

# The Red Hat

## Counting Down to England, Ireland, and Wales 2007!

Emmy Mickevicius

For 20 Newman Catholic juniors and seniors, Spring Break will not be as sunny as it will be for those of you going south to Florida or Mexico. There will be no beaches or palm trees (*sigh*), bright blue skies or deep dark tans. Instead, our trip will probably be... well, foggy and rainy! You might be thinking, "Why would you go somewhere damp and chilly for Spring Break?" Well, the weather is the least of your worries when you are surrounded by castles, moors, and legends of King Arthur in a land that used to be part of the Roman Empire. That's right- we are headed across the ocean to England, Ireland, and Wales.

So you can relax during Spring Break, what follows



*The Blarney Castle in Ireland is one of the many sites rich in Irish tradition that we will be visiting. Kissing the Blarney stone will definitely be the highlight of this excursion!*

is the itinerary that will help you answer that burning question: "I wonder where the England trip people are right at this very minute?"

**Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>:**  
Drive down to Chicago O'Hare for our flight to Lon-

don which leaves in the late afternoon. Spend the night flying across the Atlantic.

**Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>:** Arrive in London at about 6 a.m. London time, (experience extraordinary exhaustion with the crazy change in time zones!). Check into hotel, meet tour director, and set off on a grand walking tour of the city along the banks of the Thames (pronounced "Tems") River.

**Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup>:** Guided tour of London. Visit Hyde Park, Piccadilly Circus, Speaker's Corner, the Houses of Parliament, Tower of London, and St. Paul's Cathedral. Snap a few pictures of the famous Changing of the Guard ceremony. (continued on page 4)

## What's Hot

There are a lot of things to do during spring break. When your busy schedule is free, check out these hot new releases. The top two hottest movies out in theaters are *300* and *Wild Hogs*. The movie *300* is about 300 Spartans holding off thousands of Persians. "It's the greatest movie I've seen," said Kyle Bastable. *Wild Hogs* is about four

guys looking for some excitement in their lives, so they go on a road trip. The top two hottest movies out on DVD/VHS are *Borat* and *Casino Royale*. *Borat* is a mockumentary about a Kazakhstan citizen coming to the United States. Brendon McDonnell says, "It's funny, but it's not for everybody." *Casino Royale* is about a high stakes poker

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game that James Bond has to infiltrate. Mr. Switalski says, "The new Bond doesn't cut it for me. It's a pretty good movie, but I was surprised by the violence. This movie is more violent than it is spy oriented." So in your free time this Spring Break, catch up on some of these hot new releases!

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*Mr. Switalski is a very big James Bond fan.*



## Spring Break...Here We Come!

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One of the most exciting spots to spend spring break is in Washington, D.C. where you can view some of the greatest national monuments.

*“...according to local forecasters, there are only a couple of days left until spring hits full force!”*

Outside, the birds are chirping, the sun is shining, and the green grass is growing, filling the air with its sweet smell. Well, the grass isn't *EXACTLY* green yet, but according to the local forecasters, there are only a couple of days left until spring hits full force! One thing is certain, the weather in Wisconsin is the least of the Newman Catholic student body's problems, especially since most of them already have their spring break plans set.

First of all, as many of you already know, a group of students and teachers will be spending their spring break across the Atlantic Ocean on the England/Ireland trip. During this time, the students will be given a chance to experience different cultures and to

enjoy time with friends. However, there are also some very lucky individuals who have different plans set for spring break.

Senior Ben Vechinski will be making a trip down to Texas, and although he "really doesn't want to go, [his] family is making him." In true spring break spirit though, Ben did state that he would "at least...get a nice tan."

Junior Allie Kallstrom is heading to Washington D.C. with her family and they plan "to visit the monuments and the Smithsonian, and to [get a chance to just] relax."

Sophomore Riley Lemke and his family are planning a trip to Florida with the Szmanda family. Riley plans to "just hang out at the hotel and drive to the Florida

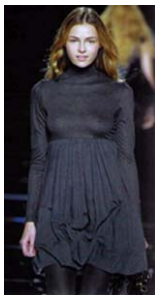
Keys."

Freshman Andrea Schuster is excited about her family's trip to Arizona, in order to visit their grandfather, who Andrea "hasn't seen for a couple years." She also mentioned that her grandfather hasn't been feeling well lately, which makes her all the more excited to see him again.

Although not mentioned, there are other numerous individuals who have some very fun plans for spring break, while others just plan to go with the flow and see what will happen. Either way, there's no doubt that everyone will have a fantastic spring break and will return to school refreshed and giddy due to the nice weather. Have a great spring break everyone!!

## Spring Fashion: What's In and What's Not

Kirsten Cornelissen



The little black dress will always be a very fashionable statement!



Shorts worn in "the careless look" is very popular this Spring!

The dress was popular, is popular, and always will be popular. The black dress is a special dress that you can wear for all different occasions. You can wear the black dress to school; if the weather is good you can go outside and you can even wear the dress to a party! If the black dress is not your style it is possible to choose a happy color, maybe with a nice print! This spring the flower print is back. The romantic girly dress is perfect for this spring. It is best worn just above or just under the knee. To finish the look you can

choose to wear a necklace; choose a long one with beads or a necklace with a striking pendant. This gives the look something extra.

For shoes you can choose a flat. Choose a nice color or a striking print if your dress is plain. If you have a dress with a busy print on it you can choose a plain color. If you go to a party you can wear high pumps under your dress! These shoes make your look really feminine.

For men the short pants are totally hot this spring! The careless look is popular. The short pants are worn above the

knee. You can vary a lot with these pants. Boys can choose pants with pockets; you can also wear a t-shirt above the pants, by doing this you get the careless look. You can also choose a blouse with a window print. If you want to go to a more formal event you can choose pants with a cotton smooth matter, if you wear these pants with a regular blouse you are ready! It is even possible to wear a jacket.

For shoes you can choose sneakers. If the weather is warmer you may better choose a leather flip-flop.

# Letter to the Girl's Basketball Fans Girl's Basketball

## Seniors

To our fans,

We wanted to find a special way to thank all of you who have supported us throughout our last four years playing basketball at Newman Catholic. There is no way that we can pay back all of the time and hours that you have given up to encourage us, but we wanted some way to thank you.

Committing to the Newman Catholic Girl's Basketball program is huge. The time, energy, and effort that we put into the team is unlike any other. Sometimes we may get down on ourselves, or each other because of the pressure that we feel. But all of this questioning of dedication seems to vanish the second we step out onto the court.

Looking up into the stands, and seeing the support that we have gained and received throughout the years was an incredible feeling. Little girls aspiring to be part of the program that we are lucky enough to have now, makes us not take our team's achievements for granted. Our four years in the program have been incredible, and a lot of this is because of you.

Our season might not have ended quite how we anticipated or wanted, but the ride getting there was one we will never forget. No place but Madison would we want to end our careers, with you cheering us on. It was a good feeling to know that no matter what the outcome was, you would still be supporting us.

Thank you for being a special part of our Newman Catholic family. You have filled us with a sense of love, belonging, and pride. Without you as dedicated fans, the memories that we have created would not be nearly as impactful on us.

Thanks again,  
Newman Girl's Basketball Seniors



The Seniors enjoy Senior night.



Gina Fisher works to get the ball down the court.

*"Our four years in the program have been incredible, and a lot of this is because of you."*



Ashley Kafka throws in a ball at Sectional Finals.



Alex Hollis gets ready to make a big pass.



Fans hold on to their hats as they cheer on the Cards!



Abby Brost and Alex Hollis defend against Niagara.



The Pep Band plays at State.



Alex Hollis and Allie McManus celebrate after a win against Athens.



A map of our journey to England, Ireland, and Wales!



The world renowned Oxford University.

*“Newman is looking forward to a great season, and will fall nothing short of excellence.”*



Coach Ryan Olszewski is excited for the beginning of the new baseball season!

## Counting Down to England, Ireland, and Wales 2007 (Continued from page 1)

**Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>:** Travel to ivy-covered Oxford, the oldest university in the English-speaking world at 800 years old. Sightseeing at Stratford-upon-Avon, the birthplace of Shakespeare and home to the Anne Hathaway Cottage. Travel to North Wales and spend the night.

**Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>:** Pass through Wales’ Snowdonia National Park, visit either Beaumaris Castle or Conwy Castle, and take the ferry across the Irish Sea to Dublin.

**Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>:** Guided sightseeing of Dublin. Walk down famous O’Connell Street, along the banks of the River Liffey, and to the 800-year-old St. Patrick’s Cathedral. Travel to Trinity College to see the 8<sup>th</sup>-century

illuminated Book of Kells and Brian Boru’s harp.

**Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>:** Visit Blarney Castle to bend over backwards and kiss the Blarney Stone. See the Rock of Cashel. Transfer to County Kerry in the evening.

**Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>:** Travel to Killarney and drive around the 112 breathtaking miles that make up the Ring of Kerry. See views of the Atlantic, the Lakes of Killarney, and the tallest mountains in Ireland. Later, visit a re-creation of an Irish bog village.

**Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>:** Fly from Shannon, Ireland to London, and then back to Chicago. Arrive in the evening and drive back to Wausau (just in

time for getting back to school the very next day. I bet we will be so awake- NOT!)

As you can see, there will be no shortage of fun. Check back in the Red Hat after spring break for a review of the trip and hopefully, some interesting (or, more likely, silly) stories!



The London Bridge is falling down!

## Baseball: A New Season

Alex Erdman

Practice for the Newman Boy’s Baseball team began March 19<sup>th</sup>. The boys will need to begin this season getting used to seeing fresh new faces; with only seven returning athletes, new players will have to step up and take their spots with hard work and dedication. The whole team will work hard to bring pride to the organization. Along with fresh new athletes, Newman also gained two new coaches, Ryan Olszewski and Seth Sneider. With no returning seniors on this year’s team,

the underclassmen will look to the five juniors for guidance. Juniors Matt Barr, Aaron Prosocki, Joe Line, Matt Weiss, and Alex Erdman will try to lead with the best of their abilities to get as many wins as possible. With the departure of three seniors, James Robison, Michael Dietrich, and Riley Luedtke, the juniors have big shoes to fill. Newman is looking forward to a great season, and will fall nothing short of excellence. Coach Poppy says, “The team

needs to improve in every aspect of the game, and is looking forward to the first game against Mosinee.” In order to play to well, players turn to coaches for guidance. Coach Olszewski gave advice by saying, “Throw, throw, and throw, the boys need to always be throwing so their arm strength improves.” The boys are looking forward to an excellent season, and hope to win the Conference Championship.

## Hitting the Road

Elizabeth Martin

There are many milestones to be reached during four years of high school, but by far the most exciting is your 16<sup>th</sup> birthday, because everyone knows what that means—getting your driver’s license! Ok, so maybe the most exciting milestone is graduation, but you have to make it through all four years before that ever happens, so in the meantime, it’s best to enjoy cruising in your new car with your best friends, right? The freedom and independence that come along with that little piece of plastic with that beautiful half-dazed picture of you are surely the most exciting things ever to come your way. However, there is also a level of maturity and responsibility that must be reached in order to ensure everyone on the roads is safe.

There is a new program in our area that is helping to do just that. The Teen Safe Driving Program, developed by American Family Insurance and DriveCam Inc., is using new methods to encourage young drivers to be safe when they hit the roads. One of the most innovative steps they are taking is to install a recording device by the rear-view mirror, which

would capture the view out the front of the car, as well as inside the car. The device would only save data if an erratic movement, such as extreme braking, accelerating or cornering, triggered it, or if the vehicle was in an accident. If the device was triggered, it would save data ten seconds before and ten seconds after the event. The University of Iowa has been studying the effectiveness of the device, and so far, it seems to be working well. Over the first two months, risky behavior that triggered the device decreased 72 percent among teen drivers that were being monitored. Not to mention that seat belt use for all teens in the study was at 100 percent, compared to the 52 percent national average.

Risky behavior among teen drivers has severe consequences, which is why this program is trying to encourage teens to be safe drivers. Forty-one percent of all teen fatalities are caused by motor vehicle crashes, and the crash rate for teen drivers increases an alarming 700 percent when they are not driving with parents. Installing cameras in vehicles allows parents to ‘be’ in the

vehicle when their children are driving alone or with friends. Although it is upsetting to see that, in general, teens will only behave responsibly while they’re driving if there is someone watching them, the fact that accidents can be prevented and lives can be saved is a very strong reason to use these cameras. In fact, it might be a good idea to install cameras in every vehicle, not singling out teen drivers. Perhaps an Orwellian idea, it might cause drivers to think twice about driving too fast on a slippery road, reaching under the seat for a dropped lipstick, drinking hot coffee, or talking on their cell phones while driving. Eliminating these distractions would help prevent accidents from happening and ultimately save lives. So, next time you hit the road, whether there is someone with you, a camera watching you, or if you are just by yourself, be safe.

(Information from Mankins, Sirena. “Watchful Eye: New Program Aims to Reduce Risky Teen Driving Behavior.” *Everest Herald*. 9 March 2007.)



*Always drive with two hands on the wheel!*

*“...the crash rate for teen drivers increases an alarming 700 percent when they are not driving with parents.”*



*Being safe on the roads is important for all drivers, not just teens.*

## The Freshman Challenge

The upperclassmen had the opportunity to demonstrate strong leadership skills and show the freshman strong peer role modeling during the Freshman Challenge. The Camp Manitowish student leaders demonstrated their hard work, personalities and their willingness to help others. “As a leader of this activity, I was given the chance to step into a situation and be more open to share my beliefs

and thoughts. I found myself offering myself to the underclassmen and they could trust that I would support them,” Meghan Hash said. The freshmen agreed by stating that, “It was a good idea and a good experience because we grew closer as a class. I really found out some things that I did not know before. I think that finding these things out made me realize that everyone is not perfect. It made

me think of people differently. Truly, I made more friends.” Kelsey Finke, another student leader for the challenge, believes that, “This experience will be a reminder for the underclassmen in years to come and help them build a stronger sense of community.” Congratulations Camp Manitowish student leaders on having such a positive impact on the freshman community!



*“While there is a lower class, I am in it; while there is a criminal element, I am in it; while there is a soul in prison, I am not free.”*  
- Eugene Debs

**A Short Q & A with Mr. Schultz**

**Q. If you could travel to anywhere in the world, where would it be?**

A. “I would either go to Paris or the inner recesses of Ben Vechinski’s mind. Too often is the concept of place thought of as physical. I would go to Ben’s mind to further gain an understanding of him, and to find ways to motivate, inspire, encourage, and challenge him.”

**Q. If you could have dinner with anyone ever, who would it be and where would you go?**

A. “I would eat with Ghandi, Martin Luther King Jr, Jesus, and Mr. Welch. I would have them over to Stony Acres Farm where I would cook for them. I would fry up some tomato bisque soup, along with some omelets. The chickens just won’t stop laying eggs!”

**Q. Where do you see yourself in 10 years?**

A. “Teachin’ and Farmin’ behind the metaphysical barricades.”

## Teacher of the Week

Mr. Schultz is a new addition to the Newman Catholic faculty for the 2006-2007 school year, and has certainly made a positive impact to most of the students here. With a younger perspective towards education and having gone to Newman Catholic himself, many find it refreshing to be able to relate more closely with a teacher as one can with Mr. Schultz. He is less formal, and has the first hand understanding of the student population of Newman Catholic. He knows what it is like to be a student here, “although things have changed over the years and my memory has been disrupted by age and time.” Although the school related ex-

periences are essentially the same, his every day routine may not be.

Getting up every day at the crack of dawn to tend to his goats at his own farm, Stony Acres, he then has to make the journey to Wausau from Athens. Mr. Schultz says that his favorite part about teaching at Newman is having constructive and intelligent conversations with the students, and often finds himself learning just as much from the students, as he teaches them.

**Fast Facts**

Name: Anthony Edwin Schultz  
Favorite Class To Teach: AP American Literature  
Hobbies: Digging, decoding rhetoric, and slogging through

**-Ben Vechinski**

the morass (Being able to survive the struggle & complexity of life)

Favorite Color: Red

Favorite Music: Bluegrass

Favorite Movie: *The Cradle Will Rock*

Favorite Ice Cream: Vanilla Heath



*Hi I'm Mr. Schultz's goat Bessie Sue! You can visit me and Mr. Schultz at our web site at [www.stoneyacresfarm.net](http://www.stoneyacresfarm.net)*

## Dear Katrine



If you have any ideas, suggestions, or questions write the Red Hat! Drop off your submissions to the folder outside room 110.

Dear Katrine,

I have this problem with snow. It is so pretty, but I don't like it. Is there something wrong with me? What do you suggest I do?

Signed,  
Chilled and Confused

Dear Chilled and Confused,

There is nothing wrong with you! All people tend to lean more towards a particular season as their favorite. Whether it is fall, spring, summer or winter, most have their own favorites. Maybe it would be a good idea to take a vacation to somewhere warm. Spring Break would be a great opportunity to renew your spirits in an island oasis. Hopefully you will be energized by your trip, and can return ready to finish out the school year.

Sincerely,  
Katrine