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## Club soccer honors late student

**BY DAN MOBERGER**  
*Managing Sports Editor*

Friends and teammates of Nicole Marzano remembered the university freshman at two club soccer games played in her honor Sunday afternoon. Emotions ran high as both the men's and women's squads paid homage to their fellow athlete.

"She was always a joy to be around and very athletic—an

incredible soccer player," team president Kelly Mohns said. "It meant a lot to us just to get out there and play because we knew that's exactly what Nicole would want and it's a sport she loved and that her mom told us she loved. It really was a great thing for us to get out there and know that she was with us and watching over us through the entire game."

Mohns organized Sunday's games to honor Marzano, with the

women taking the field against West Chester before the men played Navy. The teams paid tribute to Marzano with a pregame moment of silence, where both teammates and the day's opponents held hands.

"It was very emotional, but I think it was definitely needed in order for us to move on and just continue living our lives with her in them," said Lyndall de Klerk, Marzano's teammate.

Marzano was killed in a car

accident on Oct. 30 while returning from a game at Drexel University when the car she was traveling in lost control on I-95 and collided with the left median.

While teammates say Marzano's time at the university was too brief, it was long enough to positively influence the lives of those she met on campus.

Kristi Jackson, another of Marzano's teammates, said to ensure

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Courtesy of Kelly Mohns  
**Nicole Marzano's teammates say  
she was a joy to be around.**

## 'Chunkin' pumpkin tradition continues

**BY KRISTA CONNOR**  
*Entertainment Editor*

BRIDGEVILLE, Del.—A row of approximately 115 cannons, centrifuges and catapults faced an empty field on Saturday. A crowd of 70,000 people waited silently as one of the machines, called Bad to the Bone, revved up and spun around until it had enough momentum to catapult a pumpkin 2,080 feet in the air. The spectators burst into raucous cheers.

More than 125,000 people gathered together for the annual Punkin Chunkin competition between Friday and Sunday to watch competitors blast pumpkins across the mile-long field. The World Championship Punkin Chunkin Association, which governs the contest, is a nonprofit organization that raises money for scholarships and other organizations that benefit youths and the local community.

The Discovery Channel show "MythBusters" hosted the event for the second consecutive year. "MythBusters" host Kari Byron says Punkin Chunkin is high on the scale of bizarre events the show has covered.

"We've built some crazy cannons and crazy rigs," Byron says. "But nothing this size. This is just awesome."

Carol Lankford, 57, of Milton, Del., has attended the competition for more than 15 years. Wearing a

pumpkin-themed hat, skirt, poncho and glasses, she says the event has sentimental value—her son got married at the 2009 competition, and her entire family participates in the event each year. Her two grandchildren, Robby, 3, and Julia, 10, competed this year with their own machines called "Pop Pop's Machine" and "Little Liberty," while her sons shot their own machines.

"It's a family thing. I think the chunkers who come to the Chunk come not only for the competition, but for the friendship between the chunkers," she says. "If this chunker broke today, this chunker over here would be over there trying to get him fixed so he could go again tomorrow."

Milton resident Donny Jefferson, 41, is the owner of Bad to the Bone. He's been competing for 20 years, and has been the reigning champion of the centrifugal division, which uses machines that rotate an object around a fixed axis and then releases it, for 15 years. He says people keep returning to the event because of its originality and sense of camaraderie.

"Well, where else you gonna go that you see all this stuff out in the middle of a soybean field, you know?" Jefferson says.

The Delaware Punkin Chunkin event began in 1986 as a small event in the backyard of Dawn Thompson

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THE REVIEW/Michaela Clark

## 'Occupy Delaware' takes shape

**BY MICHAELA CLARK**  
*Staff Reporter*

Despite cold nights and the threat of arrest from local police Occupy Delaware protesters assembled in downtown Wilmington, Monday to protest the wealth gap between rich and poor Americans.

Protesters held a "tea party" on the sidewalk in front of the Louis L. Redding city council

building on French Street on Monday night, after being told they could no longer gather at the adjacent Peter Spencer Plaza because they did not pay a \$200 permit fee to remain as a group in the area until Nov. 14.

Wilmington resident Michael Mizner, 25, said Spencer Plaza was an ideal location for the protest because of its visibility and its proximity to the Boggs Federal Building location and

other government buildings owned by state, county and city governments.

"We want to be on the government's doorstep," Mizner said. "We're going to remind them every minute of every day to give us recognition."

The three-day trek to Spencer Plaza began at H. Fletcher Brown Park in Wilmington on Saturday

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Two yellow labrador retrievers bond at the men's soccer game against Lafayette College on Nov. 1. THE REVIEW/Hanan Zlatoff



The university's student-run Emergency Care Unit participate in training with operators of the Delaware State Police medical evacuation helicopter. THE REVIEW/Marek Jaworski



Students wait in line for the Marie Claire Front Row College Challenge fashion show on Nov. 1. THE REVIEW/Hanan Zlatoff

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# Students, faculty remember Russian professor

BY ANNE ULIZIO  
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Few university students can say they have brushed elbows with an international rockstar, and even fewer can say their famous acquaintance doubled as one of their college professors. Many students in the Russian department at the university, however, can lay claim to both, as they remember Alexander Lehrman, who unexpectedly passed away in his sleep Oct. 10 in his home in Newark. He was 59.

Lehrman, a Moscow native, lived in Soviet Russia until he emigrated west in 1975, eventually settling in the United States in 1976. While living in the USSR in the 1960s and 1970s, Lehrman was a vocalist, bass guitarist and songwriter in two famous underground rock bands—Veselye Rebiata and Dobry Molodtsy.

Senior Kathleen Westmoreland, a Russian and European studies double major and one of Lehrman's former students, said the name Veselye Rebiata translates to "the cheerful guys." She said the name could not be more appropriate in describing Lehrman's character.

"He was a very cheerful person," Westmoreland said. "He always had a smile on his face."

She said despite his fame in the rock 'n' roll scene in Russia,

Lehrman was never one to boast about his accomplishments. She said his students didn't know about his life as a Russian rockstar unless they asked him directly about his life in the former Soviet Union.

"He never really talked about, you know, 'I've done this with my music, I've done that,'" she said. "He's very humble. He never liked to boast."

Lehrman's move to the U.S. led him down the path of academia. He obtained his Ph.D. at Yale University, and then landed a job at the university in the foreign languages and literatures department in 1989.

Richard Zipser, chair of the foreign languages and literatures department, said he fondly remembers the first time he met Lehrman in May 1989 over lunch in Zipser's home. He said he can still envision the colorful necktie with a cheery floral design Lehrman was wearing that day.

"He was just very full of life, full of energy," Zipser said.

Zipser said prior to hiring Lehrman and his wife, Susan Amert, as professors, the Russian department offered very few classes. With the introduction of the two new professors, however, Zipser said the department was able to grow. Amert is now retired from the university.

Lehrman taught Russian, foreign language and literature courses,

First-Year Experience courses and classes in philology—the study of language in literary contexts.

Zipser said he will remember Lehrman as one of the most intelligent professors he has worked with.

"He fits into the category of an extremely educated and beautifully intelligent person," he said. "Students in his classes marvelled at his brilliance. They recognized they were in the presence of someone extraordinary."

Along with Lehrman's fame in the music world, his resume included international recognition for his work and research in translation, literary theory and literature. Lehrman wrote three published books and a number of scholarly articles and translated poetry and novels throughout his career. His students and colleagues said Lehrman knew 40 different languages.

"If he can be successful in 40 languages, the least I can do is be successful in Russian," Westmoreland said.

Dave Mack, a 2010 university graduate with a double major in Russian studies and international relations, entered the university having taken a few Russian courses in high school, and opted to continue studying the language in college to

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Courtesy of the University of Delaware  
Russian professor Alexander Lehrman, 59, who taught at the university for 22 years, died last month in his home in Newark.

# Campus group petitions gov't for DREAM Act

BY DANIELLE DEVITA  
News Features Editor

Junior Yessenia Tolentino believes her dream may soon be coming true.

Tolentino, a Mexico native who grew up in Texas, helped spearhead the Delaware DREAM Team, an on-campus organization petitioning the federal government to pass the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act. This legislation gives illegal immigrants who came to the U.S. at age 15 or under access to considerably cheaper in-state tuition.

Tolentino's goal to spread awareness about The DREAM Act around campus stemmed from her participation in a three week-long awareness walk from Delaware to Washington, D.C. last June.

After the walk, she shifted focus toward making an impact on legislation to the university.

"You kind of lose hope knowing that [students are] undocumented," Tolentino said. "Once they get to high school, there are so many people who are intelligent, graduating at the top of their classes [and] once they graduate from high school, then they end up having to work in low-key jobs when their intelligence and wonderful skills can contribute a lot more to the country."

State Rep. Joseph Miro, of New Castle County's District 22, introduced a bill into the state House of Representatives that proposed undocumented students who graduate from a high school in Delaware be accepted to the university as in-state students. Miro eventually struck

an agreement with the university that undocumented students would be accepted as undergraduates, but charged out-of-state tuition.

Miro, a Cuba native, thinks The DREAM Act needs to be addressed and passed in order for Latinos to be part of mainstream society.

"It is the right thing to do," Miro said. "It is something that every state and every legislator, and there are many outside the Latino legislators that feel that everyone should be treated the same as long as they graduate within the state."

The bill, called House Resolution 59 once passed into law, that charges students out-of-state tuition rate is still in effect, though Miro hopes to see the university charge undocumented students graduating from Delaware high schools in-state tuition in the future.

The university's policy, which is based on HR 59 and established in 2003, charges undocumented students at an out-of-state tuition rate. The relocation of illegal immigrants into the United States creates a sub-category of the country's population: their children, who are residents but not considered American citizens.

There are two versions of the DREAM Act, one proposed at the federal level and another that recently passed in California. The federal act states that an undocumented student should receive in-state tuition at their respective university if they entered the country before the age of 16, are between the ages of 12 and 35, lived in the country for five consecutive years, graduated from a high school and accepted into college and display good

moral character.

The state level of the DREAM Act, which California Gov. Jerry Brown signed into law on Oct. 8, suggests undocumented students should receive in-state financial aid as long as they graduated from a state high school.

Since its passing, it has been of interest to many state officials, especially those with large Latino constituencies.

Republican presidential candidate and Texas Gov. Rick Perry's support of in-state tuition for undocumented students drew criticism from his fellow candidates and other GOP supporters, who argue that his support for the act is a ploy to appeal to the 37.6 percent Latino population in Texas.

Delaware currently has no set policy on The DREAM Act because it has not passed on the federal level, according to university officials.

With a \$16,270 difference between in-state and out-of-state tuition at the university, passing the policy at a federal level has become a priority for the Delaware DREAM Team, who visit local representatives to petition in favor of the act.

"Many people who have possibly heard of it or care about that it is related to immigration, many of them automatically think, 'Oh, it's amnesty,'" Tolentino said. "The truth is that The DREAM Act is not amnesty. There are requirements."

Opponents of this policy argue that supporting children of aliens will support illegal migration, according to Mark Miller, a political science and international relations professor at the university. Proponents of The

DREAM Act claim that children of illegal immigrants are not in this state by choice and should be treated as productive citizens.

Junior Nicole Mozee, student adviser to the Latino Students Union The Campus Alliance De La Raza, said taking opportunities from students she considers innocent is unfair.

"Try to put yourself in their position for a second," Mozee said. "In a position where you did not have a choice to come over here and where you're dependent on your parents in a way. You're a brilliant student, just because you're not of legal status of the United States, that hinders you from pursuing your dream."

According to Wayne Batchis, political science and international relations professor, Perry based his support on the 1982 Supreme Court case of Plyler vs. Doe. The court set a precedent that declared a Constitutional right to not be discriminated against as a minor, an illegal immigrant, or a child of an illegal immigrant when it comes to public education.

"To deprive [children of illegal immigrants] would be invidious discrimination," Batchis said.

Batchis said Perry's nomination for president looks less favorable because of his controversial immigration views.

"He essentially called the base of the Republican party heartless for not supporting the initiative," he said. "[He] justified it that these young aspiring students are not in this state out of choice. They are often there because the parents came into this country illegally."

Supporters of the DREAM Act

emphasize the equity issue relating to illegal immigrants' children. As the population increases, lawmakers decide how to support this sector of the population on a state-by-state basis.

"Those against the DREAM Act argue the simple fact they are not legal residents of the United States, they should not be entitled to the rights and liberties as citizens have," Mozee said. "There are just basic civil liberties that they cannot afford."

The question of providing for children of illegal immigrants increasingly raises concern for lawmakers. Politicians have begun addressing the issue of illegal migration's effects from both humanitarian and economic perspectives, Miller said.

"Generally, I would side with Gov. Perry on this particular issue just because of the long-term anomalousness of the plight of illegal residents in our country," Miller said. "I'm not a fan of illegal migration, but at the same time there's a humanitarian imperative that comes in because these children are severely disadvantaged by the lack of legal residency."

Tolentino hopes to see The DREAM Act passed before the next presidential election. The group petitioned the Senate last year, but was short by a couple votes.

"We've gotten so many signatures to prove to our congressmen that we need and want [this act]," Tolentino said. "I know that we almost had The DREAM Act passed in Senate, however were just short a couple of votes, but we definitely went hard on legislative visits."



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## police reports

### North Chapel Street home burglarized Thursday night

An unknown suspect entered a home on the 20 block of North Chapel Street and stole various items Thursday evening, according to Newark police spokesman Cpl. Paul Keld.

Residents believed that the home was locked when the suspect entered it, Keld said.

The suspect took various items including a laptop, a television and clothing. The items stolen belonged to four different victims, he said.

The charges would be burglary and four counts of theft more than \$1,500.

### Wallet stolen at Grotto Pizza

An unknown suspect stole a victim's wallet early Sunday morning at Grotto Pizza, according to Newark police spokesman Cpl. Paul Keld.

The victim reported she was sitting at the bar and left her wallet on the counter at approximately 12:30 a.m. The victim left the bar for a moment, and when she returned she noticed that her wallet was missing, Keld said.

The victim did not see the suspect, nor were there any witnesses. The charge would be theft under \$1,500, with additional charges pending further investigation.

### Backpack stolen on Haines Street Tuesday night

An unknown suspect entered a home on the 100 block of Haines Street and stole a backpack late Tuesday night, according to Newark police Spokesman Cpl. Paul Keld.

According to the victims, they left the residence to go purchase food at approximately 12:30 a.m. and came back a half hour later. Upon returning they noticed the backpack was stolen, Keld said.

The victims left the home unsecured because they believed a roommate was upstairs. The suspect allegedly entered the home and stole the backpack, which was located next to the door, Keld said.

Charges would be burglary and theft under \$1,500.

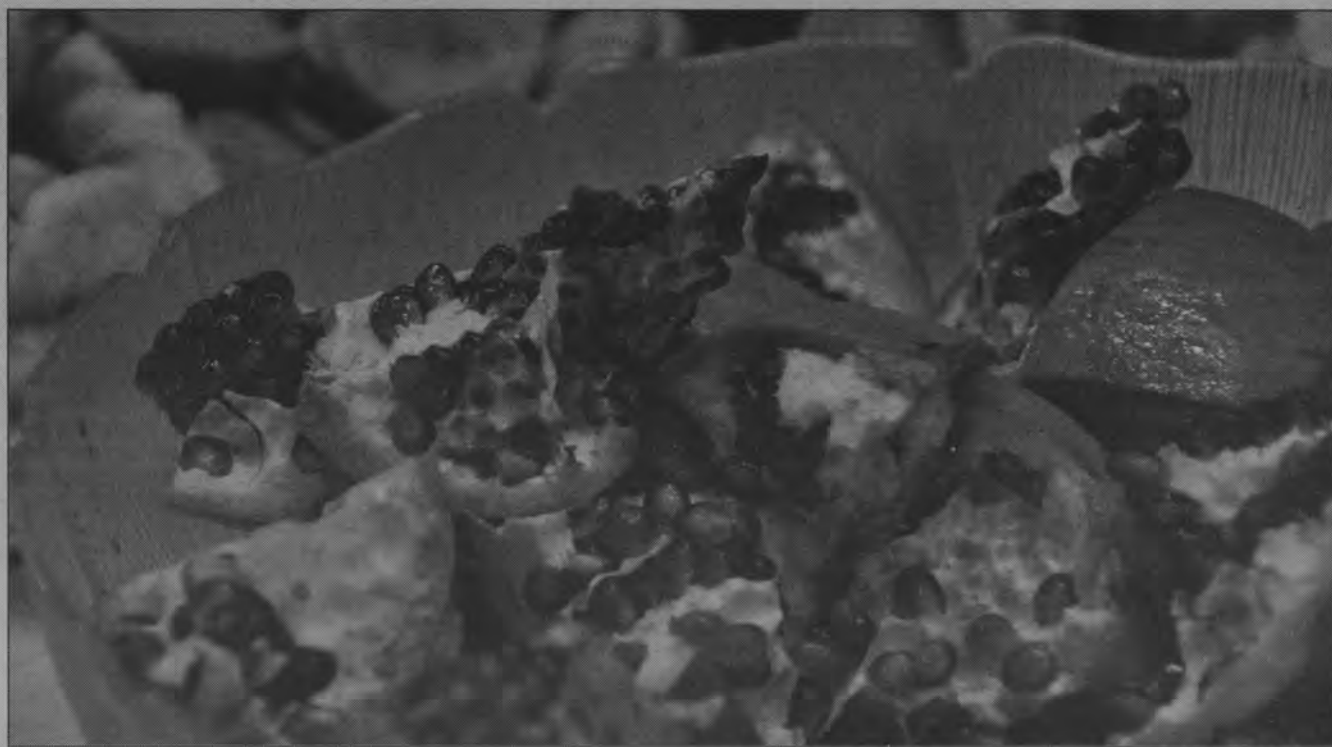
—Martin Martinez

## This week in history:



Nov. 13, 1992 - The university dedicated the Bob Carpenter Center in memory of the former Board of Trustees member and Philadelphia Phillies coach.

## photo of the week



THE REVIEW/Amelia Wang

Attendees at the Persian Cultural Celebration could sample pomegranates, among other foods. See page 22 for coverage of the festivities.

## in brief

### Residence Hall tours to begin Wednesday

Housing Assignment Services will begin tours of upperclassman residence halls for students preparing to choose their future housing assignments on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Students can tour Central, Independence and Ray Street complexes and the Christiana Towers apartments.

Housing Assignment Services is also raffling off higher priority for housing assignments.

Those that attend the tour will be automatically entered to increase their probability of getting into the residence hall of their choice on the housing

application for the next academic year.

### University gets new event calendar

The university has created a new online event calendar called @UD. The calendar has stronger integration with social media and is more interactive than previous calendar software.

Students can use their UDSIS log-in information to create a profile and add events to their own personal calendar, set reminders and receive updates about events they plan to attend.

### Graduate Expo scheduled for Wednesday

The Graduate Expo will take place

in the Trabant Multipurpose Rooms on Wednesday.

The free event provides information about university graduate programs for interested students and the public.

The event will feature tables with information, and faculty and students who can answer questions about the programs.

The expo will also feature panel discussions providing prospective graduate students with information about resources available to university graduate students and tips from program directors on increasing their chances of gaining acceptance.

## things to do

Submit events to [calendar@udreview.com](mailto:calendar@udreview.com)

**Tuesday, Nov. 8**  
Peace Corps Volunteer  
7 p.m., 102 Smith Hall

**Wednesday, Nov. 9**  
UD Graduate Expo  
3 p.m. to 7 p.m., Trabant Multipurpose Rooms

**Thursday, Nov. 10**  
Homecoming Step Show: Richard Wilson  
7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Mitchell Hall

**Friday, Nov. 11**  
Homecoming Spirit Crowning  
3 p.m. to 5 p.m., The Green

**Saturday, Nov. 12**  
Center for Black Culture/BAO Homecoming Tailgate BBQ  
12 p.m. to 3 p.m., Center for Black Culture

**Sunday, Nov. 13**  
UD Chorale: Fall Concert  
3 p.m., Loudis Recital Hall

**Monday, Nov. 14**  
Test Taking Strategies for Undergraduates Workshop  
3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Gore 117

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The Planning Commission favors a motion to recommend the rezoning of this property at 132 E. Delaware Ave.

## Residents, city officials clash over downtown development

BY LAUREN PITRUZZELLO  
Staff Reporter

Of Newark's 30,000 residents, only one-third aren't university students, a statistic referenced by several city officials during last week's Planning Commission meeting on downtown development.

The wishes of these full-time residents and the university community's influence came into conflict after the commission favored a motion to recommend Newark City Council approve the rezoning of a portion of 132 E. Delaware Ave.

Lang Development Group's proposal also included a parking waiver for a 19-space lot and special-use permit for a three-story building with 6,000 square feet of commercial space and 14 upper-level apartments. The proposal was reduced from four-stories to three after residents voiced concerns over the building's potential height.

The original proposal for the property was tabled at last month's planning commission meeting. It proposed only 4,000 square feet of commercial space, but also had 24 apartments and a 51-space parking garage. Most of the concern centered on whether the building would be too large and densely occupied.

Developer Jeff Lang said if the city approves the new plan, the group will begin construction either early next year to be ready for the 2012 fall semester, or will wait until later in the year and open for rental during the fall of 2013.

Lang said his group designed the building to create opportunities for owner occupancy, but he believes the market favors building one and two bedroom apartments that appeal to graduate students and young professionals, as opposed to four

bedroom apartments.

"There are not very many, if any, units downtown that provide that opportunity," Lang said.

This new development comes after another East Delaware Avenue development, called Campus Edge, was approved earlier this year with 39 four-bedroom apartment units. Development is also under construction on a lot near Iron Hill Brewery, known as Trader's Alley.

Roy Lopata, director of the city's planning and development department, said there is no reason development should focus on East Delaware Avenue, but the residential aspects of the development projects is not coincidental.

"We've always tried to encourage people to move to the downtown area because it is good for downtown business," Lopata said.

Members of the Washington House Condominiums on Main Street voiced concerns that the new proposal did not following the comprehensive development plan, which the city created in 2008.

Washington House resident Sheila Anderson said she did not feel the changes made to the project since the last meeting would discourage the property from turning into student housing, and it was unlikely it would become owner occupied as opposed to rented.

"No matter how we fix it, we are going away from our comprehensive development plan," Anderson said.

Bruce Chase, another Washington House resident, said the development of the downtown area will not attract a diverse population. "It seems like we are converting Main Street to something that is catering entirely to students," Chase said.

Lopata said he was concerned

residents were focused on one section of the comprehensive development plan and misstating it as indicative of the entire plan's goals. He said there were many different goals for the development downtown with only one of them being owner occupancy.

Kass Sheedy, a member of the Planning Commission, said regardless of what the developer plans to do with the property, the rezoning appropriately fits the city's development plan because it allows for more vibrant downtown businesses.

Sheedy said this is the first time she can remember a development not destined to be student housing forever.

"This is at least an attempt to do something different," Sheedy said.

Ralph Begleiter, university professor and vice chairman of the planning commission, said he thought ideas Washington House residents were proposing, such as leaving the property undeveloped or not developing with the university community in mind, were impossible.

"I think that to expect the Main Street and Delaware Avenue corridor in Newark to be anything less than closely connected economically to the university's faculty, staff and students is unrealistic," Begleiter said.

He also said he believed the commission had pushed the development group to lower its density and reconsider size, following guidelines in the comprehensive development plan.

"I think that this commission has amply demonstrated on this project both its commitment to holding the developer's feet to the fire and its commitment to all of the residents of Newark," Begleiter said.

## Politics Straight, No Chaser

Republican presidential hopeful Cain accused of sexual harassment

In the Republican Party primary race that has dominated the news since August, Herman Cain has managed to seize the spotlight these past few weeks. Emerging from a diverse field and a heavily divided party, Cain first grabbed headlines in a series of debates with a radical tax reform plan. Since then, he has made controversial comments about his views on illegal immigration prevention and, more recently, allegations have surfaced about potential sexual harassment cases made against him earlier in his career. These allegations were taken to new levels Monday as Sharon Bialek, a woman who claims to be one of Cain's victims, came forward publicly and gave a detailed and graphic account of his alleged inappropriate advances.

"Instead of going into the [National Restaurant Association] offices, he suddenly reached over and put his hand on my leg, up my skirt, and towards my genitals," Bialek said in a press conference. Cain then allegedly "grabbed my head and brought it towards his crotch," she went on to say. She stated that as she objected to him coming on to her, Cain allegedly asked her, "You want a job, right?"

That last line quoting Cain, "You want a job, right?" may become the catch phrase of this scandal. If these allegations are true, it is the quintessential example of sexual harassment in the work place.

Bialek is the fourth woman to accuse Cain of sexual harassment. She was an employee at the National Restaurant Association while Cain was the organization's president. She lost her job in 1997 and appealed to Cain for help, which led to the pair meeting at a bar down the street from the association's headquarters in Washington, D.C. Bialek reported she was "coming forward to give a face and a voice to the women," referring to the other three women who've accused Cain of harassment but have not gone public.

The National Restaurant Association reached financial settlements, including salary compensation, with two of the women. It is unclear why the other three women haven't stepped forward publicly, but it's thought that it may be due to nondisclosure agreements signed in their out-of-court settlements.

The Cain campaign responded with a statement denying everything almost immediately. They claimed the "bogus attacks" were merely a ploy to take the focus off Cain's "bold" plans for our nation. They also stated that "Mr. Cain has never harassed anyone." This statement comes on the heels of several confusing comments of denial by Cain

himself. When asked in a Fox News interview last week if he had ever settled a case of sexual harassment, Cain responded "Outside of the [National] Restaurant Association, absolutely not," which leaves the door open for interesting interpretations.

Bialek appeared alongside her notorious celebrity attorney, Gloria Allred, on Monday. Allred is a feminist lawyer with a history of taking on controversial cases. She represented the family of Nicole Brown Simpson



Matthew Friedman

and women allegedly involved with Tiger Woods, among others. She said in a statement Monday that as Bialek sought Cain's help, he "instead decided to try to provide her with his idea of a stimulus package." Bialek made it known that she was a Republican, but that she couldn't let that stop her from coming out against Cain in this situation.

Despite the allegations over the past week, Cain continued to rise in the poll numbers. At the week's end, the Gallup Poll had reported that Cain and steadfast frontrunner and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney were tied with 21 percent of support. Cain's "9-9-9" plan for federal tax restructuring captured a conservative audience that has been slow to warm to Romney's moderate past. It is tough to predict how these new developments will affect Cain's support, considering his poll numbers have continued rising through the allegations for more than a week. Giving a face to the victim, especially considering the credibility of her attorney, will most certainly have a negative effect. The question now is how much of an effect this will have and whether it will evolve into an all-out political scandal.

The Republican Party is considering not only policy in this primary, but also the ability of a candidate to defeat President Barack Obama in the 2012 general election. To do this will require the support of suburban women, who can often be a swing demographic in elections. Without this support, it will be difficult for any candidate to defeat Obama next November. If the party thinks that Cain will be unelectable, their support may flee from him quickly.

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# Student-veterans reflect on adjusting to campus life

*'Many of us are still over there even when we're home,' says vice president of Student Veterans Association*

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When student-veterans return to campus, a life of war becomes a life of academics. That transition, according to vets at the university, is challenging to make.

Many more veterans may soon face this adjustment, after President Barack Obama's Oct. 21 announcement that troops will be pulled from Afghanistan by the end of the year.



John Hague, president of the student group Student Veterans Association, spent four years in the Marines. The association attempts to ease the transition from war to campus-life for vets at the university.

"We're not doing drill or [physical training]," Hague said.

"We're just looking to hang out with like-minded people."

William Terry, the association's vice president of recruitment and activities, was told he was getting deployed overseas just after his 19th birthday. Terry is originally from New York City, and was in one of the first units to leave after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Terry said while deployed, vets live in close quarters with 30 others, and are then surrounded by nearly 22,000 strangers when they return to campus. They're accustomed to being on their toes and constantly aware of their surroundings, which can bring some vets to a sensory overload when attempting to begin or continue college life, he said.

"You go over to a specific location, you really can't leave to go anywhere, and you sit with the same people, in the same conditions, in the same environment for months at a time," Terry said.

He received an honorable medical discharge after five years of service in Afghanistan, Iraq

and Kuwait in the Air Force's security forces and the Marines' counterintelligence.

After returning, Terry became

**"You never know how your particular soldier is going to be impacted by their experience."**

*-Nicole Boyd-Douglas, university psychologist*

depressed and was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder. He lost many relationships with friends and family at home while coping with the disorder.

"Many of us are still over there even when we're home," Terry said.

At the university, Terry found himself intrigued by the association. He wants to help other veterans like himself recover, so he is pursuing a degree in Health and Behavioral Science.

Nicole Boyd-Douglas, who served in the U.S. Army Reserve from 1991 to 2004 and is now a psychologist at the university's counseling center, said reintegration into society can affect soldiers in many ways.

"You never know how your particular soldier is going to be impacted by their experience," Boyd-Douglas said.

Boyd-Douglas has a husband and family members who are veterans as well, and she is a member of the Student Veterans Group Advisory Committee on campus. The committee is composed of faculty and staff and began last spring in order to reach out to the Student Veterans Association and help better accommodate student-veterans.

Hague said veterans struggle

financially as well. Currently, the association is pushing for all veterans to be given in-state tuition.

Janice Frye, the veterans' representative in the university's registrar office, explained that the policy is currently under evaluation in hopes of waiving the one-year of residence requirement for veterans to receive in-state tuition. However, the policy has not yet been fully approved.

Hague, Terry and Boyd-Douglas all stressed the elimination of stigmas and stereotypes attached to veterans. Whether in regards to political views or personalities, they said making assumptions about who they are as people would help make the campus more veteran-friendly.

"That kind of makes it an uphill battle," Boyd-Douglas said. "Given the experience they have, they have a lot of unique knowledge and incredible life experience, which not only enriches them, but also those around them."

## Faculty supports elimination of Saturday final exams

BY ERIN REILLY  
Staff Reporter

The Faculty Senate voted in favor of modifying a proposal to eliminate final exams scheduled on Saturdays on Monday in Gore Hall, sparking debate between members over the merits of the suggestion.

The body's committee on undergraduate studies requested to eliminate the traditional scheduling of final exams on Saturdays, citing the day's use as a day of worship by many students and professors, such as those who practice Judaism.

The members of the Faculty Senate voted in favor of changing the clause, so that it does not designate Saturday as a typical day of instruction at the university.

The senate's coordinating committee on education and executive committee also supported the request except for extraordinary circumstances.

Many senators, such as communication professor John Courtright, said the measure, which did not eliminate Saturday exams during winter and summer sessions, did not accurately address the issue of religion during special sessions.

"If it's a day of worship during fall and spring, it's a day of worship in winter," Courtright said.

Physics professor and committee member John Morgan said he wanted to amend the committee's recommendation to

exclude the religious connotations behind the committee's motives.

However, Morgan said the blanket policy of eliminating Saturday final exams could be insensitive to those who do not have conflicts on that particular day.

"If we start using one religion to not hold exams, it's difficult to not include others," Morgan said.

He said it may also be difficult to justify religion as the reason for altering the exam schedule because the university and its collective student body does not affiliate itself with a single religion.

"I hope I'm not alone in thinking that it's dangerous for a secular state-supported university to base its policies on religion," Morgan said.

Removing final exams on Saturdays would also put more pressure on students, Morgan said. In particular, he cited an analysis of exam scheduling from the spring 2010 semester, in which as many as 342 students took three exams on the same day and more than 100 students had to take three exams in consecutive testing periods.

"Many of our undergraduates have very congested final exam schedules," Morgan said.

On some occasions, university students are scheduled to take as many as four final exams within a 24-hour period, he said.

Morgan also suggested that students in smaller classes should be allowed to determine the scheduling of their final exams



Faculty Senate members vote to modify the proposal to eliminate final exams on Saturday at Monday afternoon's meeting in Gore Hall.

with professors, which would not be allowed under the current form of the proposal.

Food and resource economics Professor Steven Hastings said he would not vote for a measure that would allow students to negotiate with professors.

"I will not support anything that says faculty can make some kind of deal with the students," Hastings said.

The committee will be re-examine and adjust the proposal with consideration to the passed amendment.

The Faculty Senate committee also voted to accept American Sign Language as a language for admission to the university and a request to eliminate the engineering technology major and minor.

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# Researchers develop biofuel for campus buses

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University researchers have discovered a way to power the school's bus fleet with a form of fuel collected from leftover cooking oil.

Chemical engineering students are developing biodiesel fuel called UDiesel, which is made out of recycled cooking oil and burns cleanly when used in engines. The university's department of transportation services is currently evaluating the effectiveness of the biodiesel in its fleet of buses.

Professor Norman Wagner, chair of the chemical engineering department, said a biodiesel processor enables researchers to create organically derived fuel that can be used to power motor vehicles in a simple process.

"You could do this in your garage," Wagner said. "The hard part is making it clean and economical."

University alumnus James Seferis, who donated the processor during the summer, used it as a start-up tool for his laboratory in Greece but decided to donate the tool to the university for research purposes. He thinks the project will give students and faculty the opportunity to create something beneficial for the community.

Seferis said the processor was designed to burn cooking oil from plants and separate it into two parts. The process produces a concentrated version of the oil that can be burned for fuel.

"You use acid and methanol to pack energy into the processor with the cooking oil which makes biodiesel and glycerin," Seferis said.

Wagner said students developed the concept of UDiesel during a senior design class, in which students develop real engineering systems. One group of students developed a plan to utilize biodiesel in Newark's transportation system last year, and predicted the cost to the city would be equivalent of or less than the current cost of gas.

Diesel, which fuels many motor vehicles, is produced from the oil of petroleum gas, whereas the biodiesel comes from a natural source that would normally be thrown away, Wagner said.

In addition to university buses, biodiesel can also be used in agricultural tractors and groundskeeper vehicles on campus, Wagner said. He currently uses it in his 2006 Jeep.

Tim Conrad, a transit supervisor for the university's bus system said there are nine buses that run throughout the day. Each gallon

of diesel gas costs \$370 and the buses operate at four miles per gallon.

Senior Matt Wehrman, who is among the undergraduate students who have participated in the UDiesel project worked on the project during the summer.

He believes the project will help spur the continued development of local environmentally friendly initiatives.

"This project could definitely lead to other new ideas for Delaware," Wehrman said.

Senior Ann Wardwell, a UDiesel researcher, said she spends an average of four to six hours a week in Colburn Laboratory running the processor and analyzing data.

"It's nice to get hands-on [experience]," Wardwell said. "Even at an internship, I wouldn't get an experience like this."

Seferis, who helps oversee the project's progress from his office in Greece, thinks environmental change is needed because people can learn and build on this process for the future.

"Rather than building huge refineries, environmental change should happen at the community level," Seferis said. "It provides a more ecological frame of mind."

If restaurants on Main Street



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University researchers are using a biodiesel processor to create organically derived fuel that can power motor vehicles, like the university's bus fleet.

donated their used oil, there would be enough to run the buses all year, Wagner said.

"One of my sayings is 'eat a French fry and save a polar bear,'" he said.

# Obama student loan relief a political strategy, some say

BY LAUREN PITRUZZELLO  
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President Barack Obama announced an executive order to help ease the burden of student loan debt last month, but some university members claim political strategy is his key motivation.

Obama's order, which came in response to a petition featured on the administration's "We the People" website that gathered more than 32,000 signatures, is a modification to a plan already approved by Congress.

The original plan, slated to begin in 2014, would have allowed Americans to cap their federal student loan payments at 15 percent of their income with payments spanning 25 years.

Obama has moved up the starting date of this repayment plan to 2012, and lowered payments to 10 percent of income. Payments are made for only 20 years before the debt is forgiven.

Political science professor Joseph Pika said young voters were a critical part of Obama's election in 2008. He said these loan repayment changes could be an attempt to appeal to that demographic again and possibly to voters at large.

"He is trying to demonstrate that he can take action and that he is going to help Americans who are having economic problems," Pika said.

However, he doubts most Americans will be focused on these loan changes, and will instead be concerned with keeping their homes, their health care and saving for retirement.

Professor Saul Hoffman, chair of the department of economics, said the changes are similar to 2009's stimulus package in terms of intended effects, but occur on a much smaller scale.

He said the administration seeks to increase citizens' spending, which may help boost the nation's poor economic performance.

"It's not going to have a big effect, but this is a good time to do it," Hoffman said.

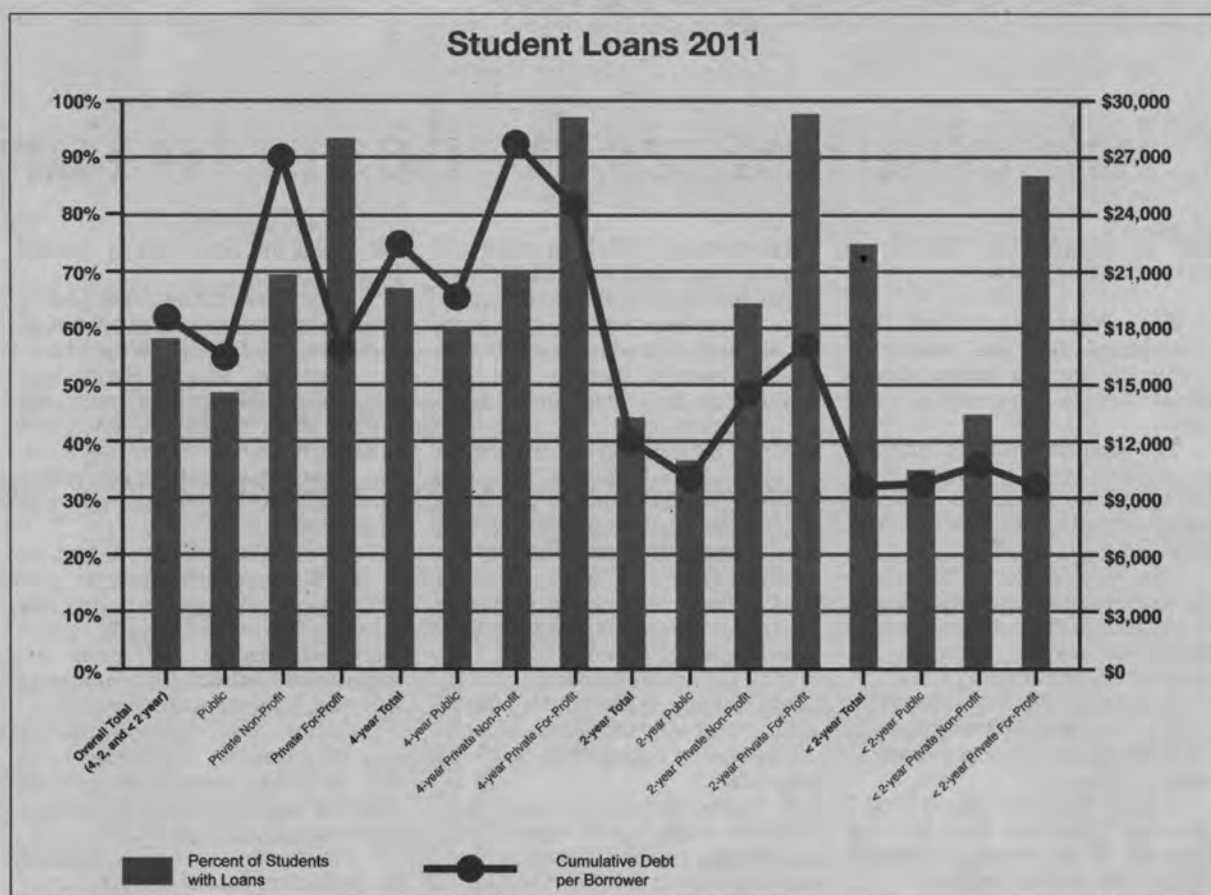
Student loan debt is now more than \$1 trillion and has surpassed credit card debt as the highest debt total in the country, according to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and the U.S. Department of Education.

The Obama plan affects students who have taken out loans since 2008 and plan to acquire another in 2012. Obama said this should benefit approximately 1.6 million people.

Melissa Stone, director of student financial services, said these changes will be an advantage for students of the classes of 2012 and 2013, who wouldn't have been applicable for Congress' original plan, which was slated to begin in 2014.

She said the university's undergraduate students who borrow federal loans take out an average of \$22,000 and graduate students take out an average of \$26,000 over their college careers.

Junior Patricia Mace, an international relations major, said student loans are a major burden, but rising tuition costs are a more important issue. She doesn't understand why tuition has increased when, in her opinion, there hasn't



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The above chart shows the percentage of students borrowing money for college and the average cumulative debt per borrower, according to the type of educational institution.

been a concurrent increase in educational benefits.

"It is good that they're decreasing [loan payments], but the bigger problem is universities overcharging us," Mace said.

Senior Jim Kimsey, a

mechanical engineering major, said he believes higher education is a one-time investment, and when students agree to the terms of a loan, they should not expect loan forgiveness or interest rate changes.

Kimsey thinks Obama's plan

was not about helping with loan costs, but rather was about helping his campaign.

"It's more of a political toy to win over the young vote," Kimsey said.



# Scandal rampant in politics, speaker says

BY ELENA MILLER  
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Scandal always has been—and will always be—a large part of American politics, according to political watchdog Melanie Sloan.

Sloan has been exposing corrupt politicians for eight years,

as founder and executive director of the nonprofit organization Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington. She discussed how scandal is intertwined with politics as part of the Center for Political Communication's National Agenda lecture series Wednesday night in Mitchell Hall.



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Melanie Sloan is the founder and executive director of the nonprofit organization Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington.

Sloan praised efforts like Occupy Wall Street and the Tea Party movement for demanding that Washington politicians be held responsible for their actions.

"I think the only way we will see reform is if more and more members of Congress were afraid that we will throw them all out of they don't do something about our problems," Sloan said.

She said most citizens miss the consequences of unethical behavior by special interest groups in Washington because they're distracted by higher profile scandals.

Most politicians act under the agenda of political action committees rather than on behalf of the citizens, Sloan said. PACs use their company's money to control lawmakers' decisions, she said.

"Congress is for sale," Sloan said.

She grew up in Wilmington and graduated from Yale Law School, then worked as Washington's Assistant United States Attorney and served on a number of advising councils in Congress as a prosecutor.

Sloan said CREW examines politicians' tax reports and other financial records to find criminal behavior. They also receive tips from Washington insiders and the public requesting investigations. When Sloan received explicit emails written by former Florida congressman Mark Foley, which were allegedly sent to underage office assistants, she worked directly with the FBI to investigate the claim.

"CREW's mission is to

demonstrate to the American public that there are some politicians that are sacrificing the public good to special interests and they are well-paid to do so," Sloan said.

Scandalous behavior has been part of our political system since the nation's founding. Sloan recalled President Thomas Jefferson's alleged secret relationship with one of his slaves and President Grover Cleveland's affair that resulted in a child he sent to an orphanage.

Political scandals such as President Bill Clinton's relationship with Monica Lewinsky and former New York congressman Anthony Weiner's inappropriate Twitter pictures have been known to end careers, she said.

Sloan said she was most proud of her work in exposing former Republican House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, who she believed to be one of the most corrupt politicians to ever serve in Congress. Sloan filed a complaint against his campaign finance practices, which resulted in charges for a money laundering scheme which sentenced him to three years in jail in January.

"We knew DeLay was only part of a corrupt system," Sloan said. "There was a culture structure that pervaded the House."

From their success in bringing DeLay to court, CREW went on to publish their "CREW's Most Corrupt in Congress" report. This year's list includes 12 Republicans and seven Democrats, all current members of the House of Representatives. Two members of that list are Rep. Charles Bass (R-N.H.) and Rep.

Maxine Waters (D-Calif.).

Sloan said 32 of the 70 politicians named on CREW's list in the past seven years are no longer in office after legal investigations, and believes the biggest corruption scandals are still on the horizon.

Douglas Hill, a retired professor who has attended several lectures this fall, said he was not impressed with Sloan's presentation.

"On a scale from one to 10, I think this was around a five or six," Hill said. "The topic was fairly vague and caused us to get off topic."

However, Hill strongly agreed with Sloan in that Americans must become more engaged in politics. He said an increased number of voters between the ages of 18 and 30 can energize the world of political reform and inspire changes in government practices.

Junior Drumlin Brooke, a public policy major, was surprised by Sloan's pessimistic attitude towards the government.

"I agree that people need to be watching these politicians but I don't feel that the only way to do it is to throw 'the rascals' out," Brooke said. "It seems that she's advocating fear as the only tool."

Freshman Jessica Guzzo said all of Sloan's stories made her realize scandals were more common than she had thought.

However, she does not think they tell the complete truth about American leaders.

"The people trying to do good get overlooked by the bad," Guzzo said.

## Club challenges students to forego plastic bottle use

BY JULIA CHANNON  
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The WaterWorks Club has a challenge for the university community—go the entire month without using a non-reusable water bottle.

The student group is offering free reusable water bottles to those who agree to participate in "No Bottle November" to reduce waste on campus.

The WaterWorks Club, which aims to draw attention to Americans' wastefulness of clean drinking water, created the event, according to president and senior Nikki Roth.

Roth said she and the other members decided to start the club after learning about the global water crisis.

"Water is a basic human need," Roth said. "We realize there are a lot of people in developing countries without water readily available."

The global water crisis, the lack of access to clean water and sanitation, is killing thousands in developing countries. Unsafe and inadequate water supplies are the world's number one health problem, and many suffer from diseases caused by unsanitary drinking water, according to the nonprofit organization Water.org.

Roth said Americans consume

approximately 8.6 billion gallons of bottled water each year, which has a negative impact on the environment.

"Seventeen million barrels of oil are used to produce water bottles yearly, enough fuel to fuel one million cars for a year," she said.

Engineering graduate student Deirdre Jayko, a member of the WaterWorks Club, said college students today are more environmentally aware than previous generations. She said this is due to the influence of celebrities like Matt Damon, who raises awareness about the crisis through Water.org, of which he's a co-founder.

"I see lots of people on campus using Nalgene water bottles," Jayko said. "I think the environmental awareness of college-age people is increasing."

Jayko, who gave up using non-reusable water bottles more than a month ago, said the lifestyle change quickly became a habit. She finds it not only environmentally friendly to carry around a reusable water bottle, but more convenient as well.

"What's interesting is that it takes three times the amount of water to produce the bottle as it does to fill it," Jayko said.

Doris Wright, 65, a member of the food services staff at the Trabant University Center, said nearly every student that passes through

her checkout line buys a bottled beverage.

"They have the option of getting water from the fountain or a fountain soda, but very few do," Wright said.

Freshman Megan Henry said while she drinks bottled water, she usually refills her non-reusable bottle multiple times before throwing it out.

"I would consider participating [in "No Bottle November"] now that I have heard of it," Henry said.

Mike Loftus, assistant director of facilities-grounds services, said cutting down the use of non-reusable water bottles would slightly reduce the total amount of debris his department collects by eliminating that item from the waste stream.

Loftus also said depending on the student involvement in this initiative, campus litter could decrease and the overall appearance of campus could improve.

"It would reduce somewhat the collection tonnages by reducing or eliminating them from the waste stream," Loftus said. "It could also improve the appearance of the campus by reducing the number of bottles contributing to the campus litter issue."

He said it's impossible to quantify the increased awareness to the detrimental effects of non-reusable plastic water bottles, but he has seen an approximate .2 percent



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WaterWorks Club members discourage students from using non-reusable water bottles.

increase in recycled materials.

"The fact that non-reusable water bottles are so readily available is an indication of their popularity and convenience," Loftus said.

Despite the availability of recycling options on campus, one of every five water bottles actually

makes it to a recycling bin, according to national statistics provided by the WaterWorks Club.

"Planting the idea in people's minds is the first step, then that leads them to the realization," Jayko said. "It's really not that hard to take small steps toward sustainability."



# City to expand local transportation hub

BY ALINA O'DONNELL

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City officials are planning to expand Newark's train station and have requested \$25 million dollars in grant money from Federal Transit Administration last week to construct the redesign.

The station's renovation, which is still in its initial phases, will improve connections between routes to regional cities and increase the frequency of rail service. The new design will allow passenger and freight rail systems to run simultaneously and adhere to the Americans with Disability Act requirements more closely.

Dave Gula, senior planner of the Wilmington Area Planning Council, said his department received a \$2.25 million Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery, or TIGER grant, last October from the Federal Transit Administration.

Gula said his department has recently applied for the final phase of the grant, which will allow the construction of the site to occur.

"The TIGER III grant will complete the design and plans and also go towards construction," Gula said. "The state has set aside money in their capital transportation plan, so we should have the money that we need if we get the TIGER III."

He said the funding would contribute to the construction and engineering of the train station, which has a projected cost between \$35 and \$41 million.

Gula said the station is currently a single-track that sits on a low-level platform. The single-track allows only one train to operate at a time.

"There are two types of train sharing the same track, those are not compatible uses," he said.

Gula said the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority, line often conflicts with the schedule of the Norfolk Southern Railway freight train which runs parallel to the Newark station. When there is a passenger train in the station, a freight train cannot proceed, he said.

"The fix calls for a separate freight track to be created," Gula said. "The secondary line will run the lengths of Delaware to Maryland."

He said a redesign would add a stop on the Maryland Regional Commuter train line, allowing two SEPTA trains, or a SEPTA train and a MARC train, to run concurrently.

"The Northeast Corridor is one of the most highly used corridors in the country. We need to design a station that will allow two tracks and double its capacity," Gula said.

This expansion will also have high-level platform, making it easier for handicapped persons to get on and off the train.

"If you have an impediment or disability, it makes it very difficult," Gula said. "There's only one way that people can access the train."

The existing station operates SEPTA lines during the early morning and rush-hour on weekdays, but does not run on weekends. Amtrak lines run through Newark in each direction once daily. This plan would increase the frequency of both train services, making day trips to regional cities, like Philadelphia, Baltimore, New York, and Washington D.C. more feasible.

Roy Lopata, the city's planning and development director, said he believes growth and change in Newark have sparked the expansion of the train station.

"[The project] will help improve the transit opportunities for Newark residents, Delaware students, and people working in the city," Lopata said.

Jeffrey Stone, director of Infrastructure for the Delaware Economic Development Office said the Science and Technology Campus, which is currently being constructed on the site of the former Chrysler plant, will also benefit from its close proximity to the redesigned train station.

University-driven initiatives such as the Delaware Rehabilitation Institute have partnered the school with research institutions in Philadelphia and other regional metropolitan cities. Stone said increasing number of

"I'm not sure that students would be the main benefactors, but if the university continues to discuss its relationships with institutions like [Jefferson Medical School] in Philadelphia, and expand the commuter service between Newark and Philadelphia, students will be able to do research and have internships on other campuses," Stone said.

He said he believes the students' mobility to nearby cities will engender off-campus research opportunities.

"It's much like the Princeton Junction development did for the Princeton area," Stone said. "The growth in the science and technology area was tremendous."

In addition to opening thousands of jobs in Delaware's transportation sector, Stone said he thinks expanding of the train station will support statewide economic growth by enabling partnerships between universities and businesses in the surrounding regions.

"We think the university's research campus will be a critical and huge contributor to the economic development of the state," Stone said. "If you have better train service to Philadelphia and the larger Philadelphia market, those connections are improved."

Gula said the plan is still being developed and the end of construction is tentatively scheduled for the summer of 2016.

"We have a concept, now we have to start the engineering on the concept, set definitive locations for tracks and platforms, and decide how much each element will cost us," Gula said.



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Marie Claire magazine fashion director Nina Garcia (left) judged Tuesday night's fashion show, which was produced by senior Breaanne Palmieri, a finalist in the Marie Claire Front Row College Challenge.

## 'Project Runway' personality judges student's fashion show

BY SAMANTHA TOSCANO

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Instead of speakers at the podium, Mitchell Hall hosted models on the runway Tuesday night, during a fashion show produced and organized by a university student.

Senior Breaanne Palmieri, who was named one of four finalists in the Marie Claire Front Row College Challenge, produced, styled and directed Tuesday's show, which she has been organizing during the last four months.

The winner of the contest will be announced on Dec. 1 and will receive an internship with Marie Claire magazine, LOFT and Rimmel London next summer.

While Palmieri said she was a little nervous before the show, she thought it turned out well and only regretted being stuck backstage and unable to watch the show as a member of the audience.

"We were doing run-throughs so many times and I was sitting on the outside and it was awesome," Palmieri said. "I put so much effort in since August so it would be sick to actually watch it."

Abby Gardner, who is a contest judge and site director for Marie Claire magazine, said she enjoyed the way Palmieri put the outfits together.

"I think she really uses accessories well and I like the sparkle in the bracelets on a look that might have been more simple

before adding that little touch with a bracelet or a fur-trimmed boot," Gardner said. "I also really liked the colored neck warmers and using the neon skinny belts with a more muted pallet."

The 14 outfits displayed at the show featured fur, pops of color and accessories with sparkled accents contrasted against earthy and jewel-toned clothing.

In addition to clothing, accessories and styling, Gardner said the judges evaluate the show's overall package, which includes the look of hair and makeup, music and model selection.

Gardner said she thought Palmieri's show appeared to be well organized and the outfits looked

"Everyone looked like they were having a really good time which I think is important," Gardner said. "The girls looked really comfortable and happy in their outfits, they looked like they were wearing something they really wanted to be wearing."

One of Palmieri's 14 models, freshman Alexi Corham, said she became interested in the show after a classmate and former Marie Claire intern mentioned Palmieri was looking for student-models.

Although she did not meet Palmieri until the day of the show, Corham said she didn't realize Palmieri was a student and assumed she actually worked for Marie Claire.

"She was calling the shots on like the looks, the hair, the makeup, everything," Corham said.

Nina Garcia, fashion director for Marie Claire magazine Tuesday's contest judge, stated in an email message that when judging a show, each factor, from the choice of music and lighting to makeup and styling, is important.

Garcia said she thought Palmieri's show was impressive.

"There's always such a refreshing enthusiasm to young, up-and-coming talent," Garcia said.

As for her future in fashion, Palmieri said she hopes to work in fashion after she graduates and hopefully get a job with fashion. She said even if she does not win, organizing the show was a positive experience.

"I love fashion, I always have, and I love the whole styling aspect, which was great with this whole competition," Palmieri said. "Maybe I'll do something with a magazine, maybe photo shoots. I love the whole runway aspect so whatever I could do with it, I'd appreciate because it's a hard place to get into."

Garcia said the keys to achieving success in fashion, as in most industries, are passion and determination.

"If Breaanne can stay connected to her natural energy and love for design, success will surely follow," she said.



# UD institutes tuition calculator

BY HANNA MADSEN  
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In response to the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008, the university has added a calculator to its website to make determining the cost of an education easier, officials announced Nov. 1.

The net price calculator provides an estimation of tuition, service fees and financial aid, said Melissa Stone, director of Student Financial Services in an email message. It uses demographic, academic data like GPA and class rank, the expected family contribution determined by FAFSA and other financial information provided by students.

"The Student Net Price Calculator will have a different story to tell each of our prospective families," Stone said.

The calculator is required for all American universities in the country by the act, which also requires the U.S. Department of Education to publish a list of the most affordable universities. College websites must become more user-friendly, among other reforms, Department of Education officials reported in a summary of the act.

"While this is a federal requirement, we believe it is informative to prospective students

and gives an accurate estimate of what the costs and aid may look like at the university of Delaware," Stone said.

A student's final price tag will be based on the strength of the applicant pool and the availability of government aid and university scholarships, Stone said.

Lou Hirsh, director of admissions at the university, said the calculator is a helpful tool, but there are still other factors at play.

"The one flaw is that our decisions take into account many more factors than just high school GPAs and test scores," Hirsh said. "There is no way for a Net Price Calculator to take these additional factors in account. Nor can it estimate whether a student's special talents in music, art or athletics might earn them scholarship consideration."

Since 2007, the university has increased scholarship funding by 47 percent. The total amount of financial aid for both undergraduate and graduate students has grown by \$55.4 million, from \$116.8 million to \$172.2 million this past year, said university officials.

Hirsh said between the fall 2010 and fall 2011 semesters, in-state tuition increased from \$9,040 to \$9,670 and from \$24,240 to \$25,940 for out-of-state students. Both are

approximately a 7 percent increase.

The cost of attending college across the country rose sharply, according to the College Board report "Trends in College Pricing 2011." The current average cost for a four-year university is \$29,657 for an out-of-state resident and \$17,131 for an in-state resident.

Persistent high unemployment and weak state economies put greater pressure on student and family resources as well as university and state budgets, resulting in rising costs, College Board reported.

Jean Esteban, 20, a former student from Voorhees, N.J. transferred to Rutgers University this summer when her cost of tuition, fees and housing at the university rose to more than \$39,000 for the year.

"I love Delaware [...] I was going to be a junior there and I had all these friends and I was involved in clubs," Esteban said. "I just miss it."

An online calculator would not have helped her make a better decision if it included tuition increases into the final cost, she said.

"I had everything planned out," Esteban said. "I wasn't expecting it. I knew it was going to be raised a little bit but then in July — but with my brother also in college and with

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the economy the way it is [I had to transfer]."

The average undergraduate student debt was \$22,000 in federal loans among the university's 2011 graduating class, according to Stone.

Freshman Erik Barnes, a finance major, hopes to pay off as much of his loans as possible while looking for any job in the business field once

he graduates.

Barnes thinks the tuition calculator is valuable for students who have to pay loans, but said it won't fix more pressing issues like rising tuition prices, the economy or unemployment numbers.

"I'll be blessed if I can get a job after college," Barnes said.

## Student: 'She was one of those kinds of people that was just inspirational, funny, loving,' teammate says of Marzano

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Marzano is always remembered by her teammates, they will be wearing arm bands bearing her name and plan to embroider her initials into their team jackets.

"Nicole was just a great overall person," Jackson said. "She was beautiful, a fantastic soccer player, one of the nicest people I've ever met. She never said anything bad about anybody."

During Sunday's memorial game, de Klerk said the team members had no trouble finding the motivation to take the field in honor of their lost teammate, but playing without her was difficult.

"It was definitely tough because it was the first time that we weren't playing with her," she said. "It was probably one of the best games that I think we've played all season."

Marzano's funeral services were held Friday and Saturday in her home state of New Jersey, and the university provided a shuttle bus for those who wished to attend, but could not drive

themselves.

De Klerk said Marzano's personality will always stay with her.

"She was always singing and always laughing," she said. "It's really rare to meet genuine people, and she was definitely one of those kinds of people that was just inspirational, nice, funny, loving—beautiful inside and out."

Marzano's teammates agree she left a lasting impression. Jackson also saw the way her teammates played on Sunday as a testament to the effect Marzano had on those she knew.

The women's squad turned the emotion into an inspired performance Sunday, and came away with a 4-1 victory.

"You could definitely tell that there was a lot of passion because, not only are we fighting to win the game now, we're fighting in Nicole's honor, which I think really gave the girls some motivation," Jackson said. "I definitely think that we felt like Nicole was there with us and she's always going to be our teammate forever."

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# Fewer students seeking flu vaccinations, officials say

BY KARIE SIMMONS  
Staff Reporter

Although the flu vaccine is available for students from Student Health Services and local pharmacies, many students have hesitated to receive a flu shot.

Student Health Services immunization coordinator Cheryl Pearl said the university administers the flu vaccine to approximately 1,800 students each year, but the number has declined this fall.

"The response has been slow this year, but we try to promote it," Pearl said.

She attributes the decrease to the lack of students awareness of the vaccine's availability and its benefits. She also said rumors of negative side effects and reactions to the flu shot discourage students from receiving one.

The vaccine is created a weakened form of the influenza virus, Pearl said. The virus is then injected into the bloodstream, which stimulates the immune system to produce antibodies against the illness, building a "memory" for how to fight the virus off in the future.

Pearl said the human body may take as many as two weeks after the vaccine is administered to develop immunity to the flu.

Pearl said the vaccine is not completely effective and there is still a small possibility the disease can still be contracted from other people. However, she those who have been vaccinated will only suffer a mild case of the flu.

"Getting the vaccine is much better than getting the virus," Pearl said. "If you get the flu you're going to be in bed for several days and you're going to miss classes. It's not a pleasant experience."

She said immunization specialists strive for "herd immunity," which is the notion that

the more people vaccinated, the less likely it is that the disease will spread.

Philosophy professor Mark Green, who specializes in bioethics, said he thinks most students are not getting vaccinated because it only protects them for one year.

"That's the problem with the current flu vaccination," Green said. "The virus mutates, so you need to get it every year."

Some students have said they will not get vaccinated because they believe the flu shot will cause harm, which many health experts say is untrue.

Jeff Diamond, a spokesperson for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said claims of negative side effects and extreme reactions to the vaccine are false. He said the only side effects one may experience are soreness and redness at the site of the injection and a hoarse throat.

Although some debate whether the flu shot can cause disorders such as Autism, Diamond said the reports are untrue. He said those who claim the flu can be contracted from the vaccine spread false information.

"The vaccine is created from a dead virus," he said. "You can't get the flu from a dead virus."

Green said there is no basis for the worries associated with the flu vaccine whatsoever and there vaccines for other diseases, such as small pox, which have more significant side effects.

Diamond said those who do not get the flu vaccination spread the influenza virus and college students have a responsibility to keep others healthy as well as themselves.

"Not only are you protecting yourself, but you're protecting everyone in your social circle," Diamond said.

The influenza vaccine is

also available to students at local pharmacies, such as Walgreens, which has a location on Main Street.

Robert Elfinger, a spokesman for Walgreens, said the vaccine can be administered on a walk-in basis and approximately 80 percent of people will have the cost covered by their insurance company. For those that do not have insurance, Elfinger said the vaccine will cost \$31.99, compared to a \$12 fee at Student Health Services.

Diamond said the sudden onset of flu-like symptoms is characteristic of the virus, and students without the vaccine are vulnerable to infection. He said students should get a flu shot early as possible, because a college setting is conducive to spreading the disease.

"Think of all the hard surfaces you touch that have the flu virus," Diamond said. "If you have the vaccine, you don't have to worry about it."

Despite the potential benefit of immunity to influenza, Junior Matt Hertsenberg said he does not plan to be vaccinated because he does not think it is important and getting the flu shot is a personal choice.

Most students do not care enough either, he said.

"I won't die," Hertsenberg said. "I've had the flu before."

Sophomore Shawna Morse said getting the influenza vaccine is not a high priority among other commitments such as her class work, studying for exams and non-curricular activities.

Morse said many students feel the same way don't get the vaccine because they cannot find time in their schedule to receive one.

"Were probably focused on everything else," Morse said. "It's not the first priority for a lot of college kids."



THE REVIEW/Hanan Zatlhoff

Students throw soccer balls, representing quaffles, into hoops in order to score points at Saturday's Quidditch match.

## Quidditch players face off in biannual game

BY ZAC ANDERSON  
Staff Reporter

Although some sports played on North Green include soccer balls, most of them don't involve players throwing them through hula hoops while avoiding dodge balls and carrying a broomstick between their legs.

Uninformed bystanders may not have been able to identify the game played by 14 students on Sunday, but readers of the "Harry Potter" book series may have realized that a game of Quidditch was occurring.

Each semester, the Lumos Literary Club, a student group dedicated to the book series, organizes an afternoon of Quidditch, a sport played by characters in the novels, according to junior and club member Allison McCague.

McCague, who serves as the group's Quidditch chair coach, said matches are open for anyone to participate, and this semester registration was more casual than in the past.

"We tried to set it up tournament-style last semester where teams sign up ahead of time," McCague said. "But college students are very impromptu about arriving to things so we just have people show up and organize teams then."

To accurately recreate the book's version of the sport, the club plays the game with two teams of seven players, who fulfill the roles of chaser, keeper, beater and seeker, positions from the novel's version of the game. Players designated as chasers

attempt to throw a soccer ball, called a quaffle, past a keeper, who defends three pole-mounted hula hoops located at opposite ends of the field for 10 points.

Those playing as beaters try to prevent opposing chasers from scoring by throwing dodge balls, representing bludgers, at them, temporarily removing them from play.

"If you get hit with one of the bludgers, you're out of the game temporarily," McCague said. "You have to drop whatever ball you're holding and loop around your set of hoops before coming back in."

A neutral player, known as the snitch, places a tennis ball in a long sock and hangs it out of the back of his or her shorts. One player from each team, designated as a seeker, attempts to obtain the tennis ball, which ends the game and scores 30 points. A snitch does not have to stay within the boundaries of the field, which can make it more difficult to catch him or her.

Junior Martin Petrella, the student group's secretary, said he remembers being the seeker in past matches.

"[One time] the snitch was a cross-country runner, so I had no hope," Petrella joked.

Some spectators stayed momentarily to watch Sunday's game out of curiosity, while others stayed for its entirety because of their interest in the "Harry Potter" series.

Some onlookers, such as freshman Kelly Farrell, said they were interested in the club and

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Walgreens on Main Street is one of several local locations where students can receive flu vaccination shots.



# Nonnative plants threaten birds

BY DEIRDRE STAFFORD  
Staff Reporter

Nonnative plants have invaded Newark forests and could be leading to the wood thrush songbird's one-third population decrease observed over the past 40 years, researchers say.

The wood thrush, known for its flute-like song, is a brown and white bird native to the East Coast, slightly smaller than a robin.

Their decline has spurred a study by wildlife ecology professor Greg Shriver and Vince D'Amico, a scientist with the northern Research Station of the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service, analyzing changing conditions of local forests.

"Some of the biggest areas of concerns were how soil quality affects bird populations, invasive plants and the calcium-rich food that birds need to successfully breed," D'Amico said. "We look at issues of urban forest fragments."

The main reason for the decline in the bird's population is the change of their natural habitat over time, with nonnative plants invading the area, according to Shriver. He also said the limited availability of food may also play a role.

The study, in its second year, is a long-term urban forest research project called Forest Fragments in Managed Ecosystems, funded by the USDA Forest Service and McIntire-Stennis, a federal program that supports forest research. Scientists in the entomology and wildlife ecology department began reporting on the conditions of Newark's wooded areas

45 years ago. FRAME studies use this research to conduct further studies on the soil, plants and animals in 21 local forests.

"The USDA Forest Service is concerned with how nonnative invasive plants affect the ecosystem services delivered by urban forests," D'Amico said.

Shriver said a potential solution

**"Some of the biggest areas of concerns were how soil quality affects bird populations."**

**-Vince D'Amico, USDA scientist**

could be to limit calcium in the soil, but they are studying whether this would affect the successful reproduction of the birds.

Christine Rega, one of the two graduate student working on this project for her master's degree, said there are many types of invasive shrubs found in the forest that grow in places with higher calcium.

"Nonnative plants, such as the multiflora rose, occur in areas of

higher calcium soil," Rega said.

Rega observes the birds and enters research into files and writes documents with the findings. Ten undergraduate students assist the researchers as field technicians, meaning they go to the forests to retrieve soil samples.

Shriver and D'Amico said prior wood thrush research laid the foundation for more studies. Other professors in the department got involved in the FRAME studies after D'Amico and Shriver partnered, and all scientists involved have access to each other's research.

Entomology and wildlife professor Deborah Delaney is working on native pollinators and wildlife ecology professor Jacob Bowman is studying reptiles and amphibians. Shriver and D'Amico focus on interactions between soil chemistry and nonnative invasive plants and songbirds.

"We are setting this up as a long-term ecological project which will happen underneath the umbrella of 40 years of wood thrush data," Shriver said.

D'Amico said the research will have benefits to humans, as well as plants and birds. Their long-term research goal is to further the study of climate change and the effects of human activities on the environment.

"The small patches of forest that exist in suburban and urban areas supply services that range from food for desirable animals like birds and butterflies to clean water and clean air for people," he said.

## Professor: 'It's a huge loss,' former student says

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fulfill language requirements.

"When I came in, I didn't love [Russian]," Mack said. "It was kind of just a language to learn."

He said after taking classes with Lehrman, however, the language clicked for him, and he continued to take one of Lehrman's classes nearly every semester as an undergraduate. Now, Mack works for USAID, a federal agency that administers foreign aid, in Washington, D.C., and said he has Lehrman to thank for getting him to where he is today.

"In this job I don't use Russian, but it was one of the reasons I got the job," he said. "It seems like everyone that worked there had some kind of Russian connection."

Mack said Lehrman helped shape him into who he is today.

"He was definitely one of the biggest influences on my life," he said. "My whole experience in Russian has changed my life. I can honestly say my life would be completely different had it not been for that man."

Westmoreland said she will remember Lehrman as a professor who expressed genuine interest in students' studies.

"I do feel very blessed to know him," Westmoreland said. "He has really encouraged me to continue on with what I'm doing and be at my full potential."

Mack said Lehrman's legacy as a renowned scholar and beloved professor will live on past the

university community.

"It's a huge loss for the school, for the program, for the world, actually," he said. "He was a fantastic man."

Natallia Cherashneva, a former exchange student from Belarus, graduated from the university this year with a master's degree in teaching English as a second language. Lehrman had asked Cherashneva if she would teach his Russian Composition and Conversation through Cinema class starting in September while he was on a semester-long sabbatical. Cherashneva was at first unsure about teaching Russian at the higher course levels, as her degree is in teaching English, but said she soon felt comfortable instructing the class.

She said although Lehrman was technically on sabbatical, he still had his foot in the door and made sure Cherashneva—and the class—were succeeding. She recalled weekly meetings with Lehrman over lunch to discuss the class, and remembers the time he told her that she had gone above and beyond expectations in her instruction.

Cherashneva said this compliment was characteristic of Lehrman's teaching style—he would not praise his students for things they were supposed to do. Praise was reserved for those who had exceeded the basic requirements of the course.

"I would say his way of teaching was very, very traditionally Russian—it's a very direct method," she said.

The foreign language and literature department publishes a

newsletter, The Polyglot, each spring, and according to Zipser, Lehrman had been writing an etymology column in the newsletter since 2006. In the column, Lehrman chose one word and discussed its origins.

Zipser said Lehrman's column exemplified his passion for knowledge and his fondness for language.

"I liken [his column] to what a great chef does to a reduction sauce—[Lehrman would] just keep cooking [the word] down and cooking it down, and in the end you're left with just the essence," he said.

Zipser said he has Lehrman and Amert to thank for making the Russian department what it is today.

"The Russian program, what it became, is due to them," he said. "And they were a wonderful team. I miss both of them, greatly."

As for the future of the Russian department, Zipser said professor Julia Hulings is scheduled to teach four Russian courses in the spring, and Cherashneva is scheduled to teach two courses. Zipser hopes that the department will be able to admit incoming students next fall to the Russian major and minor.

"I am very hopeful, but not fully confident, about the future of the program," Zipser said.

Students and faculty alike say that no one will be able to fill Lehrman's shoes.

"He can't ever be replaced," Hulings said. "You can find another professor, but he can never be replaced."

## Occupy: 'Where else do people have to express their First Amendment rights but public land?' protester says

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morning, where Occupy Delaware protesters set up camp. In an assembly meeting, they voted to stay there overnight on Saturday, even though the protest violated state law.

Delaware Gov. Jack Markell granted the protesters a fee waiver for the permit to gather at H. Fletcher Brown Park, valid from sunrise to sundown on Saturday and Sunday. The protesters signed the fee waiver agreement, but stated they did not agree to the curfew.

Newark resident and demonstrator Jen Wallace, 40, said at Fletcher Park Saturday that she believes the protesters were within their rights to stay overnight at the park.

"This is public land," Wallace said. "We own this park. Where else do people have to express their First Amendment rights but public land?"

She said the group did not bring harm to the nearby community.

"We're peacefully protesting," Wallace said. "We're holding up signs. We're walking on sidewalks, where anyone is allowed to walk."

Approximately 80 protesters attended with one of the group's general assembly meetings on Saturday afternoon, where they voted to stay at H. Fletcher Brown Park. Protesters marched to Rodney Square, chanting "We are the 99 percent" and carrying signs.

The occupiers set up an "art corner" where participants could make their own signs, some of which read, "They took my home, they took my job, but they can't take my voice," and "People not profit."

Protester Dana Garrett, 57, a resident of Stanton, Del., said he tries to ensure the safety of all those involved, asking that discussions are conducted democratically.

"The occupy movement is not only about the income disparity, but about an alternative way of getting things done," Garrett said.

He said that the Occupy Delaware protesters were focused on keeping their presence positive and peaceful for the community.

Garrett said he believed the number of protesters, which already represented a diverse group of people, would grow as Occupy Delaware gained momentum, but he said that's not what was important to him.

"It's the symbolism that matters," Garrett said.

Protesters received written warnings from the state telling them that they were violating state laws regarding the park. They planned to vote on whether to stay at the park past the permit's Sunday night deadline on Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m.

Police presence was minimal during Saturday's rally, with two park rangers and three city cops observing the assembly

proceedings.

However, Newark resident Steve Fox, 25, who is a university graduate and protester, said there was a larger number of police patrolling the area.

"They're unnecessary. It's a waste of tax-payer money," Fox said. "We're here, but we're peaceful. We're just trying to make a point."

Garrett said he was pleased with how police handled Saturday's event.

"They've kept a low profile. We appreciate that," he said. "I can't predict what will happen, but I can say the general temper of this group is we're not looking for confrontation. It's about standing firm in our right to protest, not to break the law for the sake of breaking the law."

Wilmington resident Renata Brito, a junior at Hampshire College in Massachusetts who participated in the Occupy Delaware protest, said she came to the rally to see if the demonstrators had a clear plan.

"I'm curious about what's happening here because Wilmington is so diverse," Brito said.

"The whole point of the protest is to occupy space, but there aren't necessarily set goals. I think that has a benefit but it could also be problematic because it takes away from the impact it could have."

On Sunday afternoon, the protesters voted to move their camp to Spencer Plaza. They packed up food, supplies and tents and marched up Market Street chanting, "This is what democracy looks like" and "The people united will never be divided," as they moved.

Thirty city police officers and one state trooper arrived at Spencer Plaza on Sunday to observe the protesters. Some protesters said they felt intimidated by the large police presence at Spencer Plaza.

To receive a permit, Occupy Delaware protesters must be granted permission from the state of Delaware, New Castle County and the city of Wilmington. The protesters said they would lawfully observe restrictions on structures such as tents, but they would stay at Spencer Plaza overnight.

On Monday, a diminished group of protesters demonstrated at the plaza and were granted conditional approval to occupy the area until 6 p.m. after rejecting the city's request of \$200 for a permit to remain until next Monday.

They decided to move to the sidewalk in front of Spencer Plaza and not to erect tents, which was allowed by police.

The protesters decided to comply with the city's demands Monday night, but they stated this was not a permanent decision.

"Just as they have courtesies that will only go so far, we have courtesies that will only go so far," Mizner said.



## Quidditch: 'People love getting lost in books,' says teammate

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would consider playing Quidditch next semester.

"I would definitely participate in something like this," Farrell said. "I think I'd make a half-decent keeper."

Since the release of the "Harry Potter" series, the real-world adaptation of Quidditch has become a sport growing in popularity each year. Several universities have organized Quidditch teams, including the University of Miami and Michigan State University.

Residents of cities like

Pittsburgh and states like Florida have their own Quidditch organizations. The sport is organized collectively inside the International Quidditch Association, based in New York.

McCague said the sports' popularity can be attributed to the large following of the book series and the culture that surrounds it. The books and related activities, like Quidditch, can help readers escape from the monotony of everyday life.

"People love getting lost in books, diving into someone else's life for a while, and letting the story consume them," she said.

## Alum hosts local wildlife seminar



THE REVIEW/Vanessa Di Stefano

University alumnus Greg Gagliano hosted a workshop in the Newark Municipal Building Thursday night discussing the conservation and rehabilitation of Delaware's natural habitats.

"The point of tonight's workshop was outreach," Gagliano said. "We want Newark residents to learn and be inspired to take action to preserve their environment."

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## Rental housing an inevitability

Owner occupancy properties not realistic for Newark

The Lang Development Group proposed to the City Planning Commission on Nov. 1 the rezoning of the property around 132 E. Delaware Ave., located near Planned Parenthood and the Washington House condominiums. The group also asked for a parking waiver and a special-use permit for a three-story building containing 6,000 square feet of commercial space and 14 upper-level apartments. The commission voted 3-2 for a motion to advise Newark City Council to approve all parts of the proposal, but not without eliciting concern from residents, specifically those living in the Washington House community.

Residents are worried Main Street will attract mostly students, saying that owner-occupied housing is unlikely in that area because they believe developer Jeff Lang would not discourage the properties from becoming student housing. However, large amounts of student housing are inevitable in a town where university and city communities are so closely intertwined. Thus, rezoning the property would be a positive decision for the city of Newark.

In a town where students outnumber permanent residents, a push for owner-occupancy housing may not be successful, as the majority of housing demand calls for more rental properties. In addition, there is a general

trend toward renting properties, rather than purchasing residencies. Consequently, new developments could attract young professionals, graduate students and even families, as opposed to just undergraduates, especially if the rent was toward the higher end.

Given the location of the proposed housing, it might not be sensible to develop owner-occupied properties. The portion of East Delaware Avenue pending rezoning is situated near other housing geared toward the student population, including the University Courtyard Apartments, the University Commons and Continental Court, as well as a 7-Eleven, a 24-hour business. The chance of non-undergraduates flocking to this area of Main Street seems very slim for these reasons.

Though more student housing would inevitably increase the presence of students on Main Street, businesses in the area could greatly benefit from the influx. Students living very close to Main Street would be more likely to shop in the area. The undergraduate population already fuels much of the business on Main Street. It is logical to develop 132 E. Delaware Ave. and shy away from owner-occupancy housing in an area bordering so close to the university campus.

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## Editorialisms



"Hell is younger people."

## Letters to the Editor

### Students and Newark residents should work together

As I combed through last week's edition of The Review, I took notice of a recent trend developing; the lack of communication between the city of Newark and university students. Taking note of recent articles regarding the proposed Elkton Road name change, the increases in Newark water rates by 14.5 percent, and the decision to dissolve the Newark Town & Gown committee, just to name a few, I have observed minimal student input regarding these measures that will impact both university students and the Newark community alike. Both the city of Newark and students are to blame for this fractured relationship. Without any continuous form of communication between both groups, there can only be little civic success.

I believe the recent, undisputed raising of water rates by 14.5 percent and the denial of the Skidfest permit are two examples of the many problems that the city of Newark and university students need to tackle together. What the Newark community needs most is a cooperative and flexible city administration as well as student

leaders around campus who can actively and productively come to mutually beneficial solutions to issues that both students and the Newark community face.

The decision to dissolve the Town & Gown committee, in my opinion is a disastrous decision. Without consistent dialogue between these two groups, students and Newark will continue to walk different paths that will continue to diverge. Rationalizing the decision to dissolve the Town & Gown committee because of low student turnout and input is nonsensical. The solution to this problem is three-fold. First, the city of Newark needs to reach out farther to University students and advertise these Town & Gown meetings by actively seeking student input on campus. Second, student leadership groups must be willing to address student concerns and actively seek solutions with Newark through these monthly meetings. These groups must not neglect their responsibilities in acting as representatives for students on campus.

Finally, the university administration needs to facilitate these meetings by urging both student leaders and Newark to

engage in dialogue so that both groups can achieve their goals. There is a path to success. However, without any initiative from either side, student concerns will not be met with productive solutions, and students will be unable to respond to issues from the Newark community.  
-Tom Jackson, Class of 2013

### Occupy protests in support of justice

I am in support of The Occupy Movements in all of its incoherence. We are just continuing what was started in the 1960s with the civil rights movement that still continues today in 2011. We fought for and won the right to vote for millions of African Americans in the South. We gained rights for women to have safe abortions and the right to marry or not. Now we are taking up the battle for the 99 percent of us to enjoy some of the wealth that the one percent sees as their due. Our country cannot afford the one percenters corporate rule for much longer. As The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said, "The arc of the universe is long but it bends towards justice." No justice, no peace.  
-Bonnie Marshall, Newark DE

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## Growing population comes with array of problems

Lauren Pitruzzello

**Guest Columnist***A booming world population may not call for celebration.*

A website called Worldometers.info held a digital countdown Oct. 31 to the supposed birth of the 7 billionth person on the planet. It was tempting to watch the number of Earth's inhabitants soar by the second, especially with the tag line under the population ticker reading, "Something very special will be unveiled by Worldometers once we reach 7 billion people. Stick around...(you will like it)."

The little surprise was a webpage graphic with a tiny person figurine for each of the 7 billion people on the planet, color coded by the region they were from. Sprawled on top of the link was the headline "We are 7 billion!"

That exclamation point was probably meant to convey excitement, but it seems to better emphasize the horror certain people are feeling knowing we have crossed a new billion person mark in just 12 years. Indeed, it was daunting to scroll through all those tiny, inanimate stick figures with their arms raised in victory, proud of to be one of 7 billion. The figurines were just drawings, but each of them represents a person that has real physical needs requiring help from our environment and resources. The Worldometers statistics page shows that these needs amount to \$7 million per minute spent on global

health care, and of the roughly 155,000 people who died yesterday, about one fifth of them died from hunger.

With these grim statistics, it seems wrong to hold a ceremony over this day, to celebrate egregious population growth that is pushing the planet to the margins of failure. The United Nations anointed a newborn baby girl, Danica May Camacho of the Philippines, as the ceremonial seven billionth human on the planet. But her future may be filled with wars over access to water or increased food shortages as crops dwindle from global warming. And the UN's foreboding forecast of 10 billion people on the planet by the end of the century does nothing to raise one's morale towards the future.

Certain reports are saying population growth is decreasing, but impoverished nations continue to have increasing rates and citizens in these countries generally have few resources necessary for survival. As more children are born into poverty, more people are destined to live in a world at high risk for disease, hunger, and death.



The best way to combat these dramatic increases is to promote education, particularly reproductive health education among women. As contraception and sexual health becomes a part of the lives of impoverished citizens, unwanted pregnancy will decrease. Women could also be empowered to choose to start families later in life and pursue education or career opportunities before having children.

But the idea of making sex education and family planning a part of aid programs has been unheard of in past years. For example, under the 2003 President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, or PEP-FAR, the Bush administration made a commitment to pump out \$15 billion in HIV/AIDS relief over five years, with the stipulation that none of the money could go to groups who provided family planning services. Basically, the U.S. spent billions to fight the AIDS epidemic, and refused to drop a dime on sex education or contraception. In fact, one third of the funding was mandated to abstinence-before-marriage programs. AIDS is a sexually transmitted disease, so how could it make sense to not have sex education be the top priority for preventing it?

The growing population also plays a primary role in the global climate and nutrition

crises. The UN reported on October 12th that more than four million people are in a food crisis in Somalia, and 750,000 of them are at risk of death.

As aid programs work their way through Somalia and countries like it, sexual education should be a goal on par with immediate hunger relief. The more men and women are educated and cultured to the idea of contraception and family planning, the less foreign or forbidden it will seem. Diseases like AIDS and conflicts, like the famine, spread much more quickly when more people are in harm's way. Linking aid and relief programs to sexual health initiatives will provide the populations struggling most with access to a means for preventing future crises. The more aware people become of contraception, the more it is linked to other relief efforts, the more important and beneficial it will seem.

One could argue it is cultural imperialism to promote contraception where it is not used, but the alternative is cultural fallout to hunger, disease and dehydration. Until the population is put in check, more and more people are going to be born with less and less of a chance at a prosperous life. Until we start to get the population number in check, all of those other numbers on Worldometers website highlighting the decline of water access, the increase in famine and the spread of preventable disease will continue to spin out of control.

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## Starbucks coffee no longer just for elitist individuals

Leah Sininsky

**Sininsky Speaks***Dunkin' Donuts coffee can't compare to Starbucks.*

Several weeks ago, I sat in The Review's newsroom at our weekly Sunday meeting sipping a 12-ounce cup of hot coffee. Much to my chagrin, I had to settle for Dunkin' Donuts since the location in the Scrounge was my only outlet for coffee.

I have been drinking coffee since the ripe age of 13. Since I've always been much taller than my peers, the threat that coffee might stunt my growth never worried me—in fact, it probably encouraged the habit.

I drink one—and only one—cup of coffee a day for three reasons. First, whether it's 20 degrees out or smack in the middle of summer, a hot drink in the morning gets me going. Second, caffeine is my loyal soldier in the war against sleep. And

third, I love the taste of a bold brew—the stronger, the better.

This summer, out of genuine curiosity, in our Facebook thread, I asked my coffee-drinking home friends whether they prefer Starbucks or Dunkin' Donuts coffee. The fairly heated debate ended when one of my friends said "Dunkin' Donuts coffee tastes like bath water."

While I got a good laugh out of her diagnosis, my feelings toward Dunkin' Donuts's coffee are not quite as hateful. However, in my humble opinion, Starbucks's coffee is exponentially better.

I realize that one's taste in coffee, like all other tastes is a matter of preference. Although I often joke with my Dunkin' loving friends that Dunkin' Donuts's weak blend is only for the weak minded, that's not how I really feel. However, I am tired of being called

a "coffee snob" because of my affinity for Starbucks. People often argue that Dunkin' Donuts provides "the every man's coffee" while Starbucks is only for the privileged. I'm here to set the record straight.



Since Main Street is home to a Dunkin' Donuts, a Starbucks and a Walgreens, it served as my research site. After stopping in all three stores, I learned some interesting things—all of which help my argument.

Dunkin' Donuts offers four different size cups of its house blend, 10, 14, 20 and 24 ounces. Starbucks offers three different size cups, 12, 16 and 20 ounces. The only overlapping size, a 20-ounce cup of standard coffee costs \$1.99 at Dunkin' Donuts and \$2.25 at Starbucks. Admittedly, for a daily coffee drinker, the 26-cent discrepancy adds up. However, while

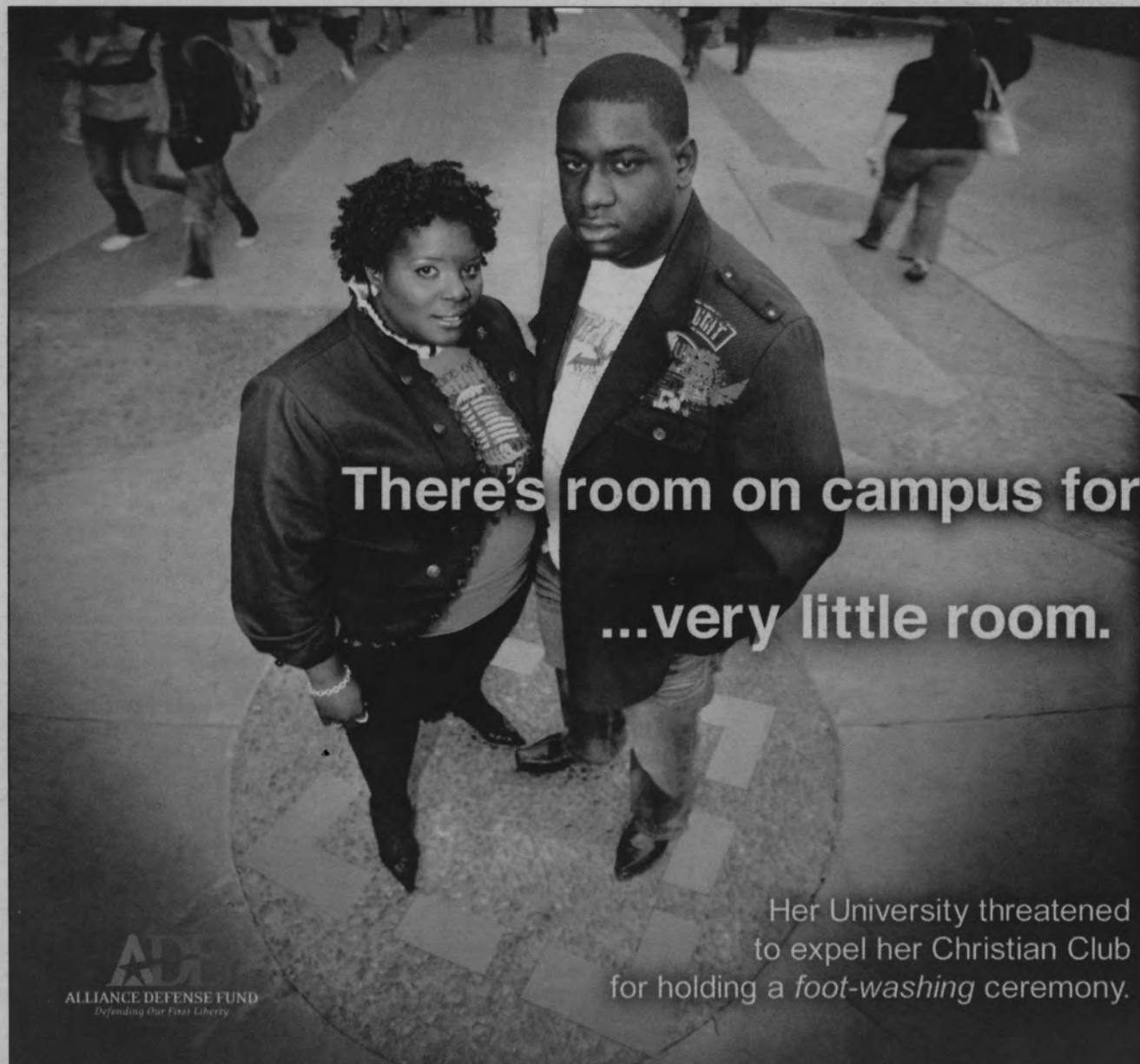
a 10-ounce cup at Dunkin' Donuts costs \$1.45, a 12-ounce cup at Starbucks costs \$1.50. So for 5 cents more, you can get 2 ounces more coffee at Starbucks. That's 35 cents more a week and \$18.20 more a year. Not a significant amount of money, but certainly reasonable.

Those who thought Starbucks was the priciest bean on the block, prepare for the biggest shock of all. On Sunday, I popped into Walgreens to see what both Dunkin' Donuts and Starbucks ground coffee sell for. A 12-ounce bag of the Dunkin' Donuts original blend is \$12.49 and the same size bag of the Starbucks French and house blends are \$10.99 each.

So, whether or not "America Runs on Dunkin'," as Starbucks lovers need not be criticized. When it comes to liquid energy, I'll always boast a bolder blend, no matter the cost.

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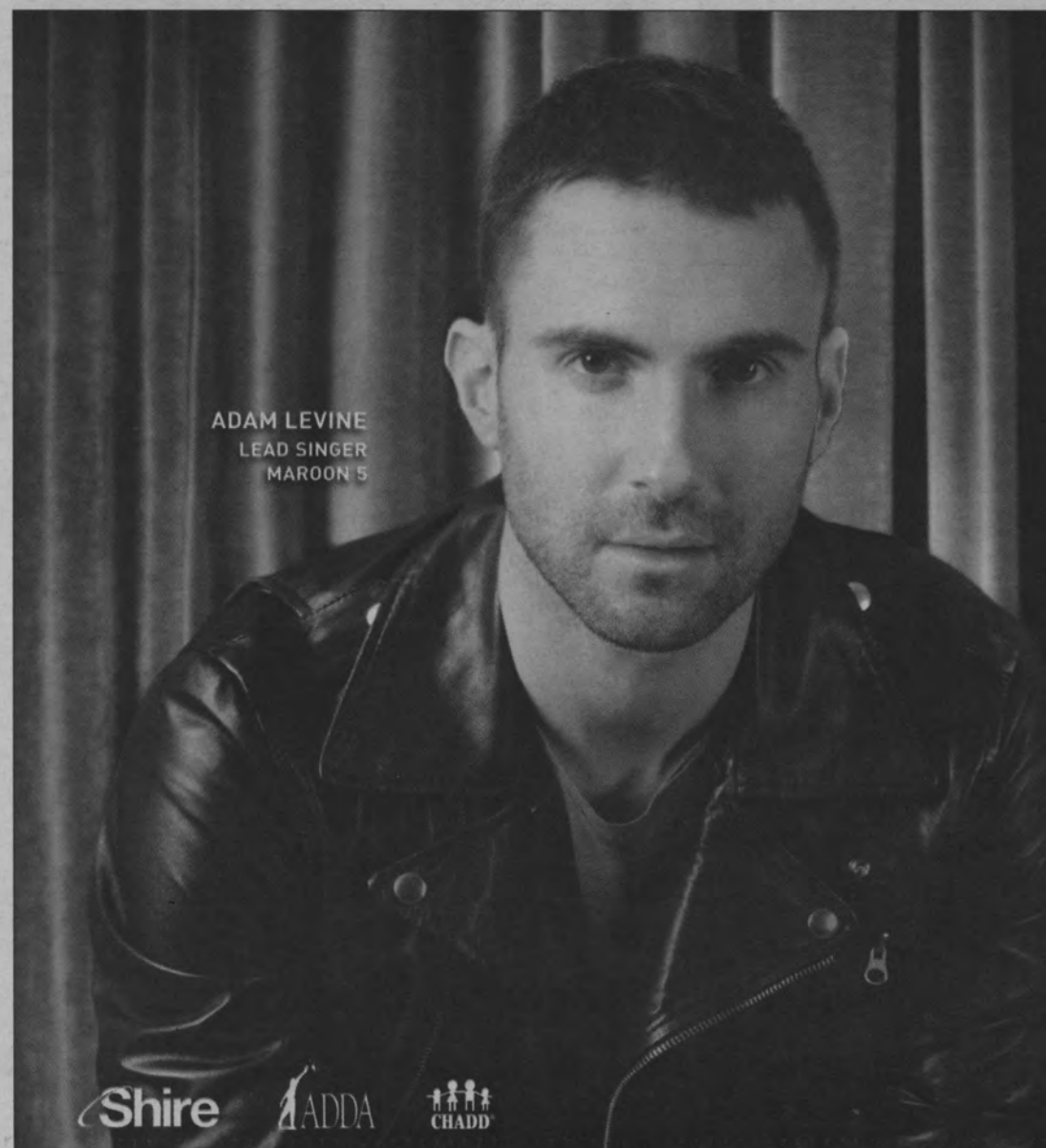


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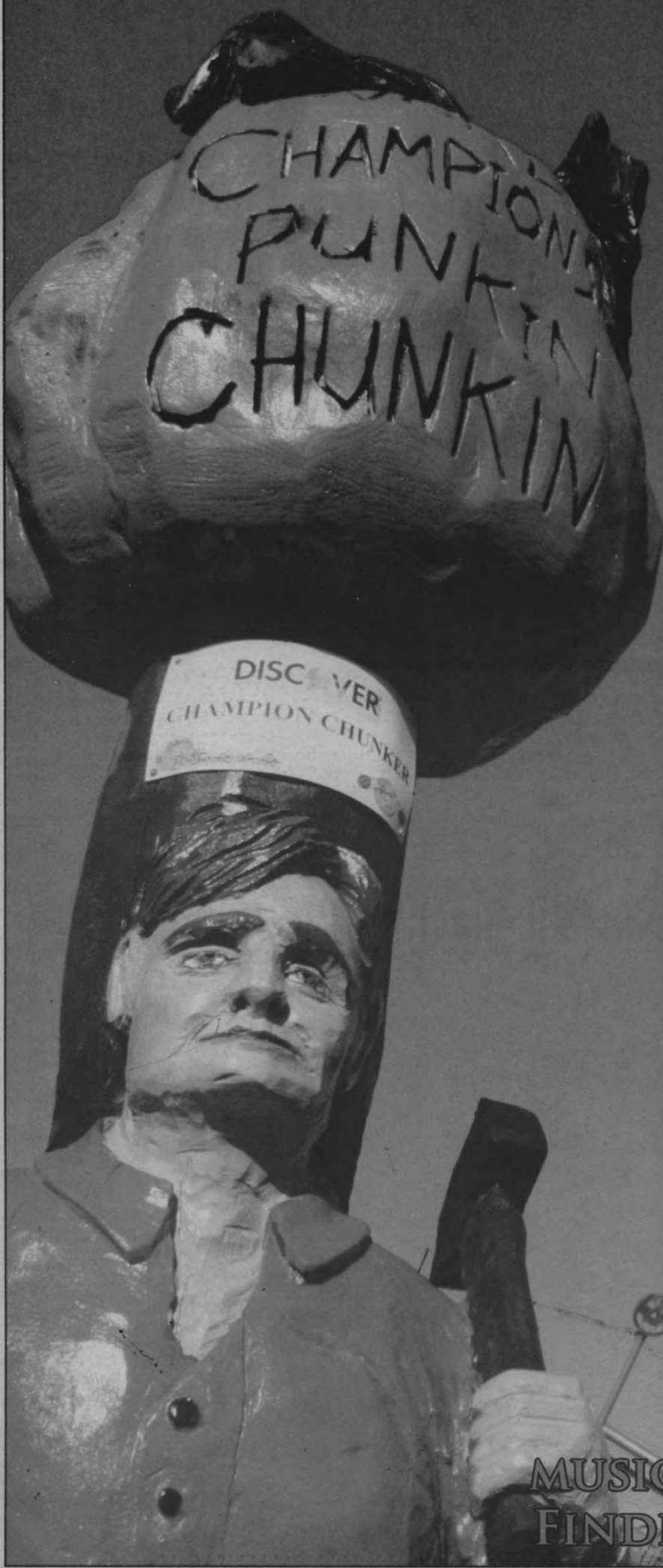
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# Wynton Marsalis brings jazz, history to campus

BY ASHLEY PAINTSIL  
Staff Reporter

The familiar tune of "Yankee Doodle," the patriotic Anglo-American song from the 1750s, rang through the Bob Carpenter Center Wednesday night for a crowd of 1,436 students and community members. Most associate the song with a simple flute and drum combo, but world-renowned jazz musician Wynton Marsalis and his five-person band gave the classic song an unorthodox twist.

Marsalis explained to the audience that the roots of American culture can be found in songs dating back to the beginning of the country's history.

"Those songs give us an understanding of our commonality—and this is long before DNA told us of that," Marsalis says.

He says crass entertainment is polluting American culture and the arts are a time-tested blueprint to solve America's cultural woes.

"Today we are in the midst of a cultural bubonic plague," Marsalis says. "We've looked everywhere to correct our cultural decline except in the most obvious of places—the center of our real lives."

Marsalis, who spoke and performed as part of the UD Speaks series, is an internationally-known jazz musician who is involved in the Jazz at Lincoln Center program, a series of concerts, television broadcasts, radio programs, worldwide tours that promote jazz education and appreciation.

Jazz music professor Thomas Palmer says he saw Marsalis for the first time in the early 1980s at a jazz club when Marsalis was still

an undiscovered musician. Palmer says it was clever for Marsalis to refer to historical figures in his speech to encourage the crowd to think about center issues, like funding for the arts. He says he is inspired by Marsalis' integrity and his attempts to provoke social change through music.

"He is one of the very top musicians of the day as far as his sound, his creativity, his ability to play the instrument, his ability to get groups together and his educational outreach," Palmer says. "He's a very complete musician."

Although he thought Marsalis' speech was powerful, Palmer says he wanted to hear the band play longer. He says Marsalis was a good addition to the UD Speaks series because of his message and musical talent.

"On a jazz level, it's the rhythm, the harmony, the way he crafts his solos, the way he speaks through the music—it's just a beautiful feel," he says. "His rhythm and articulation are just right there. It really makes his music come alive."

Esther Summers, 73, of Wilmington, was surprised that Marsalis' appearance at the university was more of a speech than a musical performance. She says it was an exciting opportunity to see him live because she had only seen him perform previously on television.

"It endeared me to him even more because I've only seen him as a performer, not as a speaker," Summers says. "I've liked him as a performer, I've liked what he's done for the music world, but I guess the impact was just that he's morally endearing to me."

Later in his speech, Marsalis



THE REVIEW/Megan Krol

A crowd of 1,436 students and community members attended the UD Speaks event Wednesday night, which featured jazz musician Wynton Marsalis.

began to sing the African-American spiritual, "Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho" and then played "Battle Hymn of the Republic" as he described the fight songs used during the Civil War. He says it was ironic that the music played by slaves in New Orleans contains the same six and four beats of these two fight songs—demonstrating that America is more unified than divided.

"We were over here fighting

each other, but we were fighting to some really good music," Marsalis says. "There are not two armies in the history of earth that ever had better fight songs in the north and the south and we still know these songs today."

Freshman Brett Lamel says he thought that Marsalis' views were interesting and different from most other jazz musicians.

"I thought it was really cool how he went through the history of the music and how it showed the

segregation between the different classes," Lamel says. "As a music major, it's really inspirational to see the masters at their work."

Marsalis says it's important to stay true to the integrity of his music regardless of what the entertainment industry is doing.

"Great art is integrity, there's no credit default swap," he says. "There's no collateralized debt obligations—either you can play or you can't."



THE REVIEW/Megan Krol

Wynton Marsalis discussed the integrity of music as an art form in between songs.



THE REVIEW/Megan Krol

Wynton Marsalis and his band tied the history of jazz to the history of the country, highlighting the African American experience during the Civil War.



# Chunkin: Catapults, centrifuges used to launch pumpkins in local competition

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and her husband in Georgetown, Del.

"My husband and his friends were into medieval games," Thompson, 47, says. "And then they were throwing anvils by hand and were hurting their backs, so they were trying to come up with something else to do."

She says they decided to build a medieval catapult and experiment with hurling pumpkins, and so Punkin Chunkin was born. Besides catapults, competitors now use other medieval siege engines like trebuchets or modernized equipment like centrifuges.

Thompson sports two gold pumpkin-shaped rings—her wedding ring and a ring representing her triumph as last year's World Champion Punkin Chunker. Her air cannon, called Hormone Blaster, shot the pumpkin 3,755 feet and brought home the trophy for the first women's division.

"We built the machine, we brought it here, and we didn't shoot it for practice or anything—we shot the first shot on Friday," she says. "It was the winning shot for the whole competition. Girl power—that's right!"

When it began 26 years ago, Thompson says the competition

was a tailgate party consisting of three machines and 15 spectators. The competition grew each year by word of mouth, and the couple had to keep moving it to larger fields.

This year, she says they had to turn away more than 100 machines, and Thompson expects the competition to keep growing.

"Every year, there's more

**"It's a thrill that you really can't replicate."**

**-Dawn Thompson,  
Georgetown resident**

and more crowds and more machines wanting to get in," she says. "I'm hoping that maybe one year we'll have a whole week of competitions."

This year, Ray Tolson of Culpeper, Va., took home the grand championship when his cannon Second Amendment Too set the record at 4,329.37 feet.

Thompson says she thinks people are enthralled by the event because they want to see unusual machines that local teams have worked all year to build.

"They're passionate about what they do, and the crowd is just as passionate as the chunkers are, I think," she says.

Senior Emily Stave says the best part of the event is tailgating. As a Delaware native, Stave has always known about the competition, but the national media attention moved her to attend this year.

She says people participate in the competition as a relief from everyday work.

"A lot of people are engineers, so they're putting that to use here," Stave says. "It's a fun way of breaking through the norm of what their job usually is."

Byron says people are interested in seeing pumpkins flying through the air from homemade machines because it's a way to see science in action.

"You really get your hands dirty," she says. "Seeing the physics of a pumpkin being shot up in an air cannon or out of the trebuchet is just such an incredible experience. The second you hear those springs start pinching or an air cannon blast, it's a thrill that you can't really replicate."



THE REVIEW/Krista Connor

**Dawn Thompson, 47, of Georgetown, Del., stands in front of her pumpkin-launching machine, Hormone Blaster.**



THE REVIEW/Krista Connor

**"Mythbusters" stars Tory Belleci, Grant Imahara and Kari Byron hosted the 26th annual Punkin Chunkin festival on Saturday.**



THE REVIEW/Krista Connor

**Donny Jefferson, 41, of Milton, Del., shot a pumpkin 2,080 feet in the air with his machine, Bad to the Bone.**



# sights & sounds

## "A Very Harold and Kumar 3D Christmas"

Warner Bros.  
☆☆☆ (out of ☆☆☆☆☆)

John Cho and Kal Penn reunite with director Todd Strauss-Schulson for a "A Very Harold and Kumar 3D Christmas," the third installment in the raunchy "Harold and Kumar" series, providing another round of stoner comedy for an atypical Christmas flick.

Best friends Harold (Cho) and Kumar (Penn), now 30-year-olds, have drifted apart after a series of life-changing events—Harold gets married, while Kumar fails out of medical school, wastes his life smoking marijuana and grows a beard. Despite new lifestyles and new friends for the duo, a mysterious package on Christmas Eve brings the estranged friends back together.

After Kumar accidentally burns down Harold's father-in-law's beloved wintergreen, Harold and Kumar embark on a wild goose chase for the perfect Christmas tree. During the course of the film, a 4-year-old child inadvertently gets introduced to cocaine, a waffle-making robot saves

Harold's and Kumar's lives, Kumar operates on Santa Claus and Neil Patrick Harris makes his third cameo in the series.

Fans of the series will know what to expect—drug references, nearly naked women and plenty of cringe-worthy moments, now amplified by the use of 3D. Although neither of the two sequels tops the humor of the

original film, the ridiculous antics in "A Very Harold and Kumar 3D Christmas" makes for an alternative to the traditional deck-the-halls Christmas stories that will surely appear in theaters this holiday season.

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Courtesy of Warner Bros.

## "Tower Heist"

Universal Pictures  
☆☆☆ (out of ☆☆☆☆☆)

"Tower Heist," director Brett Ratner's film about a group of inept bank robbers, surpasses the smash-and-grab genre with an all-star cast and over-the-top storyline.

Josh Kovacs (Ben Stiller) is the manager of The Tower, an upscale New York City hotel, who becomes the victim of shady business dealings by wealthy investor Arthur Shaw (Alan Alda). Kovacs and his team, determined to get their money back and extract revenge, hatch a plan to rob Shaw's high-rise apartment.

Stiller is his usual high-strung, neurotic character, but he isn't the driving comedic force of the film. That role falls to Eddie Murphy, who plays Slide, a small-time thief Kovacs bails out of jail to help them steal Shaw's fortune. Murphy's signature loud one-liners bring energy to the film that the other characters don't seem to deliver.

Matthew Broderick, of "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" fame, delivers a bland and tedious performance as Mr. Fitzhugh, a bankrupt Wall Street businessman. "Ocean's 11" actor Casey Affleck is also a disappointment in his role

as Charlie, Kovacs' brother-in-law, who needs money to support his pregnant wife. Affleck lacks personality and fails to use more than one facial expression in the entirety of the film.

"Precious" star Gabourey Sidibe, however, is a high point in "Tower Heist." Sidibe plays Odessa, a Jamaican housekeeper with a grudge against Shaw who Kovacs recruits into his vigilante group for her safe-cracking expertise. Sidibe thrives in a comedic setting and shares obvious on-screen chemistry with Murphy.

As for the plotline, the first half of the film moves

too quickly when setting the stage for the actual "heist," causing confusing plot holes. The film's first 30 minutes also come off as awkward and unrehearsed, as if the characters are not fully aware of their roles. However, the film develops into an amusing and almost hilarious picture.

Despite its slow start, "Tower Heist" is fun and makes use of its superstar cast. The result is an entertaining story that won't rob viewers of a good time.

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Courtesy of Universal Pictures

## OFF THE RECORD



### The Business of Small Business

Ethan Barr

With the rapid advancement of the Internet, it's becoming increasingly difficult for musicians to keep their music protected and, consequently, profitable. The proliferation of free music is slowly but surely ruining the small business of independent music. It troubles me that such a wonderful invention can be utilized to destroy "the little guys."

Thanks to Internet seeding websites, illegally downloading music now takes one click. It seems as if younger generations simply don't care that the music will not garner any royalties for

the original artists. Most people I know have illicitly downloaded music, usually only obtaining top hits "here and there."

Only may think there's no harm in nabbing a free—and musically worthless—Britney Spears track from the Internet. However, in the long run, you might as well go up to the pop princess herself and steal a copy of the single from her well-manicured hands. I say this with every intention of sounding trite—illegally downloading music directly robs musicians who could be benefiting from the profits.

I understand most popular artists are incredibly rich and famous with lavish mansions, but those on the prowl for free tunes should think twice about the indie bands who find themselves in quite a different position. A plethora of struggling musicians are out there, playing cheap shows in order to acquire any amount of revenue they can get.

Think about the record store owners across America trying their hardest to survive, not just in a struggling music industry, but also in an economy that's taken a nosedive in recent years. The only record stores that have survived are those that remain innovative.

Shops like Doris Records

in Buffalo have endured trying times in the business by selling merchandise other than just music—the shop offers a variety of sportswear and other goods in addition to the extensive selection of musical instruments and records. Doris Records has been in business since 1962 and will turn the ripe old age of fifty in the coming year—assuming it's still standing.

On the darker side, Daddy's Junky Music closed recently and unexpectedly in Boston. Ear X-Tacy, a prominent independent music shop in Louisville, Ky., also closed for good just a few weeks ago.

To many people's surprise, this isn't just an American phenomenon. An increased trend in online sales has forced HMV Canada, a subdivision of a British global entertainment retail chain, to consolidate its business, close down multiple retail stores in major cities and move onto much smaller properties to sell merchandise and maintain positions for its employees. The gist is that this issue crosses international borders.

The real issue I have with this situation is that the culture of music has lost its luster. I attended the Bonnaroo Music and

Art Festival a few years ago and really enjoyed the vibe. A variety of bands performed, and I became an avid fan of about five bands whose names I didn't even know prior to their shows.

The bands could afford to play for free because they were getting their names out. It was a shining beacon of hope in the music industry, even if the tickets were more than 200 dollars.

Even if you can't afford the hefty price tag of music festivals, the shutting down of independent record stores has another downside. The input and feedback from employees at small record stores is invaluable. Every time I go into Rainbow Records, I exit the store feeling as if I made a great decision.

I recently visited the store and came home with albums by Joe Bonamassa, The Black Keys and Pearl Jam. All three of those albums are solid gold, and I couldn't be happier that I'm providing these musicians with their well-deserved royalties.

Without fail, whenever I visit Greenwich Village I make a pit stop at Generation Records and Other Music record stores, both of which truly embody the spirit of traditional record stores. Only at these two stores do you find

employees who can recommend magnificently obscure material that a music junkie like me could only dream of.

It's this music culture that the Internet lacks. I don't need Amazon to tell me what other people bought based on my current selection—I'd rather hear it from a real person who clearly dedicates himself or herself to music and getting the word out about the best bands in the business.

Within the past two weeks, at least four people have spoken to me about downloading albums for free. Occasionally, someone will encourage me to download an entire band's discography through some torrent site.

To those people, I say: support small business and help your favorite bands to survive on more than just concert tours. Maybe if you spend enough on their albums, you might get to pay less for your concert ticket.

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# Day Trippin': From fashion to chunkin'

With Jen Rini

If people watching was a sport, it's safe to say I would be the Tiger Woods of the game (before those extramarital affairs came out of the woodwork, of course). At least 80 percent of time, I chock my love for the sport up to the journalist in me, but that last 20 percent is due to the fact that I love catching people do crazy, ridiculous things.

That curiosity, dear friends and readers, is what took me to two separate—and distinctly different—spots where I was able to be the proverbial fly on the wall.

Destination number one: Philadelphia, Friday, 11 a.m.

For this trip I trekked to Philly with my roommate for the International Textile and Apparel Association conference on sustainable fashion and innovation, where my roommate was giving a presentation on sustainable fashion.

This Philly trip was a slight departure from my charades on South Street last week. Acting as both the resident paparazzo and date, I took pictures and enjoyed a fashion show at the Sheraton Hotel.

It was pretty swanky. There were dresses made of multimedia designs, frocks adorned with braided ropes and swinging crystals—whoever says fashion isn't an art form is sorely mistaken. I even helped

out backstage and packaged a few of the designers' outfits, some of which were shipped to Philly all the way from Australia.

This trip was a taste of a true working girl's lifestyle. Go to a conference, hand out your business cards, head out for a little happy hour after—is this life after graduation? Ultimately, it's still frightening, but it doesn't really seem half bad. I only hope my post-graduation career doesn't involve my five-foot self being surrounded by Amazon goddesses 24/7.

Destination number two: Bridgeville, Del., Saturday, 11 a.m.

Let me preface this by saying after a one-and-a-half hour drive through southern Delaware, an hour wait in bumper-to-bumper traffic and fist-pumping to Celine Dion's "It's All Coming Back to Me Now," a slight delirium had set in. Though nothing—I repeat, nothing—could have prepared me for what I was about to see.

The 26th annual Punkin Chunkin was quite possibly the most ridiculously wonderful festival I have ever seen in my 21 years. If you can't see smashing pumpkins in Delaware, where can you? And I don't mean smashing pumpkins as in The Smashing Pumpkins of "1979." Oh no, I'm talking about pumpkins flying hundreds of feet in the air, launched by a catapult.

It was the world championships of pumpkin chucking, folks, and it was a people-watching smorgasbord. Attendees wandered around in bulbous, bright orange pumpkin hats, while a man who I dubbed "The Pumpkin King" ambled about in an orange silk cape, carrying a pumpkin staff and wearing a matching crown. Oodles of inebriated people ran around in awe of the flying pumpkins. It was awesome.

My favorite part of the day, apart from searching for the "Mythbusters" camera crew, was listening to the announcer. He was positively outrageous—working more as a combination matchmaker/Du-Wop artist than an announcer.

This weekend was one of the most random of my college career, but I loved every second of it. Who knew that an hour north and an hour and a half south could be so radically different?

All I can say is that I can't wait to spend more time in Philly over winter break, and I'm counting down the days to next year's 27th annual Punkin Chunkin.

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Courtesy of Jen Rini  
Jen Rini marvels at the pumpkin projectile machines at Punkin' Chunkin.

## Fashion Forward: Foreign fashion



Megan Soria

At the age of three, I met my next door neighbor, Priyanka, and we became instant best friends. I don't remember the exact moment, but our mothers say we clicked immediately.

We had the things that mattered the most in common: our age, our birthstone (Topaz, to be exact) and our love for Barbie, popsicles and nail polish. She only spoke Gujarati, an Indian dialect, and I spoke to her in English, but that didn't stop us. Our language was the only thing we didn't share, and we spent every day together, from dawn to dusk.

Eighteen years later, Priyanka and I speak the same language, verbally and emotionally. Growing up next to a Hindu-American household offered me more than just friendship, though—I experienced her family's customs, food, language, music, television and, of course, fashion.

My favorite moments included getting Priyanka dressed up for family parties, religious events, weddings and dance performances. Indian clothing is absolutely magnificent—elaborate, lavish, dazzling, and by no means simple.

Yards of gorgeous fabric come in a limitless palette of colors. Priyanka's closet houses beautiful hues ranging from deep jewel tones to bright neon. On top of that, the fabrics have gorgeous embroideries with intricate beading, sparkly details and mirror work.

For most of her younger years, Priyanka dressed in a choli—a midriff-bearing blouse, long skirt and scarf—which is the typical formal costume for teenagers. Her mother wore a sari, a beautiful six-yard long garment that signifies maturity, which wraps around the waist and drapes over the shoulder.

It doesn't end there—Indian culture understands the art of accessorizing. I remember opening a closet bursting with hundreds of bangles, mixing and matching dozens of them for each forearm at Priyanka's house. Henna, a dye used for temporary tattooing, covered her hands and arms in elaborate designs at wedding parties. My favorite accessory of all was the bindi, a small dot-shaped decoration placed on the forehead, which came in different designs, colors and sizes and was usually adorned with rhinestones.

It's funny how each culture is beautiful in its own way. Formality in American gowns displays more simple, elegant and classic designs. If the wild colors and adornments of Indian trends were to be transferred to Western attire, it could be

misinterpreted as tacky. But Indian apparel wouldn't be as stunning without the ornaments or vivid colors.

Different cultures have found their way into mainstream fashion trends. There are many Indian-inspired scarves, blouses and skirts gaining popularity. Singer Gwen Stefani sported the bindi while in the band No Doubt, then embraced a Japanese theme after going solo with the Harajuku Girls.

My other best friend, Gabriela, is Peruvian, and finds amazing pieces when she visits Peru—Incan-inspired prints, amazing knits and jewelry. As a Filipina American, I have come to approve my own culture's dress, which includes traditional Filipino gowns with large puffed sleeves and a full floor-length skirt. My favorite garment is the barong, a lightweight white shirt with embroidered details worn at weddings or formal events. Though it's typically made for men, it's so light, simple and classic that I wouldn't mind wearing it myself.

There are so many cultures to draw inspiration from, so expand your style with a taste of other fashion traditions. If you're bored with your closet now, don't hesitate to explore other backgrounds, because every wardrobe should experience a culture shock.

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## DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know Bridgeville, Del. hosts an annual scrapple festival?

Sometimes called "everything but the oink," scrapple is a pork product made of traditionally unsellable parts of the pig like the head, heart, liver and other scraps. The pieces are boiled with the bones attached, sometimes including the entire head, to make a broth. The broth is then combined with dry cornmeal to make a mush, which is then formed into loaves sliced and fried. It is sometimes coated in flour or fried in butter or oil.

The first scrapple recipes were made by Dutch colonists who settled in Pennsylvania in the 17th and 18th centuries. Scrapple is especially popular in Mid-Atlantic states such as Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland and Delaware. The dish is also considered a traditional food of the Pennsylvania Dutch, including the Mennonites and Amish.

Writer and Governor of Idaho William M. Bunn praised the food in his collection "Some After Dinner Speeches," which was published in Philadelphia in 1908. His ode to scrapple reads, "This world is all a fleeting show/Since Adam ate the apple/Its smiles of joy, its tears of woe/Deceitful shine, deceitful flow/There's nothing true but scrapple."

Scrapple's popularity is celebrated during the annual Apple-Scrapple Festival in Bridgeville,

Del., held each October. The festival, first held 20 years ago to promote local agriculture, showcases apples grown in the area and scrapple processed in Bridgeville. Each year, more than 25,000 people attend the festival, which includes a carnival along with an "all you can eat" scrapple breakfast, scrapple chunking and scrapple carving.

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# Persian festival merges modern, traditional

BY ALEXANDRA COSTA

Copy Editor

Dancers in technicolor, gold-embroidered costumes swayed their hips to drums beats Saturday while audience members accompanied their movements by clapping and singing along in Farsi at the Trabant University Center.

Families, students and professors gathered for the Persian Cultural Celebration, an event hosted by the Persian Student Society that celebrated the midpoint between Mehregan, the harvest festival, and Shab-e Yalda, the Winter Solstice celebration. During Mehregan, Persians celebrate love, friendship and new life, while Shab-e Yalda is the celebration of the birth of Mithra, the Sun God, and the triumph of light over darkness.

The Persian people are part of Iranian culture and speak Farsi,

the modern Persian language. Senior Shirin Zoufan, secretary of the Persian Student Society, says that she hopes this event allows people to celebrate the beautiful aspects of Persian culture despite negative shadows cast upon Iran by the media.

"The dancing and the music and the poetry makes you happy and reminds you of the beautiful culture, not all the crazy things you hear on CNN," Zoufan says.

Zoufan, whose parents, siblings and cousins were in attendance, says that the event is also about celebrating family.

"Our culture is all about togetherness," she says. "Family is number one."

The Nomad dancers, a dance company based in Washington, D.C. that performs Indian, Persian, Central Asian, Middle Eastern and Turkish dances, began the celebration with traditional

Persian dancing.

Dance teacher Adriane Whalen, 52, co-director of the company, says she loves to perform Persian dances because they are beautiful and rarely seen.

"If we don't perform them, they won't be performed in the U.S. and eventually people will forget they ever existed," Whalen says. "It's important to keep these traditions alive."

Keely Fahoum, a dancer in the company who grew up in Missoula, Mont., says dancing allows her to give back to the people whose culture has given her so much.

"It is incredibly fulfilling when someone says that they haven't seen the dance we performed in over 30 years and that our performance brought back memories of home for them," Fahoum says. "That makes me proud to do what we do."

In between the dancers'

performances, Maryland-based performer Ahmad Borhani played classical Iranian songs on the santur, a Persian instrument made of a trapezoid-shaped wooden box with 72 strings on top.

Entertainers told stories about Persia's history, played the sitar and recited ancient poems in Farsi as older members of the audience chanted along. During intermission, attendees lined up to fill their plates with Persian cuisine, including pomegranates, watermelon and ghormeh sabzi, a traditional Iranian stew.

The night ended with dancing, as DJ Babak, of Clayton, Va., played blends of Persian pop and new age music. Attendees poured onto the dance floor, waving their arms and hips to the blend of pop hits and traditional Persian music.

Because rock and hip-hop music are banned in Iran, Babak says most of the Persian pop

music he played when he first began DJing was produced in California. In spite of the ban, more and more Iranians are creating music and uploading it to the Internet, Babak says.

"They aren't making music for financial gain, they are making it to express themselves and because they love it," Babak says.

Iranian storyteller and entertainment Ardavan Mofid says that events like this are good for Persian immigrants who often feel lonely when they first come to the United States. He also believes that it is a useful and effective way to preserve and promote the Persian heritage while teaching others about the Persian way of life.

"The world is getting smaller," Mofid says. "We should all get to know each other and teach each other."



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The Persian Cultural Celebration, held at the Trabant University Center, featured live music.



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Storytellers, musicians and dancers performed at Saturday's event.

## Seniors 'wife up' in relationships pre-graduation

BY ASHLEY PAINTSIL

Staff Reporter

As a freshman, current senior Michael Giordano was only interested in having casual female acquaintances. During his junior year, however, he saw his friends start to "wife up," and rethought his stance on having a serious relationship in college.

While most seniors are currently worried about internships, job applications and making the most of their final year at the university, some male seniors have another thing on their minds—"wifing up."

"Getting 'wifed up' means that you're with this girl and you have 'husbandly duties' and have to act in a certain way to be pleasing to your girlfriend," Giordano says. "Coming in as a freshman, I definitely wasn't looking for a relationship and I think that carried through pretty much

junior year until I started realizing that some of my buddies were getting 'wifed up.'"

Sociology professor Scott Caplan, who teaches a course on communication in family systems, says some students are less interested in serious relationships when they first get to college because part of the experience is exploring different things. He says students in committed relationships do not have the opportunity to explore new ones.

However, he says the hooking up culture, where people engage in casual encounters without the expectation of a relationship, can harm students in the long run because they do not know how to maintain stable relationships.

"By the time you get to your senior year you've had enough experiences with people to get tired of always somebody new, never really somebody with an emotional

connection or very little emotional intimacy," Caplan says. "You start to desire maybe something a little bit more substantial."

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*-Scott Caplan, professor*

When he began dating his current girlfriend, Giordano realized senior year is the time when most guys in his class get into committed

relationships that may eventually lead to marriage. He says having a girlfriend senior year gives him stability because there is no pressure to find someone before he graduates.

Junior Kelsey Sum, Giordano's girlfriend, says although it's hard to date a senior because of his imminent graduation, she appreciates his maturity.

"There's no B.S.—it's more mature, because with my high school boyfriend everything was immature and the fights were stupid," Sum says. "There's no need to fight."

Senior Steve Timmick says he wanted to have fun and explore his options during his first years of college. At his internship last summer, however, Timmick met his current girlfriend and says his mentality toward relationships has since changed.

"I think freshman and sophomore year I was all about

having fun and I didn't want to be bothered by the whole relationship thing," Timmick says. "I wasn't too set on meeting the perfect person in college—it was more of a 'whatever happens' thing."

He says although a relationship can sometimes distract him from school, he enjoys having a partner he can count on.

Senior Stephen Scialo, who is in his first serious relationship, says the first few years of college are focused on meeting lots of different women. However, having a girlfriend senior year gives him security.

"Whenever you come into college you want to go out every night and try to meet as many girls as possible but then it kind of gets old," Scialo says. "I don't even care that much about going out—I'd rather just spend time with her, so I'm much happier having a girlfriend than not having a girlfriend."



# Students enjoy food, music at Fiesta Latina

BY SOPHIE LATAPIE  
Copy Desk Chief

The sound of guitars and maracas lured couples of all ages onto the dance floor Friday night. The scene could have been one out of a swanky salsa club, but the live band and swinging dance partners instead found themselves at the Fiesta Latina in Trabant University Center.

The event, co-sponsored by HOLA and the Center for Black Culture, is an annual celebration of Hispanic culture and heritage and attracted an estimated 200 to 300 students and community members for a night of eating, singing and dancing.

Junior Chavé Cale, secretary of HOLA, a student group dedicated to highlighting the Hispanic community on campus, says the event reflected HOLA's goals as a club—spreading information and knowledge about Latino culture in a way that is relevant and valuable to all people, not just Hispanics.

"We welcome everyone because we want to help promote diversity," Cale says. "You don't have to speak Spanish or know anything about the culture."

Fiesta Latina marked the end of Latino Heritage Month, which included the food festival Comida Latina and a presentation by actress America Ferrera. Unlike previous events, however, Fiesta Latina was free and offered attendees Mexican food provided by La Tonalteca on North College Avenue, in addition to live music and dancing.

"The bands bring so much energy to the Fiesta Latina itself and when that energy is then given off to everyone else, it makes it a really good time," Cale says. "A lot of music is old-school Spanish and if you grew up with a Spanish family, that's the music you're used to hearing. That's why I think we get a good turnout from the public as well—adults enjoy the band too."

The music brought the Fiesta Latina attendees out onto the

dance floor. The popular Gloria Estefan song "La Tierra" came on and a 4-year-old-girl challenged her high-heeled mother's dance moves. Some students nearby, elbows up and hips moving to the beat, giggled as the little girl shimmied and two-stepped.

Junior Kristen Fitzpatrick, a Spanish studies major, has been on the board of HOLA since freshman year and says the event is a great way for people to immerse themselves in the culture and to meet people from all different backgrounds.

"I like introducing my friends who aren't in HOLA to Latina music and stuff like that," Fitzpatrick says. "I don't think people know there's a lot of diversity on campus, and I think there's diversity a lot of people don't know about. Having an event like this reminds you of who's here and how spirited they are."

Fitzpatrick brought along her friend, junior Samantha Tharler, who, as president of the university's French club, is more accustomed to French culture than Spanish. She says despite her stronger familiarity with French, she enjoyed hearing the Spanish language and recognizing certain words.

"I don't feel too intimidated by all the amazing dancing," Tharler says. "But I do stand out."

Cale says that attracting people like Tharler to HOLA's events is a sign of success.

"One of the main things we try to get across is that we're very welcome to anyone of any background or ethnicity," she says. "That's why our logo is 'no Spanish no problem.'"

Tharler says she enjoyed her second time attending Fiesta Latina and was impressed with the authenticity of the music and dancing. Her real surprise, however, was the energy from the crowd.

"I didn't know this school had so much flavor," she says.

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# EATER'S DIGEST

Energy drinks—worth the side effects?



Abby Engel

With three papers, two tests and zero sleep hanging above a student's head, he or she will usually look for an alternative to a healthy, full night of sleep in order to get work done. When coffee doesn't cut it, students head straight to a Red Bull or Monster energy drink for a buzz they just can't get elsewhere. Surprisingly though, these two college staples don't break the top 10 when it comes to the most caffeinated beverages in America.

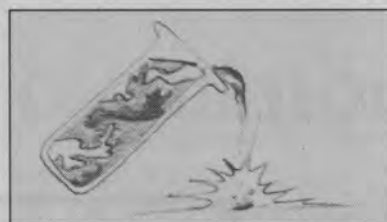
Many of us learned in our high school health classes that caffeine is a drug—in fact, it's one of the most widely consumed drugs in the world. It is found naturally in coffee, tea and cocoa, but is added to soft drinks and energy drinks. The almost instantaneous wake-up we feel after consuming caffeinated beverages is due to the drug's effects on the cortex of the brain.

The cortex, the part of the brain linked to memory, attention, perceptual awareness, thought, language and consciousness, is divided into four lobes. Caffeine's effect on these four lobes is a constriction of blood vessels in the brain, which causes increased attention, concentration and coordination. Caffeine also affects your heart, increasing its rate of activity and causing blood vessels to widen, and works on the kidneys to increase water elimination and intestinal chemical secretions.

Caffeine has a poorly understood effect on the charged atoms of calcium in the body, causing the skeletal muscles to contract more powerfully than they do normally. This change makes the muscles less susceptible to fatigue. While all of these seem like positive side effects, it's important to note that consuming caffeine excessively can result in negative side effects, including hypersensitivity, irregular heartbeat and muscular trembling. The average 12-ounce can of soda contains approximately 50 milligrams of caffeine, while the average cup of coffee contains 120 to 170 milligrams, depending on the strength of the caffeine.

A standard-size can of Red Bull contains 80 milligrams of caffeine. This means that for every 100 milliliters of Red Bull consumed, you are ingesting 33 milligrams of caffeine. Many of us have consumed a Red Bull and felt the effects at least once in our lives, so I will use this product as a point of comparison. The NOS Powershot, a beverage found in a small bottle used for a quick jolt and often found near the counter in convenience stores, is only 59 milliliters of liquid, yet it packs a whopping 125 milligrams of caffeine. One shot contains the same amount of caffeine as one and a half cans of Red Bull.

The most concentrated energy drink on the market today is called Ammo. It comes in a small 30-milliliter bottle and provides the consumer with a heart-pounding 171 milligrams of caffeine. That is the equivalent of three and a half cups of coffee, or two Red Bulls. Keep in mind that these energy shots do not contain other ingredients, which increase the



volume of the product and provide a source of dilution to allow the caffeine to affect the body more slowly than usual. Ammo provides an extremely concentrated product that shocks the brain into hyperactivity. A warning on the label says consumers should not drink the product straight from the bottle due to its extreme potency and should instead mix it with one ounce of liquid before consuming.

It seems to me that drinks this high in caffeine skip the positive effects and head straight into migraine territory. I'm always willing to be proven wrong, though, so I bought the energy shot at my local gas station for \$1.99. Ammo comes in a test tube-shaped bottle with pictures of lightning on the front. In hindsight, I should have seen this as a warning sign, but I soldiered on, opting for a flavor called "Purple Dragon."

I decided to drink it straight from the bottle, but the super sweet and mildly bitter taste threw me off. After mixing it with 16 ounces of water, making it a bit more bearable, I awaited the results. Ten minutes later I was sweating and had lost any ability to sit down and get work done. I ended up pacing and feeling jittery for three hours.

I don't think the energy shot craze is for me. Even a late-night cram session couldn't convince me to knowingly ingest all of the preservatives and artificial flavors used to cover up the bitter taste of 171 milligrams of caffeine—I'd rather drink my chemistry project. For my next all-nighter, I think coffee and Red Bull will do just fine.

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10. Whale's tail
12. One may be warranted
13. Maiden name giveaway
14. "Flubber" robot
16. Western New York team
18. Hooded outer garment
19. Some are chocolate
20. Wet blanket, syn.
21. Horse course
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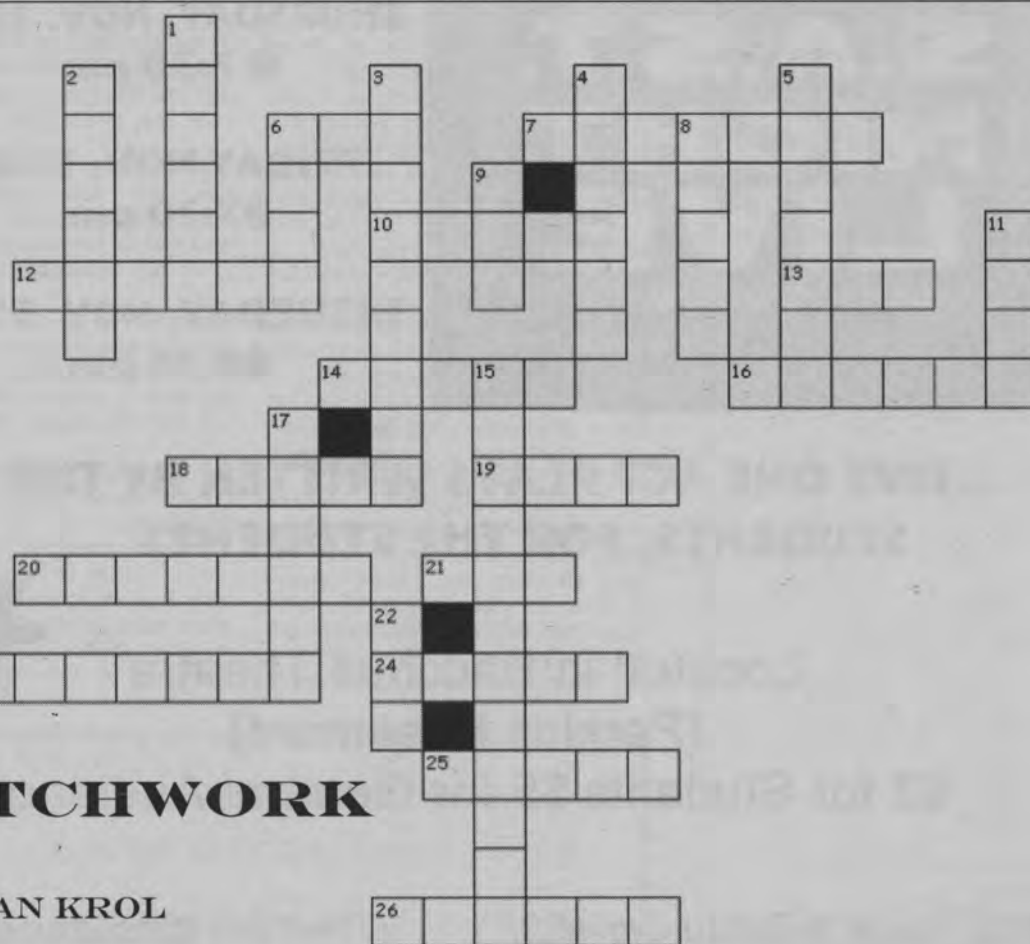
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8. Store up
9. To wish for otherwise
11. \_\_\_\_\_ Saint Laurent
15. \*Shackled up
17. Iron men?
22. Infuriation

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5. Dew
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13. Ameliorate
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17. Meh
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20. Ore
21. Sleazy
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27. Nock
28. Hem

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3. Fedora
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8. Aye
10. SING
11. Mata Hari
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18. Holi
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## PATCHWORK

—MEGAN KROL



# Local restaurant preserves historic site

BY ABIGAIL STOLLAR  
Staff Reporter

Five years ago, chef Phil Pyle and his business partner Brian Shaw bought the Mitchell House, a late-18th century building in Elkton, Md., with the goal of converting it into a fine dining restaurant.

According to mid-Atlantic historian and writer Mike Dixon, the original owners of the house first applied for a tavern license in 1769, and now, centuries later, Pyle and Shaw have transformed the Mitchell House into their dream.

"The house has actually come full circle," Dixon says.

Built circa 1769 and 1781 by physician Dr. Abraham Mitchell, the Mitchell House is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. According to the Maryland Historical Trust, the building is one of four houses that gives the main intersection in Fair Hill—of state Routes 213 and 273—a traditional, 19th century feel. Although it has been renovated multiple times since it was built, some original parts of the home remain intact.

Dixon says that before Pyle and Shaw bought the property, the Mitchell House was home to different families, restaurants and a post office.

"It was a logical place for someone to build a home," Dixon says. "It's located at two major intersections. It's a busy corridor."

Pyle says clients enjoy the historical feel and authentic environment at Fair Hill Inn, which were kept intact by the prior owners of the Mitchell House.

"The families who used to live here especially care about the historical significance of the home," Pyle says.

Although Pyle and Shaw sought to preserve the house's history as much as possible, they made some changes to accommodate new diners.

"There's this common misconception that when you purchase a historical home, you have to keep everything intact or go through an

approval process every time you want to make a change," Pyle says. "That's not really true. We've added and renovated the building to help improve the dining experience."

Before they started renovating, the house was essentially an empty shell, he says, which allowed them to revamp the place while still preserving its structural integrity.

The exterior of the Mitchell House is mostly dark stone, complemented by white siding and surrounded by landscaped trees and shrubbery. The main dining room inside, painted a muted green, is on the left side of the

main hallway, while the red dining room for larger parties is on the right. At the back of the dining room is the bar area, accented by original barn wood paneling and wine bottles lining the rafters. The original fireplaces in the dining and bar areas date back to the 1700s. There are some modern features such as contemporary lighting and indoor plumbing.

Pyle's love for history and his "back-to-basics" mentality inspires the dishes he makes with local ingredients at Fair Hill Inn. He and Shaw emphasize understanding the history behind the ingredients, which are fresh

and local, he says.

"A lot of what we do is built on production and preservation," Pyle says. "We grow, use and can food all year round. We don't let anything go to waste."

Richard Zipser, a foreign languages and literature department professor at the university, is a regular at Fair Hill Inn. Zipser says he and his wife often eat dinner at the restaurant, and he has hosted luncheons there for university staff and friends.

"Brian and Phil are enormously creative chefs," Zipser says. "Their cuisine is very refined, and the

restaurant is the perfect place to take guests."

Pyle says he is grateful for guests like Zipser and considers members of the university community to be his best guests.

"Owning your own business is very difficult, especially in a poor economy when you're literally scratching and clawing for existence," he says. "However, the university is essentially recession-proof, and we'll have guests from the university here almost every night. That's very important to us."



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The bar area in the Fair Hill Inn features an 18th century fireplace, wine bottles lining the rafters and original barn wood paneling.

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## Did you know?

Delaware men's soccer qualified for back-to-back conference tournaments for the first time in its history.

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Delaware's Chelsea Lawrence tips the ball over the net in Saturday's victory over Northeastern.

## Volleyball clinches CAA berth

BY JUSTINE HOFHERR  
Sports Editor

The volleyball team sent their two graduating seniors off in style Saturday night, beating Northeastern in straight sets and moving into first place in the CAA.

The Hens' fate is in their hands as they have clinched a playoff spot, but now fight to host the CAA tournament on their home court. If the Hens end the season with two victories, they will host the CAA tournament on Barbara Viera Court Nov. 18-20.

Northeastern, which previously held the first place position in the league standings, fell behind after the Hens domination in Saturday's tie-breaking contest.

"I think it's a nice tribute to our seniors," head coach Bonnie Kenny said. "A night that could have been emotional, they just let it be passionate."

Senior co-captains Renee Tomko and Kim Stewart had stand-out performances in their final regular season home game. Stewart, an outside hitter, contributed six kills and nine digs,

and setter Tomko had 35 assists and six digs.

Junior middle hitter Chelsea Lawrence, who posted 11 kills against the Huskies, said she thought the two seniors had exceptional games in the Hens' victory over the top team in the conference.

"They didn't want it to be their last time on the court," Lawrence said. "That's why they played so well."

Stewart says it hasn't hit her

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## New Hens, Saddler, frontcourt bring hope

BY TIM MASTRO  
Managing Sports Editor

Five Delaware players graduated from last year's team, which made the quarterfinals of the CAA Men's Basketball Tournament and collected its first postseason win since 2008.

The Hens' leading scorer from the past two years, Jawan Carter, is now playing professionally in Turkey. They also lost significant contributors Brian Johnson and D.J. Boney.

But with what's being billed as the best recruiting class in Monte Ross' tenure and a strong returning core, the head coach is feeling confident.

"I probably haven't said this since I've been here, I have a good team," Ross said. "I have a very good team, I like my team and I'll be interested to line it up against who we have to line it up against."

The Hens will bring back the reigning CAA Rookie of the Year Devon Saddler. They also have depth in the frontcourt with one of the best blockers in the country in Jamelle Hagins and Josh Brinkley, Kelvin McNeil and Hakim McCullar.

Saddler's success last season has Ross optimistic about his star's

upcoming season.

"On most nights, I'm not afraid to say this, I'll have the best player on the floor," Ross said of Saddler. "Not just based on what he did last year, but based on the amount that he's improved from last year to this year really, really excites me."

Delaware was picked to finish seventh in the CAA in the preseason coaches poll.

"These preseason polls don't mean a whole lot," Ross said. "I think a lot of it is based on what you did last year and not what you're going to do, because really, you don't know."

Taking Carter's and Johnson's places in the backcourt will be freshmen Jarvis Threatt, Kyle Anderson and Khalid Lewis.

Larry Savage and Marvin King-Davis are the two freshmen that will see time at forward.

Ross said the newcomers will see plenty of action.

"They'll get a chance to get out and get their feet wet," he said.

The Hens begin their season Friday on the road at Radford. They travel to Villanova before their home opener Nov. 22 against Cornell.

Delaware's conference opener is Dec. 4 at home against CAA favorite Drexel.

## Donnelly takes the reigns, again

BY TIM MASTRO  
Managing Sports Editor

Tim Donnelly is well-versed in the dynamics of the quarterback position.

The junior has been a backup, then a starter, then a backup again. At one time in his career he was a redshirt, but had to burn that redshirt midseason.

His two cousins, also Division I quarterbacks, have gone through similar experiences. Mike Glennon, is currently the starter at North Carolina State after spending two years as a second stringer.

His other cousin, Sean Glennon, attended Virginia Tech. Here, he battled with current Baltimore Ravens backup

quarterback Tyrod Taylor for playing time.

"[Sean] went through three times worse what I went through," Donnelly said. "He had Tyrod Taylor behind him and everyone was calling for him the whole time and he was playing great. He was ACC Championship MVP and people were still calling for the backup. It's always the backup is the most popular guy on the team."

For the rest of the 2011 season, Donnelly will be the starter. Trevor Sasek, who beat out Donnelly for the starting job in the beginning of the season and took it back when he recovered from a knee injury, is out for the remainder of the season with another injury. Sasek will undergo surgery on his knee

Friday.

Donnelly has started seven of the nine games he has appeared in this year. He has thrown for a total of 1,450 yards, 11 touchdowns and 10 interceptions.

"Timmy's been up and down," head coach K.C. Keeler said. "But when he's been up, he's done some really good things."

At Monday's press conference, Keeler reiterated a story to the media he once shared with Donnelly. It was about Greg Lister, one of Keeler's former quarterbacks at Rowan, before he took the Delaware job.

Lister had success at Rowan, but Keeler said he could not throw

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Devon Saddler won the CAA Rookie of the Year award last season.

THE REVIEW/File photo



# chicken scratch



## weeklycalendar

Thursday, Nov. 10

Men's Soccer vs. Northeastern  
7:30 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 11

Men's Basketball at Radford  
7 p.m.

Volleyball at James Madison  
7 p.m.

Women's Basketball vs. Rhode Island  
7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 12

Women's Cross Country at  
NCAA Mid-Atlantic Regional

All Day

Football vs. Richmond  
3:30 p.m.

Volleyball at George Mason  
5 p.m.

Friday and Sunday

Men's Soccer at CAA tournament semifinals  
and finals if they win Thursday.

## henpeckings

**Field Hockey:** The team lost in the first round of the CAA Tournament 2-1 to No. 4 seed James Madison. After falling behind 1-0 a Tory Sharpless goal brought the Hens level early in the second half. The Dukes scored the game winner 13 minutes later. Delaware finished its season with an overall record of 9-11.

**Women's Soccer:** The Hens won their first postseason game since 2005. They defeated fifth-seeded Hofstra in the opening round 1-0 thanks to a goal by Ali Miller. Delaware took an early lead in their semifinal matchup against top seed William & Mary. The Tribe scored two goals in the second half for the victory. Miller again had the lone tally for the Hens. She upped her total to 14 goals on the season, tying the school record. The Hens ended up with a season record of 10-7-4.

**Club Field Hockey:** The Hens won the national championship this past weekend in Virginia Beach, Va. Delaware defeated top ranked and previously undefeated Virginia in the title game. The score was tied 2-2 at the end of regulation, sending the final into overtime. JaJa Kentwell won it for the Hens on a penalty stroke. To get to the championship they defeated Duke 4-0 in the semifinals and UConn 2-1 in overtime in the quarterfinals. They wrap up their championship season (the first in their history) with an overall record of 20-1.

**Women's Club Ultimate Disc:** Delaware hosted its own tournament this weekend and emerged as the champions after the two-day event. The Hens finished second in their pool to Towson with a 4-1 record, their one loss coming to the Tigers, on Saturday. Sunday was the knockout round and after defeating Hofstra 7-3 in the semifinals, Delaware got a rematch with Towson in the finals. The Hens got their revenge with a 13-4 win.

**Men's Club Ice Hockey:** Delaware went on the road and beat Robert Morris 5-4 in its one game this weekend. Josh Weiner had the game winning goal. Christian Tasker had two goals, both on the power play, and two assists. Ryan McDonald and Christopher Volonnino chipped in a goal each. Jason Michaud had three assists. The Hens improved their record to 11-1 on the season.

## commentary



### "LET US NOT OVERREACT" BY MAX CEA

A day after the Miami Heat signed LeBron James to join the likes of Chris Bosh and Dwayne Wade, the city of Miami threw a welcome party for the "Big Three." LeBron James went as far as to predict that the Heat would win eight championships.

Although the city of Philadelphia did not have a similar party after its seemingly productive offseason, the Eagles did nickname themselves the "Dream Team," and there was a certain expectation they would be throwing a victory parade come February.

In retrospect, the hoopla made over these headline grabbing offseasons seems a bit premature. LeBron and company lost to

the heavy underdog Dallas Mavericks in the NBA Finals. Meanwhile, the Eagles have gotten off to a rough 3-4 start, and don't quite look like ticker-tape material.

However, asking fans and media to withhold their visions of grandeur for these 'super teams' is not feasible. Or is it?

On Oct. 12, the Chicago Cubs signed Theo Epstein as their new general manager. Epstein earned his acclaim as the main architect of the 2004 Boston Red Sox team, which broke the "curse of the Bambino." To truly grasp Epstein's greatness, one must look past the fact that he broke the curse.

Epstein, a Yale graduate who didn't even play on his high school baseball team, did not take the traditional route to the front office. Yet at 28 years old, he became the youngest general manager in baseball history. Epstein has come to represent part of the new sabermetric movement that has taken place across Major League Baseball's front offices.

In what is probably the most underrated move of Epstein's career, he began his tenure by hiring the forefather of sabermetrics himself, Bill James. Bad moves have been few and far between for Epstein, who has drafted a future MVP, signed future all-stars and traded for a World Series MVP. Then, in 2007, Epstein cast an even more prominent shadow when the Red Sox went on to win their second championship during his tenure.

Granted, hiring a front-office rock star is not quite as splashy as signing one of the most dominating forces in the NBA, or one of the most shutdown corner backs in the NFL in Nnamdi Asomugha. Cubs fans had another reason to be optimistic following this year's World Series—Tony La Russa retired.

The same Tony La Russa the nation recently watched being showered with champagne after his team won the World Series. The same Tony La Russa that has made the playoffs nine out of his 16 years with the St. Louis Cardinals, dominating the National League Central in the process. The same Tony La Russa who defined the role of the modern closer.

Fans of the Cards have been thankful for the time that La Russa has given their city, but are sorry to lose such an icon. Meanwhile in Chicago, they are probably rejoicing.

So why have we not given the Cubs a flashy nickname yet? Why no preemptive victory parties? And why has no one made any hyperbolic championship predictions for these Cubs, after their recent offseason news? Perhaps it's because they have not actually signed a player yet. Or maybe it's because the Cubs have not won the World Series since 1908.

Whatever the case, in a culture obsessed with fanatically overreacting, it may be refreshing to see the public not overreact. The Cubs are quietly putting themselves in place, with a little help from the baseball gods, to enjoy a period of sustained success. In fact, five years from now it is plausible that Theo Epstein will have reversed yet another curse. Not even Bartman, a billy goat and most importantly Tony La Russa will be able to stop him.

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### About the teams:

**About Delaware:** Delaware is coming off its bye week. The Hens have a very slim chance at still making the postseason. They need to win their two remaining games and get help from other teams. Delaware is still ranked fairly high in the polls, 15th, despite its 5-4 (3-3 CAA) record. Currently, the Hens are tied for fifth in the conference with James Madison.

**About Richmond:** The Spiders were expected to be one of the better CAA teams this year. Due to some tough losses, they have struggled to a 0-6 record in conference and sit in last place. They won all three of their nonconference games, including a matchup against FBS school Duke.

## underp Review:

Delaware vs.  
Richmond

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Location: Delaware Stadium



### Why the Hens can win:

Richmond has not won a conference game this season, so why start now? Andrew Pierce ran all over the Spiders' defense last season in the Hens victory in Richmond last season and he looked as good as he has all season in the Hens' last game at Towson. Expect to see K.C. Keeler try to get his young running back going early on.

### Why the Hens could lose:

Richmond might have a poor record, but they have two of the best players in the CAA in quarterback Aaron Corp and wide receiver Tre Gray. Gray has killed the Hens every time he has stepped on the field against Delaware. The Hens' weakest point is their secondary, and Gray is one of the hardest wide receivers to cover in the league. Corp has a fantastic pedigree, he originally attended USC before he transferred to Richmond, and will be anxious to attack this secondary, which is prone to giving up big plays.

### The numbers:

**3:** Times the Hens missed a potential game winning field goal in the past 10 years against Richmond.

**19-8:** The overall series record, in Delaware's favor.

**977:** Receiving yards by Spider receiver Tre Gray, the most in the CAA by more than 250 yards.

### The prediction:

The Hens will struggle to contain Corp. I'm predicting a huge day for Tre Gray, probably more than 150 yards receiving for the senior. Delaware loses a close one, and whatever remains of it postseason hopes go up in flames.

Hens 24  
Spiders 30





Courtesy of Sports Information

Ben Conroy is tied for first in lowest scoring average for the men's golf team's fall season.

## Transfer golfer succeeds early

*Conroy already has assumed a leadership role for Hens*

BY BO BRANTLEY

Staff Reporter

Junior Ben Conroy made his mark on the Delaware golf squad during his first season with the team this fall. His consistently high finishes and constructive influence on teammates have made the recent transfer a welcome addition to the team.

Conroy transferred from Coker College, a Division II school in Hartsville, S.C. with fewer than 1000 undergraduate students. He was looking for a change of pace and decided to transfer to what he described as a more suitable environment.

"I sent out a bunch of transcripts to a bunch of coaches and coach Keogh was one of the first to respond and one of the most interested," Conroy said. "It ended up being my best option."

When head coach Mike Keogh received Conroy's profile, he knew there was a place on his team for the junior.

"The good thing about the university is it has such a beautiful campus and good academics that I don't need to do much recruiting," Keogh said. "When Ben's paperwork came in, I just took a look at his scores and I wanted him here."

Conroy has already made an impact with the starting squad. In his first season, he is tied for first in lowest scoring average during the fall season and has become a positive authority in the locker

room.

"He's come in here and performed well," Keogh said. "The younger guys have already begun to look up to him."

A natural athlete, Conroy participates in many sports, but specializes in golf. He first started playing golf seriously in middle school.

Conroy has come into a relatively young team and understands he must do well immediately for Delaware to have success. Last year, two of their most accomplished members of the team graduated. Conroy has attempted to fill the shoes they left behind.

As a senior captain, one of Steve Scialo's responsibilities is to nurture a competitive environment during practice, and he said Conroy has helped facilitate that process.

"He's been great—we've been number one and two all season," said Scialo. "We lost two of the best Delaware golfers ever in Justin Martinson and Kevin McLister, and Conroy has helped to try to make up for them."

During his individual fall season, Conroy finished toward the top of the leaderboard in several tournaments. In the second week of September, he led the team to victory at the Navy Fall Classic and was named the CAA Player of the Week.

Conroy said he is still trying to get used to Delaware from an academic perspective. Rigorous

classes and a larger student body have taken some adjusting and although he spends a lot of his time practicing, he does find time to socialize.

"Coker was a small, tight-knit community so I had a lot of good friends," Conroy said. "But here, there's just so many more people and more opportunities."

The golf team recently finished up its fall season and according to Keogh, his team performed up to his expectations. He scheduled the squad in tournaments where they were clearly the underdogs because he believed putting his team in those types of situations would expose them to top class competition and make them better golfers.

"It's a fine line the coaches walk stepping up the quality competition," Keogh said. "You're taking a risk putting them against good competition. I hope it doesn't deflate their egos."

Conroy hopes to improve his game and perform better during the spring season. He would like to pursue golf as a profession once he graduates from the university, and is confident he has yet to reach his peak.

"It's a funny game, you never know what's going to happen—you could jump up to the top of the game or you could plateau," Conroy said. "Hopefully I keep improving and by the end of my senior year, I'll be ready to play at a professional level."

## Women's basketball preseason No. 1 in CAA coaches poll

*Squad returns all five starters*

BY DAN MOBERGER

Managing Sports Editor

Friday marks the beginning of the women's basketball campaign to live up to the high expectations they have been getting since coming up short of a CAA title last year. After the team was named the preseason favorite to win the league championship in the CAA Preseason Coaches' Poll, head coach Tina Martin and company enter the season with the highest of hopes.

Last year, the Hens went 20-14 overall and 10-8 in the CAA without star player Elena Delle Donne for much of the season. They made it to the CAA finals, but lost to No. 1 James Madison by six points, then folded to Toledo in the first round of the National Invitational Tournament.

Delle Donne is healthy and fresh off a gold medal at the university Olympic Games in China this summer. Transfer guards Akeema Richards, from West Virginia, and Trumae Lucas, from Florida, add to the foundation the Hens built last year. The team also gets back point guard Kayla Miller, who maintained her sophomore eligibility when back surgery forced her to miss all of the 2010-2011 season.

Despite the promise coaches around the league see in this year's squad, Martin dismisses the preseason ranking as a certain indicator of the success her team will have.

"I've been at this too long to get too excited about preseason polls," Martin said. "It's something for the kids to be excited about. It means that they think you have the potential to win the league. But when it's all said and done, does it mean anything? No, because you haven't played the game yet."

Only one member of last year's CAA finalist team graduated, and all five starters return, including junior Lauren Carra, the team's

second leading scorer in 2010-2011.

With a roster consisting of several injury prone players, health looks to be the biggest question mark for the team. Delle Donne missed 11 games last year while undergoing treatment for Lyme disease-related symptoms. Senior center Sarah Acker returns after undergoing hip surgery during the summer, and Miller's repaired herniated disk will allow her to challenge for a starting spot in the backcourt.

Martin said this team can live up to their potential, but they will need to stay healthy and adjust to each other on the court.

"We have more team speed, we have more quickness, we have more scoring and they have all got to learn to play together," she said. "This group is a talented group and we have an opportunity to do something really special this year."

With the high expectations comes an equally difficult schedule. Games against Penn State, Villanova, Wake Forest and Providence are a few of the out-of-league tests the Hens will face.

"Our non-conference schedule is by far the toughest it's ever been," Martin said.

Martin is also aiming to keep the preseason No. 1 ranking from going to her team member's heads.

"First priority has got to be—like it always is with our teams—is they've got to play some defense," she said. "We're not there yet. I'll try to keep this team, as level headed and as grounded as I possibly can."

Friday's season opener against Rhode Island kicks off Homecoming weekend, and Martin is excited for her team to get on the Bob Carpenter Center court.

"They're a fun group, they're an exciting group," Martin said. "I'm excited to have them and hopefully we stay healthy."



THE REVIEW/File photo

Lauren Carra is the second leading scorer returning for Delaware.



## Volleyball: Chance for homefield advantage

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yet that her volleyball career at Delaware is almost over. She said she hopes the team has two more matches on the home court because she wants Delaware to host the CAA tournament again.

"I wouldn't ask for anything different from this group of girls on Senior Night," Stewart said. "We played one hell of a match."

The win was the eighth in a row for the Hens over the Huskies. The last time Northeastern defeated Delaware was in October 2007. Set scores for Saturday's match were 25-17, 25-15 and 25-14.

The tone of the first match was set immediately as Delaware racked up the first five points. Tomko served up two aces, NU made two errors, and a kill by junior outside hitter Alissa Alker brought the score to 5-0. The Hens raced ahead to accumulate 20 points, with Northeastern lagging

behind with six. Delaware had no trouble winning the set and the match from then on out.

The Hens' strong defensive effort contributed to the victory. The Delaware squad posted nine blocks, in contrast to the Huskies' four. They only allowed the Huskies to hit .046 for the match, with a negative .067 in the second set.

Alker said in addition to the blocking, the Hens' improved serving led to bad passing for Northeastern. She said she was pleasantly surprised by the game's outcome because Northeastern has played so well this year and is a completely different team with the addition of outside hitter Kelly Bacon, one of their top players.

"It's really comforting to know that if I'm struggling, people pick up the slack," Alker said. "The middles are huge factors, and it's a comfort system."

The Hens face off against

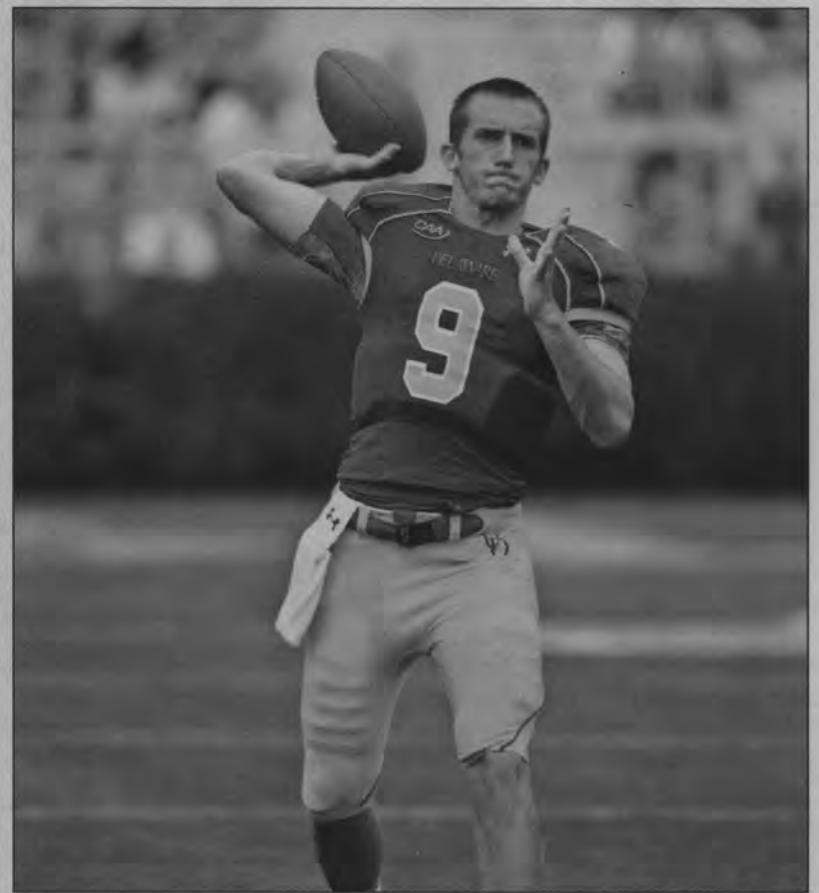
James Madison Friday and George Mason Saturday night during their last weekend of regular season play.

Since the Hens have already secured a berth in the upcoming CAA tournament with the win over Hofstra Friday night, Kenny said there isn't any significant challenge for the team right now and, "that's a monkey off everybody's back."

"We're going to play another week, and regardless of where we play, we'll go there," Kenny said. "We're just happy to be part of it."

Stewart said to win the two matches coming up, she plans to stay focused and persevere, despite the stresses of school and exams. Her personal goal is to lead her team to the championship match.

"These girls are so special to me," Stewart said. "I want to see their faces when they get their rings."



THE REVIEW/File photo

Tim Donnelly will start the Hens' final two games at quarterback.

## Donnelly: From Hawaii, to Maryland, to walk-on, to starter

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one of his staff's favorite passing routes. For whatever reason, Keeler said, Lister could not execute the route, so they just worked around it and played to his strengths.

"I told Tim if there's anything you don't like, let us know," Keeler said. "We need to put him into a position to be successful."

Donnelly is a rare breed in the Keeler era. Not only did he not transfer from a FBS school, but he is a walk-on quarterback. He is the first walk-on to start a game behind center since Dale Fry in 1993.

Donnelly did not receive scholarships from any schools in his recruiting process. His highest offer was an invitation to walk on at Maryland.

He chose Delaware because on his official recruiting visit, he knew he would get an opportunity to play.

"Me and mom were sitting in coach Keeler's office and I said 'I just want a chance,' Donnelly said. "He said I'll get that chance. He said 'You might not get the first look, but you'll get a look.'"

Hens' wide receiver Mark Schenauer is a family friend of the Donnellys. He provided more motivation for Donnelly to come to Delaware, because he also walked on.

"[Schenauer] said, 'If you're a walk-on and you're good, they'll find a way to get you on the field,'" Donnelly said. "The best players play and that's a big part of the reason I came here."

His high school career started in Hawaii. He played two years for Punahou Academy in Honolulu before he moved to Maryland.

On his Punahou team was Dalton Hilliard, now the starting

safety at UCLA, Manti Te'o, now the starting middle linebacker at Notre Dame, and Robby Tomo, a wide receiver who also plays at Notre Dame now.

"That team was very, very talented," Donnelly said.

He said the team played a real run-and-shoot offense, so he was able to hone his passing skills in Hawaii. When he enrolled at Stephen Decatur High School in Maryland, he was able to get real game experience.

Still, no scholarship offers came his way.

"It's obviously a chip on your shoulder that no one offered you a scholarship," Donnelly said. "But I feel like a lot of people are making a big deal of me being a walk-on when a lot of our team are walk-ons."

Most of the offense walked on. Besides Schenauer and Donnelly, Andrew Pierce, David Hayes and Bobby Russo all came to Delaware without scholarships. The two defensive captains, Paul Worrirow and Andrew Harrison, are also walk-ons.

During last week's bye week, Keeler said he wanted Donnelly to review tapes of his CAA wins from this season to build up his confidence level.

"I need him to go back and look at the Old Dominion game," Keeler said. "I need him to go back and look at the William & Mary game. He played off the charts. He can do that. It's just sometimes you get in a funk."

Donnelly has had his struggles this year, specifically against Maine and UMass. His record as a starter is still 5-2.

"It's obvious he can do it," Keeler said. "Because he has done it."



THE REVIEW/Nick Wallace

Hens' head coach Bonnie Kenny and senior setter Renee Tomko embrace during the pregame ceremony.



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Kim Stewart, who was honored before the game as part of Senior Night, goes up for a spike at Saturday's game





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