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Facing the facts of Facebook

BY PAT WALTERS

News Features Editor

A university student who was suspended during Winter Session for a controversial posting on Facebook has been reinstated, according to the Delaware chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Julia Graf, staff attorney for ACLU Delaware, said the student created a fictitious Facebook profile using the name Adolf Hitler, containing a slew of anti-Semitic postings. The student, whose university e-mail address was associated with the account, was told by university administrators to remove the profile.

He was notified of his suspension, Graf said but it did not cite specific violations of the Student Code of Conduct. Instead it claimed the student had used a university e-mail account for non-university business and committed a hateful act.

Kathryn Goldman, director of Judicial Affairs, declined to comment on the case, saying all student judicial records are

confidential.

Days after the suspension was made final, the student e-mailed the ACLU, prompting Grafto send a letter to the university Jan. 23 outlining her belief that the suspension was unconstitutional and asking that the student be reinstated and the suspension struck from his record.

University lawyers William Manning and Jim Taylor contacted Graf the following week to express the university's interest in settling the case. An oral agreement was reached in late January, and a final written draft is expected to be signed this month.

At a lunch with students last week, University President David P. Roselle said the contents of the profile were extremely offensive. Though he does not agree with the views espoused on the profile, he understands the student is protected by the Constitution.

"Imagine the worst, most vile anti-Semitic things — the things he posted were worse," he said. "We sort of jingled his

chain a little, and then the First Amendment kicked in."

Graf said the university is required to ensure the safety of its students, but is in no way entitled to overstep the First Amendment.

"It really is a balancing act," she said. "But the Supreme Court has found that the First Amendment trumps the university's statutory obligation to provide a safe learning environment."

According to a friend of the student, the profile was not intended to offend anyone.

Junior Joe Saries said the profile, which featured a picture of Hitler and listed "Mein Kampf" as the user's favorite book, was posted as a joke.

"It was a lame joke. That's pretty much all I thought," he

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THE REVIEW/Meaghan Jones

Lennell M. Jackson was the fourth person to be hit by a train in Newark in the past two years.

Local man killed in Friday train accident

BY ANDREW AMSLER & EMILY PICILLO

Editor in Chief & City News Editor

A 31-year-old Newark man was struck and killed by a CSX train while attempting to cross the railroad tracks by North College Avenue Friday, Newark Police said.

Lt. Susan Poley said Lennell M. Jackson, who was not a student but lived on Corbit Street, was apparently crossing the tracks 100 feet east of North College Avenue after playing basketball at the Carpenter Sports Building when he was hit by the train.

Junior Stone Weeks was at the crossing within minutes of the incident and rushed to his aid with a group of people, but Jackson did not have a pulse. Shortly after, someone in the group called 911 and police arrived several minutes later.

"We couldn't do anything," he said.

Students who gathered at the scene expressed sentiments of horror and disbelief.

Freshman Brooke Buoni, who was on her way back to her Ray Street residence hall after class, said she was alarmed that an incident involving a train had occurred again, especially in broad daylight.

"You wonder how it happens," she said. "The train is so loud and big, how can you not hear or see it coming?"

Sophomore P.J. Bruno, who lives on North Street, said, "I can't believe this is consistently happening at our school."

"It's both sad and ridiculous at the same time."

Within an hour of the initial 911 call, forensics crews were at the intersection and could be seen collecting evidence along the tracks.

Initial eyewitness accounts had indicated the victim might be a student because he was carrying a backpack, and the train conductor had told police Jackson was talking on a cell phone. However, police later said both accounts were not true.

The victim, who was not initially identified because police were in the process of contacting his family members, was wearing a towel on his head and had his arms raised, which made it seem like he was talking on a cell phone.

Junior Blair Benjamin, who was in her car waiting for the train to pass the crossing at the time of the incident, said her first thought was that something was wrong with the train.

However, she quickly realized she was mistaken when she noticed people running down the tracks.

"It was just so surreal," she said, visibly shaken by the event.

A recent transfer from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, Benjamin said she heard

that incidents like this happen a lot in Newark.

University President David P. Roselle said he was saddened upon receiving news of Jackson's death.

"Our heartfelt sympathies are with his family and friends."

This is the first train-related incident in Newark this school year, and the fourth in the past two years, three of which have been fatal.

For years local officials have tried to encourage students and Newark residents to exercise caution when crossing the railroad tracks, but all parties agree it is up to each individual to protect themselves.

"At some point, common sense has to come into play," Newark Police Cpl. Scott Simpson said in a press conference Friday.

Mayor Vance A. Funk III said he believes the city has taken a considerable number of efforts to prevent train accidents of this nature, but that the elimination of incidents in which pedestrians are struck boils down to the use of common sense.

He said an extensive study was done approximately eight years ago that determined rerouting the train tracks would cost an estimated \$40 million.

"I can't imagine what it would cost in today's dollars," Funk said. "It is just not economically feasible."

While he said the city has considered building passes under or over the tracks, Funk said the general feeling is that people would not use them if they can cut straight across the tracks instead.

Despite efforts to promote railroad safety and expensive projects such as the wall that extends along the fields adjacent to the Carpenter Sports Building, people continue to cross the tracks at undesignated areas, he said.

When police officers patrol the tracks, Funk said, they arrest numerous people for trespassing.

"I'm a lawyer, I get calls from these people asking me to represent them," he said. "The bottom line is that trespassing is against the law."

Junior Alex Honeysett, who lives on East Cleveland Avenue, said she often sees people walking along the tracks, apparently using them as a shortcut from class or the gym.

"It's extremely dangerous," she said. "Me and my roommates see posters again train safety in restaurants all the time. You would think it would be common sense, but I guess not."

Honeysett said she does not think a large number of people use the tracks as a shortcut, but those who do most likely live in houses close to the tracks.

"You can see Center Street from our house, and you can see people popping over from time to time," she said.

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Spoof profiles could affect future

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said. "A lot of people are offended easily. I think the university is just power-tripping and suspending someone for what they meant as a joke."

Although the suspension was struck from the student's academic record, he did not receive credit for the classes he was enrolled in during Winter Session, Graf said.

Administrators gauge "climate" on campus

Cynthia Cummings, associate vice president of campus life, said the university has used Facebook to level charges against a student only once. She would not specifically say, however, whether that one case is the one outlined above.

Cummings, who is one of the 132 Facebook members who classify themselves as "Delaware Staff," said administrators at the university do not patrol Facebook to seek out underage drinkers, as some students suspect they do.

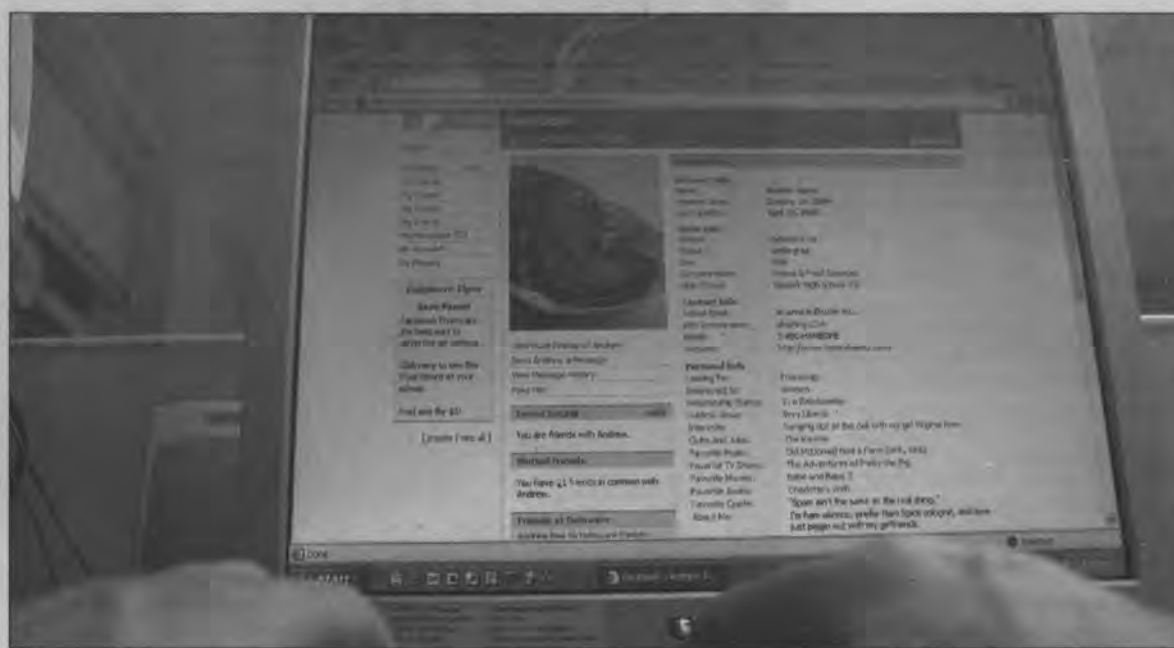
Instead, Cummings said administrators use the Web site to monitor the "climate" on campus and to locate students who are involved in activities that are "truly dangerous" or "threaten other students." Pictures and text that directly threaten another student or suggest the use of illegal drugs could lead administrators to intervene.

Rarely does a Facebook profile function as the focus for an investigation, Cummings said. Profiles are commonly accessed during on-going investigations or on the basis of a tip from another member of the university community.

Many Delaware students engage in controversial activities on Facebook, but to date only one has been prosecuted by the university.

Despite national controversy surrounding the use of Facebook, the university has not established guidelines to regulate the treatment of student Facebook profiles by administrators, Cummings said. All cases are handled on an individual basis.

"When the time comes that we feel we need a plan, we will form one, but right now we do not feel that



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Administrators warn against inappropriate profile content as some employers consult Facebook when hiring.

is necessary," she said.

Potentially inflammatory Facebook groups range widely in their content. Some express dislike, or even hatred for an individual or entity — see "Fuck Public Safety" and "Townies Suck Ass and Ruin this School." Other groups brag about members' partying abilities — see "I Drink, I Party, and Dammit I'm Awesome." And still others promote the use of illegal drugs — see "Reefer Madness" and "My Name is _____ and My Anti-Drug is Crack Cocaine."

None of the members of these groups, or others like them, have been sanctioned by the university.

Employers poke around for new hires

Judicial action is not the only consequence Facebook users should worry about, Cummings said.

Although most students expect only to encounter other students, and now administrators, on Facebook, corporate recruiters have recently joined the community.

Edgar Townsend, director of career services, said he knows

employers are aware of Facebook.

When he found out about the Web site last year, he surveyed 300 of the companies that conduct interviews at the university. Within 24 hours he received 100 responses.

"I was very surprised," he said. "I didn't have anyone tell me that they use Facebook specifically in their selection process. But it is something they are aware of, and it is something students should be concerned about."

Employers access student profiles through alumni and interns, Townsend said.

"It isn't difficult to get access if they choose to do that, and I think that is the point they are making," he said.

Applicant screening by employers may violate the Facebook Terms of Use, which states that the Web site is for "personal, non-commercial use only," though this distinction has not yet been tested in the courts.

Paul Levy, an attorney in litigation at Public Citizen, said he thinks employers are entitled to check out applicants' Facebook profiles. In his opinion, once information is made

public on the Internet, it is fair game.

"I don't know that there's any legal prohibition on a prospective employer to use information that is posted on the Internet," he said. "I don't think there's any privacy objection to an employer accessing information once it's made public."

Facebook is a public forum — despite students' beliefs that their postings are private property. Students can adjust the privacy settings on their profiles, limiting who can access their profile and what they can see there, though few users at the university appear to do so.

In less than two months, the university will graduate more than 4,000 seniors. Townsend said these graduates, and all students, for that matter, need to understand that a Facebook profile is not a separate identity.

"Students need to recognize that when they engage in a job search they are moving from being a student to being a professional," he said.

And professionals, it seems, should not use Facebook. Unless, of course, they're hiring.

FACEBOOK

controversy on U.S. college campuses

Early October, 2005 — A Fisher College student was expelled for posting a critique of a public safety officer, stating that the officer "must be eliminated." This was the first expulsion prompted by a Facebook profile. (*The Boston Globe*)

Early October, 2005 — Pennsylvania State University students were charged with criminal trespass and fined after university police found a Facebook group called "I rushed the field at the OSU game (and lived)!" (*The Collegian*)

Late October, 2005 — A Duquesne University student was asked to remove a Facebook profile in which he referred to homosexuality as "subhuman." He refused to remove the profile. (*WTAE Pittsburgh*)

Early November, 2005 — Four Northern Kentucky University students were fined \$50 each after pictures showing the students drinking in a residence hall were found. (*The Northerner*)

Early February, 2006 — Syracuse University students claimed to have been threatened with expulsion for creating a Facebook group that criticized the performance of a teaching assistant. (*The Daily Orange*)

Early February, 2006 — A University of Delaware student is briefly suspended and reinstated after administrators found he maintained a fictitious and blatantly anti-Semitic Facebook profile using the name Adolf Hitler. (*The Review*)

— compiled by Pat Walters

Roselle condemns use of false names

BY LEAH KIELL
Administrative News Editor

As a result of the March 21 article describing the Facebook profile of Matt Lenno, assistant director of student centers, several administrators responded to ensure an indiscretion, such as using a fake name and status, would not occur in the future.

However, students should monitor what is posted online, as the Internet is a public forum with open access to the information posted.

University President David P. Roselle stated in an e-mail message he did not agree with Lenno's decision to use false information in his Facebook profile, and insisted such an act would not happen again.

"It was unauthorized and, in my opinion, wrong and not defensible for a university administrator to use a false name while visiting a particular Web site," Roselle said.

Marilyn Prime, director of student centers, stated in an e-mail message as a result of Lenno's profile, staff members were reminded to use appropriate names with their university

e-mail address.

In a letter written to The Review in response to last issue's Facebook article, alumnus Nick LoPiccolo, last year's Inter-Fraternity Council president, said Lenno should be sanctioned by the university because he misrepresented himself using his university e-mail address.

"I can only hope the university holds Matt Lenno at least to the same standard that it holds its students," he said.

LoPiccolo said he worked with Lenno on a daily basis and frequently observed use of the Internet as a means to discover violations within the Greek community.

"The university's statement that it doesn't go hunting for information on Facebook is both laughable and hypocritical," he said. "The culture of his administration encouraged that we find evidence to keep the Greek community in check."

In an interview, LoPiccolo said Lenno is looking to censor Greek Life and attempt to stop the partying and the bad press that goes

along with it.

Not only is the deceitful manner in which Lenno uses the Internet unethical, but it sets a bad example for the students they are trying to lead, he said.

"I know for a fact that there are certain cases where Facebook was used while I was there and they've denied that so far in their statements," he said. "I know that they're denying things that I saw happen."

Lenno and Prime declined to comment on LoPiccolo's accusations.

Prime said the university has not judicially processed, suspended or penalized any student group due to information posted on the Internet. However, national offices of Greek chapters have been known to suspend individual members for posting images that do not represent the chapter in a positive way.

This has not happened at the university, he said.

Ashleigh Rich, president of the Pan-Hellenic Council, agreed with Prime and said the Greek national advisers also search the

Internet and can revoke a chapter if it breaks a policy. Lenno helps Greek Life by spotting pictures the national chapter might think misrepresent their organization.

Bonnie Wunsch, executive director of the Alpha Phi Epsilon sorority's national office, said the organization has a committee meant to examine chapter Web sites. The committee is often directed to various sites by sources, such as university administrators or other sorority members.

"We're not looking to get chapters in trouble," Wunsch said. "We want to make sure our chapters are maintaining our policies and procedures."

Rich said if Lenno found something he thought was inappropriate, he would meet with the chapter president and ask them to remove the picture or statement. It is then the chapter president's decision to remove the picture and Lenno's to take further action.

"As far as Matt goes, I know that he went on Facebook for the reason to prevent kids from getting themselves in trouble," she said.

IN THE NEWS

U.S. stalls on Iran question until Iraq stable

With politicians deadlocked over who will be Iraq's next prime minister, U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad said Sunday that planned talks with Iranian officials over Iraq-related issues would be delayed until a government is formed.

Khalilzad and other U.S. officials have repeatedly accused Iran of meddling in Iraqi affairs by supporting militias and insurgent groups. Iran has denied such charges. Mutual agreement to hold talks came last month, as international pressure for intensified on Iran to terminate its nuclear program.

The completion of Iraq's new government could be weeks away. Efforts to form a cabinet representative of all Iraqi factions, which U.S. officials have warned is essential to bringing calm to the country, have stalled amid mounting opposition to Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari, who was nominated by the country's Shiite Muslim governing coalition to retain his post.

Israel to cut ties with Hamas-dominated government

Israel is poised to sever all contacts with the Hamas-dominated Palestinian government except for ties with its moderate president, a senior Israeli official said Sunday.

Such a step would all but rule out prospects for peace negotiations between both sides any time in the foreseeable future.

The recommendation to cut contacts with the Palestinian Authority, with the exception of its executive branch, came from Israel's influential "Security Cabinet," which is made up of the most senior advisers to acting Prime Minister Ehud Olmert.

The full Cabinet is expected to weigh the decision in the coming week, government spokesman Assaf Shariv said.

Efforts are being made to keep a channel of open communication via Mahmoud Abbas, the pragmatist-minded Palestinian Authority president who was elected separately last year and has expressed the wish to reach a peace accord with Israel.

Hamas has refused to rescind its formal calls for Israel's destruction, which has led the United States and the European Union to close the spigot on hundreds of millions of dollars in aid.

U.S. decides to send NATO troops to Sudan to aid African Union

The Bush administration has settled on the idea of sending up to several hundred NATO advisers to help bolster African Union peacekeeping troops in their efforts to shield villagers in Sudan's Darfur region from fighting between government-backed Arab militias and rebel groups, administration officials said.

The move would include some U.S. troops and mark a significant expansion of U.S. and allied involvement in the conflict. So far, NATO's role has been limited to airlifting African Union forces to the region and providing a few military specialists to help the peacekeeping contingent.

The proposal, which faces uncertain approval within NATO because of concerns that it could be a distraction from operations in Afghanistan, falls well short of more aggressive measures that some have advocated, such as sending ground combat troops or providing air patrols to protect peacekeepers and prevent the bombing of villages. These options have been ruled out as unnecessary at this time, an administration official said.

In general, U.S. officials said their aim has been to address shortcomings in the African Union force without upstaging that force and stirring resentment in a region highly sensitive to the presence of Western troops.

— compiled from L.A. Times and Washington Post wire reports

POLICE REPORTS

Man holds family hostage for approximately 10 hours

Police officers were called to a residence located on the 100 block of Madison Drive at 12:30 a.m. Monday, after a witness reported seeing a man, Charles P. Kessler, point a handgun at his girlfriend outside his residence, Newark Police said.

Gunfire was heard a short time later from the back of the residence, Lt. Susan K. Poley said, and although Kessler's girlfriend was able to escape, his three children, aged 10, 2 and 5 months remained in the residence.

Kessler was in possession of a .40 caliber handgun and a .45 caliber handgun, Poley said. When officers contacted Kessler by telephone, he refused to come out of his residence and surrender.

Kessler eventually surrendered at 10 a.m., Poley said. The children were not threatened or harmed at any point during the hostage situation.

More than 65 officers from the Delaware State Police, the Newark Police and the University Police worked together as negotiators, tactical officers and support officers throughout the standoff, Poley said. Residents from approximately 40 town houses along the street were evacuated, she said.

Charges are pending, Poley said, and Kessler's arraignment was expected to take place later on Monday.

— Emily Picillo



L.A. Times/Washington Post wire service

French police monitor protesters to prevent further outbreaks of violence.

French labor laws spark youth protests

BY KRISTIN VORCE

Staff Reporter

Junior Liz Foster was on Spring Break in Paris when she found herself in the middle of a protest.

At least 300 policemen, armed with shields, helmets and nightsticks surrounded a plaza where hundreds of students were sitting and blocking traffic. One young man who was protesting stood peacefully approximately 20 feet from Foster.

Suddenly, she said, a group of police officers rushed over and dragged him away.

"He was trying to resist and they were really holding him down," Foster said. "It was definitely a little unnerving. I was thinking the police could've mistaken me for a protester because I was just standing there like him."

Foster said she asked locals standing nearby what the problem was.

"All they would say to me is that democracy cannot exist when the government does not listen to its people," she said.

French youth and labor unions are protesting a law allowing employers to fire employees under the age of 26 for any reason at all during a two-year trial period. More than one million people have participated in demonstrations across France which turned violent last week.

According to a press release from the official Web site of the French president, Jacques Chirac said he would pass the law, but in response to the riots, made two slight modifications. He reduced the length of the trial period to one year and required employers to inform employees of the reason for their dismissal.

Political science professor Mark Miller, who specializes in European politics, said the hope is that the new law will lessen unemployment because employers will be more willing to hire workers. France's unemployment rate is 9.6 percent overall

and 22.2 percent for people under 25, according to the French National Institute for Statistics and Economic Studies.

Business administration professor Arthur Sloane said France currently has a slim, almost non-existent trial period in which an employee may be easily terminated. After the trial period is over, there is full job protection. "They essentially have a system of lifetime jobs," Sloane said.

Miller said to fire someone, an employer in France must go through an extensive legal process and provide a reason for dismissal.

"This is regarded as burdensome to many employers and prevents them from hiring employees," he said. "From an employer's perspective, France is probably the most hostile area."

Saul Hoffman, economics department chairman, said he thinks the law is a step in the right direction.

"This will allow them to take a risk without being forced to have an employee permanently if it turns out they're not well qualified," Hoffman said.

Workers, however, feel threatened, viewing the law as a step toward dismantling the social state in France. Miller said labor inspectors and labor laws are taken seriously.

"People have a different expectation that labor is to be treated with dignity," he said. "That's totally absent in the U.S. Employers can throw away workers over here."

Sloane said the protesters are trying to maintain their way of life.

"The new law has a bad ring to millions of people," he said. "They don't like change."

Graduate student Sylvain Chabra is a citizen of France, but has lived in the United States for two years. Chabra said he does not think this law will curb unemployment.

"Things work here that would

not work in France," he said. "The culture is very different."

Chabra said the law should not be passed because the majority of people in France are against it.

"To me, a democracy should be about what the people want," he said. "When you work hard and then you're fired, without any reason, I don't think it's fair."

Junior Harry Caufield said he thinks the protests are justified in this case.

"I think the law's totally unfair and based on unfounded assumptions," Caufield said. "It's pretty much placing the blame on the workers themselves."

Hoffman said with the exception of union members and tenured employees, job protection in the United States is minimal, to the point of almost no protection at all.

"We are France's nightmare," he said.

Hoffman said, in the United States, where there is sufficient job growth, a similar law would be unnecessary.

The unemployment rate in Delaware as of November 2005 was approximately 4 percent, according to the Delaware Office of Occupational and Labor Market Information.

Nationwide, however, the unemployment rate for 20 to 24 year-olds is more than twice that of those 25 years and older, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Heidi Kofran, spokeswoman for W.L. Gore & Associates, a company founded in Newark, has a small operation in France with approximately 50 people.

She said at this stage, the new law in France will not change Gore's policy on hiring and firing.

"Whether in the U.S. or France, Gore's primary concern is personal performance and contribution to the business," she said. "Age is not a consideration."



THE REVIEW/Marianna Ludensky

Dennis Haskins reminisced about his days on "Saved by the Bell."

Mr. Belding brings Bayside to Trabant

BY KRISTIN VORCE

Staff Reporter

Travel back 10 years, when "Total Request Live" was cool, downloading on Napster was free and Facebook did not exist. Trabant University Center was under construction.

Trabant celebrated its 10-year anniversary with a flashback to the '90s, with showings of "Clueless" and "Titanic" and events like a Nintendo video game challenge, nine holes of mini-golf and a "Battle of the Mascots."

A visit by Dennis Haskins, better known as "Mr. Belding" from the TV show "Saved by the Bell," was a highlight of the week. Haskins reminisced about the show and did the famous Belding laugh.

"Everything the kids on the show went through, you guys went through," he said. "It was about firsts. It was about the first kiss. It was about the first time you lied to your best friend and got caught, about the first time you wrecked your parents' car."

Junior Melanie Jonas said she arrived at Trabant early to make sure she got a good seat to see Haskins.

"I always had a secret crush on Mr. Belding," Jonas said. "Everyone loves Zach Morris, but it was me and Mr. Belding all the way."

Trabant's multipurpose room was full during Haskins' visit. Without the room, which holds more than 700 people, events like this would not be possible.

Trabant is named after former president Edward Arthur Trabant, who served as university president from 1968 to 1987 and again from 1988 to 1990.

Marilyn Prime, director of student centers, said during the '70s and '80s there were several student campaigns for a new building.

Before the Trabant movie theater existed, students watched movies in Smith Hall, Prime said.

"We were using academic space to play movies," she said. "It was not unusual for a piece of equipment to break in the middle of the movie."

Without the food options at Trabant, Prime said the Scrounge was always busy.

"They tried, and the people are wonderful over there, but they would do like one hamburger at a time for a bunch of hungry kids."

"Clearly, we far exceeded our space capacity in Perkins," Prime said. "But did we want to put up a whole new building? At that point in time the university wasn't prepared to make that decision."

Prime said one plan was to expand Perkins across Academy Street to where the tennis courts are located. This idea fell through, she said, but Perkins was renovated before plans began for building Trabant. Then, in 1989, University President David P. Roselle took office.

"With the new president coming in there was time for new ideas and a new student center was part of it," Prime said. "Perkins is on the East side [of campus] and we felt we really weren't involving a lot of West Campus and certainly not Laird Campus."

She said the location of Trabant used to be a parking lot where students would cut across campus.

"The architects came in and watched the foot traffic to see the path the students walked and tried to follow that pattern in their design of the building," Prime said.

Today, Trabant is more than just a food court. The building averages approximately 5,900 reservations per year, according to Gil Johnson, associate director of student centers. The majority of the reservations are for departmental and student organization meetings.

Trabant also houses a bank, copy center, ticket office, bookstore, movie theatre, travel center and study lounge. Vita Nova, a restaurant run by the Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Management department, is upstairs. The multipurpose room has held comedians, musical concerts, Delaworld Orientations, housing and career fairs, as well as blood drives.

Trabant is a building for the students, Prime said, and it should be enjoyed by them.

"I want them to have good memories of sitting at the food court sipping a cup of coffee or going to a performance with their friends," she said.

Immigration debate hits close to home

BY JULIA PARMLEY

News Features Editor

The demonstrations began March 23, with 10,000 marchers in Milwaukee, Wis. Two days later, more than 500,000 protested in Los Angeles. And one day later, Denver was filled with 50,000 protesters.

On April 10, hundreds of thousands of people gathered nationwide for the National Day of Action for Comprehensive Immigration Reform.

Since the introduction of the Border Protection, Antiterrorism, and Illegal Immigration Control Act of 2005 (H.R. 4437) on Dec. 6, 2005, the nation has been divided over the control of the estimated 11 million illegal immigrants in the United States.

House Judiciary Committee Chairman Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., initiated the bill, which called for tighter enforcement overall, including the development of a national border strategy and increased border controls and organizations in U.S. territories. Shortly after it was introduced, the bill passed in the House, with an amendment allowing a wall to be built between the United States and Mexico.

H.R. 4437 is not the only immigration legislation up for debate. Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., and Reps. Jim Kolbe, R-Ariz., Jeff Flake, R-Ariz., and Luis Gutierrez, D-Ill., introduced the Secure America and Orderly Immigration Act of 2005 May 12. The bill addressed border control issues as well as created a new temporary worker program for immigrants.

The Senate recently announced attempts to reconcile the two bills into a comprehensive immigration reform plan that would increase border patrol but also create a pathway for illegal immigrants to become citizens. However on April 7, the plans fell through, with both parties blaming the other for failure to commit.

While Congress remains deadlocked over legislation, millions of people around the nation are calling for a more inclusive immigration reform giving immigrants both workers protection and allowing them to apply for U.S. citizenship.

Protesters argue stricter entry regulations into the United States will deny immigrants job opportunities they are having difficulty finding in their own countries. But there are some immigrants who are trying to start their own business in the nation.

Many are only a few minutes away.

University students flock to Main Street every day, where Mexican burritos, coffee from California and bagel sandwiches are always available. While the locations are convenient, students may not know how far from the United States the owners have come to provide students with the foods they enjoy.

Nancy Salaitah, owner of Central Perk, moved to California from Jordan at age 10. Salaitah said her brother was in the army and did not want to stay in Jordan because there were a lot of problems at the time, but that they had no issues moving to the United States.

"Immigration wasn't that big of a problem," she said. "The first couple of months, it was a big adjustment but after that it became normal."

Salaitah said her coffee business in California and started Central Perk in April 2005 with almost all of her family's savings.

"It was pretty risky," Salaitah said. "It took a long time for people to get to know us."

Salaitah said since the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, it has become increasingly difficult for family members to visit.

"In Jordan, they have a lot of pride in who they are," she said. "It is very difficult to step down the ladder."

Salaitah said people from neighboring countries such as Egypt and Syria perform labor-intensive jobs. The immigrants are given a workers permit to work and when they want to lengthen their stay for a job, the government will hold their passports until they complete their work. Salaitah's father-in-law has used this system to hire Egyptians for work around his house.

Salaitah said the immigrants who perform hard labor in the United States will work for half the price.

"I could hire an immigrant worker to fix my deck a lot cheaper than a contractor," she said. "If all these people were tossed, labor would cost more money."

Salaitah said the economy would be directly affected by tighter immigration enforcement.

"If you kicked people out, the U.S. would collapse," she said. "No one would fix anything. There should be a system for people to do the labor work that no one else would do."

Nancy's husband, Emad, said the government is making it harder for immigrants to come into the country.

He said the poor economy is making finding employment increasingly difficult.

"If you kick people out, the U.S. would collapse."

— Jordan native Nancy Salaitah, owner of Central Perk on Main Street

"They should regulate people coming in because people are still looking for jobs here," Emad said.

Eduardo Cardenas, owner of Newark Deli and Bagel, came to the United States from Lima, Peru in 1989. A mechanical engineer, he previously worked in Peru, Italy and Saudi Arabia.

In Peru, Cardenas first owned a money exchange corporation and a small plastic factory before moving to the United States. He said he had just been promoted in his job when he got a call from his good friend who wanted to sell the deli.

"It was a big challenge to change my whole life again," Cardenas said.

He said the country needs to be aware of the importance of immigrants.

"First generation immigrants are a key part of the economy," he said. "A huge majority of the immigrants work hard and help this country to succeed."

Javier Acuna came to study in the United States from Bogota, Colombia, nine years ago. He has been co-owner of Santa Fe Mexican Grill for three years and said the illegal immigrant issue is one of supply and demand.

"Illegal immigrants are like drugs for the U.S.," he said. "If you don't stop the demand for the country, you can't stop them coming."

Acuna said the millions of immigrants in the country makes finding a solution difficult.

"The immigrant problem is a very complex problem that cannot be solved by building a wall," he said.

Acuna said the country needs to supply workers to companies that need them.

"We need to gradually realize that workers that have been here for years," he said. "The ones that are coming in should not be available to be a part of the workers program."

Craig de Mariana Aleman, graduate student advisor for the Campus Alliance de La Raza, stated in an e-mail message the university chapter agrees with the national organization's support of the Secure America and Orderly Immigration Act of 2005.

"This legislation will benefit the United States and comes at a time when the current U.S. immigration system is in need of fundamental reform," he said. "The current immigration laws are out of tune with our country's economy, and millions of close family members remain in visa backlogs for years, waiting to be reunited with their families."

Aleman said the number of border deaths has increased dramatically in recent years and now reaches nearly one death per day.

Cardenas said he feels the nation needs to reform immigration policies in light of its consistent presence in the country.

"I think that the government has to create laws to control immigration according with the reality of this country," he said. "[The] United States was, is, and will be a country of immigrants."

Sex offender notification contended

BY EMILY PICILLO

City News Editor

Following discussion concerning Newark's sex offender population, city council and Newark Police are contemplating whether the city should strengthen notification laws. The proposal, if put into effect, would make the residences of a larger number of convicted offenders known to their neighbors.

The issue was first raised last month by Councilman David Athey, District 4, when a Newark citizen and mother of young children informed him that she was concerned by lack of notification when a sex offender moved into her neighborhood.

Newark Police Det. Andrew Rubin said while Delaware law requires anyone convicted of a sexual offense to register as a sex offender, residents living near the individual are only notified if he or she is a high-risk sex offender.

High-risk involves having committed such felonies as rape in the first and second degree, continuous sexual abuse and exploitation of a child or kidnapping for sexual purposes.

He said the state categorizes sex offenders as low, moderate or high-risk, based on the severity of the crime.

Schools, licensed daycares, and other spaces where children tend to gather, such as libraries and places of worship, are notified of proximity to a moderate-risk sex offender,

described by Rubin as having committed offenses. However, residents who live near a moderate-risk sex offender are not notified.

Rubin said 20 sex offenders are currently living within city limits, of which seven are of moderate-risk and one is of high-risk. There are also three moderate-risk sex offenders attending a school in the city.

Councilman Paul Pomeroy, District 1, said the basis of city council's discussion is whether Newark should make its laws one step stronger than the state's by requiring the city to notify residents who live near moderate-risk sex offenders.

"If a moderate-risk sex offender warrants the notification of schools, the question is, should residents be notified as well?" he said.

In the majority of the cases of sexual offenses, Pomeroy said, the perpetrator is usually known to the victim, making it important for people to know who their neighbors are.

However the city does not intend to look into putting stricter restrictions on where sex offenders can live, Pomeroy said.

Delaware law states convicted offenders cannot live or loiter within 500 feet of a school, and both Pomeroy and Athey said expanding that distance would be legally unjustified.

"My guess would be that if Newark attempted to place residency past what it is now, it would prevent any sex offenders from living anywhere in Newark," Pomeroy said.

While Athey said places in Iowa and New Jersey have put greater residency restrictions on sex offenders, they have not proven extremely successful due to denser populations of sex offenders and the problem of losing track of them because they do not register.

In terms of increasing notification, Pomeroy said there are two critical sides to the issue.

"The advantage is giving important information to empower the community to keep themselves safe," he said, "but there is also the risk of demonizing individuals who want to move on with their lives and be a constructive member of the community."

Drew Fennell, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Delaware, said notification schemes such as the one discussed by the city have not proven effective.

They are aimed at preventing stranger attacks, she said, but sexual offenses, especially those experienced by children, occur when the offender is known to the victim.

"No system of notification will ever replace personal or parental vigilance," she said.

Fennell also said the crimes of many moderate-risk sex offenders, such as prostitution, are often unlikely to endanger a neighborhood.

"Increased notification is intended to stigmatize sex offenders, in addition to the people associated with them," she said. "It is one thing to do it for public safety, but it's

another to brand people and further humiliate them."

Fennell said she believes changes in the law regarding notification can have harmful secondary effects, such as damage to convicted offenders' families and their ability to stabilize their lives after they leave jail and attempt to find a job and a place to live.

"Someone who is in a stable situation is less likely to re-offend," she said.

Rubin said Newark Police could increase notification by using the Reverse 911 System, which would call and notify residents with a recorded message when a sex offender moved into the area, but requiring officers to go door-to-door and inform residents presents an issue of manpower.

Information about moderate and high-risk sex offenders can be found online, he said, at either the state or city Web sites, where basic personal information such as name, place of residence, date of birth and a photo can be found.

Rubin said he feels many people are not aware of the resources available that allow residents to determine whether they are living next to a convicted sex offender, such as signing up for e-mail subscriptions that are automatically sent when a sex offender moves into a neighborhood.

"If someone is that concerned about living next to a sex offender, it is easy to look up online instead of waiting for the police to notify them," he said.



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Thirteen university students and 11 Newark residents aided relief efforts in Pascagoula, Miss. over Spring Break.



Spring Break brings aid

BY RACHEL SEAWELL

Staff Reporter

"It was hard to believe that we were still in America and it looked like that," recalled senior Megan Oberst, one of 13 university students who traveled to Pascagoula, Miss., Newark's sister city, to aid Hurricane Katrina disaster relief.

The students, alongside 11 Newark residents, helped rebuild homes and clean up debris during Spring Break.

Greg Chute, organizer of the trip and pastor at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Newark, said the trip was a success.

"It was good for residents to interact with the university population in a very positive environment," he said. "I think we appreciated each other much more, perhaps eliminating stereotypes."

Chute said this trip was a great opportunity for people to physically help out in the disaster relief.

"Although money is appreciated, we discovered many of the folks down there valued highly that other human beings would come down and put in their time and energy," he said. "It is different; it's a more human kind of interaction, personal contact."

Oberst said the group worked on five or six houses while in Pascagoula, alongside home owners and citizens of the sister city.

"We were split up into different groups; some of the resident men did trimming and painting for the houses," she said. "The group that I was with went to a house that was flooded with 5 feet of water. We put up walls and sheet rock. Then we spackled and painted."

Oberst said she recalls driving along the coastline and observing a

couple of towns that had been badly hit by Katrina.

"Those towns were horrible, entire casinos were completely wiped out and there was still debris all over," she said.

Pascagoula did not have a tremendous amount of remaining debris when the group arrived, but there was severe flooding.

In some towns it was impossible to believe that houses once stood, except for the driveways that remained, Oberst said.

People had personal belongings piled on their driveways to show someone once lived there.

"I actually talked to this one man in a city called Waveland; it was one of the cities that was hit the hardest," Oberst said. "[It] was so bad that just last week they found three bodies after uncovering debris."

Mississippi has not gotten as much attention as New Orleans, Oberst said, and they are really hurting due to a lack of government aid.

"I talked to one lady who lived in a town that said her house was completely destroyed and she has gotten almost no money from the government to rebuild her house," Oberst said. "The money is going toward rebuilding casinos. Residents need a lot of help. The government has not given them what they expected."

Kay Kell, Pascagoula city manager, said residents appreciated the efforts of the Newark group.

"Young people will give up their Spring Break to come and help complete strangers, and that has kept our morale up," she said.

Newark Mayor Vance A. Funk III said he traveled to Pascagoula

for a weekend while the university students and Newark residents were helping in the disaster relief. Although earnest working did not begin until Monday, Funk worked alongside the students for most of the day Sunday.

"The word we are getting back from Pascagoula's mayor and city manager is that the work the town and gown group did was excellent, and they really appreciated the caring spirit they brought to their community," he said.

Several people have expressed a desire to return to Pascagoula.

Chute said it is the kind of experience that can be life changing, and a lot of volunteers have never done a service learning project before and are anxious to do it again.

"It is very different to be on the ground there, than to just see pictures on CNN which only have a certain scope to them" Chute said.

Oberst said the trip has made her view her own life differently and she has begun to take less for granted.

"It was worth it," she said. "They have thousands of college kids down there and I think it really goes to show that none of us were skilled carpenters and painters but we were still able to help out in some way and contribute to rebuilding the town we were in."

Kell said all of the students she spoke to said they wanted to return to Pascagoula and continue efforts in disaster relief.

"The funny thing is, as much as they helped our citizens they also felt helped by it," she said. "They have gotten so much from us being there and helping our citizens."

Army rejects unauthorized body armor

BY ALISON MILITANO

Staff Reporter

U.S. Army soldiers may be at a greater risk due to a recent ban restricting soldiers from using body armor in combat that is not Army-issued.

In a press conference Major General Jeffrey Sorenson said the Army would not use armor from other companies.

He repeatedly emphasized this is because no other type meets its standards. Currently, the Army only purchases armor from Interceptor Body Armor.

"I can just tell you at this point in time that the standard that we have set for our individual body armor is known to all, and we have an independent lab that does it," Sorenson said, "so it's not some sort of special Army test, you know, done in a back room where you kind of grade the paper."

Paul Rieckhoff, executive director of Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, said he spoke with many soldiers about the ban.

"Most troops acknowledge that this decision was made with their best interests in mind, but it's still frustrating given the problems in the body armor supply chain early on," he said.

Rieckhoff said he believes the Army is taking a quality control measure and providing the best possible equipment for combat.

Pinnacle Armor has taken issue with the new military ban.

Murray Neal, chief executive officer for Pinnacle, said the ban is unwarranted.

"There is no reason to have this ban on our armor since we far exceed any standard in which body armor is measured," he said.

Pinnacle spokesman Paul Chopra said Pinnacle understands the need for bans on body armor

that do not meet standards.

He said Pinnacle's patented armor, Dragon Skin, is proven the best. It can take up to 20 rounds of AK-47 while the Interceptor brand cannot do so.

Dragon Skin is four to five pounds lighter and has been known to leave minimal to no bruising after getting hit, Chopra said.

Sorenson said the Army is working to reduce the weight of its armor.

"But we have continued to examine all types of composites, all types of materials and if someone finds the Holy Grail, then we'll be right there to back up the dump truck and buy it," he said.

Chopra said, since the ban, Pinnacle's phones have been ringing with concerned soldiers.

"It's really sad to hear guys almost in tears," Chopra said.

Body armor is a \$2 million industry the military profits from, he said. Since Pinnacle has its own patent on equipment, the military is reluctant to use Pinnacle's product despite its supposed quality, in order to keep profits flowing.

"The corruptness we are seeing at the Pentagon up to the two-star level is very disturbing," he said.

Chopra said there are dozens of armor companies today.

"Anytime there's a war all these little companies pop up," he said.

A body armor industry expert said these small companies are fueled by the fallout plates the military rejects. When the military rejects armor plates as not meeting standards, they sell them to the smaller companies.

In the press conference, Sorenson repeatedly spoke of the Army tests on body armor.

"All these other claims that



L.A. Times/Washington Post wire service

U.S. troops in Iraq are now required to wear Army-issued body armor.

are being made are essentially at this point and time exactly what they are — claims. They have not been tested," he said. "They have not passed the rigor that we put into standards determining whether something is safe, effective and suitable."

The Army refused to comment on this issue beyond providing Sorenson's press conference.

"Until the Department of Defense conducts its own thorough testing, there's no way to judge the effectiveness of other products," Rieckhoff said.

Pinnacle will provide its armor for testing this May.

"We don't see it stopping until somebody does a side-by-side test and we blow them out of the water," he said.

Improved care

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Professors 'gone wild': Spring Break '06

BY BECKY POLINI

Staff Reporter

They only exist inside the classroom. They have no lives other than teaching, administering exams and being the cause of anxiety for their students. And, most of all, they do not do anything exciting for Spring Break. They are professors, and they are not fun — not quite.

Aaron Fichtelberg spent his Spring Break covered in vomit, Bill Fleischman saw Ice-T in New York and Elizabeth Lieux wrote a book in Virginia Beach.

These professors' Spring Breaks were not as tame as one may expect — no grading papers or relaxing at home for them, Spring Break '06 was strictly out of the ordinary.

Junior Sam Pyser said she would not be surprised if most professors went away for break.

"They work damn hard for us," she said. Junior Rich Phifer had a different take on how he thought professors spent their week off.

"I think they spend a lot of time going over foreign politics, because a lot of them have dual-citizenship," he said.

Fichtelberg, a criminal justice professor, welcomed his fraternal twins into the world just a couple weeks prior to the beginning of

"Talk about people who know how to live."

— Professor Aaron Fichtelberg on spending Spring Break with his newborn twin sons

break. Newborns Oliver and Theodore seemed hell-bent on making their first-time father's vacation one to remember, he said.

"I spent it in a semi-conscious state, covered in pee and puke," he said. "Not much different than a college student."

Fichtelberg said although he used to enjoy going to sleep, his nights consisted of watching The Simpson's on DVD at 3 a.m., waiting for the next cries of his sons.

"You find you have a lot more patience than you knew you had," he said. "Did you know their poop is green?"

The only vacation plan he and his wife, Renee Bowers, had to sacrifice was attending a wedding in California. But ideally, he said he would have liked to have been in Europe for the week.

"Talk about people who know how to live," he said.

While attending the University of California at San Diego, Fichtelberg said he was used to going to the mountains for vacation. He said because his school was near the beach, his town was a popular Spring Break destination.

Fleischman has been teaching in the university journalism program for more than 20 years. For Spring Break, Fleischman stated in an e-mail message that he and his wife spent three days in lower Manhattan at the Cosmopolitan Hotel.

The couple visited the Brooklyn Museum of Art to see William Wegman's exhibits, an artist known for dressing up and photographing Weimaraners, a breed of dog.

"Very enjoyable," he said.

Along with dining out and visiting museums, Fleischman said he met up with a university alumna for coffee. Earlier that day while walking to lunch, he saw Ice-T on the street.

And, as expected, he graded a lot of papers.

Lieux, nutrition and dietetics professor, said she went to Virginia Beach with a colleague from Framingham State College to work on the third edition of their book on Problem Based Learning.

"Our whole goal for the week that we were there was to write as many problems as we could to put into the book," she said. "The University of Delaware is really at the forefront of Problem Based Learning."

While she was primarily in Virginia Beach to work, Lieux said she and her colleague went to a lot of restaurants, ate excellent fish and had great views of the ocean from their Marriott time-share condominium.

"It seemed like Spring Break would be a good time to go," she said. They had been planning the trip for six months.

Whether tending to newborns or stumbling upon a rapper-turned-actor, these professors were certainly not "all work and no play" during break. It is a tough job, but somebody's got to do it.

Mother details dangers of heroin

BY GREG SLATER

Staff Reporter

Addiction, imprisonment, rape and death — all of these things happened to Wilmington native Erin Allen as a result of a heroin addiction in 1997.

Six months after her death, Erin's mother Marie felt it was necessary to speak out against the deadly drug.

Allen began telling her daughter's story to local high school health classes, and when the New Castle County Police heard about her intentions, the two parties teamed up to form "Heroin Alert."

Through the use of gruesome photos demonstrating the effects of heroin use — including arms rotted to the bone — Allen and the police now speak out for their cause.

They gave their presentation at a fundraiser last week, to raise money for Allen's Book, "Dope Help." It is Erin's story as Erin would have told it, Allen said.

"Erin asked for help in writing a book while she was in prison," she said. "It was a long process — nine years to write 70 pages. This is what Erin wanted."

Allen said her goal is to get her book into the hands of every 13, 14 and 15-year-old in the country, but she said she would settle for the state.

In Allen's presentation, Erin's short and tragic life is chronicled through family photos. Pink Floyd's song, "Wish you were here," plays while Allen concludes her daughter's story.

"I picked Erin up from rehab, and when she got in the car, she put on this tape," Allen said. "She said, 'Mom, if I die, I want you to play this song.'"

Erin had been clean for nine months at the time, her mother said.

That same day, Allen said Erin went to get some blood work done. The feeling of the needle going into her arm immediately jarred something in her mind. She made her way to the Kensington section of Philadelphia where she was beaten and raped before her eventual overdose and death.

The last picture in the presentation is the morgue photo of Erin's cold, pale face. Allen did not face the screen once during the presentation.

With the help of the Newark Morning Rotary Club, the Arsht-Cannon Fund and Wilmington based publisher Cedar Tree Books, the first printing of Allen's book has been paid for.

Robin Broomall, of the Newark Morning Rotary Club, said she became involved in Allen's cause to make the community aware of the problem and to help raise funds for the second printing of her book.

"We wanted a project to help the community, not just to write a check," Broomall said.

According to Officer JoAnna Burton of the New Castle County Police, Delaware leads the United States in teen drug use. There have been instances where heroin has been found to be 97 percent pure in Delaware.

She said Northern Delaware has become a heroin hotspot because dealers are attempting to escape the pressures of dealing in a large city like Philadelphia.

Rick McGoldrick, of the Drug Enforcement Agency, said he disagrees.

"I don't think they're escaping larger cities. It's in demand and it's available," he said. "We're taking pro-active measures to get the word out and alert the youth about the dangers of, basically, growing up."

Burton said part of the program is to show that heroin does not just affect those who use it.

"It doesn't matter where you come from, race or religion," she said. "If this drug gets in your family, it will bring you to your knees."

Burton said she remembers specific heroin-related incidents in New Castle County, including a 13-year-old who shot himself after Kurt Cobain, a heroin addict, committed suicide and a woman who tried to sell her baby for drug money. Fortunately, undercover officers prevented her from accomplishing her task.

According to the National Drug Intelligence Center's drug threat assessment in Delaware, Delaware had the fifth highest heroin treatment admissions per 100,000 in the U.S in 1999.

In 2002, another drug threat assessment found that reported heroin abuse among Delaware teenagers was close to the level of alcohol abuse.

"You'll never stop the supply," Burton said. "But if we can educate people enough that the demand won't be there, then that's our goal."

Roberta Gealt, of the university's Center for Drug and Alcohol studies, said the heroin problem in New Castle County may not be as bad as the report claims.

Small samples from national surveys can skew results in a small state such as Delaware, she said.

The center conducted its own study in 2004 and found that roughly 1 percent of 11th graders have tried heroin.

"It's important to remember the survey was done on kids in school," Gealt said. "If kids are using heroin regularly, then they aren't going to be in school."

Allen said she has a message for parents and their children.

"Hopefully, your kids won't experiment, but if they do, then don't give up," she said. "There's always hope."

As for children, Allen's message is simple.

"Before you put anything in your body, ask yourself if it's worth your life."

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Candidates get wired for 2006

Internet will play new role in upcoming mid-term elections

BY LAUREN DEZINNO

Staff Reporter

The Internet is in many ways replacing television and other mediums as the face of the political candidate, particularly in the early stages of campaigns.

Some argue that this new strategy is a way to target a younger population, especially 18 to 34-year-olds, while others view the Internet as a cheap source of advertisement and a more efficient way to collect donations.

Blogger Jerome Armstrong helped formulate the Internet strategy at the beginning of Howard Dean's presidential campaign. Armstrong stated in an e-mail message that he later headed the blogger outreach and Internet advertising for the campaign.

"For the initial Web-team strategy it worked terrific," Armstrong said.

However, it was difficult to create the social tools needed for a successful campaign, he said.

"What's changed since the '04 cycle is that there are even more people participating online," Armstrong said. "There are better tools and video equipment for campaigns and candidates to use effectively."

Approximately 15 to 20 percent of voters rely on the Internet as their main source of political news, he said.

Aaron McLear, regional press secretary for the Republican National Committee, stated in an e-mail message that he believes the Internet is poised to have a major impact in 2006 and beyond.

"Every day, Americans put more of their lives online," McLear said. "Because of the Republican Party's aggressive online efforts, our party's supporters can do almost everything online that they can offline — volunteer, contribute, walk their precinct, make phone calls to voters in swing states, and more."

The Internet is being used to target voters from many different segments of the American population, he said.

"We're finding that the Internet is quickly becoming a mass medium, with all demographics coming online in increasing numbers," McLear said. "You may see certain trends starting among a certain demographic — but then they spread like wildfire through the rest of the population."

He said there are benefits unique to every medium, including the Internet.

A 2006 study by researchers at George Washington University's graduate school of political management highlighted some of the financial benefits of online campaigning.

"Online fundraising was cheaper for the campaigns and the

new phenomenon attracted media coverage," the report stated. "Finally, professional political fundraisers have continued to hone sophisticated tactics such as micro-targeting and immediate online response."

Micro-targeting, a strategy which aims to modify voter behavior to a candidate's benefit, is both slowly and dramatically altering the world of political campaigning.

CLOSER LOOK

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\$367 amount, in millions, raised by President George W. Bush in the 2004 election cycle

\$301 amount, in millions, raised by Democratic Presidential Candidate John Kerry in the same amount of time

In addition, more donors contributed to campaigns online in the 2004 presidential election than in 2000, the study reported.

"In 2004, more than half the Democratic donors and a quarter of the Republican donors made at least one of their donations online."

Communications professor Ralph Begleiter said he attributes the Internet's appeal to its inexpensive, unlimited advertisement potential.

"The Internet offers cheap advertisement," he said. "The space available is limitless."

A candidate who could never afford a five minute advertisement on television can afford the spot on the Internet, Begleiter said.

The media has already been flooded with information on campaigns, but the real issue is that younger people have to take an interest in the election, he said.

"Civic responsibility rests on the shoulders of the voters to find out what they think they need to know," Begleiter said. "They can choose the medium."



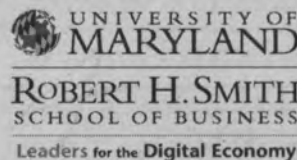
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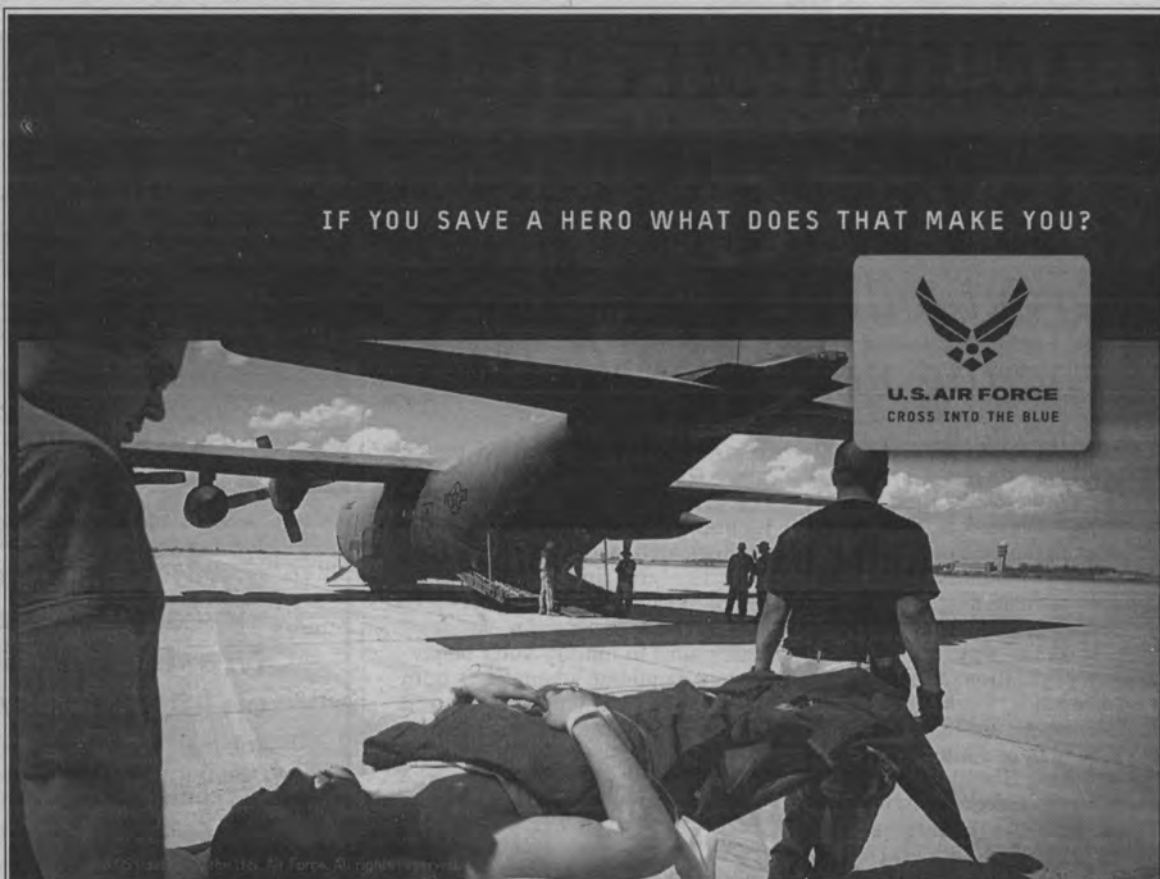
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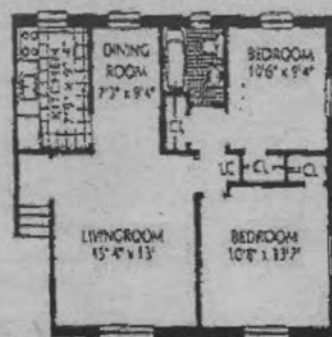
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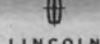
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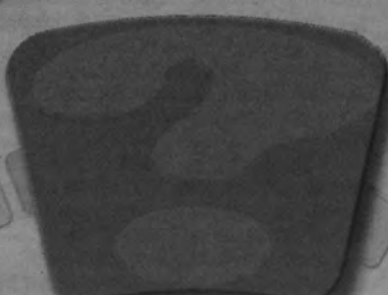
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about Willard's reneged offer?
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LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Q: Is the univ. acting hypocritical
in the newest Facebook issue?
Yes: 83% No: 17%



Roselle misses slam dunk Univ. should fess up to unprofessional Willard ordeal

In late March, Kevin Willard met with university Athletic Director Edgar Johnson and President David P. Roselle and boldly told them his most serious flaw: a DUI arrest from 2004. Willard, Louisville's associate basketball coach, was interviewing for the position of men's basketball coach vacated by David Henderson.

Regardless of the DUI, Roselle said Willard's interview blew him away, according to Louisville head coach Rick Pitino in a press conference. Roselle offered Willard the job Monday afternoon, March 21. Willard elatedly accepted the offer Tuesday morning. But one hour later, he was crushed.

The university unprofessionally rescinded the offer after Roselle reportedly received complaints from the Board of Trustees concerned with Willard's DUI.

According to the *Wilmington NewsJournal*, Board members don't need to and are not qualified to approve new coaches. That decision was ultimately up to Roselle and Johnson.

Johnson told the *NewsJournal* that Willard, 30, is "a fine young man, but you bring in a person with a DUI to our campus as coach ... That's not the image the university wants to project."

Apparently, the image the university actually wants to project is one of stupidity. In a press conference, Pitino called the university's decision "very unforgiving," and *The Review* strongly agrees.

Despite the repeated regional — and some national — press inquiries, the administration still hasn't released information regarding what ultimately influenced Roselle and Johnson to renege on the offer.

The Review isn't surprised, given the glaring lack of transparency that usually exists in administrative affairs.

Willard should be commended on being upfront about his past. He must have been terrified that his one-time mistake would hamper his career, and his fears have been proven in the most horrendous fashion.

On one hand, *The Review* agrees with the administration's opinion that Willard's DUI doesn't make him the

best role model for athletes. But if administrators felt that way, why did they offer him the job in the first place? And why haven't they answered that question yet?

The DUI arrest should have been an important part of Willard's evaluation, but it shouldn't have been the deciding factor, especially not *after* he had already been hired. The administration has effectively argued that Willard's single flaw has trumped every other great quality he would have brought to the program, but they only considered it in retrospect.

More outrageous is that instead of confronting the issue with at least a press release, administrators have seemingly pointed fingers at each other — and sometimes not even through their own statements. While Ruly Carpenter, Board member, said the decision was ultimately Roselle's and Johnson's, Pitino was the first to report that the Board disapproved of Willard.

It's also foggy what happened during Roselle's interactions with Board members. Did he report to them after Willard had already been hired, and jump the gun on hiring Willard before hearing members' opinions? Or did he not consider their opinions until after the fact?

Either way, Roselle didn't handle the situation as a president should, and he possibly damaged the program twice over. The university's second choice candidate, Tom Moore, Connecticut's associate head coach, took himself out of the running days after the university screwed over Willard.

The university athletic program simply isn't strong enough to withstand these huge errors. Administrators might have been able to creep away from controversy making the decision during Spring Break, but many people are still questioning the university's onslaught of bureaucracy and lack of transparency.

Roselle and Johnson must clarify the hiring process and release the details surrounding their folly before the university's decision becomes more embarrassing than the Hens' consecutive 20-loss campaigns.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Beware: university and police on the e-lookout

I just wanted to add an extra tidbit about the university's use of Facebook. My boyfriend lives off campus, and one of his roommates sent out party invitations to friends on Facebook. Somehow the university came across a copy of this party invitation.

I doubt that one of their friends turned them in. Can I assume the university looks at parties posted on Facebook and decides whether to take action?

Needless to say, the university turned a copy of this party invitation over to the Newark Police Department. The police report for the party was printed in *The Review* last month, but there was no mention of the Facebook issue.

I just wanted to help spread the word that Facebook is obviously not a safe way to let your friends know that you are having a party because the measure taken was not disciplinary, but preventative. So beware.

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Lenno's use of Facebook was forewarned

The Review's practice of recent "investigative journalism" has been appalling. In the March 22 issue, the article detailing Matt Lenno and his "illegal" use of Facebook does little more than try to start controversy when none need be mentioned.

At the last several meetings for club, fraternity and sorority presidents, Matt Lenno made it known to all in attendance that Facebook, as well as all other online public forums for posting content, were being checked for violations of the Student Code of Conduct. His use of a Facebook account affected none other than the groups and organizations for which he is the sole mentor. Lenno previously warned them about this monitoring.

If Matt Lenno did not violate any university policy, how can *The Review* claim it newsworthy? Your recent articles, specifically on Greek Life, are nothing more than the equivalent of *US Weekly's* gos-

sip column. Save the real journalism for the professionals and stick to the feel-good bits this paper should be intended for.

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Basketball coach folly shows university irresponsibility

The actions the university took in hiring Kevin Willard as basketball coach and then changing its mind is what I like to call unprofessional. I cannot believe the university would do that to someone who was 100 percent upfront with those in hiring positions about his past. During his interview, Willard said he had been charged with a DUI, so the decision to not hire him should have been made at that point.

The university shouldn't have offered him the job and then decided against it. That is a terrible thing to do to someone. I hold the university to a much lower standard now than ever before. University President David P. Roselle and his Board of Trustees should hide their faces, since they are far from people of character.

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Watkins' letter poorly argued, Regnier's column made excellent points

I want to respond to Deanna Watkins, who wrote a letter to the editor in the March 21 issue of *The Review*. Watkins responded negatively to something another student said in a previous issue about getting drunk.

Although I don't particularly agree with the original student's statement, I also don't agree with Deanna's response, in which she said that students should think "By the time I am a college senior, I should recognize that if I get myself drunk, I'm giving up control, so I should learn to have fun in ways that aren't dangerous to me."

Not all students that consume alcohol drink themselves unconscious. Not all students drink and drive and not all students drink until they are sick. So if someone decides to get drunk, doesn't get completely smashed and doesn't do

anything to put anyone else in danger, they aren't really doing anything that is going to harm them.

Watkins continues by saying that some students don't think they are adults, and will be surprised when they graduate and have to live a real life. I personally love to drink, but I am also paying my own way through school. I'm 21 and I've been paying my own bills since I was 17. I've also held managerial positions at two out of three of my last jobs, so I'm pretty sure that I know what it feels like to be an adult, and I'm sure there are plenty of other students out there who feel the same.

Just because students party and drink doesn't mean they're living in a fantasy world and aren't prepared for real life.

Watkins also responded to a column that dealt with abortion, and said "It is clear to me that abortion is killing another person, people want to ignore that fact." It is a bit absurd for her to call her opinion a "fact" when the true fact is that abortion's legality has been disputed in courts for years, and the point at which a fetus is actually considered a human being has been disputed in the medical community for just as long.

Neither of those long disputes have turned up any standing results. Basically, all that people are debating off of is their opinion.

I also want to say that Colin Regnier's column on fair policies made some excellent points. Newark and University Police should definitely concentrate more on DUI checkpoints and harsher crimes than on citing noise violations that sometimes aren't even reported to them. He also has a great idea in that students charged with minor offenses should perform community service rather than pay fines. Fines can hurt if you are working a delivery job and scraping by, but don't have much of an effect if parents are dumping money into their children's bank accounts every month. Community service pretty much affects everyone equally and positively.

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Opinion

Ignoring STDs won't stop them

■ The worst part of living with herpes is the shame. But what kind of life is that?

One in five American adults is living with genital herpes. Most of them don't know it.

If this doesn't scare you, you're not paying attention.

I'm writing this not as some disgruntled religious zealot concerned for the "morals of youth," or as an ivory-towered "health advocate" who couldn't get laid if he wanted to. I'm writing this as a university student who has been living with genital herpes for the better part of two years.

Yes, I have it.

And I've got to tell you, the hardest part about living with herpes hasn't been the painful outbreaks, the medication or the difficulties of managing a relationship with someone who doesn't have it.

It's been the stigma.

Imagine that you're at a party and someone cracks a racist joke. At best, they'd probably be shunned — at worst, beaten.

Now imagine someone cracks a joke about sexually transmitted diseases, like "I wouldn't borrow her cigarette, Philbert. You might catch herpes!" What happens? Everyone laughs, and about a quarter of the people in the room suddenly look really uncomfortable.

What are those of us with STDs supposed to do? Invite ridicule and social leper status upon ourselves by interjecting? Hell, no! I'm gonna



drink my brew, keep my mouth shut and be sure to laugh especially hard the next time someone says that, so no one thinks I have it.

Folks, I've done that for a long time, and I'm finished. In our country, we purportedly refuse to tolerate the oppression of a group based on color, gender, sexuality or any other condition outside of our control. Why then do we stand for stigmas against people living with the challenging condition of an incurable STD?

We do it because we're scared: the more scared we get, the less we want to know. And the less we know, the more scared we become.

I remember the day I was diagnosed, chain-smoking outside the emergency room, exhausted from crying, my mother comforting me.

I remember rearranging my future in my mind — it was like rearranging furniture in a burnt-down house.

I remember thinking that no one would ever love me.

I've learned now that I was wrong. I can still lead a full, happy life with meaningful relationships. I can even still have hookups, albeit with greater precautions. My purpose in writing this is to teach you



what I've learned:

■ According to the Center for Disease Control, herpes comes in two flavors: Simplex 1 (oral) and Simplex 2 (genital). Some estimates say 80 percent of people in the U.S. are orally infected — in other words, you probably have it. The rarity of outbreaks coupled with its widespread presence make it not worth worrying about, although you may not want to play tonsil hockey with someone who has an open cold sore.

Genital herpes is less prevalent: the federal Center for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that approximately one in four women and one in five men have Simplex 2 herpes.

■ Condoms aren't terribly effective because herpes isn't like HIV, in which bodily fluids are the culprit of transmission. All that's required to get herpes is skin-to-skin contact. It can still be transmitted even when sores aren't present, although that's

unlikely. Take my word for it: I've never had unprotected sex in my life, and yet I still caught it.

■ Having genital herpes is not the end of the world. It can't be transmitted through toilet seats or handshakes, and the people who really are your friends will remain so even after you tell them you have it. Sex is a bit trickier, however. I've found that creativity in the bedroom — or car, or dorm — can more than make up for what you lose by being safe.

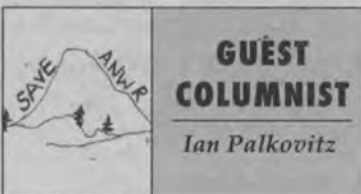
■ As with most taboo subjects, there's really only one correct response to this issue: earnest discussion. As long as genital herpes and STDs in general remain invisible elephants, two things will continue happening: people will keep getting infected, and even worse, tens of thousands of people will feel the shame and isolation that comes with this so-called sexual "impurity."

I'm no saint, but what sins I have committed are between me and whatever God there is. I will not stand to be vilified and degraded by people who I have never met, and have no idea what my life entails. I urge anyone reading this to take a stand. It's virtually guaranteed that you are friends with someone who has genital herpes, and there's a fair chance you have it, too. **Start** acting like it — start talking about it.

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ANWR: The refuge that needs refuge

■ Drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge may destroy an entire tribe's culture. Is that really worth 10 cents to you?



America is dependent on oil. The average U.S. citizen uses 40 times as much petroleum as the average Chinese citizen. The United States imports massive amounts of oil from South America and the Middle East and we will drill in our own country until Texas and half of Alaska look like Swiss cheese.

Still, the bottomless American gas tanks are sucking down petroleum and the ever-hungry eyes of the oil industry are now glaring at the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

The refuge is a tract of land the size of South Carolina located in northeastern Alaska. According to a government Web site, ANWR was "established to preserve unique wildlife, wilderness and recreational values ... to provide opportunities for continued subsistence uses; and to ensure necessary water, quality and

quantity."

Drilling for oil in ANWR is absolutely contrary to the refuge's mission.

The Gwich'in tribe has lived in northern Alaska and Canada for thousands of years, coexisting with the caribou from which its name is derived. They were there before the rise and fall of Rome, before Christopher Columbus set out on his voyages of discovery, before anybody even imagined the internal combustion engine and before the United States would trade the world for oil.

For the Gwich'in, many of whom still follow traditional customs, the caribou are essential to life. The animals are the cornerstone of their economy and are at the very heart of their culture. If drilling begins in ANWR, it

will disrupt migration patterns and mar the calving grounds of the Porcupine Caribou herd, throwing the tribe's traditional way of life into chaos.

Of course the Gwich'in have the right to change their way of life if they want to. However, that should not be decided for them by Congress and oil companies. How will a hunter survive if the caribou lose their breeding grounds? How does a tribe continue to live out its traditions when it is surrounded by oil rigs and pipelines? If drilling is approved, not only will every American lose part of our greatest natural treasure, but an ancient, timeless way of life will possibly be obliterated.

Drilling for oil is a dirty job. The oil industry is constantly claiming that it has developed environmentally-friendly ways to drill and that drilling is a safe and clean operation.

I'll believe that when companies stop spilling oil all over the place.

On March 10, the largest spill on Alaska's North Slope was recorded. More than 200,000 gallons of crude oil leaked out onto the fragile tundra.

Since ANWR was set aside to "ensure necessary water quality," it makes no sense to start drilling on its coastal plain.

What does it say for our protected land if the government first declares it a priceless wildlife refuge and a treasured wilderness, then 45 years later decides it should be drilled? Are any of our national parks and forests safe? Think about the precedent this would set. National lands are the possession of all American citizens. They are meant to be loved and preserved, not exploited for huge profits by large corporations.

If you don't care about wilderness, traditional people or our environment, think about this: oil prices are soaring higher and higher as global supplies dwindle.

What will happen when only a tiny reserve remains? Doesn't it make more sense to store our oil in the Alaskan "bank?" I hope to God we find another source of energy before we have a serious crisis. However, when there are only a couple of reserves left, where does the govern-

ment want them to be?

The American wilderness is disappearing at such a rapid rate that it only truly exists in northern Alaska and in the back corner of a few imaginations. This last entirely wild place should be preserved. The most optimistic estimates say that even if companies drill ANWR's oil fields, it will only reduce gas prices by a maximum of 10 cents, and may even take a decade to do that.

For me, it is definitely worth it to pay 10 cents per gallon to know that we still have one true wilderness in our hyper-modernized nation. It's worth it to know that caribou still freely breed and migrate, polar bears still wander across the frozen seas and migratory birds still have a place to nest.

But above all, I want there to be at least one tribe of Native Americans the U.S. didn't uproot, displace and rob.

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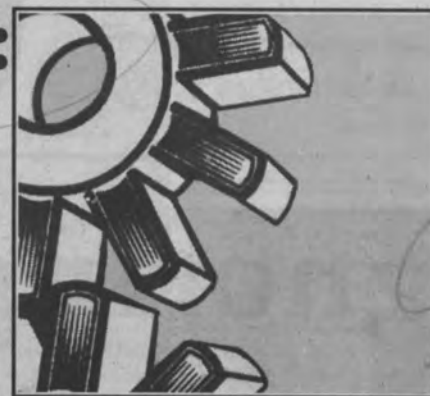
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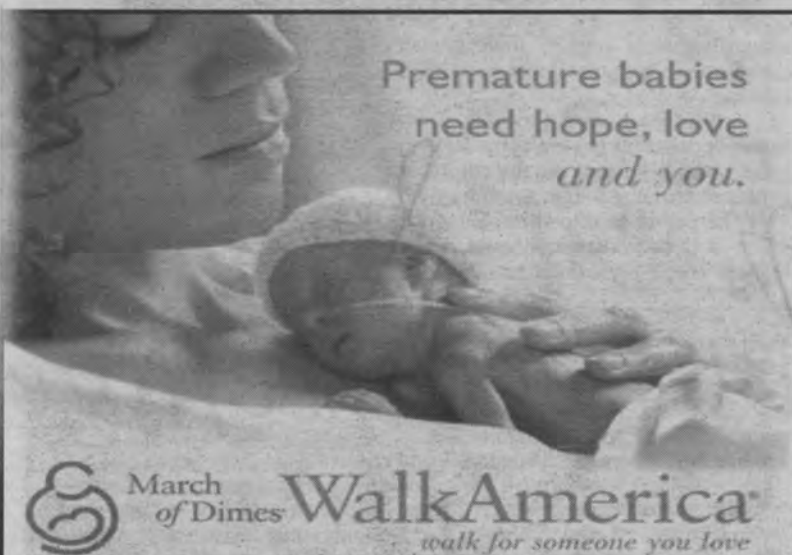
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Staff Reporter

Like many Americans, Joe Marshall wakes up in the pre-dawn hours every weekday to fire up the coffee pot. The creeping morning sunlight mingles with the fragrance of fresh, organic coffee, providing a serene moment of reflection before another 12-hour workday begins.

The daybreak peace is broken by a quick rap at the window.

Pushing aside the white, lace curtain, Marshall smiles and opens the door. It's 6 a.m. and the first faithful customer of the day has arrived.

"I open up an hour early for one Newark High School teacher," Marshall, owner of Main Street's Brewed Awakenings, says. "If he isn't showing up, he calls me the night before so I can get an extra half hour of sleep."

Although four coffee shops compete for business on Main Street, many loyal customers agree Brewed Awakening's cozy, family-owned atmosphere makes its daily caffeine ritual personable and serves as a refreshing escape from the corporate world.

Sans bright baseball caps and catchy slogan aprons, the small staff often greets customers with a smile and a "Hi, how are

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Stephan Jenkins

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Stephan Jenkins resurfaces with candor

Third Eye Blind singer takes a break from recording to discuss the state of the country

BY CARTER PERRY & STEVE RUSSOLILLO

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Stephan Jenkins "loves drugs," distrusts the Republican Party, thinks Democrats are "pathetic" and feels his band was initially misrepresented.

Tracking down a man with such radical opinions is no easy task. Getting the Third Eye Blind frontman to commit to an interview is even harder. And speaking to him is a challenge. This isn't his fault, however. You have to be on your toes; the man is witty.

When asked one song Jenkins wishes he had written, he answers "Bohemian Rhapsody." When asked which CD he would bring to a deserted island, he pauses.

Realizing where this string of questions is leading, Jenkins cleverly puts an end to it.

"I wouldn't bring one," he says, "because it would just get scratched and then there would just be this huge point of frustration."

Jenkins is an '88 graduate of University of California, Berkeley. Impressed? He was also valedictorian of his class.

Third Eye Blind, who has been working on a new album for a little more than a year, is currently without a label. The new album isn't being recorded digitally, rather to tape.

"People seem to enjoy music that's not always so sterile all the time," he says.

However, he refuses to accept assertions that the band's albums are tightly produced. Jenkins cites the rawness of the one-take jam "Self Righteous" (off its third album "Out of the Vein") and timing errors on "How's It Going To Be" (from its self-titled debut) as examples.

Jenkins frequently references drugs in his songs, pulling metaphors from them when writing. He doesn't think the drug wars work, though.

"I don't believe in any of that kind of shit," the California native says.

He likes Holland's model better than the United States, and says that he believes decriminalizing drugs devalues them.

"There won't be any boatloads of cocaine if it's not criminalized, because it isn't worth anything and doesn't have any value," he says. "So cocaine is cheaper. I'm still not going to use it. It's not the price that's keeping me from snorting blow."

"Slow Motion," a song whose lyrics reference drugs and violence, was left off the band's second album "Blue," due solely to political correctness.

"We couldn't say it. White can't speak on black. You just can't do it." The song, Jenkins explains, is a spoof on "drive-by rap."

"I think we live in an utterly racist society," he says. "I think that we draw distinctions between black and white and that we tolerate a kind of bizarre self-hatred."

"In Hip-hop culture, somebody says, 'Well, I'm just keeping it real, you know. I'm just reflecting what I know,' and all this kind of stuff. I just



POP GOES THE PERCEPTION: Third Eye Blind poses for a press photo in 1999. Lead singer Stephan Jenkins, third from left, says he feels the band was inaccurately stereotyped as a pop outfit.

think it's total crap and I think what we enjoy is bullying people and other people suffering."

Jenkins is anything but timid discussing politics.

"I think that we, as a country, have gone insane," the 41-year-old singer says. "The Republican Party has done more damage to the United States and the world, more than anyone I can remember."

"I find it very hard to actually deal with people who still support the Republican Party, because I think that it's been one criminal act after another. I think that they are deeply, deeply anti-American. I think that they hate the Constitution of the United States. I'm not kidding. I'll say it again. I think they hate the Constitution of the United States."

The religious right is more dangerous than radical Muslims, Jenkins says.

"They believe in the Bible and they believe in apocalyptic prophecy," he says. "They are trying to undo the Constitution."

The evangelical political Christian movement is anti-American and dangerous and needs to be fixed through "organized pro-Democratic just vote-it-the-fuck-out-of-here ways."

Jenkins is no easier on Democrats, however.

"The big problem is that the Democratic Party is the most pathetic group. It's just so sad. Here we have this opportunity to take the House back and they quite possibly

are going to blow it because they can't get organized.

"You got people like [US Sen. Russ] Feingold stepping up and saying, 'Yea, we are going to censure the President.' Shut the fuck up, that just mobilizes the Right."

Jenkins is most animate about

the environment, feeling its importance is more crucial than global terrorism.

"It would be terrible if somebody dropped a nuclear bomb," he says. "That would be awful. But it's not a drop in the bucket, compared to the bucket that's melting. We're

going to be under fucking water, dude!"

Jenkins' fallback wasn't politics, as one might think when talking to him. If the music career hadn't panned out, he planned on being a filmmaker. Ocean sea rescue also tickled his fancy, as well as teaching; specifically eighth grade.

He says he feels Third Eye Blind was misread and its reputation damaged. He hates all the band's videos, feeling they were stereotyped.

"It's sort of sad because they are really catchy songs, you know, catchy tunes, and so that always throws people for a loop. They go, 'Well, it's a pop act.' I'm not saying that it's not a pop act, but it certainly doesn't give a sense of what the band is. [Third Eye Blind] doesn't really fit into those characteristics."

Jenkins is lucky, however. The singer will get another chance to make an impression with the band's fourth disc.

"We've been fallow and hibernating for so long, I think that it's really almost like a new generation of people are interested in us," he says.

Though there is no slated release date at this time, Jenkins already has a favorite song — "Don't Like Me Now."

For now, Jenkins is following in the footsteps of Led Zeppelin, The Police and Fleetwood Mac — his musical heroes.

"I'm trying to make classic albums," he says. "I'm trying to make great albums. Not that I've achieved it, but I try. I do try, because those are the albums I really love."

Hopefully, somewhere in the process, he will achieve his goal: affecting listeners with a "small movement of the heart."

"I want them to feel a little shift in their state, to be enthralled," Jenkins says. "And hopefully they can return to that."

THE MORE YOU KNOW ...

Albums available from Third Eye Blind:



"Third Eye Blind"



"Blue"



"Out of the Vein"

Hit Singles:

"Semi-Charmed Life"
"How's it Going to Be"
"Graduate"
"Losing a Whole Year"
"Jumper"

"Anything"
"Never Let You Go"
"Deep Inside You"
"10 Days Late"



Band battles a hit

Three Legged Fox takes the prize

BY AMANDA VASILIKOS

Staff Reporter

Thursday night's Battle of the Bands featured a mix of folk, rock and emo-punk, with a twist of reggae soul.

Hosted by Student Center Programs Advisory Board's R-Series crew, this was the second Battle of the Bands since it premiered last semester.

Sophomore Chelsea Johnson, R-Series chairwoman and organizer of the event, says it was created to bring more attention to the R-Series and encourage people to support university bands.

She says the difficulty in choosing the bands for Local Band Night led the staff to the contest.

"We decided to make it more competitive and have a battle where the winners would play Local Band Night," Johnson says.

If the crowd filtering into the Scrounge Thursday night expected a rock rivalry, they were probably a bit disappointed. While the competition was certainly fierce, the bands were far from aggressive, giving shoutouts to the other bands left and right.

Stone City started the show off, which lead singer Dan White says is never easy.

"It's hard to be the first act," White says, "but I think we did pretty good."

Inspired by rock groups of the '60s, such as Jefferson Airplane, the group brought a classic-rock feel to the show. White's mature voice, hauntingly reminiscent of Neil Young, blended with the talent of the band and landed Stone City third place.

Performances ranged from the punk sound of Centerview with a sparkly yellow drum set and a tattoo-covered lead singer to a charismatic solo singer, senior Amanda Kaletsky, a petite girl with a big voice.

Stranded on Third, another Emo punk-sounding group, drew the largest crowd during its set.

Lead singer junior Derrick Hale said before the show ideally he and the group would love for people to come out and root for their favorite act, but take time to stay and enjoy the other acts, too.

Stranded on Third, which took second place, dominated the stage with a high-energy set including a new song, "A Plague on Both Your Houses," that prompted one audience member to shout "Mercutio!"

The audience continued to grow as people filtered into the crowded Scrounge throughout the two-hour show.

Three Legged Fox, voted Battle of the Band champions by the audience and judges, rallied up a sizable crowd.

The band delivered a reggae-infused sound and laid-back vibe that clearly won the audience over.

A roar came over the crowd as the first chords of "Can't You Hear Me Knocking," penetrated the speakers. The band's rendition of the Rolling Stones hit could have put Mick Jagger to shame.

The concert came to a close with the matchless sounds of The Look Machine.

Throughout the show, audience members were encouraged to vote. Voters had a chance to win one of six raffle prizes, including gift certificates to Rainbow and Shaggy's on Main, an autographed photograph of Dennis Haskins, who played Mr. Belding on "Saved by the Bell," and a case of Red Bull.

After the raffles were called and the votes were counted, Johnson came to the microphone to announce the winning group.

Three Legged Fox won a chance to open for Jeffrey Gaines on May 8, while the two runners-up won a chance to play a full set each at their own on Local Bands Night.

Hale said he and his bandmates appreciate shows like this by R-Series and SCPAB.

"We're especially excited to play this show because UD students who know our band and don't normally have transportation to get to our shows can come see us play for free conveniently on campus," he says.

Hale says Stranded on Third has worked with SCPAB and R-Series in the past.

"They've always been very good to us."



THE REVIEW/Tim Studds

Mike Brody, the guitarist for Three Legged Fox, strikes a chord with an audience Thursday night in the Scrounge.



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Hypocrisy, murder, prostitution and rape — topics like these, the darkest and most disturbing in human experience, are seldom explored in musicals.

"Jekyll and Hyde," Frank Wildhorn's Broadway musical based on the novel, "The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" by Robert Louis Stevenson, defies convention.

The Harrington Theater Arts Company's production does not shy away from these upsetting issues afflicting society, according to its director, senior Luke Sizemore.

"This show has more substance," Sizemore says. "The central theme is that basic human nature has a duality to it, good and evil, but society has taught us to suppress the evil."

The Victorian era, he says, was a repressive time. In 1880s England, Dr. Henry Jekyll, like any other man who wishes to prosper, is forced to contain the dark forces brooding deep inside him. People have a natural inclination to conceal their true selves, but what would happen if our inner censors were eliminated?

Jekyll believes evil impulses can be obliterated by separating them from good ones, Sizemore says. In doing so, Jekyll transforms into a personification of unconscious wants, lusts and desires — his alter ego, the terrorizing Hyde.

When asked to describe his role as the passionate doctor, junior Chris Saltalamacchio asks jokingly, "Which one?"

"I don't think there's any role like this to play, especially with two characters," Saltalamacchio says. "Both of them exist while they have restraints on each other. It's not Jekyll and Hyde. It's Jekyll is Hyde. Both characters have the same base and are part of one another."

Stevenson's book focuses on Jekyll's identity crisis, but the musical pays more attention to his struggle with love. While Jekyll and his high-society fiancée, Emma Carew are planning a wed-

ding, Hyde preys on a prostitute, Lucy Harris, in the streets of London.

Freshman Emily Friga, intrigued by the musical's controversial topics, was eager to develop her role as Emma after playing her once before in a production.

"The depth and emotion it evokes are very intense," Friga says. "It deals with real life problems; dark things that make people feel uncomfortable."

Senior Karen Mascolo describes her character, Lucy, as the atypical prostitute who encounters these trials and tribulations with a perspective one might not normally expect.

"She wishes she had a different life. She has big dreams, and wants to find true love," Mascolo says. "Lucy is forced into prostitution because of society's evils and there's no other place to go."

It's Lucy's vulnerability that attracts Jekyll, but she too has a dualistic life, internally innocent but capable of hiding her true self while at the brothel.

Sizemore says he hopes the audience will identify with Lucy because she is the victim of a society sorely lacking concern for the lower class.

"Lots of immigrants went into London with no money and no place to go," he says. "I want to push the prostitution issue and what hardships they had to go through."

The musical's dark subject matter is accompanied by a demanding score featuring 42 songs, 18 of them vocal. Music director Kelly Strayer says she knew nothing of the show beforehand but quickly saw its potential upon first listen.

"It could be classified as an operetta since it's largely driven by music," Strayer says. "I would say it falls between a rock opera and a generic musical. There are belty moments and other sweet, sensitive moments."

HTAC's production is slightly different from Broadway's in that it's a "concept version," according to Strayer, in which some songs removed for Broadway were

included again to make transitions between scenes easier.

One of the most crucial songs to the plot is "Confrontation," when Jekyll and Hyde's internal struggle is visible.

Jekyll: "Soon you will die, / And my silence will hide you! / You cannot chose but to lose control."

Hyde: "You can't control me! / I live deep inside you! / Each day you'll feel me devour your soul!"

"Facade" is the first big chorus number of the show, sung by the rich and poor of the 19th century who claim people are not what they appear to be: "The ladies an' gents 'ere before you / Which none of 'em ever admits / May 'ave saintly looks / But they're sinners and crooks!"

While many characters are duplicitous in this gothic tale, sophomore Greg Dalakian says he feels that his character, Jekyll's friend, John Utterson, is one of the few who stays true to himself.

"He's your neutral point and a bit of truth in the show," Dalakian says.

"He's real and genuine and has a very trusting relationship with Jekyll. There's even a song called 'Pursue the Truth.'"

Jekyll: "How can I pursue the truth / When they can block each step I take?"

Utterson: Henry, you have come too far / Remember what you have at stake!

Dalakian says he views "Jekyll and Hyde" as a show that tries to find truth through revealing the good and bad within human behavior.

Sizemore supports this belief. In order to truly know who we are, he says, we must acknowledge the "bad" characteristics within ourselves.

With that in mind, he poses a question — what would your Hyde be like?

"Jekyll and Hyde" will be showing April 13, 14, 19, 20, and 21 at 8 p.m. and April 23 at 2 p.m. in Pearson Hall.

Ride the pine

'Benchwarmers' strikes out with inane humor

"The Benchwarmers"
Happy Madison
Rating: 1/2★

"I caught you a delicious bass."

Never in the history of American cinema has six words proven so stigmatic. Well, with the exception of "I'll be back."

But one can hardly dispute the eccentric humor of 2004's Sundance Film Festival sleeper, "Napoleon Dynamite," struck a chord with viewers and elevated its young star, Jon Heder, to the forefront of comedic celebrity.

The film reverberated with youths nationwide, its catchphrases rolling off the tongues of the most unlikely figures. The movie even provoked the Idaho state legislature to approve a resolution commending its filmmakers for bringing prestige to the state.

Yet while "Napoleon Dynamite's" relevancy will inevitably fade, Heder will find such a distinct role hard to escape. With financial pressure looming, it seems almost certain Heder will attempt to profit once again from a role with which he feels comfortable.

Hopefully his most dense audience members will find his decision to participate in the Adam Sandler film, "The Benchwarmers," redeemable. Much like his prized gift in "Napoleon Dynamite," Heder is a fish out of water. His second film finds him swimming in the big leagues of comedy. Well, if one thinks the big leagues of comedy consists of washed-up "Saturday Night Live" alumni repackaging their juvenile humor for a new generation.

But if Heder sought to establish his credibility with this inane piece of cinematic slop, the first page of his script should have tipped him off. What's even more astounding is how comedic veterans Rob Schneider and David Spade relied on this film to bail out their careers.

While the two are not in the position to be persnickety, any actor with the least bit of brain matter would choose a drive-through position at Wendy's over this insult ing tribute to America's pastime.

Heder stars as Clark, a dim-witted and socially awkward paper boy who has been deprived of not only apple pie, but also time in the dugout. Despite a penchant for slugging newspapers on the roofs of his customers' houses and picking his nose, Clark has somehow managed to befriend Gus, a

middle-aged landscaper.

The two team up with Clark's brother Ritchie (Spade), a video clerk sporting a Dorothy Hamill haircut, to descend upon the local sandlot only to encounter a gang of pre-pubescent thugs defending its turf. While witnessing the victimization of the neighborhood scapegoat, Nelson (Max Prado), Gus and company vow to avenge their own childhood bullies not by pursuing fulfilling careers or procreating but taking on local little league teams.

Backed by Nelson's billionaire father, Mel (Jon Lovitz), who has amassed not only the Knight Rider car but a robotic housekeeper, the team embarks on a tournament to earn its own stadium and amass a cult following of Science Fair geeks thanks to Podcasts.

Riding on the miraculous talent of Gus, whose batting average inexplicably rivals Barry Bonds, the Benchwarmers' success on the field inspires them to seek new feats — like correcting Clark's brother Buddy's sun phobia and soliciting a Pizza Hut waitress to deflower Ritchie. The team hits a morass when allegations surface that Gus was a perpetrator rather than a victim of childhood harassment.

The film's juvenile humor is the least incriminating of its faults.

The recruitment of Fall Out Boy for its soundtrack and ad placement on Nickelodeon suggest this film was marketed to appeal to children. Yet, its subversive messages making light of homosexuality and Hispanic immigrants are hardly the message most parents want to expose to their children. Half the film's jokes have flat punchlines or don't even make sense.

The ending is even more deceptive. Rather than leaving its audience with a realistic portrait of childhood harassment, it teaches its pre-adolescent viewers that victims can overcome their grade-school perpetrators without ambition or life direction. It's utopian moral is not only preposterous but disturbingly inaccurate.

"The Benchwarmers" is clearly the ninth inning of Spade and Schneider's careers. The scoreboard does not lie. Strike three, they're out.

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THE REVIEW/File Photo

Yeah Yeah Yeahs triumph with second album

"Show Your Bones"
Yeah Yeah Yeahs
Interscope Records
Rating: ★★★★★

Karen O. is a rare breed of singer; to reach her vulnerability as an artist, one must wade through endless layers of confusing words, helpless histrionics and the gut-wrenching wails that permeate the breath-taking songs she and the Yeah Yeah Yeahs have created since their inception in 2001.

Seeing the band live, one would assume Karen O. is the hardest woman around, able to drink Tara Reid under the table and snap all 8 lbs. of Fiona Apple into kindling. But look again. Beneath the mop of black hair and eyeliner and hidden behind the wail and whine is a fragile woman, surrounded by two equally-fragile men. If songs and emotions were the Yeah Yeah Yeah's weapon of choice, Karen O. may triumphantly lead them to battle, no matter how weak their subsurfaces may be.

On its full-length debut, 2003's "Fever to Tell," the band created 11 songs worth of ball-busting musical perfection — from the pulsing gallop of "Date with the Night" to the slinking subtleness of "Modern Romance." One listen was all it took to prove Karen O. meant business. The biggest surprise from the album triumphantly named by The New York Times as Album of the Year was its slow-burning ballad, "Maps." Though not highly representative of the band's overall work, the hit was enough to initiate a feverish interest in the follow-up.

And to those expecting "Fever to Tell Version 2.0:" well, they should heed Karen O's advice on "Honeybear" from the band's new album, "Show Your Bones" — "Turn yourself around / You weren't invited."

The lunacy embodied in that first album shows up in "Bones," though not as a rehash — more like a clever reincarnation. Sadly, the bleeding wounds of "Fever" are gone, but in its place are sonic bandages holding together matured melodies and the band's trademark panicked delivery projected in a less siren-like manner — blame it on fame, or blame it on Karen O's move from New York City to L.A. — either way the results are stunning.

"Gold Lion," the album's opener, and

first single, finds Miss O. having her way with the lyrics, vocally prancing next to the accompanying acoustic guitar. She belts, "Outside, inside / This is a moon without a tide."

The progression of songs works as a slow-building climax, each building an emotional altar for the band to kneel at and then destroy, making room for the next. The context of "Bones" serves as the perfect offering, each song boiling over with ravaged hearts and tablespoons of regret.

The genius of the album lies simply in interpreting it — is this a band on the verge of destruction or is Karen O. just a girl with a broken heart? Both seem to be the case.

On "Cheated Hearts," she sings "Cheated by the opposite of love / Held on high from up above" before repeating "I think that I am bigger than the sound" over and over in a crescendo of distraught emotion.

Without repeating the formula of "Fever to Tell," the Yeah Yeah Yeah's have created the ideal follow-up to a flawless masterpiece, a "Tusk" to their "Rumours," if you will. What once had been a rock 'n' roll kick to the groin has become a melodic slap in the face, a musical wake-up call that in spite of broken hearts and insecurities, the Yeah Yeah Yeah's — and Karen O. especially — are a band to be reckoned with, no matter how much of themselves they reveal.

But "Show Your Bones" ends doing just that — peeling the flesh to dig deeper into the basic parts of the human structure. Karen O. dives down into her own soul, swooning "Can't say why I kept this from you / My, those quiet eyes become you / Leave it where it can't remind us / Turn this all around behind us / Oh, well I know / We'll all fall right in to keep you out / I'd like to tell you all about it." It's a bombastic zenith that trails off with O's voice sounding as if she's emotionally broken in a room down the hall — you may know she hurts but you'll never see her tears.

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Coffee brews character on Main Street

Brewed Awakenings still Newark's finest java spot

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you? Your usual today?

Ivan Barrera, an electrical engineering graduate student, says the service, in addition to great coffee, drew him away from his previous Dunkin' Donuts habit.

"It's my favorite place because of this lady here," Barrera says smiling as he nods to sophomore Dana Marshall, the owner's daughter and one of three devoted employees.

Dana pauses to laugh and shake her head before busily returning to making coffee behind the counter.

"They always remember you," Barrera says, leaning up against the worn wooden counter. "They always remember what you ask for."

Brewed Awakenings, which is tucked under a navy blue awning and nestled between Rainbow Records and The National 5 & 10 on Main Street, may be easy to miss because of its small size, but reliable regulars like Barrera enjoy the quaint atmosphere which provides the perfect escape from a fast-paced world.

With its pale pink walls, packed bookshelves and 100-year-old floors, the coffee shop seems to have the comfort of grandma's kitchen mixed with the mood of a quiet study.

The setting is not only comfortable, but the employees and customers alike cherish the community that gradually developed after the Marshall family took over the business almost two years ago.

Sophomore Lindsay Twilley, a Brewed Awakenings employee and close friend of the Marshall family, says the relaxed environment makes her and regular customers feel like it's an extension of their homes.

"It's very comfortable. A lot of people think it's like their home," Twilley says. "It's not like Starbucks where you feel like you have to get in and get out."

Russell Gilbert, a Christiana Mall employee, takes advantage of their dollar coffee deals and organic veggie wraps several times a week. Gilbert says he believes the family feel has kept him coming back.

"You just feel really welcome," he says. "It's kind of like going to see your friends."

In addition to the cozy community atmosphere, Brewed Awakenings wide selection of fresh, primarily organic food, Equal Exchange Fair Trade coffees and teas and specialty drinks like their Milky Way Candy Latte set it apart from its quick-paced corporate rivals, earning it Delaware Today's Best of Upstate Delaware Non-Chain 2005 award.

"It was my five-year goal to

win that," Marshall says, clad in a university T-shirt and "Equal Exchange" black baseball cap.

Despite profiting less as the only Main Street coffee shop to participate in the Fair Trade program, which pays impoverished coffee farmers directly to ensure their crops are sold for a fair and reliable price, Marshall says he believes the gamble is worth it — customers appreciate the humanitarian effort and notice the difference in flavor.

Graduate student Louie White is one such conscious consumer and habitual customer who says organic Fair Trade coffee is "awesome" and one of the reasons he chooses Brewed Awakenings to satisfy his caffeine cravings.

However, White says he is also drawn to the intimate coffee shop because of the mix of students and community members who frequent it.

"Joe takes care of us," White says of the owner who spends much of the day at his establishment. "He keeps us caffeinated."

After 20 years of working various positions at Wilmington's exclusive Hotel DuPont, Marshall knew he wanted to take on managing a more personal establishment. When he purchased Brewed Awakenings, he attempted to cultivate a friendly atmosphere by adding his own small touches and



THE REVIEW/Katherine Lafata

Brewed Awakenings retains loyal customers without showy gimmicks.

maintaining an air of normalcy for existing customers.

"We tried to make the change from the old owners to us transparent," Marshall says. "We wanted to keep a family feel. We didn't want to paint the walls purple or anything."

Although Marshall admits it

took a while to win over the hearts of his customers, he is confident that the comfortable community vibe Brewed Awakenings radiates proves to the customers that, unlike corporate slogans, they really do matter.

"It's really hokie, but it's kind of like 'Cheers' here."

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Libra

(Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

Your bottled water is tepid. Your steaks have gone bad. Refrigerate, refrigerate! If it ain't cold, it ain't crisp. Get it together. Your life is going to spoil like meat if you don't stay fresh, awake and aware.

Scorpio

(Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

Andy Warhol's paintings are priceless. Whether you agree with them, they are. You're not pop art, though. You are so outside the box you're ... well, I don't know. If you are so far outside the box, where are you? Look, just try conforming for once.

Sagittarius

(Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)

You're smooth like silk on satin. Yeah, that's right. You have so much going for you, throw someone else a bone. Help an elderly woman cross the street. Volunteer your time at the local shelter. Giving back to others is your contribution to humanity.

Capricorn

(Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)

Capricorn. Oh, Capricorn. I could, make a song about the Capricorn. What up, yo? Yes, times are tough, but you know they will get better. Keep bangin.' Nose to the grindstone, homie.

Aquarius

(Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

You're lucky. I just threw a dart at the horoscopes and it landed on Aquarius. You get the get-out-of-jail-free card this week. As always, use careful discretion when possessing such an invaluable item. It is more dangerous than a Colt 45 in the hands of a cold-blooded killer.

Pisces

(Feb. 20 - March 20)

Spring Break was cool, but guess what? Yeah, it's over. What are you going to do now? Opening your books is a start. Maybe you should locate your text books first, though. Get it together and step it up. You're back on the clock now.

Aries

(March 21 - April 20)

How hot are you? You are just the little spring chicken. Well, flaunt your goods, I guess. Let it rip, without giving a worry to the wind. But, don't get tricked. If someone stares too long they may just be testing out their X-Ray vision.

Taurus

(April 21 - May 21)

Some days just aren't great days for rain. Forget about the gloom, though. No matter how dark the clouds may seem, you know the sun is still there waiting to pop back out. Just remember to pull-out the SPF mid-week.

Gemini

(May 22 - June 21)

How many grains of sand are on the planet? Isn't that, like, a totally crazy question? I often ponder this. Whether you're in the doctor's office, waiting in traffic or just plain bored, it is a great question to let wrack your brain.

Cancer

(June 22 - July 22)

Sometimes the best goods come in uncommon forms. For example, a fox that has three legs. The fox may not have all his limbs, but God bless him. His spirit is unbelievably beautiful. Go on, child. Be like the unique fox. Let your spirit shine through.

Leo

(July 23 - Aug. 21)

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(Aug. 22 - Sept. 23)

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PRICE OF FAME

Yes, poodles, we missed you too.

First up, Fox News reports **Sharon Stone** will likely be behind the cameras, working as director for "Basic Instinct 3." This has caused some to scratch their heads considering the second installment debuted last week at a paltry No. 10, bringing in only \$3 million, a mere fraction of the salary Stone received for starring in the critically reviled sequel.

Defamer.com reports what we at The Review have been whispering about for some time: the faux-pregnancy of **Katie Holmes**. Sure some may scoff that no one but the Top Gun could get this done, but we beg to differ. Recent photos show Miss Holmes to be free of third-trimester puffiness, but still carrying around what appears to be a beachball under her maternity top. Perhaps at their next strategically planned public outing she'll prove us all wrong by flashing her bump and letting Tom shove his tongue down her throat for the umpteenth time.

In related news, the tabloids were abuzz last week, reporting the rumored relationship between "Desperate Housewives" star **Teri Hatcher** and the equally desperate **Ryan Seacrest**. The actress and the new host of "E! News Live" were photographed canoodling, creating an uncomfortable set of pics on par with the almost monthly TomKat make-out sessions.

ABC.com reports "The View" co-host **Star Jones-Reynolds** admitted on the talk show that during her breast-lift surgery two weeks ago, she did in fact lose more blood than her doctors were comfortable with.

NBC personality **Katie Couric** announced last Wednesday she would be leaving "Today" after 15 years for the highly-coveted lead-news anchor seat at CBS. The New York Post reports "The View's" **Meredith Vieira** is close to signing a contract to take Couric's seat.

The Washington Post reported last week that **Russell Simmons** and wife **Kimmora Lee** have announced their separation — cue the sound of crickets chirping.

Singer **Courtney Love** reportedly sold a quarter of her share in the Nirvana song catalog for a reported \$50 million. Love, who is at work on a new album produced by **Billy Corgan**, **Moby** and **Linda Perry**, is also set to portray porn star Linda Lovelace in a biopic about the "Deepthroat" star.

The National Enquirer reports R&B singer **Whitney Houston** continues to struggle with an addiction to crack/cocaine. Photos of her bathroom, with crack pipes and other paraphenalia strewn about, made front pages worldwide. The singer's rep had no comment.

Everyone's favorite Hip-hopster **Kevin Federline** has reportedly sampled the '80s classic "She Blinded Me With Science" on a song from his upcoming release. Defamer.com reports the faux-rapper worked the sample into a track titled "Americas Most Hated." K-Fed also post a message on his MySpace.com account stating his "album" would be out soon. Ah, what one can do by simply dropping out of high school and marrying a washed-up pop singer.

And finally, '70s teen heart throb **Leif Garrett** was arrested last week and charged with heroin possession. The singer has had numerous run-ins due to his infamous smack-addiction. He will be in court May 11 to face the charges.

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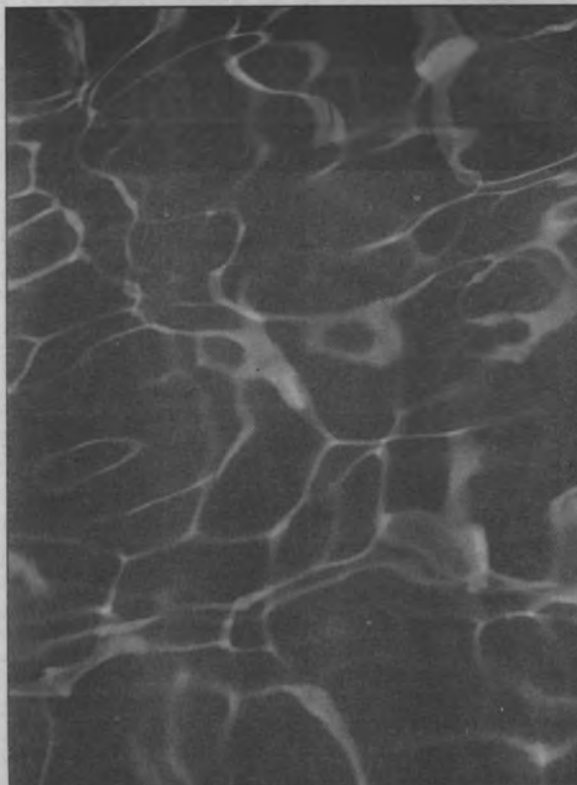
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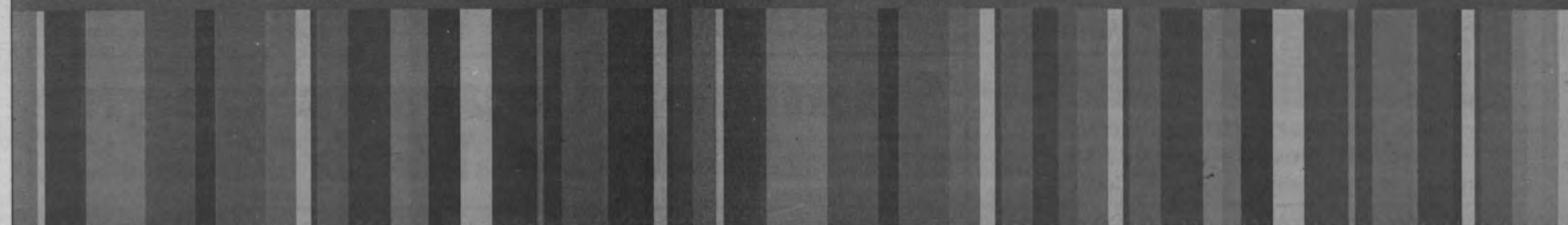
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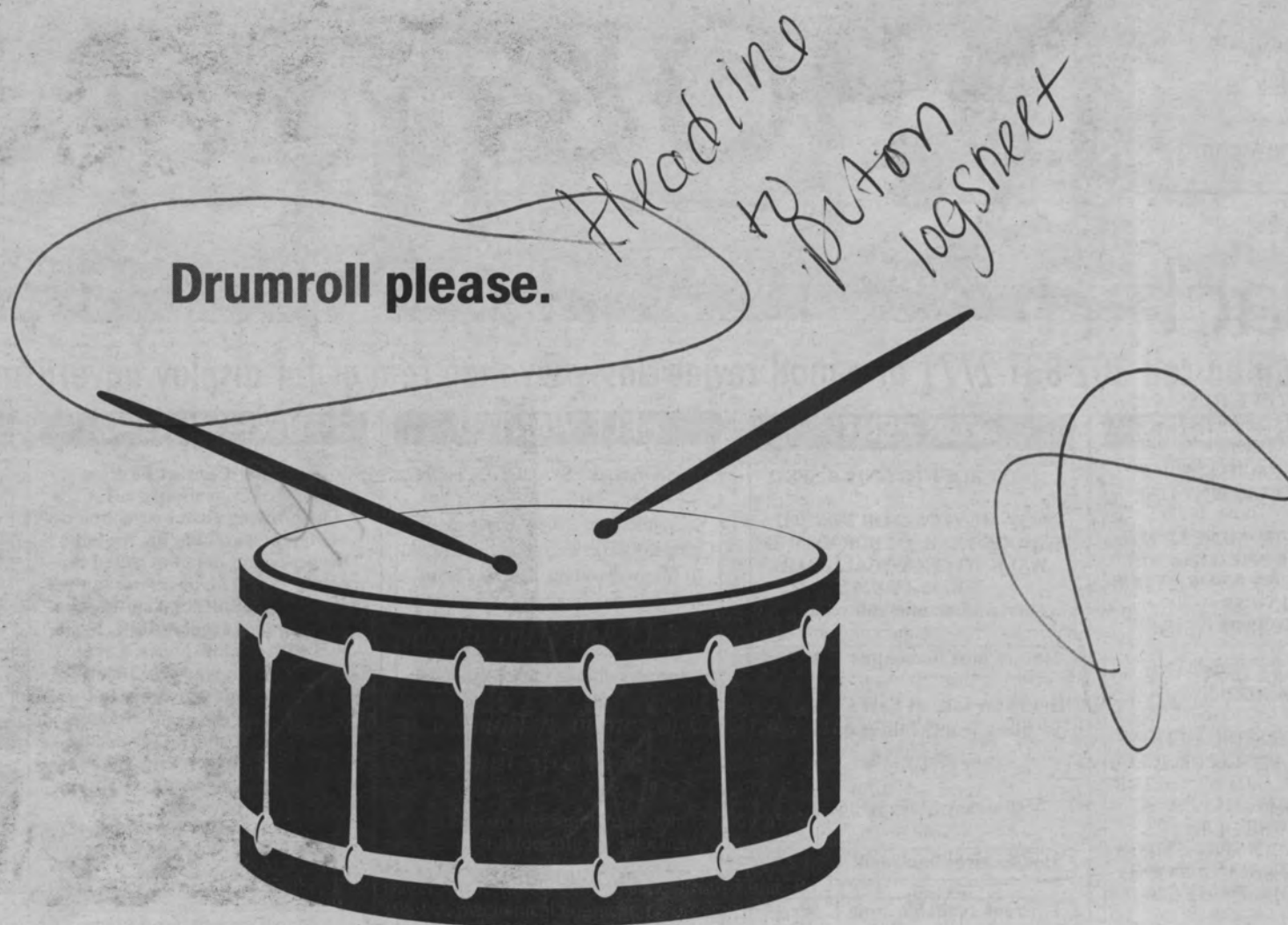
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Coach debacle ends, Ross takes reins

BY STEVE RUSSOLILLO

Sports Editor

It's been a tough academic year for Delaware athletics. Poor field conditions forced the football team to play a "home game" in Richmond, Va. Three football players were charged with armed robbery allegedly involving drugs and steroids.

Now, add the search for the new men's basketball head coach to the list of problems and scandals involving the university's athletic department.

Although the search was heavily criticized, Delaware hopes the end result pays off. The Hens hired former Saint Joseph's assistant coach Monté Ross to fill the vacant head coaching position for the men's basketball team.

Coaching Search

March 13 marked the end of one era and the beginning of another. Former head coach David Henderson was fired after six seasons with the university and the search for a successor began.

Louisville head coach Rick Pitino spoke at a press gathering in Louisville March 21 and said his associate head coach, Kevin Willard, was offered the Delaware job March 20. The following day, Willard accepted the offer; only to have it rescinded an hour later because of concerns about his 2004 DUI arrest.

On the other hand, Director of Athletics Edgar Johnson denied that Willard accepted a final offer.

"I don't think a formal offer was made," Johnson said. "In many ways, we were still discussing the job."

University President David P. Roselle stated in an e-mail message that discussions were held with Willard and confirmed that "no formal, written offer was made."

Pitino said the first thing Willard mentioned in his interview with Roselle and Johnson was the mistake he made Jan. 18,

2004.

"They were extremely impressed with his honesty on the first question asked," Pitino said of Willard's interview. "He had a great interview. They called me up and said he blew them away."

Roselle said he had a different reaction when learning about Willard's DUI.

"At his interview, Kevin Willard surprised us with the information that he had a DUI a bit more than two years ago," Roselle said. "I later concluded that we should have been told that information in the pre-interview conversations with Kevin Willard and his references. Accordingly, I disqualified him."

Pitino said the job offer was rescinded in response to the complaints Roselle and Johnson received from the Board of Trustees about Willard's DUI.

However, Johnson said the Board had nothing to do with the decision.

"In this situation, I let my enthusiasm for Mr. Willard get out in front of the reality of his DUI," Johnson said. "I just don't think we can bring his past history into this environment."

According to Roselle, Ruly Carpenter was the only member of the Board who was involved in the search. Roselle said Carpenter "did not make the decision to disqualify Willard."

Roselle and Pitino have a relationship dating back to Roselle's days as president at the University of Kentucky. In 1989, he hired Pitino as the new head basketball coach.

Pitino originally encouraged Willard to go after the Delaware job.

"I convinced him that when Delaware opened, it was the right job for him because of the president who hired me at Kentucky," Pitino said. "I felt that he was the perfect guy, image wise, to turn around that program from an 'X's' and 'O's' standpoint."

After learning of Delaware's decision to withdraw the offer, Pitino called Delaware



THE REVIEW/Mike DeVoll

University President David P. Roselle (left) and Director of Athletics Edgar Johnson (right) ended the Hens controversial coaching search by naming former St. Joseph's assistant Monté Ross (center) the head coach of the men's basketball team.

"very unforgiving."

"You have to understand this is a young man that, outside of that one incident, has done everything right in life," Pitino said. "He's wrong, by the way. Anybody who gets behind the wheel of an automobile [under the influence] is dead wrong. But this is not a person who has a drinking problem."

Johnson said just because Pitino had a press conference does not mean everything he said is true.

"In all of this, I've told Mr. Willard that I wanted to protect him and his reputation," Johnson said. "Unfortunately, Mr. Pitino didn't feel that strongly about it."

Tom Moore, associate head coach at

Connecticut, was also a candidate for the head coaching vacancy. However, on March 28, the News Journal reported Moore gave the position a lot of thought, but ultimately withdrew his name from consideration.

Lehigh head coach Billy Taylor was also a candidate, but The Express-Times in Easton, Pa., reported he declined an offer.

The News Journal listed Florida associate head coach Anthony Grant and Texas Tech assistant Chris Beard as other candidates who interviewed for the job.

New head coach

The Hens ended their search for a new

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BY STEVE RUSSOLILLO

Sports Editor

Kimmie Meissner showcased seven triple jumps, two triple-triple combinations and one spectacular smile that signified the essence of her performance. The 16-year-old glided across the ice with ease and dazzled the crowd with her energy and determination as she pulled off one of the biggest upsets in figure skating history.

On March 25, Meissner, who trains at the university, finished first at the World Figure Skating Championships and distinguished herself as the new face of American figure skating.

At the end of her free-skate program, the crowd gave the young phenom a standing ovation. Meissner knew how well she was doing and couldn't help but smile on the ice before her performance was over. Her ear-to-ear grin has yet to leave her face since that time.

"I didn't know my mouth could open that big, I was like 'woah,'" she said. "The crowd was standing up and I was just so excited and they were very excited. It was really awesome to finish a program like that and finish the whole season and year like that. Everybody was standing up, it was unbelievable."

Meissner recalled how she missed her last jump at the U.S. Championships and called it "a bummer." But she stayed calm and focused this time and nailed her last jump while the crowd was cheer-

ing her on.

"I was thinking I couldn't let myself go yet, but right when I was in the spin, I was thinking 'this was really good,'" she said. "I never thought I could win, I was just thinking 'this is good, I might get a medal.'"

Ron Ludington, director of the university's figure skating program, said he knew the gold was hers from the moment she finished.

"It was Kimmie's show from then on," he said. "It was just a matter of sitting back and watching the rest try to do the job."

While Meissner had her whole family at the Olympics, her mother, Judy, was the only one who traveled with her to the World Championships. Judy Meissner said she wasn't allowed to be with her daughter after the performance, so she watched from the stands.

"I can still just picture her when she finished," she said. "I could just see the joy in her face and how much pride she had. It was really a special moment."

She scored a personal best 129.70 points in the free skate program and finished with 218.33 points. Meissner recorded nine more points than second place finisher Fumie Suguri of Japan. American Sasha Cohen finished third.

Pam Gregory, Meissner's coach, said a strong work ethic and atti-

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Online sports gambling rampant

BY MICHAEL LORE

Staff Reporter

According to Sportsbetting.com, an online sports gambling site, the odds of Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice becoming the next NFL commissioner are 200-1.

The world of sports gambling has become so vast that people can now go online and bet on sports-related happenings ranging from the NFL to Swiss Premier Soccer League games.

A Google search of "sports gambling sites" produced 23.8 million hits in a matter of milliseconds.

All of the sites are foreign-based. According to its Web site, SportsBetting.com has been in business for 15 years and offers betting services through Interactive Systems, Inc., a company operating under an international online gambling license issued by the government of Antigua and Barbuda.

According to an article on About.com by RJ Bell, the real question is, "Can a foreign-based company run an online sports gambling site and have Americans use it?"

Although no legislation has been passed to prevent such activity, Bell wrote that the United States government will deem it illegal.

No United States citizen has ever been arrested for online betting.

One anonymous university student said he bets \$5 to \$20 daily using Allpro.com.

"I usually bet on basketball and football during the season," he said.

Not only has online gambling become a problem, but March Madness brackets and pools have become almost as much a part of the tournament as the games themselves.

Pools are filled out in the workplace and are just as prominent, if not more so, on college campuses.

In a survey conducted by The Review, 67 percent of the 51 respondents stated they did not bet online.

Senior Peter Gerbron said he and his 14 friends started betting \$20 each as high school sophomores and now bet \$100 each on the tournament.

"When we all were in college, we said, 'Let's hike up the prices a little bit more,

because we all thought we were really big and knew everything about NCAA basketball," Gerbron said.

Of the survey respondents who said they bet on the tournament, 90 percent bet \$5 to \$15, Gerbron being one of the few outliers.

Many respondents joined Facebook's first annual March Madness pool. Registered students were able to fill out a bracket for free, and the winner got a free television.

Sophomore Andrew Fleury said he is in two pools this year, but is only betting in one.

"I did one through my dad's work and the one on Facebook," he said.

To combat gambling among student-athletes, the NCAA held a Sports Wagering Teleconference March 9 to address gambling during the tournament.

At the teleconference, Rachel Newman-Baker, director of agent, gambling and amateurism at the NCAA national office, said sports gambling is a national issue.

"No campus is immune to this problem," she said.

She also said the gambling issue rises to the forefront during the tournament and that money does not have to be involved for the tournament to be fun.

An NCAA bylaw states "staff members of the athletics department of a member institution and student-athletes shall not knowingly participate in any gambling activity that involves intercollegiate athletics or professional athletics."

Edgar Johnson, director of athletics at the university, said gambling on sports, especially during March Madness, causes problems.

"At the basketball time of year, our culture thinks it's OK to participate in the office pool, but it's not just fun and games," he said. "It's serious business and compromises the integrity of the game to an extent."

Johnson explained the measures the university has taken to prevent gambling.

"What we do at Delaware is to let everybody know the definition of gambling and the NCAA rules," he said. "It's reinforced as often as possible in team meetings, e-mails to coaches and players, videotapes, and we even



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SportsBetting.com (shown) is one Web site that allows people to bet on sporting events.

put posters in the locker rooms."

According to Johnson, a student-athlete was caught gambling five years ago.

"The reason why the individual was caught was because he didn't pay his debts and the person he owed the money to called us," he said.

That incident led to the investigation of several other athletes who had either transferred or graduated. Those athletes were also involved with the student who was caught.

Susan Edgar, program director for the Delaware Council on Gambling Problems, said sports gambling problems are just as common as lottery addictions.

"Out of 180 people we helped in 2004-2005, five percent of them had problems with sports gambling," Edgar said.

Another university student who wished to remain anonymous said he occasionally bets on sports, especially during the playoffs

and big games.

"I'll still bet on a game here and there," the student, who usually wagers \$25 to \$50 per game said.

Johnson says the media, which often encourages betting, is at least partially responsible for the epidemic.

"If the papers don't publish the spreads and no one has easy access to the information, it makes it a more deliberate decision for someone to get involved in gambling," he said. "The fact that the papers print [spreads] lends some tacit approbation to the idea that sports wagering is OK, and it's not."

University of Georgia director of athletics Damon Evans summed up the effects of gambling when he spoke during the NCAA teleconference.

"Gambling is similar to a drug," Evans said. "One may not understand how addictive it is or how addictive it can become."

Locally trained skater could have skills to become the new face of her sport

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tude are Meissner's two most outstanding traits. Gregory cannot remember Meissner having a bad day and praised her ability to work through any frustration she exhibits in practice.

Ludington agreed with Gregory's sentiments. He described Meissner as a girl who is not an emotional rollercoaster.

"She's a nice, level kid," Ludington said. "She's a superb athlete, a superb technician and has incredible focus. When you put all that together, you got yourself a champion on your hands."

Ludington compared Meissner to golf superstar Tiger Woods in terms of her ability to focus under pressure and excel.

After winning the gold medal, Meissner has had several media appearances. When she returned from the World Championships in Calgary, Alberta, she went to the Wachovia Center in Philadelphia. She said she spoke to members of the media March 28 from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Meissner also made guest appearances on "Good Morning America," "The Today Show" and ESPN, including "The Hot List" which was "cool."

She almost forgot to mention she threw out the first pitch for the Philadelphia Phillies on Opening Day at Citizens Bank Park. She admitted being nervous about throwing the ball, but said it was ultimately an exciting experience.

"I didn't want the ball to go a little bit and then bounce or something, I wanted to make it all the way," Meissner said. "I was excited when it was almost over his head."

For the next four months, Meissner will be traveling the country while participating in Champions on Ice, a touring ice show that features professional and Olympic-eligible figure skaters.



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She plans on balancing 11th grade as well as training

for the tour, but she said her training is less extensive than it was for the Olympics and the World Championships.

Meissner attends Fallston High School in Bel Air, Md. and will be preparing for the SATs next month as well as her junior prom.

Ludington said Meissner "is not boy crazy" and is only going to the junior prom with a friend, nothing serious.

A typical day for her begins with school at 7 a.m. She stays for four periods and then travels to the Fred Rust Ice Arena and trains for approximately five hours. Meissner works on the ice for three hours and then spends two hours training with instructor Jeff Schneider in the workout room.

After high school, Meissner said she would like to go to college, but she's not sure if she will go right after high school or take a break. She said it all depends on her figure skating career.

For now, Meissner is all smiles about her gold medal at the World Championships.

"It's so funny for me to think that just last year I was watching it and this year I won it," she said, laughing.

Some say Meissner's talent, determination and smile could make her the new face of American figure skating.

"That's a big responsibility," she said. "I'm excited that they're calling me that because I feel like I've worked really hard and hopefully I can set a good example."

Eurotrip alters club rugby's style

BY MICHAEL GRACIE

Staff reporter

Coming off an eight-day, seven-night Spring Break excursion to Ireland, the men's rugby team returns fresh this week to conclude a successful Spring season.

Although they took their lumps across the pond, the Hens stunned their competition with incredibly fierce play. In its first two games in the land of shamrocks and shillalies, the team lost to the University of Limerick and Galwegian's Rugby Club by mere points in each match.

The Hens managed to tie Trinity College of Dublin, one of the Europe's premier squads, in their final contest.

"I thought we surprised the teams a lot," Phillip Giordano, a junior flanker for Delaware said. "They came in not taking us really seriously, but we left it all on the field tying a big name like Trinity."

Delaware put up a solid effort in the face of long odds. The Hens, who didn't travel with their full roster, had to make last-minute adjustments midway through the trip when starting flanker Matt Snyder broke a finger against Galwegian.

Freshmen Eric Bachman and William Audelo replaced the injured Snyder for the remainder of the Galway game. Snyder said he was impressed with their performance and is confident that the rookies will continue to produce in his absence.

"Bachman and Audelo definitely covered me pretty well," he said. "Hopefully, they can step up their dedication to the team to ensure a solid finish to the season."

Snyder, who will miss six weeks, plans to play in a summer league to stay on point for next season.

For the Hens, the most valuable aspect of the trip was not the competition against the European schools. During the week,



THE REVIEW/Jason Warren

Men's club rugby poses for a picture at the Cliffs of Moher in Ireland during Spring Break.

Delaware received hands-on training from professional coaches and players in clinics between games.

The squad was introduced to new methods of the sport, as they were schooled in topics ranging from effective drills to the "European" style of play.

"We started changing our whole game plan towards the end of the trip," Giordano said. "The Euro colleges are much more experienced, knowing every in and out of the game. We started to morph so that we would receive them as another Irish college

would."

Delaware hopes to draw on its experience in Ireland and apply aspects of Irish rugby in its last two regular season games and the upcoming "Beast of the East" tournament.

The three weeks until the end of the season could be enough time for Delaware to integrate newly learned plays. Time is of the essence, as the Hens will face top American clubs like Army and Dartmouth.

"We are definitely going to go hard for the last stretch," Jason Warren, a junior backs captain said. "First off we face Temple, the team that stole it from us last year, and then we enter the tournament against Army, a team that is ranked in the top five nationally."

In the next month, Delaware will take on Temple and Towson before ending its Spring season at the "Beast" tournament in Rhode Island.

Although they are glad to be home, the players collectively enjoyed their stay in a country that revolves around their sport. Among the many attractions they visited was Lansdowne Road, a hallowed rugby stadium that will be demolished at the end of the year.

"Lansdowne was definitely an experience to see before it gets torn down," Warren said.

The team also enjoyed watching European coverage of the sport on television.

"What was really amazing was to walk into a pub and watch national coverage of rugby," Warren said. "They treat rugby over there much like we watch NFL games over here."

Delaware will return to action Saturday when it hosts Towson at 1 p.m.

Former Hawk turned Hen

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head coach when they hired Ross March 31. He was formerly announced at a press conference four days later.

While he's well aware he wasn't the first choice for the position, he said he is still excited to land one of his dream jobs.

"It's going to sound like this is made up, because I'm here now, but Delaware was always one of those jobs," he said. "Delaware was always one of the two that I mentioned, and I don't think Roy Williams is leaving North Carolina soon."

Ross, 35, served under Saint Joseph's head coach Phil Martelli for the previous 10 seasons and helped guide the Hawks to the NCAA Tournament six times and three appearances in the NIT.

He served as Saint Joseph's recruiting coordinator and played a large role in signing three student athletes who are currently playing in the NBA. Ross helped recruit the 2004 consensus National Player of the Year Jameer Nelson as well as Delonte West and Dwayne Jones.

The Philadelphia native earned his bachelor's in sports management from Winston-Salem (NC) State University in 1992 and served as an NCAA Division I assistant coach for 13 years. He began his coaching career at Lehigh during the 1993-94 season and then coached at Drexel for two seasons before joining Martelli's staff.

The legendary Martelli said Ross served Saint Joseph's in a "classy and dignified way" and he is delighted for Ross and his family about the new position.

"This is a richly deserved opportunity at a terrific academic institution," Martelli said. "There's no doubt in my mind that Monté will do extraordinary things for the University of Delaware and its basketball program."

Johnson said he is excited to have Ross join the university and is confident he will bring the men's basketball program back to prominence in the much improved Colonial Athletic Association.

Roselle said Ross is intelligent, has a good personality and speaks well, qualities Delaware was looking for in a new head coach.

"Since he has spent the last 12 years in Philadelphia and recruited the mid-Atlantic region, his knowledge of players and contacts with coaches in that area far exceeded that of any of the other candidates," Roselle said.

Future of men's basketball

Ross inherits a program that suffered through consecutive 20-loss seasons for the first time in university history.

"There's been a lot of talk about the scholarships

available and who I'm going to recruit and that sort of thing, but my first responsibility is to the nine players left in the program," Ross said. "I think they all have dreams and they all have goals and my objective is to make sure they are met to the best of my ability."

CAA All-Rookie guard Zaire Taylor, junior guard Calvin Cannon, and sophomore forward Herb Courtney are three key players returning next season. Ross has four scholarships available to play around with, but it is not certain how he will use them.

"We don't want to rush into it and just grab any player that we can get," he said. "We have to make sure they fit the profile of the University of Delaware, both academically and also athletically."

Ross said he is excited about the intangibles the university offers to prospective student athletes.

"Delaware was always some place where I thought, with the location, with the campus, with the academics of the institution, it's not a hard sell to a family to bring your student athlete to the University of Delaware," he said. "So, that's what really excited me."

The Hens recorded a disappointing 85-93 overall record during Henderson's six-year tenure, but according to Roselle, the future seems brighter with new leadership.

"I think what you'll see next year is the results of his coaching fundamentals," Roselle said at the press conference. "Then as he brings in his recruits, I look forward to the program gaining more prominence in the CAA."

Freshman center Matt Hewson spoke about the excitement Ross has created for next season.

"It's a clean slate, it's brand new," Hewson said. "It's like a new canvas and each player is a different color paint and we're going to paint the canvas. It could be a good picture or it could be an ugly picture."



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Ross (right), with his children and Johnson present, speaks during his first press conference as coach.

COMMENTARY



KATE DIEFFENBACH
Good deal with Monté

The men's basketball team is lucky. That is about the only word that can describe how University President David P. Roselle and Athletic Director Edgar Johnson found such a great candidate in Monté Ross to fill the void left by David Henderson as the team's head coach.

After the debacle surrounding Kevin Willard's hour-long stint as coach and the withdrawal of other candidates such as Connecticut's Tom Moore, the Hens may have found the right guy for the job.

Critics may be quick to point out that Ross doesn't come from a big program like Connecticut, Duke or Florida, but there is one thing he can do well — recruit.

Ross's recruiting connections in the Mid-Atlantic region are admirable. As a Philadelphia native and former recruiting coordinator at St. Joseph's, Ross has the ability to attract East Coast high school students to the tri-state area, which he has proven by playing a big role in recruiting three current NBA players.

And considering Ross's admiration for Delaware's campus, academics and athletic program, he shouldn't have a problem selling attributes the school has to offer to prospective student athletes and their parents.

And just as important as his recruiting abilities is his passion. Who can forget that Ross wants to be

here? He has always noted an opportunity to coach at Delaware as a dream job. He doesn't worry that the program is in shambles and still has four vacant scholarships for next season. He has the passion and dedication to return the program to the golden years of 1998 and 1999 when the Hens made consecutive appearances in the NCAA tournament.

But let's not get ahead of ourselves. This isn't going to happen overnight. The Hens did lose their top scorer and leader in Harding Nana and will also be without floor general Rulon Washington next season. The program could take as many as three years to rebuild when a majority of the players will be recruited by Ross to fit into his style of play.

Like most Delaware athletic fans, I can't deny that when the coaching job first became vacant, I was rooting for Moore all the way. He was mentored by the great Jim Calhoun and has the ability, experience in big games on a higher level and basketball knowledge the position requires.

But then I thought about it. David Henderson played and coached at Duke and he seemed to have all the same virtues Moore does, and we all know how poorly that worked out. As Delaware basketball fans we see the glitter and glamour of the big and successful basketball school and we automatically think it's the right fit. But if you want what's best for the program and the university, you will realize that maybe Ross should have been the leading candidate all along.

His sincerity and dedication are incomparable and the future of the men's basketball team looks bright for the first time in three years. Welcome aboard, Monté.

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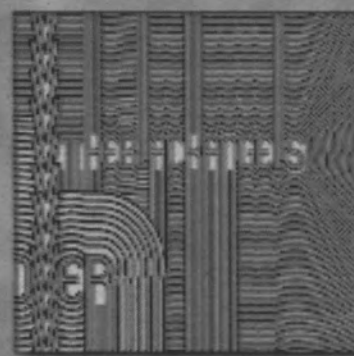
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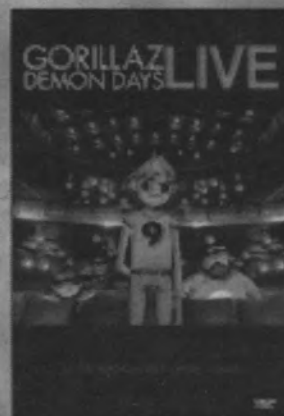
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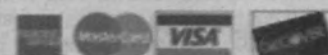
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