

## Perspective: A Gilman Student on the Kerry Campaign Trail

BY MICHAEL EISENSTEIN

It was dark, rainy, and cold outside as hundreds of Kerry for President volunteers gathered on Election Day in the cramped union headquarters building. Blueberry muffins and every type of cereal were laid out across five tables, with orange juice and coffee at the end. Although it was just after 5:00 am, almost all of us in the room had already been awake for a few hours, if not the whole night, and there was electricity in the air. Names of precincts were being called out, and volunteers raised their hands. As each pair of Voter Protection Monitors was assigned a precinct to watch, they were handed Mapquest directions and a white trash bag filled with literature, posters, pins, stickers, and rain ponchos. We took our materials, and also grabbed a table and two chairs as we headed into the pouring rain.

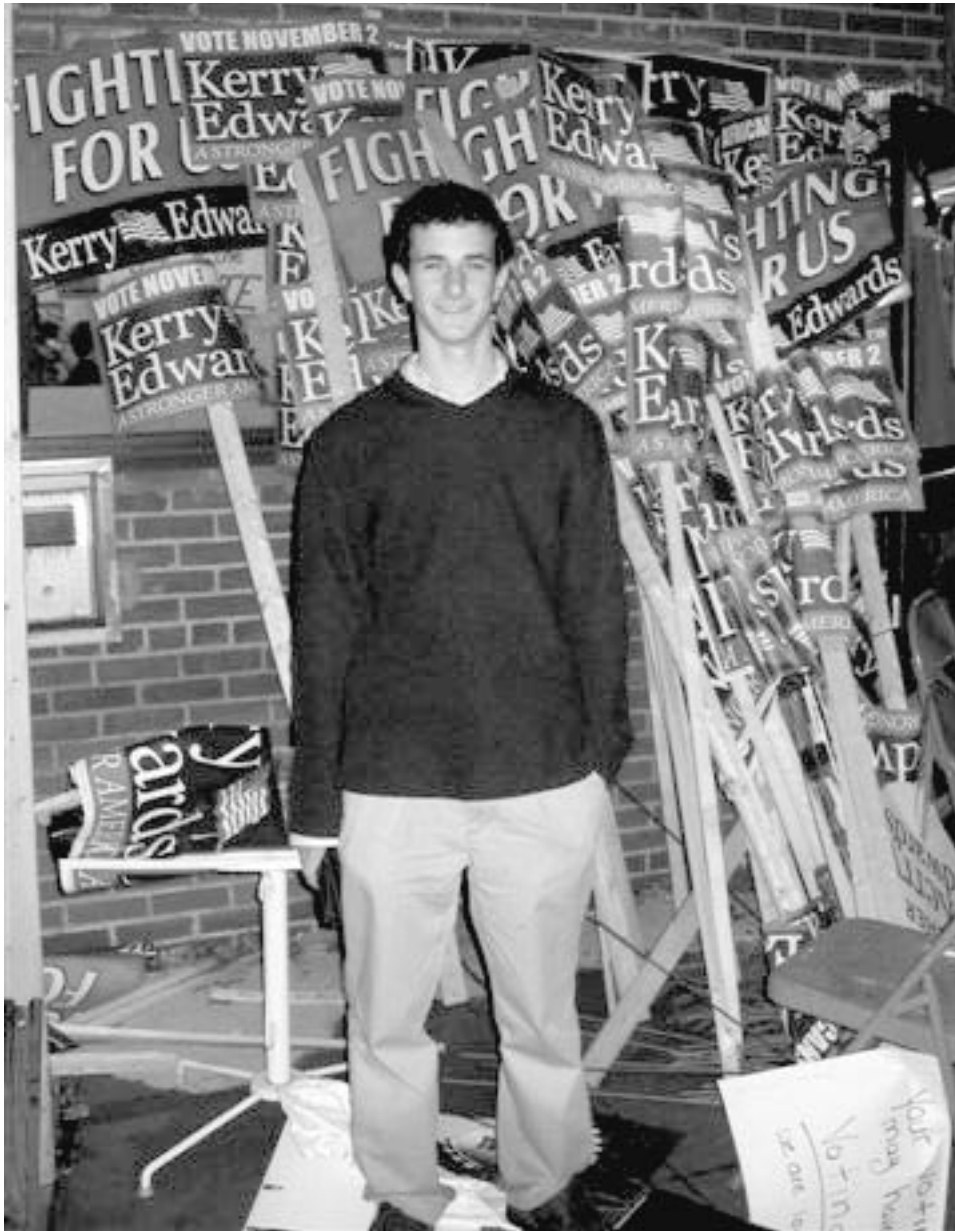
I was paired with Dan, a lawyer from Washington, D.C., to work in a predominately African-American precinct where we seemed sure to encounter problems from Republican challengers because of the strong Democratic vote at the polling site. Arriving at the precinct a few minutes late, we exited the van, which had already dropped two groups of Columbia University students at other nearby polling places, and scanned the area for a good place to set up our table. Despite the pouring rain, there were already long lines forming, and everyone was very anxious to vote. Dan and I, both wearing bright green shirts, split up and monitored the two entrances on opposite ends of the building, making sure that no problems would arise inside and that people knew at which precinct they were supposed to vote.

It was not until the polls had been open for about four hours that the number of voters dwindled to about one voter arriving every five to ten minutes. At this point in the day our posters already had all been soaked, our clothes were drenched, and we were starving. Because we did not have a car, we were forced to ask a non-partisan poll worker to buy us some food from the Wendy's down the street. Periodically, a voter would come to us with a problem; often they did not have any proper identification, they had come to the wrong polling place, or they did not know how to use the punch card ballots. Many of the voters without identification were forced to complete a provisional ballot, which would only be counted if the election was close, while the people who had gone to the wrong precinct asked us to look through a soaking wet, five-inch white binder we had brought, which listed the polling place for every street address in Summit County.

The previous day, we had arrived around noon at the Cleveland airport, and I, along with three lawyers, drove down to the Democratic headquarters in Akron. As our car passed through the streets crowded with political posters, there were many groups of people holding signs at the corners of major intersections. When we arrived at campaign headquarters in Akron, there were volunteers stapling signs together, adding them to the ever growing pile of hundreds of "Kerry / Edwards, A Stronger America" posters. Inside the headquarters, there were at least a hundred people, hustling back and forth across the large room, sorting out details for Tuesday, or assigning jobs to volunteers who had just arrived. The four of us who had traveled from Maryland and Wash-

ington D.C. were assigned to "phone banking," calling likely voters, which was being done at a site fifteen minutes away with twenty-five cell phones and

The voting continued to run smoothly, until Dan and I headed into the last two and a half hours of our thirteen-hour shift. At this point, both of us were



Michael Eisenstein shows just a few of the signs that he handed out to volunteers. (Photo contributed by Michael Eisenstein)

another thirty land lines. On our way out of the building, Cam Kerry, Senator Kerry's brother, appeared, and we all introduced ourselves to the man who looked nearly identical to John Kerry.

At the end of the day Monday, we attended a legal meeting to discuss our role as Voter Protection Monitors. There was a lot of attention surrounding a pending court case dealing with whether challengers would be allowed inside the polls to question whether a voter was properly registered. At first, the ability to have challengers, which was a long-time Ohio law, was overturned and everyone in the room erupted into cheers, since we understood the Republicans would be using challengers to dampen the Democratic vote. While people were celebrating the court ruling, the Kerry campaign managers for Akron, including some of John Kerry's personal staff, reminded everyone of the Ohio election laws, even the seemingly ridiculous laws, such as if a person is arrested for disruptive behavior at the polling place, they are still allowed to cast a vote before going to jail. By the end of the meeting, as people snacked on Doritos and chocolate bars, we learned that the court decision had been reversed and that there would, in fact, be challengers inside the polls. Everyone revised their previous strategy, and the Ohio residents who could be present inside the polling place as challengers gathered their materials in order to prepare.

On Election Day, as lunchtime passed into dinner time, many residents of the area surrounding our precinct were beginning to come home from work.

freezing cold from the rain, only to be made worse now by gusts of heavy wind. However, unable to stop and think about the weather, more problems began to arise. A woman had made a mistake on her punch card ballot inside the polling place. Although she requested a new ballot, which was allowed under Ohio election law, the election officials had refused to grant her request, instead

grabbing the old ballot from her hands and shoving it into the ballot box. Infuriated, the woman rushed outside to complain to us, and we immediately contacted the Democratic challenger inside the polls to make sure that the woman received a new ballot. After a struggle the woman was able to cast her vote. As the clock reached 7:00 pm, the tension grew; rumors were swirling that Kerry was leading the race, while lines outside the polls were getting longer and longer. At 7:15 pm two women students at the nearby Akron University realized that they had arrived at the wrong polling place. Because neither they nor we had a car, it was going to be difficult to help them. Luckily, after calling four different workers at the Democratic headquarters, we were able to find a ride for them as they raced to beat the 7:30 pm closing of the polls. Later, we heard that they had been able to cast their votes, after getting on line at the correct precinct just minutes before 7:30 pm.

As the polls closed, both Dan and I were happy to be able to finally get out of the pouring rain and heavy wind. We were optimistic about the outcome of the election because of updates we had received from headquarters about the exit polls. In an upbeat mood, and after everyone had changed into dry clothes, we met up with other people who had traveled from the Maryland-D.C. area, and went to the Democratic election eve party. Inside the large party hall, the walls were lined with projection screens, and local and national news channels were being broadcasted as people snacked on meatballs and Buffalo wings. Throughout the crowd of thousands of people, rumors of a Kerry victory resonated, and many people joked about how President Bush was a great motivator, being able to inspire all of these volunteers to help the Kerry campaign. But as the night went on, and new results were released, the optimism in the room dwindled. As an announcement was made that all cars parked on the street were about to be towed, we left to save our white Ford Taurus rental car; only the next morning did we learn who had won the presidential race.

## Never Giving Up, Gilman Football Takes Home MIAA Championship

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key interceptions, one of which was made by senior Billy Knight, which began the drive that led to one of the touchdowns. Another key interception was made by senior Justin Gayles to put a stop to one of McDonogh's threatening drives. However, Gilman also gave up a turnover as they fumbled with about two and a half minutes remaining in the game. As the game clock dwindled down, the outcome came down to the very last play as McDonogh, needing nothing less than a touchdown, set up Gilman's five yard line with only a couple of seconds left. McDonogh's screen pass, which they had used numerous times throughout the game, was correctly anticipated by Gilman's defense as juniors Barney Ehrmann and Brian Carroll made the final tackle. Gilman had regained the trophy and had beaten McDonogh in a comeback victory with the score of 28-24. In addition, the team had sole possession of the MIAA A Championship title. Sean

Price summed up his thought about the game by saying, "The game had its ups and downs, but in the end, fortunately the ups outweighed the downs."

A major component of the game and the tradition is the fans. This year, the fan support that was shown for both teams was exceptional. The Gilman cheering squad did its job as they were led by seniors such as Noel Fetting-Smith, David Frankel, Tyler Hoffberger, Neill Thupari, and Paul Stack. Fetting-Smith said, "It was really great how everyone was always into the action. Even when we were down, everyone was loud." As Mr. McGill and Mr. Schmick agreed in a recent assembly, the fans showed positive support throughout the game and acted with class in all of the cheers. Truly, the annual Gilman-McDonogh football game was an event not to be missed and many are already looking ahead to next year's farmer's almanac in anticipation of the next great game in this ongoing tradition.