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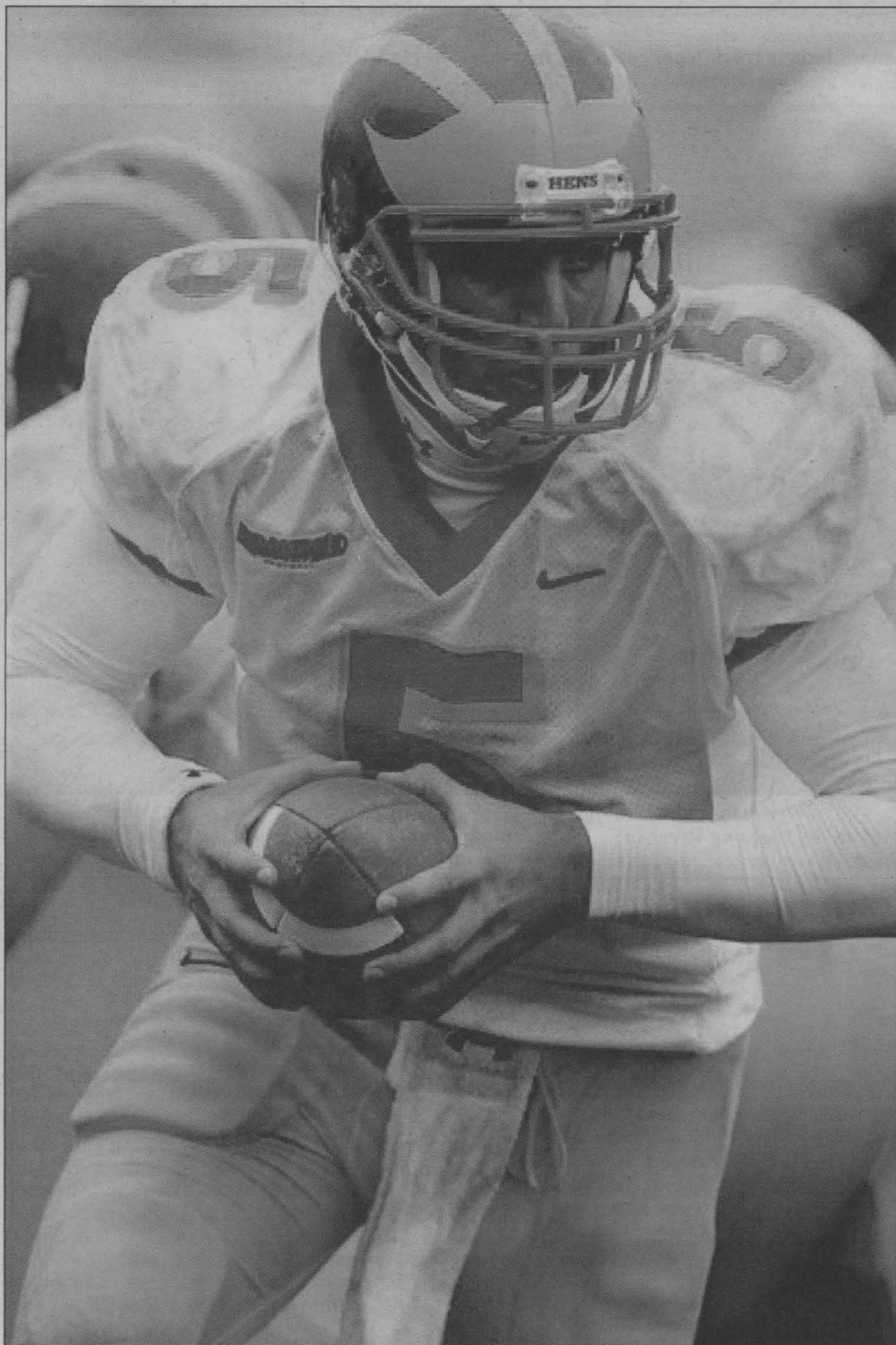
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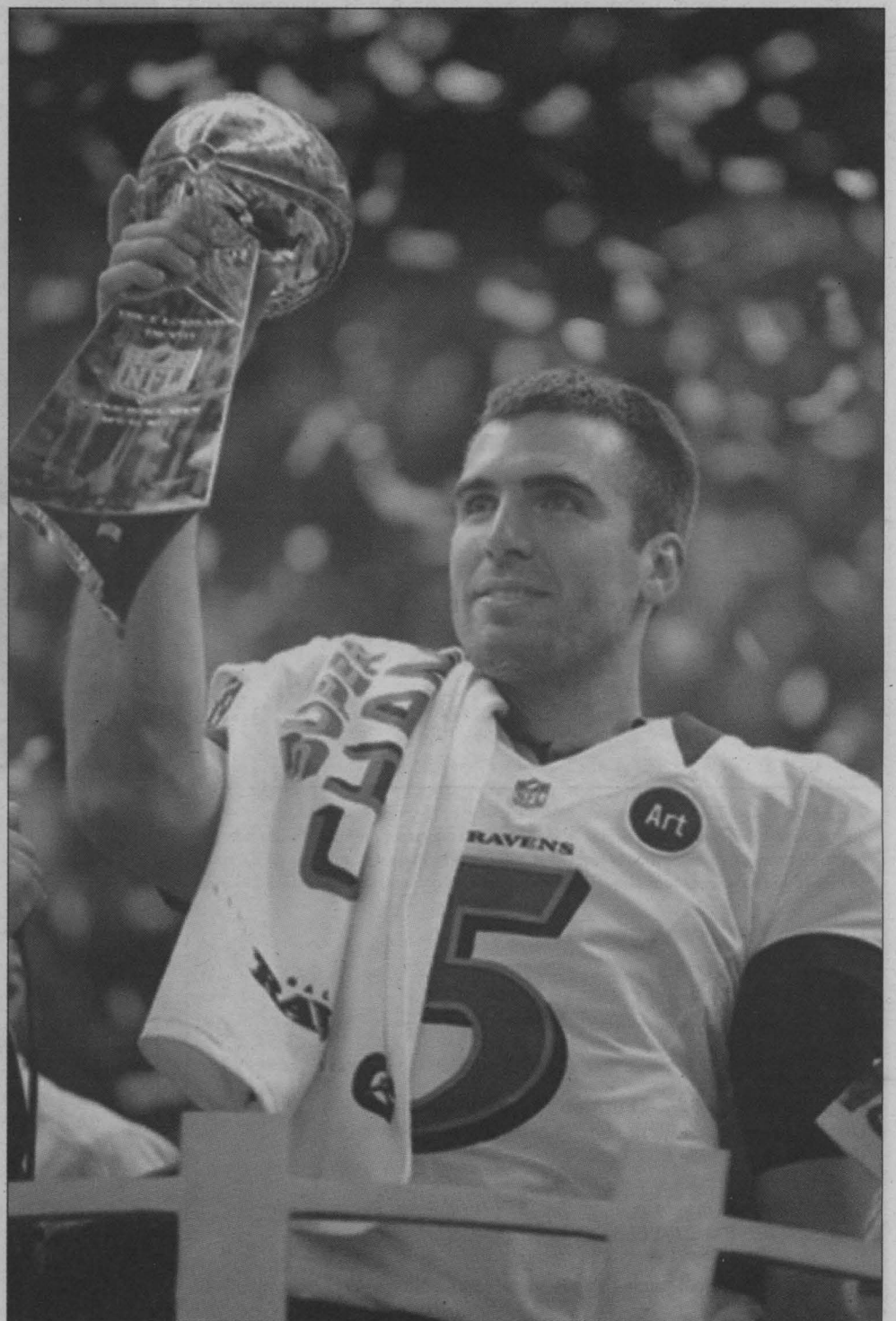
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## Flacco leads Ravens to Super Bowl victory



Courtesy of the Associated Press

Accounting major turned football star Joe Flacco was the starting quarterback for Delaware's football team in 2006. He is the second Blue Hen to win a Super Bowl.



Courtesy of newstimes.com

Quarterback Joe Flacco lifts the Vince Lombardi trophy after the Ravens beat the San Francisco 49ers 34-31 in Super Bowl XLVII. He was awarded MVP for his performance.

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# Letter from the Editors

Dear Readers,

Welcome back to campus for spring semester 2013. To catch you up, this edition covers important winter news about the university and Newark communities during the break. While you were gone, the university hired a new provost and celebrated the 90th anniversary of the first Study Abroad program. We are excited to keep you updated on future news and more via social media Review accounts and our website.

We have revitalized Mosaic, our arts and entertainment section, with a new column. Relationship Reality (see page 14) is designed to give you more information about relationships and love. But no matter what changes we make to the paper, one thing remains the same: The Review aims to inform about news you care about, and we can't do our job without your input. Follow us at @udreview on Twitter, check out our Facebook page and email us at editor@udreview.com with your feedback.

If you're interested in joining The Review or just learning about what goes on in the newsroom, come visit us in the Perkins Student Center.

Keep an eye out for our next edition, on newsstands Tuesday, Feb. 12.

Sincerely,

Kerry Bowden, Editor-in-Chief

Justine Hofherr, Executive Editor



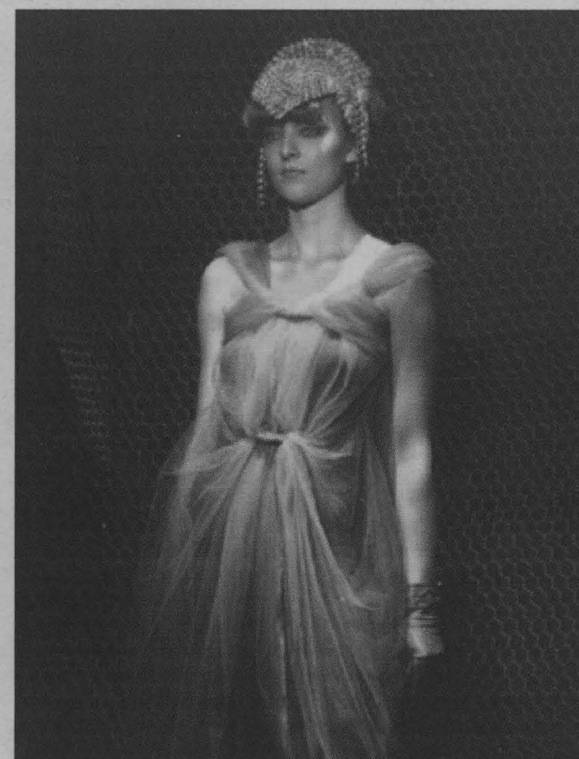
A member of the women's indoor track team competes in a meet over winter session.

THE REVIEW/Emma Rando



A man paddles his boat on the Mekong River in Cambodia.

THR REVIEW/Amelia Wang



A model walks the runway during Paris Fashion Week in Paris, France.

THE REVIEW/Rachel White

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# Campus construction continues, university adds dorms, science lab

BY KARIE SIMMONS  
Staff Reporter

Although there have been rumors about the potential demolition of Rodney and Dickinson, university officials said for now the 1960s dorm buildings are safe.

Kathy Comisiak, director of Facilities Planning and Construction, stated in an email message that there are four other construction projects on East Campus that take precedence and must be completed before discussion about Rodney and Dickinson can begin.

She said the first project completed this summer will be the East Campus Residence Halls, which are currently under construction.

"Also this summer, construction will begin on the Academy Street

dining and residence halls, as well as renovations to the Harrington Residence Halls," Comisiak said. "Those projects are expected to be completed in July 2015. Summer 2015 will see another phase of construction in the area, which is expected to be completed in 2017."

Comisiak, Director of Real Estate Andy Lubin and David Singleton, vice president of Facilities and Auxiliary Services, highlighted these current construction projects at the university and briefed Delaware contractors on those to come at a luncheon on Jan. 29 in Clayton Hall.

Comisiak discussed the 75,000 sq. ft. Academy Street dining and residence hall project and explained the building plans and work needed to be done. She said the facility will be made up of three, three-story residence hall "pods" off of a central area for laundry, mail rooms and an apartment for the residence hall director, and the dining center will seat 1,145.

"Pedestrians would actually be able to walk over the roof and enter the residence halls," Comisiak said.

The new dining hall and residence area will be built over the tennis courts that are currently

located across the street from Perkins Student Center.

Comisiak said that although it is unfortunate the tennis courts will no longer be available to students, there are other recreational facilities on campus and outside turf areas where students can exercise.

"The availability of recreational opportunities for students is a top priority for the university, and students will be provided with additional recreational space when the new Carpenter Sports Building opens in the fall of 2013," she said.

Also, there are plans to replace the turf in the Delaware Field House along with the baseball stadium and outfield where the drainage, according to Comisiak, is "not so great."

Other projects planned for the future are renovations to Drake Organic Lab, roof replacements on academic buildings and the expansion of the Perkins Student Center.

Lubin discussed plans for the Science Technology and Advanced Research Campus and also a transportation project on South Campus during the luncheon. He said the STAR Campus, which will be located at the former Chrysler center acquired by the university in November 2009, will be the site of Bloom Energy, a California-based fuel cell manufacturing company, a health sciences complex and a data center.

Although these facilities have been planned, Lubin said the area has the capability to be developed over a 25-year period to meet the university's needs and expand research opportunities.

"This was never acquired or determined or designed to be an extension of our undergraduate campus," Lubin said.

Lubin also said there are plans to revitalize the Newark Amtrak and SEPTA station located on South Campus with money from a \$10 million federal grant to fund a \$32 million first extension project to relocate platforms. He said the hope is to make the Newark area a transportation hub and bring more people to the area to work

and visit.

As far as current projects still underway, Singleton said the Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering Laboratory located on Academy Street is nearing the end of its construction that began in fall 2011. The 200,000 sq. ft. building, which will be completed in June, is the largest construction project on campus.

"[This is] the most complex and the most expensive facility the university has ever built," Singleton said.

Comisiak said the only work left to be done inside the building is lab fit out work such as piping and HVAC.

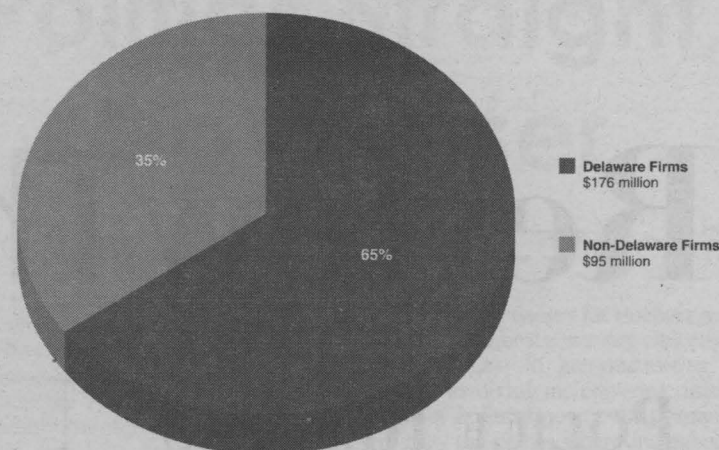
At the luncheon Singleton also discussed the 50,000 sq. ft. addition to the Carpenter Sports Building as well as the electrical, plumbing and interior and exterior renovations to Alison Hall. Both projects will be finished this summer, he said.

These three projects along with the new East Campus Residence Hall represent an expenditure of \$265 million, according to Singleton. So far he said he is happy with the outcome of the campus construction.

"It's always a punch list, but the work is really looking good and we're really pleased with the commitment we're seeing from the Delaware construction industry," Singleton said.

## Summary of Construction Awards

\*Since June 2010, the University has awarded 245 contracts worth \$272 million



Source: University of Delaware

Alison Hall Renovation



East Campus Residence Halls

January 2013

Dare to be first.



Top: THE REVIEW/Stacy Bernstein, Bottom: Courtesy of the University of Delaware  
The new East Campus Residence Halls must be completed before discussion of renovating Rodney and Dickinson begins, Comisiak said.

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# Review This

## POLICE REPORTS

### Newark man charged with over 100 offenses related to graffiti vandalism

Newark resident Felix Smith, 18, was arrested Jan. 10 for graffiti vandalism throughout Newark and the university campus.

Smith has been charged with 162 offenses, including 72 counts of graffiti, 71 counts of possession of graffiti implements, 17 counts of trespassing, one count of theft and one count of underage possession of alcohol, according to a Newark police press release. Smith has been linked to graffiti vandalism in 58 locations in Newark and 13 on campus which have resulted in \$8,100 in property damage, according to the press release.

In the past two years the Newark Police Department has arrested 34 individuals on graffiti related incidents. Newark police are reminding business owners and home owners to report graffiti vandalism to the police to have it documented.

### Two arrested in connection with October residential robberies

Mikeal Stone, 19, of Newark and Kalin Jackson, 18, of New Castle, Del. were arrested on Jan. 3 and Jan. 9 by Newark police for two residential robberies occurring in late October.

Stone and Jackson robbed an unoccupied home in the unit block of South Fawn Drive between 1 and 10:30 p.m. on Oct. 22, 2012. They forced open a rear door and once inside they removed a computer and jewelry from the home.

On Oct. 23, Stone and Jackson robbed a house in the unit block of Sue Lane between 6 and 8:30 a.m. The suspects entered the house via an unsecured rear window and took a computer and other electrical devices, according to a Newark police press release.

The suspects were identified by a witness who reported seeing them in the area of Sue Lane before the robbery and fingerprints at the South Fawn residence tied Jackson to the crime, according to the press release. Stone sold the jewelry to a local pawn shop. Stone is now released on \$13,500 unsecured bail and Jackson is in custody at the Howard R. Youth Correctional Center on \$27,100 secured bail, according to the press release.

- Elena Boffetta

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY



*Feb. 4, 1994: Marty the iguana lived with his owner in a university dorm room.*

## PHOTO OF THE WEEK



The women's indoor track team prepares for a meet over winter session at the Bob Carpenter Sports Center.

THE REVIEW/Emma Rando

## IN BRIEF

### DJ to come to Trabant today

Students Center Program Advisory Board will hold a back-to-school concert today featuring DJ MTK. The concert will begin at 8:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room at the Trabant University Center. SCPAB will serve breakfast foods from 10:30 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. The concert is free and open to students.

### Professor to speak on cell research and life experiences today and tomorrow

Gilda Barabino, professor and associate chair at the Georgia Institute of Technology, will deliver two lectures Feb. 7 and 9. The first lecture will be held at 10:00 a.m. in Wolf Hall Rm. 318 and will focus on her area of expertise, cell and tissue responses to mechanical forces in sickle cell disease. Her second lecture will be held at 2:30 p.m. in Gore Hall Rm. 303 and is entitled "Identity Formation and Career Progression: Differential Experiences for Underrepresented Minorities," which will focus on her experience as a minority during her career.

### Economic experts to speak Tuesday morning

The 2013 Economic Forecast will be held at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday at Clayton Hall. The featured speaker will be former congressman Michael G. Oxley. Michael K. Farr, president of Farr, Miller and Washington portfolio management firm, and Jon Hilsenrath, chief economic correspondent for the Wall Street Journal, will also speak. The discussion will be moderated by reporter Steven Russolillo of the Wall Street Journal. The event is free, but reservations are required.

## THINGS TO DO

### Thursday, Feb. 7

SCPAB Back To School Concert  
8:30 to 11 p.m.

Trabant University Center Multi-Purpose Rooms

### Friday, Feb. 8

Mechanical Engineering Seminar with Dr. R.W. Carpick  
12:15 to 1:15 p.m.

Composites Manufacturing Science Lab, Rm. 106

### Saturday, Feb. 9

Meet the Greeks  
5 to 7 p.m.

Trabant University Center Multi-Purpose Rooms

### Sunday, Feb. 10

D Sharpe Auditions  
8 to 10 p.m.

Perkins Student Center Alumni Lounge

### Monday, Feb. 11

Grant Thornton, LLP Information Booth  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Purnell Hall Main Lobby



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Courtesy of <http://www.usmagazine.com/celebrity-news/news/president0-obamas-inauguration-speech-2013-highlights-2013211>

President Barack Obama's second presidential inauguration was held in Washington D.C. on Jan. 21, 2013.

## Students flood D.C. to watch Obama's presidential inauguration

BY KATHERINE GINIS  
Staff Reporter

Senior Drumlin Brooke had to leave his house at 7:20 a.m. to pass security checkpoints in time to see President Barack Obama's second inauguration.

He was one of many tourists and locals who flooded Washington, D.C. for the inauguration of the president on Jan. 21. The event marked the 57th inauguration in American history, as well as the start of Obama's four more years.

Brooke also attended the Democratic National Convention in September, which he said had quite a different environment.

"[The DNC] was very crazy, but people here [at the inauguration] were really respectful and happy to be here," Brooke said. "It was very sedated in some ways—it wasn't crazy."

Not only did the inauguration feature a tame crowd, according to Brooke's observations, it also featured unprecedented statements from Obama, as the president spoke out for the first time in inaugural history about gay rights.

"Our journey is not complete until our gay brothers and sisters are treated like anyone else under the law," Obama said. "For if we are truly created equal, then surely the love we commit to one another must be equal, as well."

Edward Freel, a professor in the School of Public Policy and Administration, saw the president's address from a jumbotron behind the Capitol Reflecting Pool. The event capped off a trip the professor

**"I think the president gave a strong and effective speech, focusing on issues he will want to focus on in his second term."**

**-Edward Freel,  
Professor in the  
School of Public Policy  
and Administration**

led for 20 students during winter session. The students spent the term in D.C., where they became immersed in the city's atmosphere by interning and addressing public policy issues.

While several of his students made it much closer to the front

of the crowd than he had, Freel said he was still able to see preliminary musical presentation along with Obama's speech from where he stood. From his angle, he said he was impressed with the president's address.

"I think that the president gave a strong and effective speech, focusing on issues he will want to focus on in his second term," Freel said.

However, some students did not think it was the right time for Obama to express opinions so plainly. Sophomore Caroline Murphy, secretary of College Democrats, watched the speech from home and did not feel Obama's speech was the best strategy for winning over his constituents.

"It was very liberal and progressive, but I don't know if pushing on them so strongly during his inauguration in front of so many people was the best idea," Murphy said.

Freel said that regardless of the content of Obama's speech, the day was very inspiring for not only he and his students but the crowd in general.

"Whether they supported or didn't support Obama in the election, it was very exciting to be there in affirmation of the Democratic president," Freel said. "It was a national celebration of the democratic process of government."

## Politics Straight, No Chaser

So, how about the 113th Congress?

In January, the United States welcomed the 113th Congress as we said goodbye to the least popular Congress in the country's history. Despite the fact that the 112th had documented an incredibly horrible 9 percent approval rating, only 26 incumbents in the House of Representatives and one in the Senate lost their seats on Nov. 6, 2012. Democrats ended up picking up two seats in the Senate and nine in the House. So after all the bitterness surrounding the 112th Congress, we basically ended up with the same old characters in the 113th.

So what can we expect from this repackaged Congress? We can count on the deadlock in the chambers to continue, though there has been some movement on immigration reform. The Senate has adopted a set of rules reforms—a very scaled back version of filibuster reform. What this tells me is that while there will be some progress in the 113th Congress towards policy compromise, the leaders on both sides haven't changed at all. It's still Speaker of the House John Boehner and Republican Kentucky Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-Ken.) v. President Barack Obama, Sen. Harry Reid (D-Nev.) and Minority Leader of the House Nancy Pelosi—a recipe for a stale legislative process. We have not and will not in all likelihood pass a budget for this fiscal year, as has been the case since 2011 and we still have to face the sequestration issue, which was kicked down the road. Don't look for that to be solved in a way that anyone will be happy with, and really, just don't expect much from the 113th in terms of an improvement over the 112th. But that doesn't mean there aren't some storylines to keep an eye on in the meantime.

In the Senate, the story was an attempt at filibuster reform. Filibustering in the Senate by the minority party can delay the vote on any bit of legislation brought to the floor. It has been used extensively by Republicans and Democrats alike in the recent past. Reid, the majority leader, and McConnell were rumored to have come up with rule changes that would reform the filibuster, making it less powerful. However, Reid ended up caving on the issue by all reports and now we are stuck with needing 60 votes to break a filibuster. So much for change.

Leading into this session, one of the big positions in question is the Speaker of the House, John Boehner, the Republican from Ohio's 8th District. Boehner has a tough task heading up the Republicans in the House, with the Tea Party, an ultra-conservative, spending-conscious faction, being represented in their caucus.

The rift surfaced in the recent debt talks between party leaders like Boehner, McConnell, Obama, Reid and Pelosi, ahead of the fiscal cliff deadline and the two sides each took to their parties. Boehner was rebuffed by his party to the point where he couldn't even bring it up on the floor for a vote because the support was so low and when it came time to elect the Speaker of the House, he lost votes from his party. He may be slowly losing his grip on the Republicans in the House.

The other danger for Boehner may be his face against a primary challenger in 2014. Due to gerrymandering, a process involving manipulating district lines for political power, the primaries are now the places where incumbents will lose their seats. There's a distinct possibility that his popularity could wane in the next 18 months to the point where he could lose his primary, but, chances are he will survive. Another unpopular compromise could easily number his days left in office.

The same goes for Pelosi. She has shown us over the past term that she is not comfortable when in the minority after contrarily holding a large majority as the former Speaker of the House. She was able to push bills through and doesn't seem to be able to be as effective working across the aisle. She never had to take the time to build working relationships with her cross-party colleagues. She needs to be able to adapt to this in her second term as House Minority Leader. She doesn't face a great risk of losing her seat in the House, but losing her party leading status is a possibility in 2014, provided someone else can step up to the plate. It's unlikely, but not implausible.

With a new Congress comes new committee appointments which can be a lot like high school. Petty grudges lead to bad assignments and backroom deals can be the key to the important ones. The chairmanships are the most sought-after positions, and while most of the appointments aren't too interesting, there tends to be at least one or two head scratchers. This time around the one that stands out is the appointment of Representative Lamar Smith (R-Tex.) from the state's 21st district to chair the House Committee on Science.

Smith is an interesting choice to say the least. Here is a man-made congressman, global-warming-denying, NASA-doubting and anti-EPA congressman who has been chosen to run the committee that oversees NASA, the EPA and NOAA among others. It strikes me as odd that a man who seems to be apathetic towards the institutions responsible for scientific the country's advancement and understanding is now the one tasked with overseeing them. To his credit, Smith has said the right things such as telling the press he plans to hold open, unbiased talks on the subject of global warming. What comes of these hearings in terms of policy, however, is a mystery. If any even make it out of committee, it would be surprising.

One difference we can expect is an attempt by Republican lawmakers in both chambers to appeal more to women and other ethnic minorities, specifically Hispanics. They saw demographic voting results and they know they need to change their appeal, hence the reason why we're getting immigration reform now.

So when it comes to what to expect from this new Congress, the short answer is more of the same. The 113th will be a lot like the 112th, except with more a little pandering to voters and interest groups and some interesting people in some interesting situations.

**-BRIAN BARRINGER**



# Schools reconsider safety measures

BY ROSIE BRINCKERHOFF

Staff Reporter

Almost two months after the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting, gun control controversy and "what if" questions continue about scenarios that could affect schools across the country.

Ledonnis Hernandez, principal of West Park Place Elementary School in Newark, said the Sandy Hook massacre prompted the school to alter safety procedures. Hernandez said elementary schools in particular should emphasize safety procedures and increase security.

"Sandy Hook has definitely put us in a place where we're looking at security with a laser-like focus," Hernandez said. "These types of events can occur anywhere, so we're on heightened alert."

Hernandez said West Park, which consists of kindergarteners through fifth graders, added a lock on the main entrance door and now locks all other doors during school hours. Due to security and privacy reasons, she said she could not list all the changes. She also said the school holds regular emergency drills to help prepare students.

Schools have always held safety of students in high regard, Hernandez said, but the recent Sandy Hook incident motivated schools to re-examine security procedures.

"Sandy Hook definitely forces

us all to look at additional security measures that may not have existed before, and especially to fine tune procedures that we do have in place," Hernandez said.

Since West Park is a public elementary school, all procedures and changes are at the discretion of the district, Hernandez said. Public schools wait for the guidance of their district to establish safety procedures and drills, and the district receives instruction from the state about updating policies, she said.

University police officer Sgt. Hugh Ferril said the police and security system at the university has a response program set up in the event of a shooting. Although he said he could not discuss specifics of the program, the university has a video called "Shots Fired: When Lightning Strikes," which outlines what to expect and how to respond if there is an active shooter on campus.

Ferril said the video can be accessed on the public safety website and requires a university account and password to be viewed. He said viewing the video will be mandatory starting in fall 2013 for incoming freshman.

"The video is a training video designed to educate the campus community on what to do in the event of an active shooter," Ferril said. "A lot of people don't know what to do in that case and so the

video provides the specifics on how to respond."

Ferril said nothing has changed in terms of university security procedures due to the Sandy Hook shootings. He said the last time security procedures were significantly updated was after the Columbine shooting he said.

The post-Columbine shooting

**"We need more protection for the people and better for the mentally ill."**

*-Benjamin Rapkin, sophomore*

procedure was set up so police can confront and attempt to neutralize the shooter before a SWAT team arrives in order to potentially save more lives, he said.

"Most agencies across the country train with that in mind and are using active shooter training to practice," Ferril said.

Police and security training at the university is constantly changing and updated, though the procedures are not. He said the university is on

the "cutting edge" of new security tools and tactics. The university also has mutual aid agreements with local police agencies in case of a shooting, which Ferril said he believes puts the community ahead of the curve.

Sophomore Benjamin Rapkin said he found the Sandy Hook shootings particularly haunting, since it brought up memories of the Nov. 12 shooting of student Peter Disabatino. With the two events occurring about a month apart, Rapkin said gun safety has become a serious concern for him.

Guns can fall into the wrong hands, so legislation can only be a start in eliminating violence, Rapkin said.

"We need more protection for the people and better help for the mentally ill," Rapkin said.

Though he favors gun safety laws, Rapkin said he thinks more attention should be focused on the person behind the gun, rather than the gun itself.

Sophomore Kaitlyn Porada said there are limits to what security can do and students and faculty must look out for themselves. She said she believes if a person is determined to inflict harm in an academic building, they will find a way around security. Porada also said she also believes more attention needs to be focused on the individuals behind the guns.

"It wasn't the fact that the gun or security was a problem at Sandy Hook, it was the fact that a bipolar young man with many disorders snapped," Porada said.

Rapkin said though elementary and high school students are strictly observed the entire school day, college is a more complicated security risk. With students spread across campus, he said it might be difficult for the university to take action if a shooting occurred.

Rapkin said students would be responsible for their own protection if a shooting ever happened at the university.

"We have the blue light safety system set up, but it's up to us to protect ourselves from this kind of thing," Rapkin said.

Ferril said since the university is a public campus made up of several buildings, it is virtually impossible to have a lockdown during an emergency. Instead, school security relies on emergency alerts and text messages.

University police also have the ability to access every monitor and television across campus to send secure messages and inform students and faculty of actions to take and provide real time updates, he said.

"You can never fully be prepared, but we're on our toes and we're as prepared as you can be right now," Ferril said.

## Students remember professor as art and ceramics enthusiast

BY LAUREN HALL

Staff Reporter

Victor Spinski was a beloved and valued professor during his time teaching art at the university. He expanded the ceramics department in the fine arts program and was recognized for his own accomplishments as an artist before passing away at the age of 72 on Jan. 21.

Spinski died of a stroke while surrounded by family and friends in his home in Newark. He is survived by his wife, Sally Van Orden; his son, Tristan Spinski and his daughter-in-law, Sarah Spinski.

Before coming to the university as a ceramics professor, Spinski earned his bachelor's degree in Russian Literature at Emporia State University. After college, he served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War, where he sustained serious injuries in combat and had to undertake months of rehabilitation.

After his recovery, Spinski attended Indiana University and earned his Masters of Fine Arts in ceramics. In 1968, he moved to Newark to begin his 38-year career teaching for the university's art department, according to art professor and coordinator of the Masters of Fine Arts program Robert Straight. Spinski inspired students and professors with his passion and determination to make the art program exceptional, Straight said.

"He put the ceramics area on the map," Straight said. "We have one of the largest ceramics facilities on the East Coast. This was started by Victor."

Allison Haug, 30, of

**"I feel he was my biggest supporter during my time at Delaware and beyond [...] He was always welcoming-willing to share his wealth of knowledge about ceramics and the world."**

*-Robert Straight, Art Professor*

Wilmington, a former ceramics student of Spinski's, said he was incredibly influential to his students, many of whom he mentored. He gave

his students a new perspective and guided them into doing the best work they could, she said. He was always available for advice or help for his students, even after retirement.

"I feel he was my biggest supporter during my time at Delaware and beyond," Haug said. "I remember all the great times in the studio, a beer at Deer Park or around the dinner table. He was always welcoming, willing to share his wealth of knowledge about ceramics and the world."

Straight said he met Spinski more than 30 years ago at Connecticut College. He said his colleagues remember Spinski primarily for the support he gave his students, his sense of humor and his passion for ceramics.

Straight said Spinski not only expanded the ceramics program but was also a distinguished ceramics artist in the art community as well. He said Spinski specialized in the genre of trompe l'oeil or "fool the eye," a type of ceramic art used where the artist makes the object look so similar to a real-life object that it does not appear to be made of clay.

Spinski's work has been exhibited and is in permanent collections across the United States and all over the world, including the Museum of Contemporary Crafts, the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Design, the American Craft Museum and the Wustum Museum of Fine Arts.



Courtesy of <http://www.craftcouncil.org/post/remembering-victor-spinski>

Retired professor Victor Spinski had work exhibited all over the world.



# Students reconsider club safety after fire

BY ELIZABETH BLEACHER  
Staff Reporter

A fire started by pyrotechnics swept through a nightclub in Santa Maria, Brazil, on Jan. 27, trapping many of the guests inside and killing 245 people at the nightclub Kiss. It spawned an almost immediate outpouring of support by celebrities on Twitter and has also raised questions among the university community about the safety of overcrowded parties in Newark.

University alumna Niki Muse studied abroad in Brazil and she, like many other students, received news of the incident from social networks.

"When I first saw the words 'Brazil' and 'fire' online, I started panicking," Muse said.

Clubs in Brazil are similar to their American counterparts when it comes to design, Muse said. However, confusion following a blaze was something she said she could see as a problem.

Senior Brittney Norton, who also studied abroad in Brazil, said the clubs seemed safe when she visited but now she is unsure.

"I've talked with other members of the trip about our reactions," Norton said. "I've wondered how my family would have reacted if I was still in Brazil."

Harried guests could easily mistake a bathroom door for an exit, Muse said. That was the fatal mistake many clubgoers made while trying to escape the burning building.



Courtesy of www.wgntv.com

Fire fighters extinguish the deadly Brazilian nightclub fire at Kiss.

Following the media attention on the fire, Lady Gaga tweeted, "Sending my prayers to the families and friends who lost loved one [sic] in the fire in Brazil. Im [sic] thinking of you today during this tragedy."

Though the tweets were initially tagged generally with #Brazil or #SantaMaria, more specific hash tags, like #ForçaSantaMaria and #PrayforSantaMaria have emerged and unified posts.

Twitter creates a channel of communication that is genuine and natural, freshman Morgan Pizzo said. The limited number of characters allowed requires careful consideration and the use of hashtags allows for a quick connection to a larger issue.

"Twitter gives you an instant to respond and react," Pizzo said. "It helps give perspective."

Following the tragedy at Kiss, some students have identified overcrowded apartment and house parties around campus as dangerous situations similar in nature to the club.

Sophomore emergency medical technician and member of the Newark

Fire Department Matthew Paul responds to emergencies in the area and witnesses overly packed house parties often, he said. Putting a large number of people in a small space eliminates escape routes and increases the chances that something will go wrong Paul said.

"UD does a good job of informing students and RAs about fire safety procedures, but it's up to the students to make sure they have a good idea about what to do in emergency situations," Paul said.

The fire in Brazil turned deadly because the club was too crowded and the fire spread too quickly he said. Paul said students should do their best to stay out of dangerous situations and be aware that they are not invincible.

Lack of concern and preparedness are common issues when it comes to fire safety, Charles Boyer, president of the Delaware Volunteer Firefighter's Association, said. Of the nine people that died in house fires last year in the state, he said, eight did not have working smoke detectors.

"The biggest fire safety issue is apathy," Boyer said.

# Faculty introduce new administrators, professors

BY RACHEL TAYLOR  
Administrative News Editor

Administrators introduced new Athletic Director, Eric Ziady, who stated his academic plans for the athletes, and announced the hiring of Provost Domenico Grasso to the faculty Senate on Tuesday.

"It's obviously been a very eventful three months on the job," Ziady said. "Every day I am here, I am more excited about our potential than the day before."

Ziady said after spending 23 years working in the collegiate athletics administration in the Boston area, he was most proud of the success his athletes had both off and on the field. He said the athletes at Boston College had a 97 percent graduation rate, something he would like to maintain in his new position at the university.

The university would participate in Super Bowl celebrations due to the victory of the Ravens, whose team included alumni Joe Flacco and Gino Gradkowski, Ziady said. The university athletic website currently features a splash page that shows Flacco hoisting the Vince Lombardi Trophy.

Interim Provost Nancy Brickhouse said the university made its decision for the new provost after a confidential process. Grasso, who was not in attendance, will begin his appointment on Aug. 15, she said.

Grasso is currently the vice president for research and the dean of the Graduate College of the University of Vermont, Brickhouse said. Grasso has been working with the University of Vermont faculty to build university-wide Transdisciplinary Research

Initiatives, also called "Spires of Excellence," she said.

Grasso has also been a visiting scholar at the University of California-Berkeley and is currently the editor-in-chief of the journal "Environmental Engineering Science," she said.

Brickhouse also announced James Richard, a kinesiology and applied physiology professor, as the new vice provost for graduate and professional education, John Sawyer, a business administration professor, as the interim associate provost and Ravi Ammigan as the director of the Office of International Students and Scholars.

Pollack closed the meeting by issuing a warning about the website LocAZu, which hosts more than 500 exams from classes, and how to prevent their exams from being posted online.

"I have to contribute an exam to see another exam," Pollack said. "I was going to contribute one of my exams with all the wrong answers."

Some students post their university, picture and year on their profiles, making them easier to track down, Pollack said. However, he said some individuals posting the exams might not actually exist.

Pollack said individuals may have stolen tests from the university in larger lectures by sitting in the classroom and walking out with the test. He said professors need to strictly monitor who is taking exams and check if all individuals in the lecture hall are students at the university.

"These people are bold enough to post [the exams] online and we can track them down," Pollack said.

# Two seniors sue univ. over alleged freedom of speech violation

BY FRANK LABATE  
Staff Reporter

Two senior students are suing the university over an alleged violation of their freedom of speech that started with a disagreement about their merchandising.

Benjamin Goodman and Adam Bloom invested nearly \$10,000 in "U Can Suck Our D" merchandise which they sold primarily to students during Homecoming. They were contacted by Director of Public Relations John Brennan from the Office of Marketing and Communications a few hours after sending an email to interested buyers.

"He told us that our design was in violation of UD's mark and if we proceeded with the sale of the shirt we would be referred to student conduct," Goodman said.

Following several meetings with university staff from the Office of Communications and Marketing, the vice president of Student Life, a trademark licensing manager and a university attorney, the students and faculty were unable to reach a compromise. University officials never specifically identified the student conduct violation that would come from selling the merchandise, he said.

"Even after the meeting, we really didn't feel that we got a clear answer, and in a sense, we were starting to get the impression that we may be getting bullied by the school," Goodman said.

During the meeting, representatives from the Office of Communication and Marketing told Goodman and Bloom that their shirts violated the university's trademark on "the juxtaposition of the U and D, along with using the colors blue and yellow and having the letters U and D capitalized," Goodman said.

Goodman and Bloom are still in possession of the unsold Homecoming gear, including 2,000 T-shirts, 500 pairs of sunglasses and 500 koozies. Based on the interest generated through their Facebook page, Goodman said he and Bloom stood to make \$35,000.

University spokesperson Meredith Chapman and John Brennan from the Office of Marketing and Communications declined to comment on the lawsuit, but referred to a university statement that reads, "This case has nothing to do with censorship and everything to do with trademark infringement. This case is not about free speech. It is about the university's ongoing efforts to

protect its trademarks, copyrights and intellectual property."

Goodman said Brennan's sudden interest in their product was surprising considering that he and Bloom sold similar "U can suck our D" T-shirts the year before.

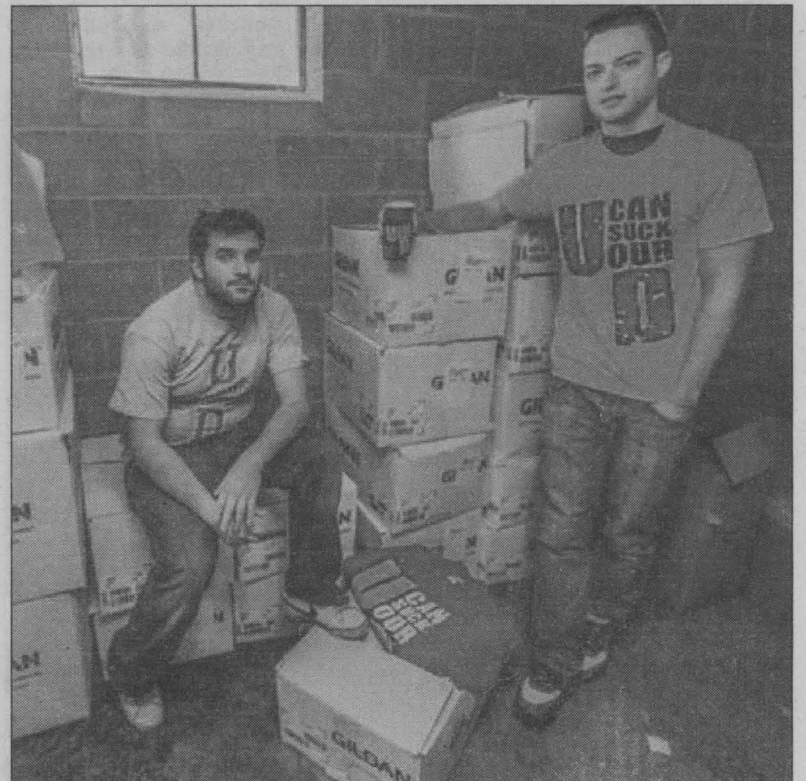
"We never heard a word from the school," Goodman said. "Nothing was sold on school property, but it was sold in proximity to the school, so it's not like we were hiding what we were doing."

David Finger, Goodman and Bloom's attorney, said the two students think they have legal standing to sell their products, but they fear potential penalties through student conduct.

The university's trademark is an interlocking "U" and "D" and has a distinct font, Finger said. The letters Goodman and Bloom used were separated by words and did not emulate the font on the trademark.

Finger said the university could find an answer to this problem by filing for a trademark license instead of a lawsuit.

"It's an improper use of the student disciplinary mechanism," Finger said. "It's using their power to avoid having to go through the legal system."



Courtesy of www.usatoday.com

Students Benjamin Goodman and Adam Bloom stand by the "U can suck our D" merchandise.



# Proposal to revamp Newark Shopping Center unveiled

BY KELLY MCKENNA  
Staff Reporter

A land development company is proposing to redevelop the Newark Shopping Center, which would include replacing the bowling alley with a five story apartment complex and parking garage, according to Newark Mayor Vance A. Funk III.

The plan, put forward by Virginia-based developer Atlantic Realty Company, needs approval by the City Council before construction can begin.

Many citizens, however, do not have high hopes because they have heard redevelopment rumors for years, Funk said. The Newark Shopping Center has been turned over from owner to owner, and Atlantic Realty is its seventh owner since 1986, according to city records.

But Funk said he is anxious to see the project begin due to the number of vacancies in the shopping center.

"I definitely see this project being approved by the City Council," Funk said. "It has been sold so many times, but now we

have an owner who really cares about the community and uplifting the property."

Junior Kathleen Deporter said she is disappointed with the removal of the bowling alley.

"I love going bowling on

**"We have an owner who really cares about the community and uplifting the property."**

**-Vance A. Funk III,  
Newark Mayor**

Wednesdays for student night and many student organizations have fundraisers and mixers there," Deporter said. "It will be sad to see it go."

Junior Denise Meikle said she thinks it will have some impact on

university students.

"It is a good location for an apartment complex," Meikle said. "As for the bowling alley being removed, it will definitely hinder some students that are looking for an alternative night out."

Funk said it was a victory for the community to save Newark Cinema Center 3 located in the shopping center as the original proposal called for its removal. The movie theatre will undergo major renovations to be more attractive for costumers, he said.

"We really need to bring more retail into the shopping center," Funk said. "Downtown Newark has an overwhelming amount of restaurants. We need to bring in more foot traffic."

Junior Corinne Kustek said she would also like to see more retail in the shopping center and towards the end of East Main Street.

"Main Street, to students, ends once it reaches North or South Chapel," Kustek said. "Adding better shops and giving the shopping center the renovation that it needs will continue foot traffic even further along Main Street."

## Newark amps up recycling efforts

BY JELLIRICA TAN  
Staff Reporter

Beginning Jan. 1, Delaware implemented the universal recycling law passed by state legislators in 2010. According to Mayor Vance A. Funk III, the law requires all apartment complexes and multi-family residences to place recycling dumpsters in their developments to be accessed by tenants.

Funk said the goal for Newark is to have the city recycle 40 percent of its trash.

The Public Works Department will be responsible for enforcing

this regulation. Apartment complexes that do not abide by this law will face warnings, followed by fines, Funk said.

Darinda Cesario, a manager of the Apartments at Pine Brook, said the apartment complexes always had recycling bins and residents participated in recycling programs before the law was enforced. Cesario said she worked actively with the city on the issue of universal recycling and she did not expect to see such a large improvement.

"I was surprised to see how many residents responded to the law and utilize the recycling

services," Cesario said.

According to a press release from the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, recycling services will now be available to all Delaware residents and commercial businesses and institutions.

To help state businesses and institutions comply with the Jan. 1, 2014 deadline for the universal recycling law, DNREC will hold a series of informational workshops in February throughout the state, according to the DNREC.

Funk said he would like to see an active implementation of the law. He said he believes the university strongly impacts maintaining a clean environment in Newark and the university should encourage its incoming freshmen to recycle and educate the students about the benefits of recycling, Funk said.

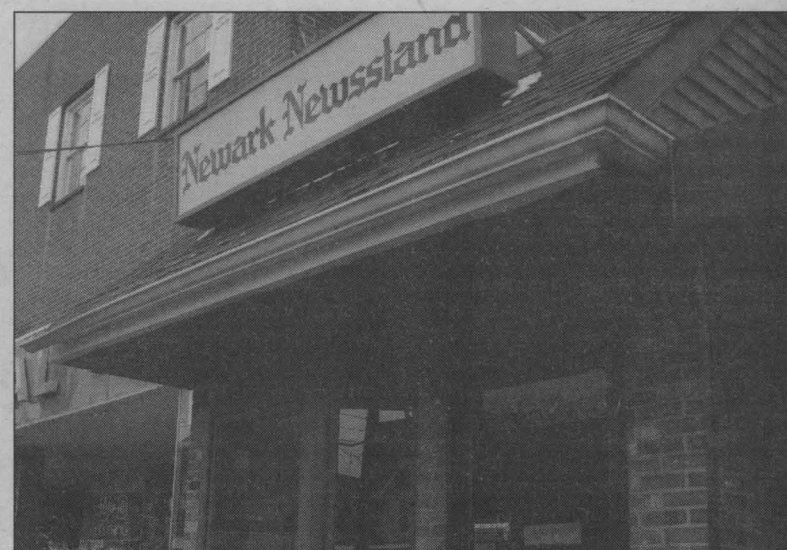
Senior Victoria Black said she hopes to see recycling improve in the city. Black said she is educated about the benefits of recycling and she strongly believes there will be a visible recycling improvement in Newark.

"It is a good thing that the recycling bins are being provided because there is more incentive to recycle," Black said.

This universal recycling law is expected to show a great outcome, Funk said, and the city is looking forward to achieving its goal.

Senior Nicholas Dowse said he thinks recycling is sometimes an inconvenience if recycling bins are out of the way. Dowse said he hopes that improving recycling accessibility would benefit the environment and city.

"It could be a good idea to put recycling bins right next to trash cans on the streets," Dowse said.



THE REVIEW/Emma Rando

Newark Newsstand sold rare hunting, fashion and business magazines.

## Newark Newsstand closes after 75 years

BY KELIA SCOTT  
Staff Reporter

Students and community members alike remember the Newark Newsstand, a Main Street fixture for over 75 years, which closed its doors for good in January.

The Newsstand was a small store sandwiched between the only older store on Main Street, the National 5 & 10, and Indian Sizzler Restaurant. It sold over 5,000 magazines and had a wide selection of newspapers, as well as various tobacco products and light snacks.

Bacchu Patel and his family were the most recent of four sets of owners throughout the Newsstand's existence. He said he has heard from some upset former customers who are having a hard time finding the titles once offered by the Newsstand.

He said big stores like Borders would refer customers to him when they were looking for a magazine not carried by the larger chain stores. The Newsstand carried hunting magazines, business magazines, fashion magazines and almost every other kind of publication available, Patel said.

"We were the biggest magazine store in the state of Delaware," Patel said. "We specialized in every magazine in every sector."

Patel said he saw a lot of students who would come in looking for things related to their coursework, like fashion students coming in to find issues of Nylon and other fashion publications.

Mayor Vance A. Funk III said he began going to the store in 1959 and has bought a lot of newspapers and magazines there throughout the years.

"That was the place where you went and bought blue books for exams," Funk said. "They had the best prices on them."

Junior Christopher Moukarzel went to the shop to buy Benson & Hedges cigarettes, a rare brand in the United States. Moukarzel said he remembers the kindness of the owners and he does not think there will be another type of store that can satisfy the needs of Newark like the Newsstand did.

"I remember the nice lady offering me coffee that she did not want on a particularly cold morning,"

Moukarzel said. "That kind of generosity is rare in the retail world these days."

Funk also said he remembers the caring ways of the owners and thinks that is what made the store really special. The mayor picks up trash every Sunday morning on Main Street and recalled that the owner would bring him bottles of water on hot days, Funk said.

Patel said he did not think the opening of the larger Barnes & Noble across the street slowed business. Funk said the Newsstand opened much earlier in the day than the bookstore.

"People who like to read papers don't like to wait until 10 a.m.," Funk said.

Patel said lost business to Internet sales was a big factor in the store's closing. The Newsstand used to sell 300 issues of The New York Times a day, and were recently selling just 30 issues, he said.

He said everyone can get news online now. The shop also used to sell a lot of maps and atlases, but Patel said he noticed a decline in their popularity as many cars and phones are now GPS enabled.

While walking around town, Funk said he has noticed that the number of papers bundled outside waiting to be picked up in the mornings has significantly decreased. He said many other newsstands have failed recently.

"It's just the way the world is changing, people don't buy magazines and newspapers like they used to," he said.

Funk said he doesn't think the owners will have any trouble filling the empty store, especially because most people who approach him to rent retail space are looking for smaller storefronts. The space is currently being renovated and Patel said that the retail store "Clothes in the Past Lane" is interested in relocating to the spot where the Newsstand used to be.

Senior Michael Schmitt said he visited the store a few times and thinks it's closing will take away a piece of the character and landscape of Newark.

"It wasn't commercialized," Schmitt said. "The Newsstand was part of that character and by shutting it down we're losing a bit of what made Newark Newark."



THE REVIEW/Sara Pfeifer

The goal for Newark is to have the city recycle 40 percent of its trash.



# Social media alters study abroad experiences

BY KELLY MCKENNA  
Staff Reporter

With the rising use of smartphones and Wi-Fi, students studying abroad use Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Tumblr over winter session to share their international experiences.

The university encouraged students to stay connected through social media by appointing student ambassadors for each trip that tweet and share Instagram photos for their programs and create contests based on the pictures.

Elizabeth Adams, communications coordinator for the Institute of Global Studies, said students enjoy sharing their

experiences on social media.

"The students all have different opportunities offered from the 50 plus programs offered at UD through IGS, and any way they can share their experience is great for UD," Adams said. "It not only promotes the university and our study abroad programs, but opportunities for students everywhere."

The university strongly promotes their winter study abroad programs because few other universities offer five-week programs to study with faculty in exotic locales, Adams said.

The Office of Communications and Marketing chooses the student ambassadors for each study abroad

trip, while the IGS gives some study abroad scholarships that require students to share their photos and experiences with the department.

Junior Ashley Paulos studied abroad in Italy during winter session and used a special twitter account, @BlueHenAshleyP, to tweet about her time abroad and regularly used the hashtag, "#UDabroad," which enabled students to search for other tweets that students posted from abroad.

The Institute of Global Studies also runs a contest each year to find the best study abroad picture, and this year they added videos to the contest.

"We get epic, phenomenal pictures each year," Adams said.

Last year's winning photo depicted a student on the coast of the southern tip of South America staring at a penguin. Adams said the contest's photos put the idea of studying abroad into more students' heads.

Other students who studied abroad found it difficult to keep up with social media, such as sophomore Tara McKeon. She studied abroad in Fiji during the winter and said it wasn't easy to stay connected.

"We had to buy wifi pretty much everywhere we went," McKeon said. "Many people would split the cost for a day and trade off using it. That was the only way we stay connected."

Junior Erica Firestone studied abroad in Vietnam and Cambodia during winter and had a similar experience.

"It wasn't entirely easy to stay connected all the time," Firestone said. "The Internet was always on and off and made the chances less likely that I would get in touch with someone back home. I made it work, though, and stayed connected almost every day."

McKeon said she enjoyed following other students who posted their study abroad experiences on social media.

"It makes me want to go on more trips and post my own pictures so people could see what our time was like," McKeon said.

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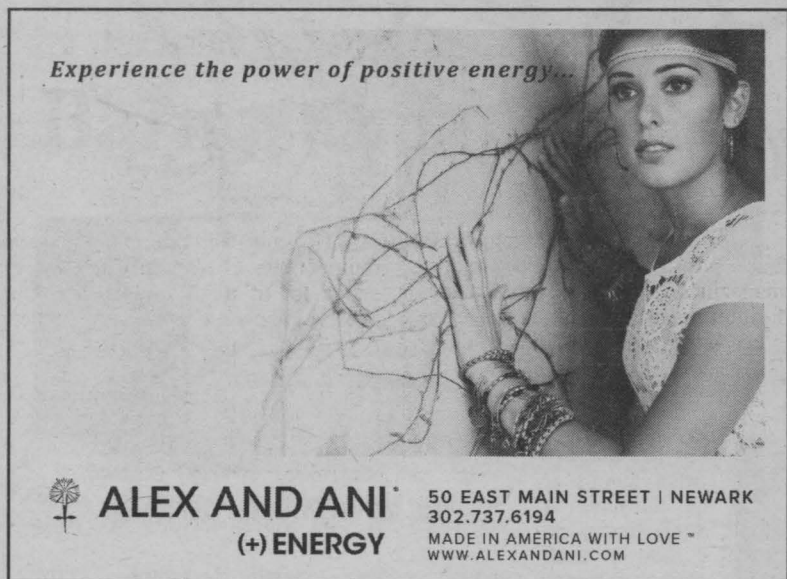
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## Students, faculty celebrate 90th study abroad program anniversary

BY SARAH COONIN  
Staff Reporter

As students arrived home from winter session abroad, faculty at the university celebrated the 90th anniversary of the inception of the study abroad program, the first in the nation.

Lisa Chieffo, associate director of the university's Institute for Global Studies, said the university was the first in the nation to conduct study abroad programs. Professor Raymond Kirkbride led a class of eight male juniors on the first trip to France in 1923, she said. Studying abroad was unheard of in the '20s, but students today are exposed to travel at an earlier age and at lower costs than ever before, Chieffo said.

"When I talk to the freshmen and ask who has been out of the country, all these hands go up," Chieffo said. "Well, that wasn't the case 20 years ago and now it's a commonality."

The initial program was a success, according to Chieffo, until World War II. The program was halted for several years after the war ended.

Winter session study abroad opportunities started up again as "winterim" in the '70s and the number of destinations offered at the university grew in the '90s, Chieffo said.

Sophomore Kristen Mellin said her winter session trip to London with the criminal justice program changed her plans for the future.

"I could easily see myself moving to Europe," Mellin said. "I did so many interesting things and I also got to travel to Paris and Berlin on our long weekends."

From 1997 to 2007, the amount of students who have studied abroad has doubled, Chieffo said. She said the increase is due to the information revolution and the effect its had on the communication of information about the study abroad programs.

Junior Meghan Phillips, who spent winter session in Australia, said the university's study abroad program was a critical factor when she finalized her college decision. When she applied to colleges her senior year of high school, she favored the university because of the study abroad program's reputation, she said.

"That is the whole reason I picked to come here," Phillips said. "Advertising for study abroad is such a big part of a school and I think so many

kids who are going to college look for that."

There are currently 50 study abroad options during winter session, Chieffo said. Consistent positive feedback for the trips keeps the programs alive each winter, she said.

Chieffo said she gathers student input from each trip through online evaluation forms. She uses the forms to determine how students have changed from their experiences depending on where they studied abroad, she said.

Students are not only gaining exposure to different cultures, but are learning how to live independently, how to interact well with others and how to adapt to different environments, Chieffo said. Studying abroad allows students to learn to think critically about their own culture, as well as the way they shape their community, she said.

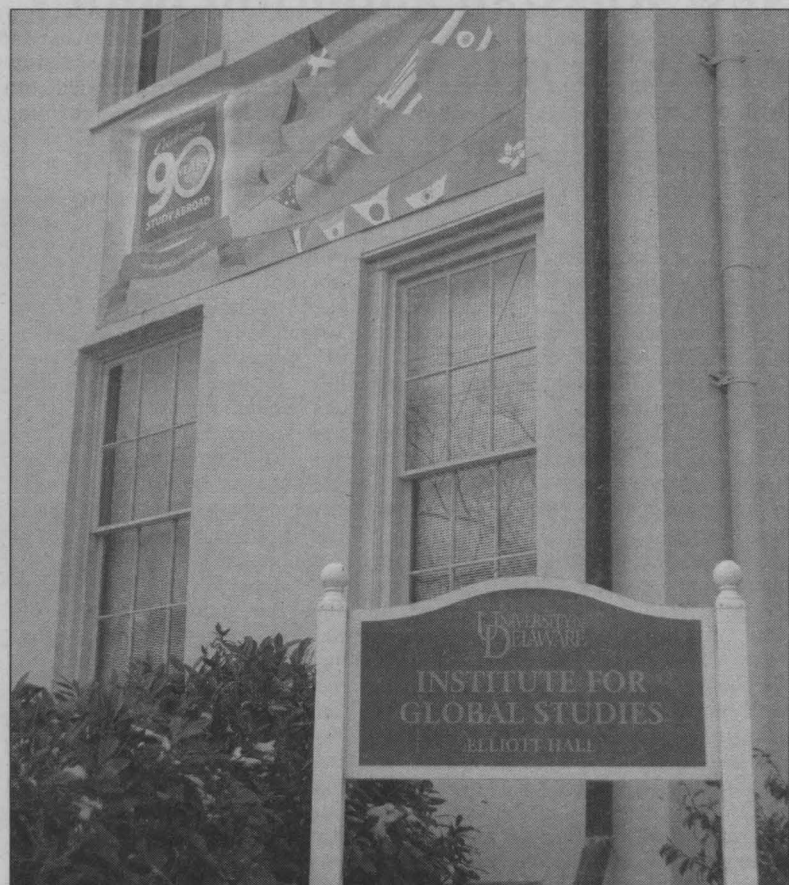
"They can now think about why they're choosing this government and

why their educational system is the way it is," Chieffo said.

To commemorate 90 years since the beginning of the program, the Institute for Global Studies is hosting traveler and writer Rick Steves, a best-selling European travel author, who will speak in Mitchell Hall on March 11 at 7:30 p.m., Chieffo said.

Senior Brynn Williams spent two semesters in Hong Kong last year and said she thinks the study abroad program would benefit from encouraging students from different study abroad experiences to educate others on the cultures of the countries they visited.

"In Hong Kong, we had 'around the world night' where each person from each country set up a booth and we had to cook something and make posters about our country," Williams said. "Something like that would be really great for an anniversary so everyone could be represented."



THE REVIEW/Emma Rando

The university's study abroad program is the oldest in the nation.



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## Small business closures in Newark spark student concern

Newark Newsstand, the second oldest store in the city signifies the demise of print media

A local print media provider and convenience store on Main Street, Newark Newsstand, was forced to permanently shut down operations this January due to a decrease in print media sales. Before closing, it had operated for over 75 years and was the second-oldest store in Newark. It is safe to say the closing of Newark Newsstand represents another disappointing piece of evidence supporting the depletion of small businesses and print media outlets in Newark.

Small businesses are a dying breed on Main Street. However, there is no denying the fact that Newark Newsstand's primary selling point, print media, had a large impact on the store's overall demise. When your main profit stream is coming from the sale of a product of a dying industry, it becomes increasingly difficult to keep your doors open for business. The combination of distributing print media and being a small,

independently operated business is sadly a death sentence in American cities and without a doubt led to the closing of Newark Newsstand.

Whether it be competition from online retailers like Amazon.com, or the increasing rivalry between the gorgeous new Barnes & Noble on Main Street, we cannot fail to point out the real losers in this situation: the small business owners and those who still rely on them to provide specific material at a reasonable price. Newark Newsstand sold hundreds of different magazine types appealing to almost every consumer interest. These people are now forced to turn to bigger companies who cater to a broad audience and are likely to pay more for their specific needs. Print media is becoming scarcer by the day as consumers are forced to search for print media outlets. We are all affected by the slow but inevitable extinction of small businesses and the issue need not be taken lightly.

## New Russian adoption policy unfair to innocent children

Valdimir Putin plans to blockade Russian orphans from finding a new life in the U.S.

This December, Russian President Vladimir V. Putin signed legislation banning the adoption of Russian orphans by American families. The bill not only ensures the future discontinuation of adoption to the U.S. but also nullifies any current adoptions being processed. That means hundreds of Russian orphans promised a new life are being stripped of their contracts guaranteeing them adoption.

Given the historically spotty relationship between the U.S. and Russia, political tensions have been currently on the rise due to disagreements over the conflict in Syria and the recent Maginsky Act, a bill blocking Russians accused of violating certain human rights from traveling to the U.S. Putin is using the adoption legislation as a means of punishment to the American government. However, he seems to be forgetting whom the bill directly harms: innocent Russian children.

Putin's blatant disregard for

the welfare of his own citizens is has not only outraged Americans but also Russian political activists who began protesting the legislation almost immediately. Putin cites multiple examples of Russian orphans being mistreated in the U.S. as evidence supporting his decision. However, he fails to realize the small sample he refers to is not reflective of the greater population.

Let's not forget the greater issue here, which is how international political tension is negatively affecting the innocent people of Russia. Why put children in the middle? Foreign policy should be designed around fostering a safer environment for one's constituents, not blockading them from finding a better life. This particular piece of Russian legislation is directly harming orphans who have committed no crime and it does not take a genius to realize it. Putin's actions are irresponsible, naive and immature and need to be reexamined.

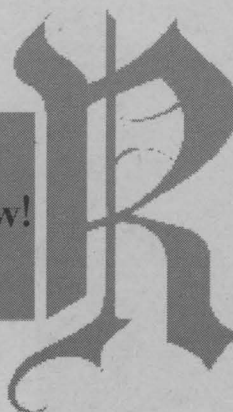
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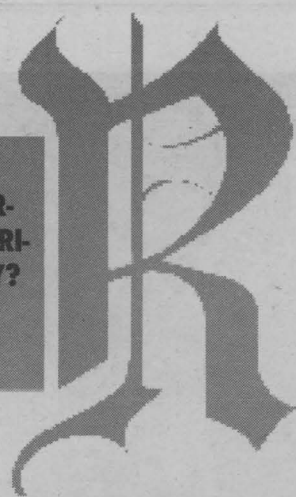
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# Opinion

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## First year experience class needs major reform



Paige Carney

Copy Editor

*The university needs to take students' interests into consideration when placing freshman into their FYE class.*

The university offers so many resources to its students including a diverse array of clubs, classes and activities. Given the increasingly large number of students on campus, all with different interests and opinions, it is almost impossible not to find your place. But when a student gets pigeonholed in a small community, say, a First Year Experience class, it is crucial the pigeonhole is an adequate representation of the school as a whole, not just a small faction of it.

Shortly after enrolling in the university, I received a letter urging me to read a book on the history behind the HeLa cell, a cell type used for cancer treatment research. I was to read the books so I would have a foundation for conversation in my FYE class.

I am an avid book and science lover so I was excited to be in a class that discussed both of these

topics for almost an hour. You can only imagine my disappointment when I realized none of my classmates read the book.

Then, you can further imagine my disappointment when I realized some of my classmates had never read any books. When we discussed study habits my classmates treated me like an alien for studying more than one hour a day. I soon began to feel like no one in the whole state of Delaware studied like I did or took their education seriously. I thought I made a mistake even applying here. I felt lost in a small class that was supposed to teach me how to find myself in a large school.

While this was happening I began having trouble with my living situation on campus. Unfortunately, word began to travel about the issues I was having and during my next FYE class the exaggerated details of my situation were shared and dissected by not only my classmates, but my instructor as well. They did not know the girl in their crazy story was sitting in class with them. Instead of working together to understand and suggest ways around this problem, my difficult situation was made out to be a fable featuring fantasized and one-dimensional characters. The whole discussion became a joke instead of an exercise in problem solving.

Needless to say, this class did not become a small community for me. It did not help me become a successful adult, and it certainly did not prepare me for everything this university

has to offer. The class made me feel like caring about school made me unusual somehow. I could not contribute anything my classmates felt was meaningful or important because our priorities were so different. Mostly though, I was disappointed in myself because I could not find one person in 30 that understood my thoughts and opinions. Logic dictates that a sample that small of a school so large might not be accurate, but when you are in that class of 30 it is really difficult to think logically.

Out of fear of rejection, I began to withdraw from people in my other classes as well. But overtime I learned that there are people at this university who share my values and ideals. I realized the university had so much more to offer its students than what was what presented to us in FYE and I was in fact an avid lover of my school as well. However I should not have had to make that realization in spite of my FYE class, but rather in conjunction to it.

In theory, the FYE class is an excellent idea. It's a class that teaches you how to be a well-rounded college student, but also teaches that a class that touches upon even the most personal aspects of college needs to have at least an adequate amount of like-minded people to foster the small community it desires. Different perspectives are obviously important, but having the minority opinion in a large loud group makes it easy to feel isolated.

This is why I propose a change to the FYE

system. Maybe students could take a personality test similar to the roommate assessment to assure there would be a sufficient amount of common and differing opinions. This would help guarantee a positive experience and a way to actually build relationships instead of putting up barriers to them. Volunteering opinions would be easier and would also guarantee a more diverse opinion pool. Placing students together with similar class schedules would be beneficial to the student bonding, a crucial element in creating a subset community.

While most students just found FYE to be a big waste of time, often assigning inappropriate meaning to the FYE acronym, I found it to be eye opening in a way I had not expected. It portrayed the university in a light completely different than I had ever seen it before. To me, a very shy, reserved student, it made my school seem scary and uninviting. But looking back, while I'm grateful UD can be so many things to so many different people, I cannot believe I allowed that one class to totally color my first impressions of an entire university.

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## Barnes & Noble hastily closes one third of its stores



Rosie Brinckerhoff

Guest Columnist

*Students need to understand the importance of physical bookstores and not take them for granted before they all disappear.*

My dearest Barnes & Noble,

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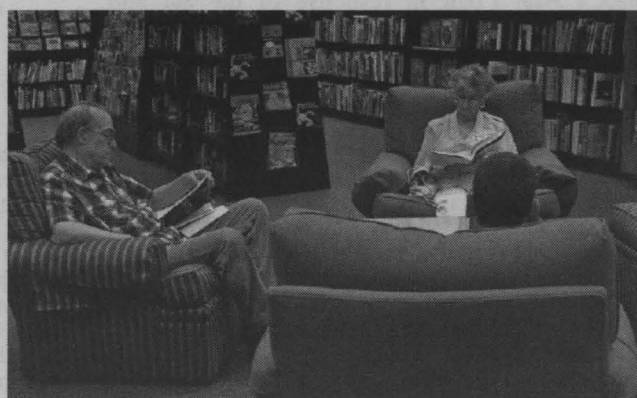
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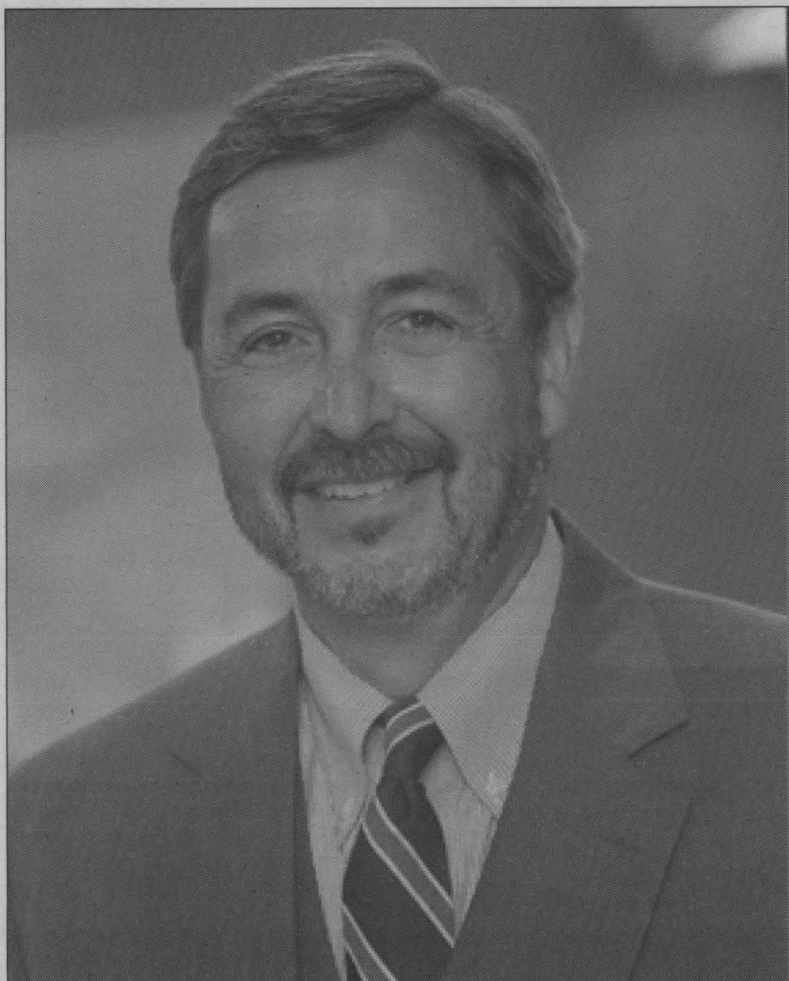
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Courtesy of the University of Delaware

Grasso has a background in engineering and is the editor-in-chief of the journal, "Environmental Engineering Science."

## University ushers in new provost, Domenico Grasso

BY BO BARTLEY  
Managing News Editor

Concluding a confidential search that began in July, university President Patrick Harker named Domenico Grasso the next provost of the university on Jan. 30. The Vice President for Research and Dean of the Graduate College of the University of Vermont will take over the top academic position on Aug. 15.

Grasso has a background in engineering and is the editor-in-chief of the journal "Environmental Engineering Science," but he hopes to improve the whole of the university's academic landscape.

"I think engineering is an important part of Delaware and of the nation in terms of the success of our economy, but I think that Delaware has many strong programs," Grasso said. "I would like to be able to say that we're going to be working on all the programs at Delaware and making the university truly great across all of the disciplines."

Nancy Brickhouse has been serving as the interim provost since Tom Apple left the position in June to become chancellor at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. A group of 18 members of the university community formed a committee that worked with executive search consulting firm Spencer Stuart in a closed search to present a short list of candidates to Harker.

While at the University of Vermont, Grasso was integral in instituting a "transdisciplinary research initiative," or fields of research that combined the work of related programs in order to conduct premier research in specific areas, called "spires of excellence."

Grasso said his first impressions of the university were "very positive," and he is excited to start working with the staff, faculty and students. The facilities and campus in general were also appealing, he said.

"I think Delaware is a hidden gem," Grasso said. "I don't think it has garnered the recognition that it deserves, and I think that one of the things I want to do is work with President Harker to make sure that it not only garners that recognition but it moves to the level of the great universities of the world and being recognized for that."

**"I think Delaware is a hidden gem."**

**-Domenico Grasso, Incoming Provost**

The university is already considered a "public ivy," he said, but the key is to get the word out. Grasso said there is still a lot of untapped potential at the university that he hopes to use.

While he has a few months before he comes to the university for good, Grasso said he has begun familiarizing himself with the faculty.

"I am already communicating with people on a daily basis, and I am planning multiple trips down before my start date to really get involved," Grasso said.



Courtesy of slate.com

Americans have adopted more than 30,000 Russian children in the last decade, according to the U.S. Department of State.

## Vladimir Putin's anti-American bill affects inter-country relations, Russian children

BY ALLISON KANE  
Staff Reporter

Last month, Russian President Vladimir Putin signed a bill that bans American citizens from adopting Russian children. This bill leaves pending adoptions in limbo and is a critical point in the ongoing political tension between the United States and Russia, according to the Associated Press.

Russian lawmakers drafted the bill two weeks after President Barack Obama signed the Magnitsky Act, a law that condemns Russian citizens accused of violating human rights. The act denies visas to visit the United States and the right to own real estate there to alleged human rights violators, according to a statement made by the White House Press Secretary.

Professor of Russian language and literature Natallia Cherashneva said the Russian government passed the adoption ban in response to the act and criticizes the U.S. government for its own human rights violations, citing cases of Russian adoptions that have ended badly as evidence.

In 2010, a woman sent her adopted son back to Russia alone on a plane with a note indicating that he had behavioral problems and she no longer wanted to adopt him, Cherashneva said.

Some Russian lawmakers are unofficially calling the adoption ban the Dima Yakovlev Bill, after the 21-month-old Russian boy who died when his adoptive father left him in an unattended car for several hours in 2008, she said.

Cherashneva, who was formerly an exchange student from Belarus, said while she believes the Magnitsky Act was somewhat hypocritical, Russia's response was much worse.

"When America passed the Magnitsky Act, they were trying to hurt the Russian

side," Cherashneva said. "But when Russia was trying to respond to this act, they were hurting themselves."

She said although the ban affects a small number of Americans, it is detrimental to thousands of Russian orphans, as Americans have adopted more than 30,000 Russian children in the last decade, according to a press release from the U.S.

**"I don't think it's because of the kids. Most American adoptions of Russia children go really well. It's just an excuse."**

**-Kara Martin, senior**

Department of State.

Senior Kara Martin said she sympathizes with the families whose adoptions are in jeopardy. Martin is one-eighth Russian and said she had wanted to adopt a Russian child at some point in the future. She said she is skeptical that the Russian government's concern about child safety was the primary reason for the ban.

"I don't think it's because of the kids," Martin said. "Most American adoptions of Russian children go really well. It's just an excuse."

Martin said her Russian ancestry inspired her to minor in Russian and become the president of Russian Club. She said although she has spent a significant amount

of time learning about Russian history, she is unsure how the ban will affect Putin's political goals.

"I'm not really sure what Putin is doing," Martin said. "He's on a dictator track right now and that really worries me."

Cherashneva said not all Russians are in favor of the ban, either. She said thousands of Russian citizens marched through Moscow in a mass protest on Jan. 13 and protesters have been calling for an end to Putin's 12-year presidency. Cherashneva said the adoption law has garnered a significant amount of attention from Russians and Americans alike.

"I read news every day from Russian journals, and it sparked a lot of debates all over the media," Cherashneva said. "This thing was a huge discussion."

While the Russian government has said that it will take measures to encourage more adoptions within Russia and improve its orphanages, Cherashneva said many protesters see the ban as victimizing children for political gain.

Sophomore political science and Russian double major Dylan Lecce said he believes the Russian orphans are an innocent party caught up in a political game.

"There's been sort of a macho game back and forth between the Americans and Russian federation," Lecce said. "It's unfortunate when people get caught up in the game of politics and they're affected by it."

Despite the political tension, Lecce said he believes the United States and Russia can repair their relationship.

Cherashneva said she believes the next step in the issue will depend on action by the United States.

"What's going to be the U.S.'s response to this response?" Cherashneva said. "That's probably the key."





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# "American Idol" highlights fights, not talent

BY KATIE ALTERI

Entertainment Editor

"It's more about the judges, it's not about the people singing," sophomore Lisa Kieffer says. "It's really unfair to the people on the show, this is how they launch their career."

Three new celebrity judges were introduced on the twelfth season of "American Idol," but the focus put on the feud between two of them is already causing mixed reviews.

Before the premiere on Jan. 16, reports surfaced that two of the new judges, Mariah Carey and Nicki Minaj, had numerous disputes during the show's auditions. In an interview with Barbara Walters, Carey claimed that Minaj threatened her during the North Carolina auditions, which caused her to hire a larger security staff. Minaj responded to these claims on her Twitter account, stating, "Let's just say nicki said smthn about a gun. Ppl will believe it cuz she's a black rapper. Lmao. I'll then hit up Barbara n milk it."

So far, the show has featured numerous bickering moments between Carey and Minaj, including debates on the name of a "Mean Girls" character, name-calling, eye rolling and arguments over contestants' talents. The attention given to the stars' quarrels is being assessed by some TV-watchers as a distraction from the show's purpose, the singing competition.

Freshman Melissa Hollander, a singer, says she began watching the show for the singing competition, not the celebrity judges. She says the show has strayed from its original purpose, which was to give aspiring singers the opportunity to acquire fame.

"It was first and foremost supposed to be about good talent, taking good singers and making them

famous," Hollander says. "It's a bit unnecessary to just show the judges bickering all the time. They are just trying to make it into a typical reality show because that's the fad right now."

Sophomore Craig Chatterton says that the show should give more attention to the contestants, but that it has always given the judges' more airtime.

"They have always had this focus on the judges' antics," Chatterton says. "They used to always show Simon's conflicts with people."

While some students express concerns that the disagreements between the judges are taking away the attention from the contestants, it is also being assessed as a ploy for more ratings, although the season premiere's ratings decreased by 19 percent from season 11.

Matthew Donahue, a professor in the department of popular culture at Bowling Green State University, says this season seems to be different from previous years, with the judges' feuds taking over the limelight. He notes that producers could be using this to inspire viewers to tune in and see the arguments for themselves.

"It really is something new," Donahue says. "I've watched American Idol every season, so this particular season is interesting because there is such a focus in on the judges and their feud, which again is basically a way to drum up interest in the show."

Donahue says he believes that there has always been viewer interest in the judges, and that this is just one of several ways to bring in viewers. "American Idol" also feature people who cannot sing during auditions, which is demeaning, he says.

Nicholas Conway, a professor at University at Albany, says he is unsure

if the feud between Carey and Minaj is real. The two artists collaborated on a song titled "Up Out My Face" in 2010.

"My instinct is that there was some sort of spat, but the media and the show itself chose to run with it and blow it out of proportion," Conway says. "The media does it as sensational journalism."

Janell Hobson, a Women's Studies professor at the University at Albany, has studied "American Idol" and written about it in her book, "Body as Evidence: Mediating Race, Globalizing Gender." She says the fights could simply be dramatized for the reality television aspect of the show, and also says that it feeds into stereotypes.

"When you think about how women are represented in reality television, whether it is mob wives, basketball wives, or other reality television shows, cat fights have been a staple of trashy reality shows," Hobson says. "The show [American Idol] may have looked at it as a way to get some attention."

Hobson says despite the possible capitalization of their cat-fights, she still believes audiences tune in to watch the contestants.

Conway, who teaches a course on hip-hop music in culture, says although the stars may be receiving criticism for their feud, it may be beneficial for their music careers.

"With Mariah Carey, I've heard a lot more about her recently because of this feud than for anything else, and I think that reminds people 'oh yeah, she sings,'" Conway says. "I think it will definitely help Nicki Minaj. Right or wrong, hip-hop is kind of based on street cred and having a beef with Mariah Carey will give her more street cred."

Kieffer says "American Idol" is the musical version of "Project Runway", which she says does a good job

ers' intentions may be to gain viewers, Kieffer says Carey and Minaj's bickering has deterred her from watching the



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**Catfights between Mariah Carey and Nicki Minaj on "American Idol" draw the attention away from aspiring singers and play into negative stereotypes**

of featuring celebrity judges, without giving them all of the attention.

"The good thing is that people don't seem to watch it for Heidi Klum and Michael Kors, they watch it to see designers because the focus is on them," Kieffer says.

Chatterton says he watched the most recent season of "The X-Factor" and he noticed more of a focus on the contestants and the competition than the judges, in comparison to "American Idol."

Hobson says she is more concerned with how the show's voting methods and talent will be different this year, as opposed to the celebrity judges. She says this will not be enough to get viewers excited about the show.

While "American Idol's" produc-

show. She says although both musicians are talented, the arguing reflects negatively on them.

Hollander says the stars' "diva" qualities have partially discouraged her from watching the show this season, but that she primarily does not watch it because she says she feels the talent is not anything she hasn't seen in previous seasons.

While the star power of the judges' may be the main reason for gaining viewership at the beginning, Donahue says it is possible that eventually the contestants could be the reason.

"Maybe the hope is later one of the singers will catch the public's attention and then people will tune in not only for the judges but also for the singers," he says.

## Popularity of banjos rises in mainstream music

BY MONIKA CHAWLA

Staff Reporter

As we hear its strumming as the centerpiece in many indie-rock bands, the banjo is becoming more prevalent due to the success of the rising folk rock scene. Though recent bands like Mumford & Sons, the Avett Brothers and Trampled by Turtles deliver banjo performances in their songs, musicians have long been using the banjo for its ability to adhere to various genres of music.

Junior Jess Applebaum says she first heard the banjo when she saw the bluegrass band Ricky Boen and Texas Mud perform in Branson, Miss. She was immediately fascinated by its sound, she says, and her grandparents soon after purchased a banjo for her birthday.

Applebaum, who has played the banjo since she was 16, says because the presents certain challenges because it is different from other instruments. However, she says it is this quality that keeps her strumming.

"It sets me apart from a lot of other musicians who stick to the typical acoustic guitar and drum set," Applebaum says.

While the banjo and guitar are similar in structure, Delaware-based performer Chris Braddock says the banjo offers a sound the guitar cannot.

"Compared to the guitar, there is virtually no sustain," Braddock says. "So you pick a note and it

gives you a tremendously percussive attack, but then it's just gone. So that influences what you play on it, even though the basic techniques are the same."

A university graduate, Braddock began playing the banjo in 1999 when he joined the Tidewater Brassband, a New Orleans-style jazz group, he says. He now teaches classroom courses, directs student ensembles and offers private lessons through the Music School of Delaware, where he teaches guitar and banjo.

However, Braddock says he does not play the five-string banjo that is usually associated with jazz music. Rather, he plays the plectrum banjo, a four-string instrument that is played with a pick and tuned in a similar fashion to the guitar.

Using the plectrum banjo, Braddock plays a jazz style often called Dixieland—the earliest form of jazz, he says. Acting as a part of the rhythm section along with the tuba and drums, the plectrum banjo is as an essential part of the Dixieland sound, Braddock says.

"The music has a swirling, contrapuntal flavor," he says.

As far as the reemergence of the banjo in mainstream music, Braddock says it began before the release of Mumford & Sons' first album, "Sigh No More," which was completed in 2009. Rather, it began in the early 2000s when Dolly Parton released the album "The Grass is Blue," a country album that dif-

fered from other albums of its genre primarily because of its increased emphasis on the banjo. Around the same time, the film "O Brother, Where Art Thou" was released, and Braddock says its soundtrack helped launch the banjo back into mainstream music.

Sophomore Phillip Chinitz, host of 'Phil's Jam Sesh' Thursdays

**"It sets me apart from a lot of other musicians."**

*-Jess Applebaum, junior*

on WVUD says he has noticed an increase of requests for folk rock songs, often featuring the banjo, during his show.

"Mumford & Sons is one of those big bands that popularized the idea of playing the banjo," he says. "People started to notice and said, 'I really like how that sounds.'"

Though Braddock says the banjo has a key role in jazz music, he says it acts best as part of an ensemble rather than a solo instrument. Paired with other traditional folk instrument such as the mandolin, Braddock says the sound produced by the banjo can be excellent.

"It's as if they were all invented to play together," he says.



THE REVIEW/Amelia Wang

**Banjoes are a main feature of many popular folk bands**



# sights and sounds

## "Silver Linings Playbook"

★★★★★  
(out of ★★★★★)



Courtesy of The Weinstein Company

A true "dramady," Silver Linings Playbook is a testimony that everyone is just a little bit crazy. The movie begins with Pat (Bradley Cooper) being released from a mental health facility and feeling determined to turn his life around and win back his estranged wife, who has filed a restraining order against him. Surrounded by his eccentric, Philadelphia Eagles obsessed father (Robert De Niro), and concerned mother (Jacki Weaver), Pat tries to regain control of his life.

Then Tiffany (Jennifer Lawrence), a 20-something, loud-mouthed widow, enters. When Tiffany offers to deliver a letter to Pat's estranged wife, in exchange that he practice and participate in a dance contest with her, their dysfunctional friendship is put to the test.

Throughout the film, the viewer is confused as to if Pat and Tiffany have overwhelming chemistry, or if their separate

issues could be the perfect storm for a disastrous friendship. It was equally perplexing to examine those around Pat handled him. Though Pat is clearly not the only character with some sort of neuroses or issue, everyone is trying to "fix" him.

The film's biggest strength can be found in knockout acting performances by the entire main cast. Cooper, Lawrence, De Niro and Weaver certainly earn the numerous accolades they have received thus far in award season. Each delivers flawless comedic timing, intermixed with their heart-wrenching performances of individuals struggling to get by, or in De Niro's case, yearning to see the Eagles beat the Dallas Cowboys.

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## "Gangster Squad"

★★★☆☆  
(out of ★★★★★)

Ruben Fleischer's "Gangster Squad" certainly had a lot of potential. Packed with an incredible cast (Sean Penn, Emma Stone, Ryan Gosling and Josh Brolin, to name a few), the film tells the loosely historical story of the downfall of famous gangster Mickey Cohen, set against a gorgeous 1940s Los Angeles with all its neo-noir glory.

Unfortunately, the charm ends there. The story progresses in a tired linear manner, which drags on for too long with no meaningful scenes. The lackluster plot is only worsened by the cookie-cutter characters. With the exception of Gosling and Stone's relationship, which had definite chemistry, there was a clear lack of character development. As a result, the meaningless



Courtesy of Warner Brothers Pictures

and overdrawn climax almost became a parody.

From a technical standpoint, the film is incredibly well made. If one can overlook the dull story, it somewhat makes up for its shortcomings by featuring outstanding cinematography and exceptional costume design. The atmosphere is perfect, and it certainly merits a viewing by fans of gangster flicks or film noir. One can only wonder how great this film could have been had Fleischer spent a little less time trying to unsuccessfully copy "L.A. Confidential" and "The Untouchables" and put a little more effort into developing better characters to place into his wonderful vision of Los Angeles.

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Peter Jackson's film adaptation of "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy is widely acknowledged as one of the best book adaptations filmed, and all three movies received substantial accolades on their own. With "The Hobbit," Peter Jackson has once again made an expansive, sprawling film with an epic scope, similar in many ways to the original trilogy.

Rather than wondering how this resembles the original trilogy, it would probably be more fitting to ask how is this movie not like "Rings" trilogy? Jackson seems to have figured out a formula that works, with costumes, acting, score and cinematography, which all meet the high standards set by his earlier films. Special attention has clearly been paid to the design of the film's 13 dwarf characters, each with immediately identifiable physical characteristics and relatable. The cinematography mirrors protagonist Bilbo Baggins's awe at discovering the wide world around him, by including many sweeping, wide-angle shots, many of which pay homage to similar scenes in "The Lord of the Rings".

Martin Freeman's performance as Bilbo Baggins is com-

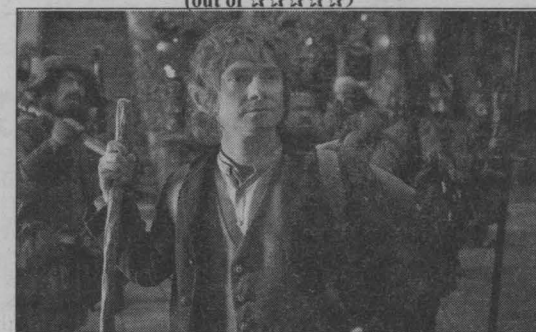
mendable and seems to fit well with his ability to portray solid, sensible characters forced out of their comfort zone by unusual circumstances. The major differences of "The Hobbit" are in the 3D format, a heavy reliance on computer-generated special effects and the expanded scope of the original book. The first two, especially, give the movie a bit of an exaggerated feel.

However, the overarching theme of the book, which is that small things (and small people) are in the end the most important, seems almost lost in some of the film's grand-scale cinematography and extended length. The pacing is leisurely but there seems to be no sense of urgency in several scenes with tangents taken from the main plot take too much time to resolve, resulting in a jarring return.

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## "The Hobbit"

★★★★★  
(out of ★★★★★)



Courtesy of The Weinstein Company



## Artist of the Week: Why?

with Jackie Feminella

If you like: Tally Hall, The Beastie Boys, El-P!

Hailing from Berkeley, Calif., Yoni Wolf, leads Why? After discovering a 4-track in his synagogue, he began to hone his poetry, rapping and drumming. He met partner Adam Drucker at the hip-hop festival Scribble Jam in Cincinnati, and together they formed an improvisational hip-hop group. Through musical experimentation and projects with friends and his brother Josiah, Wolf eventually formed Why?, an alternative hip hop group with several full-length releases to date. Other projects of theirs include "cLOUDDEAD," "Reaching Quiet" and "Hymie's Basement."

Their most recent release, "Mumps, Etc." is their most cohesive effort in my opinion. Yoni Wolf's years of rapping, free styling

and songwriting have led to a more professional, solid sound. Wolf stated himself that they've begun to stray away from a heavy hip-hop sound, which has provided a catchy blend of genres.

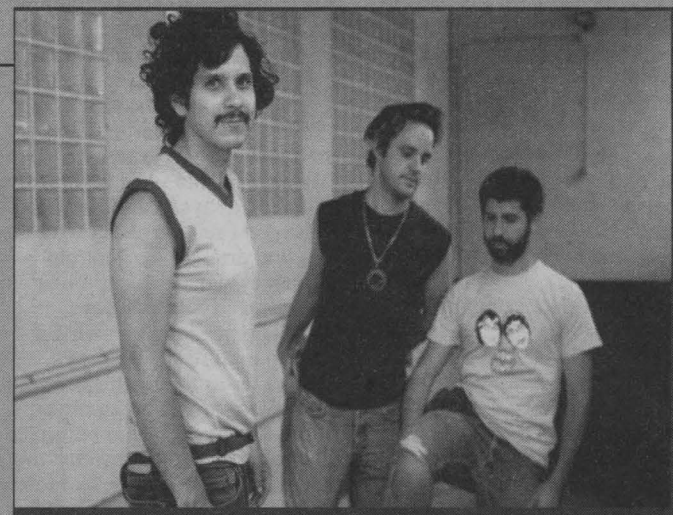
"Just another Sunday paddle boat ride on a man-made lake with another lady stranger," is just one of Wolf's indifferent views on topics like relationships. Occasionally adding personal insights like, "I don't wear rubbers and I don't wear sunscreen," Wolf's a likeable and imperfect narrator of every song. He can also be touching though, as seen on "These Few Presidents," saying, "Even though I haven't seen you in years, yours is a funeral I'd fly to from anywhere."

Sometimes rapping, sometimes

singing, sometimes wailing, Why? is blatantly unique and keeps me interested. Take a listen to their most recent releases "Alopecia" and "Mumps, Etc." first, their most recent releases. Songs that caught my interest were "Strawberries," "These Few Presidents," "Fatalist Palmistry," "Good Friday" and "Waterlines."

Why? is currently on tour and will be at the Music Hall of Williamsburg in Brooklyn on Feb. 13, Union Transfer in Philadelphia on Feb. 14 and Ottobar in Baltimore on Feb. 16.

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# Therapeutic garden helps community blossom

BY CADY ZUVICH

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Faith Kuehn kneels upon the soil, meticulously pulling, sorting and placing the withered crops into garbage bags. With the scent of parsley still lingering in the air, Kuehn, an environmental administrator at the Department of Agriculture, says she is beginning the winterization process, which prepares the garden for the upcoming months of inactivity. Despite this inactivity,

**The gardens at Delaware Psychiatric Center began in 2010 and allow community members to wind-down by planting and harvesting**

she says she will continue to brainstorm ideas for the spring, proving the therapeutic garden at Delaware Psychiatric Center is in full bloom year-round.

"For next year, I really want to have a section on edible flowers – just fun things like that," Kuehn says, environmental administrator at the Department of Agriculture.

The outdoor therapeutic garden of the Delaware Psychiatric Center was conceptualized in 2010 at the

Department of Agriculture, and it has since blossomed into a large-scale operation that allows patients, employees and community members to collectively plant, tend and harvest crops. The crops are then sold at the center's market or donated to the Food Bank of Delaware, which Kuehn says helps create a strong sense of community.

In the past two years, over a ton of produce have been grown, featuring 33 different vegetables and an array of herbs, according to Kuehn. Crops grown range from onions and peppers to cilantro and sage, which together create a palette of green, yellow and red colors. The garden also features Malabar spinach, which Kuehn says is one of her favorite crops.

This sensory nature of gardening is what makes it so successful among the patients, Kuehn says. By allowing them to touch and taste the plants, she says the patients gain more of an appreciation for what they are growing. However, she says the connection created between gardening and the patients runs deeper.

"It connects them with the real world and sort of moves their focus away from all the things that are troubling them," Kuehn says. "I think it's really rewarding for people to nurture something and yield a flower for someone to appreciate. It's a way of nurturing and appreciating – I think everyone needs that."

Horticulture therapy is only a small component of the garden, plant and soil horticulture professor Robert Lyons says. The garden, Lyons says, is multi-purpose as it also allows staff members to reap the benefits of gardening as well. By having both employees and patients collaborate, Lyons says the community garden is formed.

Community is what helped make this garden possible, Lyons says. Every year, he coordinates the Longwood Graduate Program, in which graduate students studying horticulture at the university work with local groups established in the field. In April, as part of the program's "Professional Outreach Program," the students, with guidance from Lyons, picked a service project and create blueprints to help launch the program. In 2010, the students chose to work with the state and volunteers at the Master Gardener Program to create the therapeutic garden.

Many of the concepts of the collaborative plan have been or will be assimilated in the garden, Kuehn says. For this upcoming year, Kuehn says she hopes the garden will have a universal design, which will make the garden easily accessible to those in wheelchairs.

In addition, Kuehn says she hopes the garden will continue to grow, drawing in more people by offering plots to local groups or cam-

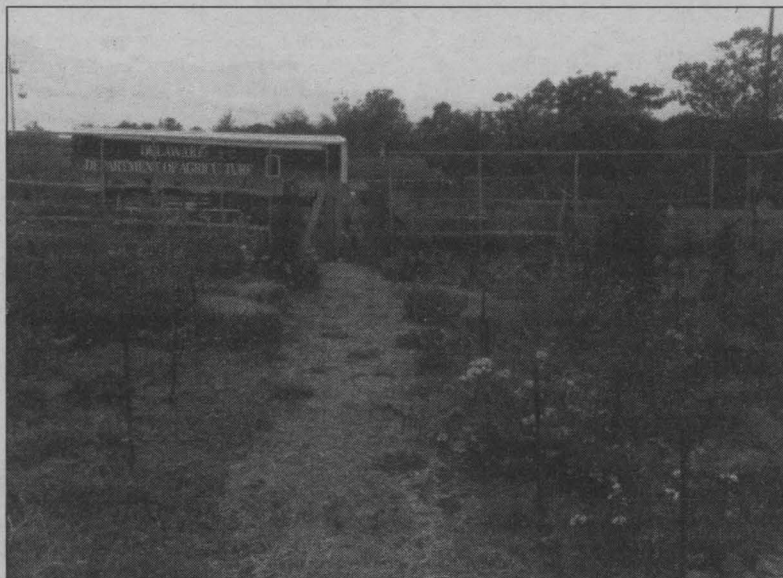
puses. By inviting others, Kuehn says the therapeutic gardens can mesh together a community that can share an appreciation for gardening. Lyons says there is a certain personal connection with gardening that can aid him in stressful situations. He is particularly interested in growing ornamental plants, which are known for their aesthetic qualities.

"When I'm gardening, I put myself in the zone," Lyons says. "Even though I'm physically working hard at it, it's very relaxing for me."

Another plant and soil professor, John Frett, shares Lyons' sentiments. Frett, who is the director of the Botanical Gardens at the university, also feels as though there are internal benefits to gardening. He began finding an interest in horticulture as an undergraduate and since then has found gardening stress-relieving.

Likewise, Kuehn, also finds a connection to gardening, she says. By growing up on a farm, Kuehn says agriculture is "in her blood." However, from her involvement in the program, she says she has gained so much more.

"I really like this project because I get to interact with a lot of different kinds of people and you do feel you can reach out to people," Kuehn says.



Courtesy of Cady Zuvich

## How To: CREATE A PAINT-CHIP CALENDAR

With Samantha Toscano

Dear "I am so not ready for spring semester,"

Whether you spent your impossibly long winter break jet-setting to fabulous study abroad locations, working many unpaid hours at a seemingly endless internship, taking up some extra credits in lovely Newark, Del. or sitting nowhere else but your couch as you caught up on episodes of "Homeland," the fact of the matter is those five plus weeks are over and it's time for school yet again. I myself usually spend this transitional time doing two things—recovering from some serious jet-lag and looking for a new planner. But as this year marked the first time in three years that there was no time difference between here and where I spent my winter session (I skipped the study abroad for a wonderful internship opportunity in New York City), I had a little more time on my hands to find the perfect organizational tool. Yet, instead of finding the ideal pick of a planner that would just get discarded at the end of the semester or find itself second to my Reminders app, I decided to save some paper and make one. Hanging safely on my apartment wall, this calendar has proven itself to be a space-saving, organizer's dream that can be reused for a work schedule when the semester comes to a close. And with just a touch of creativity and some serious organizational motivation, you too can make sure your bar crawls never overlap with your study sessions and your day drinks are not interrupted by work.

Sincerely,  
Samantha

P.S. If you have any questions, comments or "How To" needs, send them to [stoscano@udel.edu](mailto:stoscano@udel.edu).

### DIY Paint-Chip Calendar

**Materials:** plain glass poster frame, craft paper, paint chips, dry erase markers (all in colors and patterns of your choice) and craft glue

#### Step One:

Remove the cardboard insert from the glass poster frame (which you can buy at Target or any craft or dollar store) and glue the craft paper to it.

#### Step Two:

Assemble the paint chips (which you can get for free at any paint or hardware store, such as Home Depot or Sears) in a seven-by-five arrangement with a color pattern of your choice. Leave room at the top and the left-hand side and glue the chips down when you are happy with how they look.

#### Step Three:

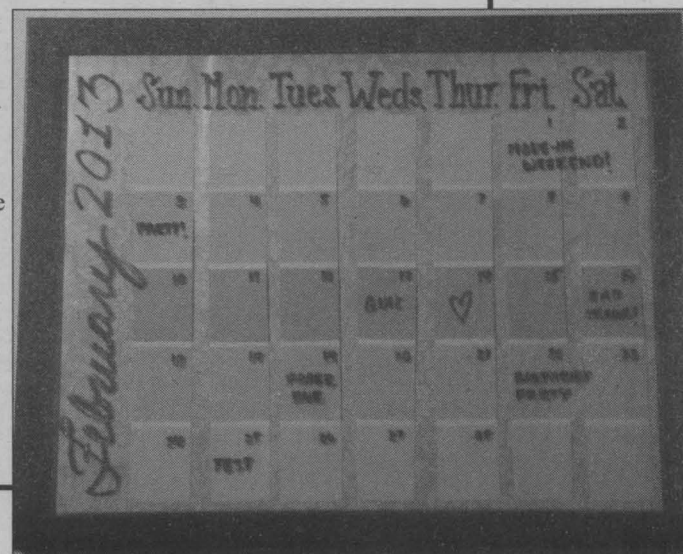
Place the cardboard insert back into the frame.

#### Step Four:

Fill in the days of the week across the top and the month and year on the side before filling out the dates with the dry erase markers.

#### Step Five:

Personalize the calendar with the dry erase marks by planning the beginning of your spring semester!





# Te'o controversy sparks online dating discussion

BY BRIANNA DINAN  
Online Publisher

Eric Resnick, founder of online dating coaching services at ProfileHelper.com, says scamming is possible with online dating, but he believes Notre Dame senior linebacker Manti Te'o is lying about his recent online dating controversy due to embarrassment.

"Catfishing" refers to making a fake persona on the internet, often to pursue deceptive romantic relationships. The most recent of these instances involved Te'o, who had a long-distance internet relationship with a woman he believed died of leukemia in September 2012. In January, Te'o found out she never had existed in the first place.

Resnick, who says he has helped over 15,000 online daters with their profiles, says he believes dating over the internet allows people to meet individuals they normally would not meet in their daily lives, an aspect that can be especially beneficial for college students.

"I think the college students that use it now are going to be at an advantage because their social circle will be bigger and they'll know more people, so they'll be able to find a job or get married," Resnick says.

Author and online dating expert Julie Spira says despite the recent scandal involving Te'o, online dating will continue to remain popular.

"People are so attached to smartphones and computers that we're starting to see an upswing in online dating across the board," Spira says. "The Te'o story can happen to anyone, the girl next door or a celebrity. People get embarrassed, and that's why they don't break it

off as quickly as they should."

Senior Julie James says she thinks Te'o is lying about the scandal because she does not believe two people can correspond over a long period of time without seeing each other.

James says the "catfish" hoax has not changed her opinion of online dating because online dating has provided people with a lot of opportunities they would not have had otherwise. Despite that fact, she says she does not think dating is particularly popular among college students.

"On a college campus you're provided with a lot of opportunities to meet people," James says. "I feel like it's once you get out of college it becomes harder to get involved and meet people."

According to Spira, who has been featured on shows such as HLN's Dr. Drew and NPR, 90 percent of profiles are mostly genuine with minor lies such as height and weight, but she says online profiles are not hard to fake. Spira says there are ways to stay safe while dating online but the best way is to just trust your instincts.

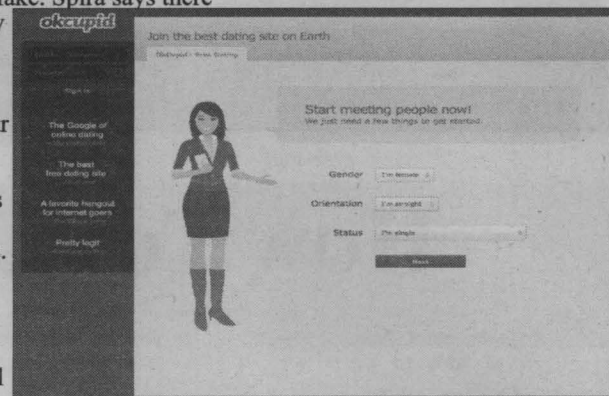
"Look at online dating as a social experiment," she says. "As a chance to meet new people, make new friends, maybe even fall in love."

Lauren Baldwin, 25, of Wilmington,

says she signed up for the online dating site OKCupid as a way to meet new people after she ended her engagement in 2010. As for catfishing, Baldwin says she once made a fake profile on the website "Seeking Arrangement," a dating website specifically targeted at females in college.

She says she took pictures from Facebook and pretended to be an 18-year old student at the university in order to catch her then-boyfriend cheating. By finding a few pictures on a social media site, a scammer can create any type of persona they have in mind, Baldwin says.

"It's like customizing a car before you buy it; you get to pick all the features you want without the hassle of going dealer to dealer to find the right one," Baldwin says. "But meeting a lasting partner is not like buying a car. Online dating is not real life."



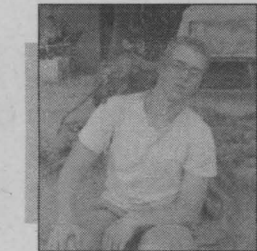
Some students use online dating sites, such as OkCupid, in college to find a romantic partner

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## The Weakly Beaker with Jock Gilchrist

Think You're Unlucky? Think Again



Recently, a paper titled "Beliefs in being unlucky and deficits in executive functioning," by researchers John Maltby, Liz Day, Diana Pinto, Rebecca Hogan and Alex Wood was released in the United Kingdom. The paper is based on studies suggests that feeling unlucky reflects deficiencies in higher-level cognitive processes.

Executive functions are the advanced creative, planning, and decision-making capabilities human beings possess, which are performed by highly developed areas of the human brain like the prefrontal cortex. Previous studies have shown a strong relationship between the belief in being lucky and having healthy executive functions. In other words, if you think you're a lucky person, you tend to have better mental health and improved performance on several tasks, including (most importantly) golf.

This study illustrates the inverse: those who tend to think of themselves as unlucky exhibit a sig-

nificant weakness in their executive abilities, a theory the authors call the "Dysexecutive Luck hypothesis." It's not clear which end of the deal comes first—if a belief in one's unluckiness prevents the full and effective use of executive abilities or if poor executive functioning causes one to have difficulty with things like initiating and planning strategies and achieving goals, thus causing one to feel unlucky. Regardless of the direction of causation, the following results of the experiments in the study shed a surprising light onto a realm of our beliefs and attitudes we often leave unexamined.

The authors began by giving a battery of tests to participants—an unluckiness belief scale, "the Dysexecutive Questionnaire" (originally designed for patients with brain damage), and an optimism test, among others—to determine the extent to which they experience dysexecutive symptoms in everyday life, and whether or not they believed they had bad luck. The results of the tests supported the basis of the

researchers' theory—poor executive functioning was predictive of the belief in being unlucky.

With their suspicions confirmed, they administered a series of demanding cognitive tasks to new participants to determine what reduced mental skills a belief in unluckiness impacts. A "switching" task, where subjects must alternate between two different sets of mental operations, is a good measure of the executive process of attentional control. They found that those who believe they are unlucky had slower reaction times and worse task performances than those who don't.

Another common measure of cognitive ability is the inhibition task, where one must restrain an initial response in favor of a more deliberate (and accurate) one. A famous example is the Stroop test, where the word "red" may be presented in green text, "blue" in yellow text, and so on, and one must report the color of the text rather than the word. Overriding the instinct to say the word rather than

its text color is tricky—it requires inhibition, a high-level brain function. Researchers presented the Stroop test along with the Iowa Gambling Task, where subjects must learn to draw cards from a deck that has lower rewards but smaller penalties, rather than a deck with high rewards but even higher penalties. The results—you guessed it—were that those who had greater beliefs in their unluckiness were poorer at the inhibition necessary for the Stroop test and the adaptive cognitive flexibility (or more simply, learning) necessary for the Iowa test.

The final portion of the study examined creativity, which psychologists call divergent thinking. In this task, participants were given five minutes to list as many unusual uses of a brick, a paper clip, and a blanket as they could (children tend to be good at this). As expected, those with a strong belief in their being unlucky performed much worse on this measure of divergent thinking than those who don't hold such a belief.

These findings have powerful implications for the varied fields of life in which we perceive luck to play a role. Married couples may feel lucky to have found their spouse; accomplished entrepreneurs attribute 17 percent of their success to good luck; a student who thinks he's unlucky may let himself get away with not completing assignments. Our perceived relationship with luck, however real or fictional luck actually is, has real effects on the decisions we make. If thinking you're unlucky is even partially causes decreased mental performance, a simple attitude change could pave the way for a healthier and more satisfying mental life.

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# Relationship Reality

With Paige Carney



When you tell an anecdotal story about your sister going out with her friends, other people do not interpret that as your sister needing space away from you. When you talk about how your roommate doesn't talk very much in the morning, your friends don't interpret that as your roommate being mad at or disappointed in you. When you tell them how your best friend comments lightly on how tiny a dress is, no one interprets that as her trying to control you and if they did would you even listen?

So why would anyone listen when others are saying those things about a (potential) romantic relationship? Friends don't know all the signs and meaning behind the intentions and actions of other people you are in a relationship with, so they really have no right to comment on a relationship of that manner.

Hearing everyone's tips and tricks on how to tell if he is really interested, or if she's just using you, will only serve to drive you crazy and distract you from the important

aspects of a relationship.

The real test to see if any relationship is right is how you feel. Don't spend every second obsessing where his eyes are focusing. Chances are if it did not bother you that he was staring at your lips when you talk before your friend said it should, it is not a sign that you are not compatible. It is probably just a sign that you are gullible. In the same suit if it did not bother you that she texted you 26 times a day before your buddy said something about it, that probably also means you really don't mind it. These tips really only work for the people suggesting them.

For instance I have a friend that warns all of her friends against dating guys that cross any part of their legs when they sit down. That sounds silly right? Well, it's really no more silly than breaking up with someone because he did not pass the latest Cosmopolitan quiz.

And this does not just go for the actions of your potential significant other. This goes toward what they see in you as well. Just because your friend wants him to notice or ignore

a specific attribute you have or do not have, does not mean he should.

If he chooses to look at the plunging neckline you are wearing, maybe that makes you feel used or uncomfortable. But then again maybe it makes you feel proud of your body, or confident because he finds you attractive in the same way you do. Maybe you would prefer her to notice that you are smart and think it is attractive that you read the New York Times everyday. But if she seems jealous of the time you spend reading, or she finds it to be a turnoff, maybe it's okay to cut your losses and find someone who will value the same things about yourself that you do.

You are the only person who knows what right is. If you feel something for someone and he or she reciprocate it, instead of worrying if it is right or wrong, instead of consulting every magazine on the planet, consult yourself. If you love that he watches your hand gestures when you talk instead of your eyes, why listen to your friend's advice on those trivial things?

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## Marshall's Mugs

### Kona Pipeline Porter

with Ryan Marshall

As the clock struck zero on the Super Bowl and the Baltimore Ravens won the coveted Vince Lombardi Trophy, another clock started ticking. The few hours that remained before the first alarm clock went off signaling the beginning of a new semester.

Thank God for coffee. This review is in honor of coffee and all those who drink it or will need it our first week back to classes. Kona Pipeline Porter is made with 100 percent Kona coffee, which is freshly roasted from the Cornwell Estate on Hawaii's biggest island.

Kona Brewing Co. comes all the way from Hawaii for us to enjoy. The brewery was established in 1995 and distributes three main beers to the main land including Longboard Lager, Fire Rock Pale Ale and seasonal limited releases such as the Pipeline Porter and the Wailua Wheat Ale.

Pipeline Porter was set out to be a rich and roasty beer with undertones of chocolate and multiple other malt flavors. The secret inside Kona's Porter is the Hawaiian coffee. The climate on the Hawaiian Islands is excellent for the growth of coffee beans. According to the United States Census Bureau, coffee is one of the 25 most exported items, making this brew a coffee connoisseurs dream.

Kona adds eight different malts to this distinct Porter including Pale, Carapils, Victory, Caramel 80, Extra Special, Chocolate Malt, Dark

Chocolate Malt and Roasted Barley. While these are traditional malts for a Porter the combination of them all gives Pipeline a dark robust roasted flavor.

Kona breaks out of more traditions with the additions of three different kinds of hops including Warrior, Millennium and Willamette, which are tasted in Indian Pale Ales and other hoppy beers. The hop addition gives Kona's Pipeline a prickly carbonated mouth taste. Most beer enthusiasts say a traditional-style pint glass will do just fine for enjoying a Porter, but be sure to give it a nice pour. This foamy head will result in more aromas being released for a better taste.

Pipeline pours an opaque black with a cream colored collar at the top. The aroma of coffee and chocolate malts stands out the most before each sip. Upon first taste, there is a rush of carbonation from the hop addition, which is followed by the sweetness of caramel and chocolate malts. Kona saved the best for last with the aftertaste lingering full on the Kona coffee.

Don't let the coffee play mind tricks on you, there actually isn't too much caffeine in the beer. At only two milligrams per 12 ounces, you would have to 70 beers to equal an average cup of coffee.

So cheers to a new year and semester.

### QUICK REVIEW:

(all mugs out of 5)

Taste:

The best coffee beer I have tasted, the aftertaste is phenomenal.

Feel:

I don't really enjoy the prickly carbonated feel.

Look:

A dark hazy black with a cream color collar makes this beer stand out to the eye.

Smell:

Love the coffee smell with the mixture of roasted chocolate malts.

Overall:

Kona definitely makes a good brew. This and Longboard Lager are my favorite of the whole bunch. Enjoy this one with a hot roast beef sandwich with a bowl of hearty chili as the cold weather lingers at the start of the semester.





## Did you know?

Delaware is one of ten schools to have two quarterbacks start the Super Bowl.



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## Flacco shines, wins MVP at Super Bowl

BY RYAN MARSHALL

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Former Delaware quarterback Joe Flacco said during halftime with a 21-6 lead against the San Francisco 49ers in the Super Bowl that when he waited in the locker room, that he told his team just one thing.

"I was kind of walking around like, 'Hey man, 30 more minutes of our best football, and we will be champions,'" he said to ESPN's Sal Palantonio after the game.

A huge momentum swing, 34 minutes of power outage and 30 minutes of football later, Flacco was raising the Vince Lombardi Trophy to the cry of Baltimore fans in New Orleans.

That would not be the only trophy raised by Flacco that evening as he was also named Super Bowl MVP, becoming fourth straight quarterback to win the award.

"It's unbelievable," Flacco said to CBS announcer Jim Nantz. "I tell you what, we don't make it easy, but that's the way the city of Baltimore is, that's the way we are. We did this for them back home. We had a great send-off and we can't wait to get back there for

the parade."

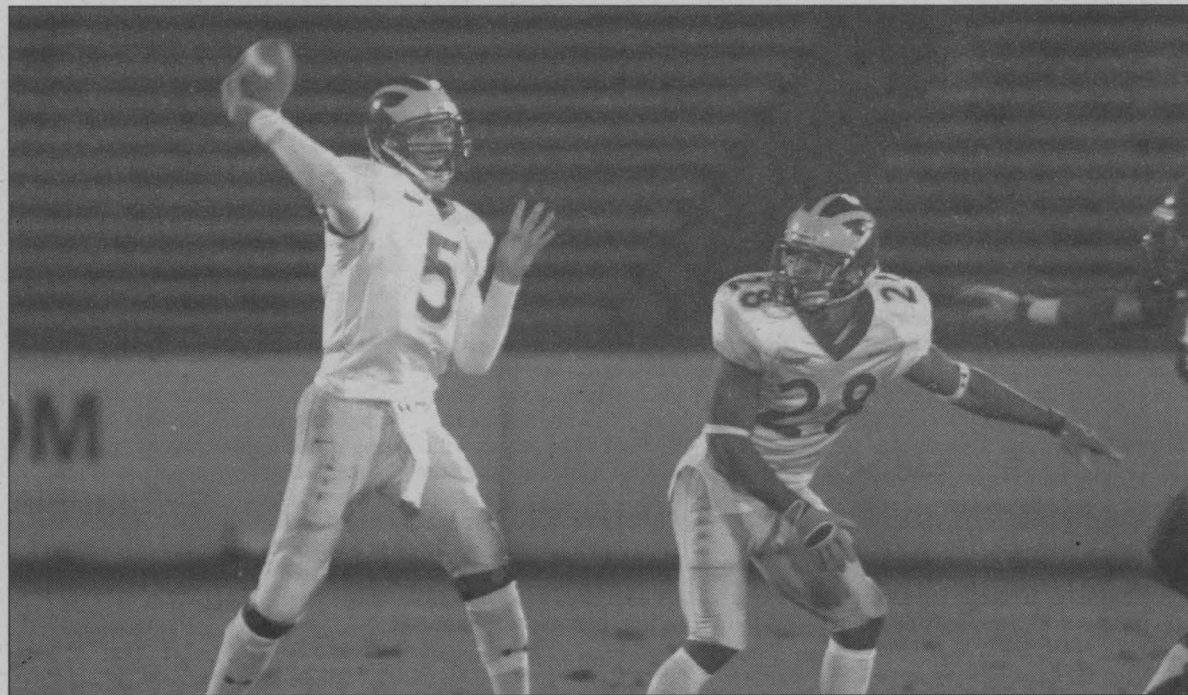
Flacco became just the second quarterback in postseason history to throw for 11 touchdowns and no interceptions. The only other man to accomplish that feat was none other than San Francisco's Joe Montana.

Montana played in three games during the 1989 playoffs and attempted 83 passes for 266.7 yards per game. Flacco's numbers in four games were similar as he had 126 attempts for 285 yards per game. He continued his dominance throughout the Super Bowl, completing 22-of-33 passes for 287 yards and three touchdowns.

Though the touchdowns all came in the first half, Flacco led his team down the stretch and was able to convert third downs to keep the ball out of the 49ers' hands.

"I couldn't be more proud," Ravens head coach John Harbaugh said. "I feel like a proud big brother. I just feel so proud of him, and for him to fight the way he does, and the guys rally around him. And he's got that, he's got that fire."

Flacco's confidence showed when he changed a running play to pass on third-and-inches with 7:11 left in the fourth quarter. Flacco dropped back and threw to the outside shoulder of



File Photo

Former Delaware quarterback Joe Flacco attempts a pass during his senior season when he led the Hens to the FCS Championship. Delaware lost to Appalachian State University that year, 49-21.

wide receiver Anquan Boldin, who caught the pass with a defender's hands between his arms.

After the game, Flacco said Boldin has the strongest hands of any receiver in the NFL. The two connected six times for 104 yards and a touchdown during the night.

Former Delaware quarterback and current CBS analyst Rich Gannon tweeted during the game that Flacco was going to win MVP. However, Flacco was not the only Delaware graduate

getting fame during the Super Bowl and celebration, as former offensive lineman Gino Gradkowski got many congratulations via social media. They became the first two active Delaware players to win Super Bowl rings.

The long offseason, interviews and contract negotiations will start soon for Flacco, and before he knows it, the next season will be upon him. The Ravens will be playing without their team leader next season, Ray Lewis, who had positive things to say about

Flacco after the game.

"I'm the biggest Joe Flacco fan ever, and I told him, I told him last night, 'You want to become elite? Go win a Super Bowl.' We did it. Joe Flacco is a leader in my book," Lewis said.

Flacco may take over the leadership role for Lewis next season, but there might be a few fans in Delaware who disagree with Lewis, as they have been Flacco's biggest fans for a while.

## K.C. Keeler fired, football flurry during winter break

*Athletic Director Eric Ziady states reason for change is "new direction" with Dave Brock hire*

BY DANIEL MCINERNEY

Managing Sports Editor

Delaware alum and head coach of the football program for the past 11 years K.C. Keeler was relieved of his duties on Jan. 7.

Keeler coached the Hens to a NCAA Division I-AA national championship in 2003 and led them to two more national championship appearances in 2007 and 2010. He recorded 86 wins during his time at Delaware, but failed to make the playoffs in each of the last two seasons. This past season ended in a four-game losing streak, the longest for Delaware since 1967.

While at Delaware, Keeler played linebacker for the Hens from 1978-1980 and was a member of the Division II national championship team in 1979, and current players remember his

passion and dedication to the team.

"He just said that he enjoyed his time here and this is his alma matter, and he bleeds these colors and he will always love this place," sophomore quarterback Trent Hurley said on Keeler's address to the team.

Several other players said it was tough to see Keeler leave Delaware's program and the announcement of Keeler's firing came as a surprise.

Given the timing of the decision and the the approaching recruiting season, many, including the former head coach himself and current quarterback did not anticipate a coaching change.

"I was shocked," Hurley said. "I was really shocked. I didn't expect it to happen, especially late in January."

Despite his past success as

a player and as a coach, Athletic Director Eric Ziady announced the program would be heading in a new direction.

"We need to do a better job of recruiting in the outskirts of our immediate area," Ziady said, as he emphasized the need for the next head coach to be a leader of the players and an aggressive recruiter, especially in the Mid-Atlantic region.

Just 11 days after Keeler's firing, Ziady announced Dave Brock, who served as Rutgers' offensive coordinator last season, would be the next head coach of Delaware's football program.

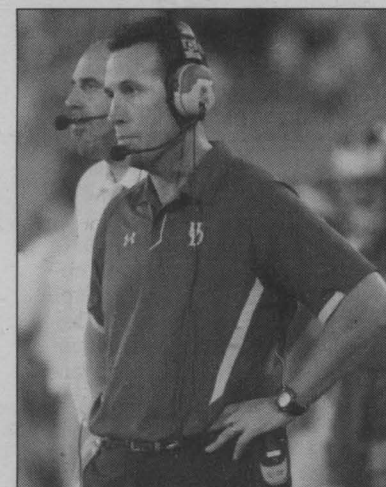
Brock was first introduced to Ziady when he was the tight ends coach at Boston College, and Ziady looks forward to seeing his "aggressive approach" to the team.

"He is disciplined and

passionate, dynamic and energetic knowledgeable and experienced," Ziady said. "He will recruit excellent students and athletes to the University of Delaware, and we will play an exciting brand of football."

Brock will draw on over 20 years of coaching experience including several positions at Division I programs. In 2008 he was the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Kansas State University where he coached current Tampa Bay Buccaneers quarterback Josh Freeman and Green Bay Packers wide receiver Jordy Nelson. He has also coached New Orleans Saints wide receiver Marquise Colston while at Hofstra and New York Giants wide receiver Hakeem Nicks while at the University of North Carolina.

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File Photo

Former head coach K.C. Keeler stares onto field during a game. Keeler was relieved of his duties Jan. 7.



# chicken scratch



## weeklycalendar

**Wednesday, Feb. 6**  
Men's Basketball at Towson  
7 p.m.

**Thursday, Feb. 7**  
Women's Basketball at Towson  
7 p.m.

**Friday, Feb. 8 to Sunday, Feb. 10**  
Softball at Southeast Louisiana Tournament

**Friday, Feb. 8**  
Women's Indoor Track & Field at Lafayette/  
Rider Invitational

**Saturday, Feb. 9**  
Men's Lacrosse vs. Bucknell  
1 p.m.  
Delaware Stadium

Men's Basketball at George Mason  
2 p.m.

**Sunday, Feb. 10**  
Women's Basketball at James Madison  
2 p.m.

**Monday, Feb. 11**  
Men's Basketball vs. Old Dominion  
Bob Carpenter Sports Center  
7 p.m.

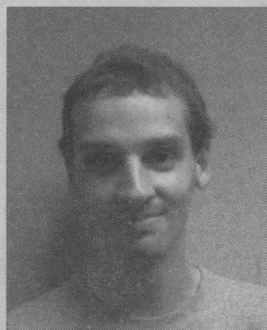
## henpeckings

**Women's Indoor Track & Field:** The Delaware women's indoor track and field team traveled to the John Covert Indoor Track and Field Classic at Lehigh University's Rauch Field House. The Hens scored 28 top 10 finishes, including four first places by juniors Kellye Foulke and Paige Morris, as well as sophomores Katrina Steenkamer and Kelsey Evancho. Foulke won the 5,000 meters, Morris won the triple jump, while Steenkamer and Evancho won the high jump and 3,000 meters respectively. The Hens' record is now 4-1 overall.

**Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving:** The Delaware men's and women's swimming and diving teams competed in the Bison Invitational at Bucknell University's Kinney Natatorium on Saturday. The Hens' record is now 6-3 (2-3 CAA) for the men and 8-3 (4-3 CAA) for the women.

**Women's Tennis:** The Delaware women's tennis team won a close match against Rutgers, 4-3, on Sunday at the Atlantic Club in Manasquan, N.J. In singles, Delaware lost its first two matches before freshmen Carmen Lai and Nataliya Naumova won both their matches in straight sets to tie it up at two points apiece. Sophomore Kim Milla won her singles match in straight sets to make it 3-3. In the deciding doubles match, junior Dorothy Safron and Lai won, 8-6 to claim the victory for the Hens. The Hens' record is now 2-0 overall (0-0 CAA).

## commentary



### "R.I.P. K.C." BY MATT BITTLE

Since you are reading this, I am assuming you saw the story about K.C. Keeler on the front page of sports. Because thousands of students have been home for winter break, many probably did not know about Keeler's firing until today.

K.C. Keeler, who coached the Hens from 2002 to 2012 and played as a linebacker for Delaware from 1978 to 1980, was abruptly relieved of duties on Jan. 7. He had, in my opinion, proven himself to be one of the best coaches in the country.

Not only that, but he is also a Delaware man. As a graduate of this university, Keeler has natural ties to the school. I am sure that

over the past decade Keeler has had several job opportunities that he turned down because he wanted to stay at his alma mater.

Keeler's .747 winning percentage was third among all active coaches in the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS). He had led the Hens to three national championship games, with the team winning one.

Sure, Delaware missed the postseason the past two years, but the future looks bright, thanks to players like junior quarterback Trent Hurley and senior running back Andrew Pierce. So, given all that I just mentioned, why on earth was Keeler fired?

Keeler had a tough task when he took over in 2002. He was succeeding his former coach, Tubby Raymond, who won 300 games with the Hens. But I would say he was doing a fine job—and probably would have kept doing a fine job, had he not been so suddenly fired.

This was such an abrupt firing. I was stunned upon reading the news that Keeler would no longer be standing on the sidelines for the Hens.

Whenever something like this takes place, it's a certainty that the public does not know everything. Some sort of power struggle had to be going on behind closed doors, given that the university just hired a new athletic director in October.

I think it is safe to say that there was a lot more than football that went into this decision. Too bad it is a bad decision.

In his 11 years, Keeler had proven himself to be skilled at acquiring and developing talent. Why risk slipping down by unnecessarily changing coaches?

Possible off-field issues aside, I wonder if the administration simply feels that two years without a postseason berth is not good enough.

Down years happen. This is not Alabama, a football-crazed environment where anything short of a title is not good enough, nor should it be.

This is the FCS. Under Keeler, Delaware has been one of the best teams in the nation, annually competing for conference titles and playoff spots. Keeler is a former Blue Hen, he has been on the job for a while, and he has been successful. What more could you want?

To replace one of the winningest coaches in the nation, Delaware hired Dave Brock, former Rutgers offensive coordinator. Brock has some decent credentials, as he also worked at Boston College and Kansas State, among other schools.

Brock might be successful, but I maintain that firing Keeler was a mistake. One of his biggest selling points is that you could be confident he would not leave Delaware. When the Rutgers head coaching position opened up in January 2012, Keeler was mentioned as a possible replacement. Of course, nothing became of that. He has proven time and time again that he is dedicated to Delaware. Or at least, he was, because the school apparently didn't feel the same way.

To an outsider, it seems that our new athletic director decided he wanted to put his stamp on the university and bring in his man. If Brock succeeds, he will receive a lot of credit. That's fair. But if Delaware football takes a step back, you know why.

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### About the Teams:

**About Delaware:** The Hens are 1-0 (0-0 in CAA play), having won at High Point, 12-10, on Sunday. Senior attacker Eric Smith, sophomore attacker Brian Kormondy, senior midfielder Nick Diachenko and junior midfielder Connor McRoy all scored two goals. Senior attacker Sean Finegan, junior midfielder Danny Keane, sophomore midfielder Tom Holland and freshman attacker Connor Frisina all had one goal apiece.

**About Bucknell:** Bucknell opens its season against the Hens as the No. 18 ranked team in the USILA preseason coaches' poll. Four of the Bison's top five scorers have returned from last year, including junior attacker Todd Heritage, who scored 35 goals last season, the most on the team.

## underpReview: Delaware vs Bucknell

**Men's Lacrosse**  
**Time: Saturday 1:00 p.m.**  
**Location: Delaware Stadium**



### The Numbers:

**11-10:** The score of last year's overtime victory against Bucknell.

**179-150:** The number of goals scored last season by Bucknell versus the Hens' total.

**23:** The number of conference titles Delaware has.

### The Prediction:

Bucknell's rustiness from not playing a game before this one could help Delaware pull off the upset.

*-Jack Cobourn  
Sports Editor*

### Why the Hens can win:

Offensively, Delaware is stronger this season than they were in 2012. Head coach Bob Shillinglaw said new players are working harder in practice and are even challenging some of the older players. In terms of the injury list, the team is better than they were last season. Shillinglaw said the team should get better as the season goes on. Unlike Bucknell, Delaware has already played a game, giving them the opportunity to correct some mistakes.

### Why the Hens could lose:

Defensively, Delaware has much to be desired. The team needs to work on defensive communication. Also, Bucknell's four returning top scorers have double digits, which could be a problem for the Hens' goalies.



# Hens dominate UNCW, 71-56

BY PAUL TIERNEY

Sports Editor

The crowd got on their feet and applauded, as the final seconds ticked off the clock during the Delaware men's basketball team's 71-56 victory over University of North Carolina Wilmington on Saturday.

The Hens' third consecutive win pulled Delaware to .500 on the season and second place in the CAA with a 6-3 record.

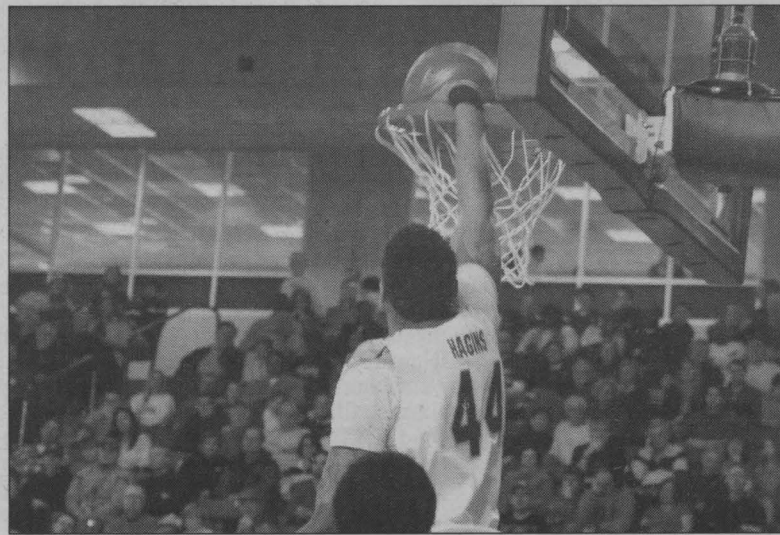
Hens' senior forward Jamelle Hagins posted his 12th double-double of the season as he scored 20 points and brought down 11 rebounds. Junior guard Devon Saddler pitched in 21 points and seven rebounds of his own, as Delaware pulled away in the latter portion of the second half to beat UNCW for the fifth consecutive time at the Bob Carpenter Sports Center.

Head coach Monté Ross said his team's defensive effort proved to be the difference in this matchup.

"I thought that defensively we were sharp, and that's what we had to be," Ross said. "They have a lot of weapons over there that can cause you a lot of problems, and it's very important for us to be sharp defensively."

Although the lead changed four times in the first half, Delaware entered the break with a nine-point advantage. The Hens held UNCW's forward Keith Rendleman to zero points and zero rebounds in the first half by using a combination of senior forward Josh Brinkley, junior forward Carl Baptiste and Hagins on defense.

Rendleman entered the game with the 10th most rebounds in CAA history, an honor that would belong to Hagins by the end of the contest. Hagins also is the nation's 10th ranked rebounder averaging 10.8 boards per game. Hagins said the matchup with



File Photo

Forward Jamelle Hagins is 10th in rebounds per game in the NCAA.

Rendleman provided him with some extra motivation coming into Saturday's game.

"It gives me a lot of energy," Hagins said. "A good guy is coming into your building and if you don't come out ready to play he can embarrass you out there."

Although the Hens held Rendleman scoreless in the first half, he scored 11 points in the second period to help the Seahawks stay within a 10-point margin of Delaware with under five minutes remaining.

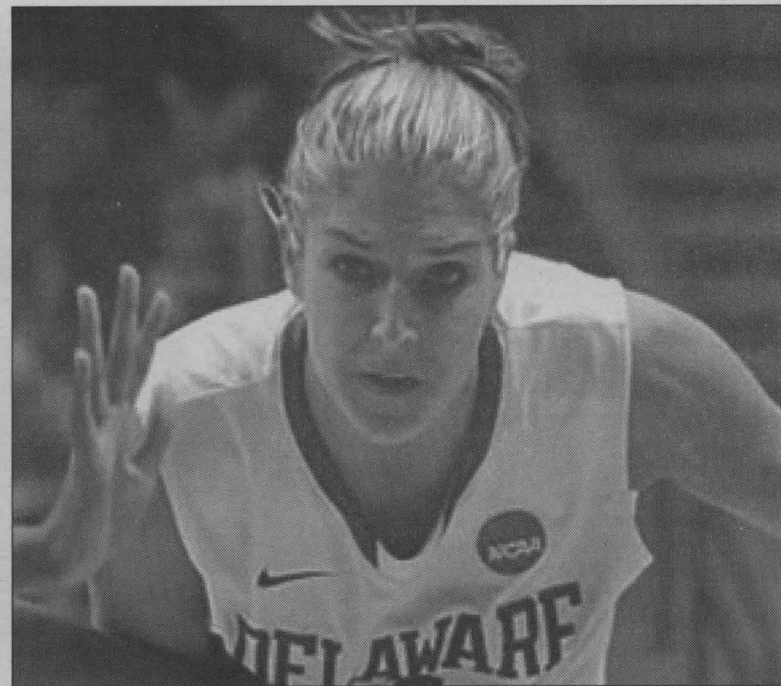
UNCW's comeback hopes were quickly smothered by Saddler in the final minutes. Saddler would get fouled on two made layups to help the Hens push their lead to 12 points with just under a minute remaining.

"We had our best offensive practice yesterday, so we knew we were going to come out and play well," Saddler said. "When we play hard in practice, the games are easier."

Earlier in the season, Delaware played a non-conference schedule that consisted of La Salle University, University of Virginia, No. 21 ranked Kansas State University, University of Pittsburgh, Temple University and No. 5 ranked Duke University. The Hens played two matchups at Madison Square Garden and one at Cameron Indoor Stadium.

Delaware lost all but one of those games. However, Ross said the experiences of playing in difficult situations have proven invaluable as his team prepares to make a run at winning the CAA Conference Championship and receiving a bid to the NCAA Tournament.

"There's no place that we can go that will be intimidating to us," Ross said. "We've played in some big time games, some tough games. It's helped us because now we can just go play basketball."



Courtesy of the University of Delaware

All-American Elena Delle Donne led Hens to 13th straight win on Sunday.

## Lady Hens outshoot Hofstra, backed by sold out crowd

### Delle Donne drops 35 points, marks 32nd career game with over 30 points

BY DANIEL MCINERNEY

Managing Sports Editor

In front of the fourth largest crowd at the Bob Carpenter Sports Center, the Delaware women's basketball team did not disappoint the passionate fans with a 79-63 victory over Hofstra.

The crowd of 5,005 was the second largest of the season, and Sunday's win marked the 13th straight win for Delaware who has sole possession of first place in the CAA.

The win improved the Hens to 18-3, with a 9-0 CAA record, while Hofstra fell to 9-10 (5-3 CAA). Delaware moved up five spots and are now ranked No. 20 in the nation.

Senior forward Elena Delle Donne led the Hens with 35 points and nine rebounds. The performance was her 32nd career game with 30 plus points and marked Delaware's 28th straight regular season CAA win.

Delle Donne, who could not be reached after the game due to a stomach ailment, also added four blocks, two steals and two assists.

The Hens struggled with Hofstra's fast-paced offense and physical play early in the game but quickly settled down and found their rhythm. Hofstra forward Shante Evans, who recorded a double-double with 14 points and 14 rebounds, made it difficult for Delaware to establish a presence in the paint and forced them to rely on their outside shooting.

"We got to screen well and give her some open looks," head coach Tina Martin said. "When she gets open looks and when she's up in the air she's going to knock them down."

Delaware took the lead with 12:27 left in the first half and held it for the rest of the game.

With the final seconds of the first class ticking off the clock Delle Donne took the inbounds pass, dribbled up the court and hit a long off-balanced three to give the Hens a 46-33 lead at the half.

"We went into the second half

with the momentum we needed," senior forward Danielle Parker said. "It was a struggle in the first few minutes with us trading baskets back and forth but that definitely gave us the push we needed for the second half."

Delaware opened the second half with a 15-3 run lead by Delle Donne and Parker, who had a season-high 15 points in the game and added nine rebounds.

Parker set the Delaware women's basketball record for most games played in with 129. She passed Jocelyn Bailey, who played in 128 games between 2008 and 2012.

Senior guard Kayla Miller had seven points, four assists, one steal and one rebound in the contest and senior guard Lauren Carra added 11 points and 8 rebounds in the winning effort.

With less than four minutes left in the second half, the Hofstra bench received a technical foul for arguing a call made by the referees. The play on the court had become noticeably physical as Hofstra began to grab and hold Delaware's shooters.

"The bottom line is you can't get caught up in the emotion of it," Martin said of the physical matchup. "You got to get really, really, really disciplined on the defensive end."

Martin said the Hens need to also share the ball offensively and screen people to open up scoring opportunities for the shooters, and Delaware accomplished that goal Sunday.

Sunday's game ended a span in which Delaware played five games in 10 days. The Hens return to action on Thursday when they travel to Towson and finish the week with a matchup at James Madison, who is currently second in the CAA and riding an eight game winning streak of their own.

"I cannot say enough about my team," Martin said. "I thought these kids have really done a great job on this stretch because this was a tough stretch with all these games and the kids came through with flying colors."

## WYWG: UDEL SPORTS WINTER IN REVIEW

**Dec. 21-** The Delaware men's basketball team won at home against the University of Pennsylvania, 83-60. Sophomore guard Jarvis Threatt scored 18 points for the Hens. Senior forward Jamelle Hagins scored his eighth double-double for the season with 18 points and 13 rebounds, while junior guard Devon Saddler and freshman guard Terrell Rogers scored 10 points apiece.

**Dec. 30-** The Delaware women's basketball team cruised to a victory over Duquesne University 60-45 to claim the Big Sky Classic Championship at Dartmouth College. Senior forward Elena Delle Donne scored a game high 23 points and pulled down 13 rebounds as the Hens snapped Duquesne's 10 game win streak. The Hens allowed just 12 first half points before sustaining a run by the Dukes in the latter portions of the half. Delle Donne was named to the All-Tournament team along with senior forward Danielle Parker.

**Jan. 1-** Delaware senior forward Elena Delle Donne garnered the CAA Women's Basketball Player of the Week award after recording her 37th and 38th career double-double's in victories over Villanova University and Duquesne University. Delle

Donne also posted her 75th career game in which she scored at least 20 points for the Hens.

**Jan. 2-** The Delaware men's and women's swimming and diving teams earned 13 first-place finishes at a non-conference relay meet in Largo, Fla. The Hens competed against Gannon University, William Jewell College and Penn State-Behrend in a contest that did not count towards the standings for the 2012-13 season. Senior captains Ryan Roberts and Courtney Raw each contributed to three first-place finishes.

**Jan. 4-** The Delaware women's track and field team began their season with six first-place finishes against Coppin State, Maryland Eastern Shore and Saint Joseph's University at the Delaware Invitational held at Delaware Field House. Nine different athletes earned a first-place finish, while senior hurdler Latoya James broke the school record for the 55-meter hurdle competition by .34 seconds.

**Jan. 5-** The Delaware men's basketball team won their third-consecutive game as they defeated Old Dominion University 84-72, on the road in Norfolk, Va. Senior forward Jamelle Hagins posted his 10th double-double of the season

as he scored 11 points and secured 16 rebounds. Junior guard Devon Saddler led all scorers with 27 points and hit all 10 of his free throw attempts on the night.

**Jan. 7-** K.C. Keeler was fired after 11 seasons as the head football coach.

**Jan. 10-** Behind the best defensive effort in 40 years, the Delaware women's basketball team beat George Mason, 62-27, in their first game of CAA play. Elena Delle Donne led the Hens with 19 points and had seven rebounds. The Hens defense forced 13 turnovers, held the Patriots to a shooting percentage of 17 and outrebounded them 47-27. The win was Delaware's 20th straight CAA regular season victory.

**Jan. 12-** The Delaware men's basketball team won at Georgia State, 86-83. Junior guard Devon Saddler scored the game-winning three-point basket. Saddler put up a game-high 29 points, while sophomore guard Jarvis Threatt scored 18 points. Senior forward Jamelle Hagins tied Spencer Dunkley's school record of 916 career rebounds.

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# R Delaware lacrosse ready for fresh start

BY JACK COBOURN  
Sports Editor

Last season, injuries hampered the Delaware men's lacrosse team's season, leaving them with a 6-9 record (1-5 in CAA play).

Head coach Bob Shillinglaw said this season has started off in a similar way. The Hens still have a few injuries now but will improve with some players coming back from the injured list.

"Going into this season, it's been a roller-coaster ride, with some guys who had hip surgery coming back so they got limited practice time," Shillinglaw said. "Other guys were expected on now have had surgery, so I think our roster will be stronger as the season continues."

The Hens were picked to be No. 5 in the CAA preseason poll with the arrival of some new players including freshmen attackers Andrew Dines, Connor Frisina and Ian Robertson.

Shillinglaw said the new guys are fitting in well, with practices being spirited battles between the freshman and the returning players.

"It's been real competitive in practice," Shillinglaw said. "It's not unusual to see the younger guys taking it to the older guys in a full-field scrimmage."

Of the 15 returning players, redshirt sophomore attacker Brian Kormondy, junior midfielder Garrett

Johnson and senior attacker Sean Finegan help to add experience on the offense.

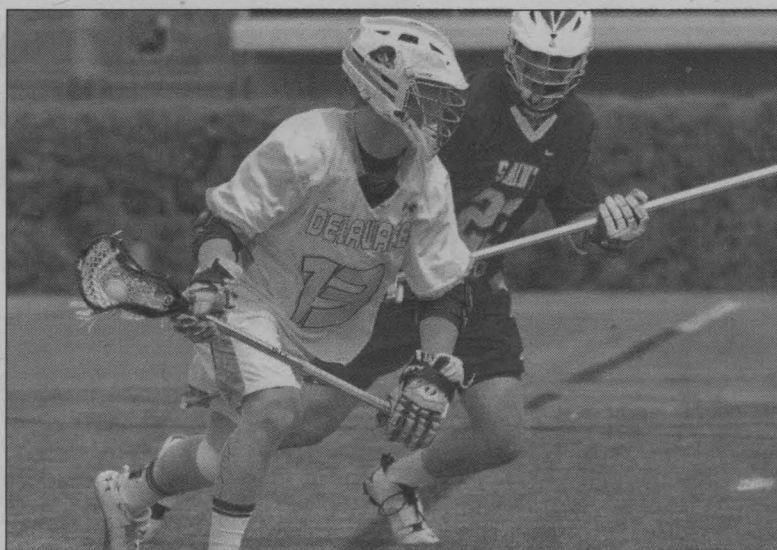
Finegan, along with senior attacker Eric Smith and senior midfielder Dom Sebastiani, are the team's captains. Finegan said the captains are working to make sure that every player understands what the team is striving to do.

"As far as Dom and Eric and my own role goes, we just make sure everyone is following the same guidelines, taking accountability for their actions and buying into the overall philosophy that coach Shillinglaw has given to us," Finegan said.

One player not returning for this season is attacker Grant Kaleikau, who scored 23 goals in his senior season. Junior midfielder Danny Keane, who played on attack last season was second in scoring with 18 goals.

Keane said while he thinks he can rack up the points as well as Kaleikau, there are more players who are playmakers on this season's team that can replace Kaleikau's role.

"Grant was a great player," Keane said. "I'm not going to say I'm going to step into his shoes, because I fulfill a part of the team maybe he didn't, maybe in a scoring points aspect, maybe yes, but there are great players around me that will be great whether it's winning faceoffs or



File Photo

Junior Danny Keane (13) will look to replace Grant Kaleikau as the Hens' offensive threat.

making defensive plays."

The Hens play two home games against Bucknell on Feb. 9 and Loyola, ranked No. 1 in the USILA preseason poll, on Feb. 16. In conference play, Delaware will play Penn State on Apr. 20 at home and at Massachusetts on Apr. 26. Both teams were ranked in the top 20 in the USILA preseason poll.

Shillinglaw said all Division I men's lacrosse teams that Delaware faces are even stronger due to increased support.

"We open up this weekend with a new program, High Point, but it's fully-funded, fully staffed, beautiful campus," he said. "They made a commitment three years ago, they hired a coach two years ago, he's been recruiting the past two years, so it may

sound like 'they're opening up with a softy,' but no."

However, despite their toughness, Sunday's game at High Point University saw the Hens pull off a 12-10 victory. Smith had two goals, as did Kormondy, senior midfielder Nick Diachenko and junior midfielder Connor McRoy. Finegan, Keane, Frisina and sophomore midfielder Tom Holland each had one.

Delaware outshot the opponents, 46 to 31, and won 14 of the 26 face-offs. Though Shillinglaw was pleased with the victory, he said parts of the Hens' defensive game needed a tweak.

"We try to keep the turnovers under 15," Shillinglaw said. "We had 13 turnovers, so that's good, but our communication on defensive plays is something we need to work on."

**Brock: Served as offensive coordinator at Rutgers Univ. last season, he brings 'win now' attitude**



Courtesy of Duane Perry

Dave Brock has coached several current NFL players during his career.

## WYWG: UDEL SPORTS WINTER IN REVIEW CONTINUED

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**Jan. 12-** The Delaware women's indoor track team earned four dual meet victories at the Navy Open Indoor Track and Field Meet in Annapolis, Maryland. Junior Lindsay Prettyman placed first in the 1,000 meters with a personal-best time of 2:54.94. Sophomore Latoya James won the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 8.62 seconds. The Hens recorded 33 top-10 finishes at the meet.

**Jan. 12-** The Delaware football team introduced Dave Brock as the program's fifth head coach since 1940.

**Jan. 18-** The Delaware men's and women's swimming and diving teams swept the United States Military Academy, 171-129 and 199-98 respectively, in a dual meet at the Carpenter Sports Building. Junior Paul Gallagher led the Hens with four first place finishes. Senior Courtney Raw notched three first places finishes.

**Jan. 19-** Despite a second-half rally, the Delaware men's basketball team fell to Northeastern, 74-70, at the Bob Carpenter Sports Center. The Hens made up a 17-point deficit early in the second half but could not close the four-point gap against the league-leading team. Sophomore guards Jarvis Threatt and Kyle Anderson scored 21 and 19 points apiece.

**Jan. 20-** Senior forward Elena Delle Donne exploded for a season-

high 38 points as Delaware's women's basketball team scored a 76-44 victory over Towson. This was the 31st game in which the two-time CAA Player of the Year scored over 30 points.

**Jan. 22-** Elena Delle Donne was announced as a member of the 2013 John R. Wooden Award Midseason Top 20 list. The senior forward, who averages 24.4 points per game, joins Baylor University's Brittney Griner and Notre Dame University's Skyler Diggins on the list.

**Jan. 25-** Delaware announced that longtime assistant coach Brian Ginn would remain on staff under new head coach Dave Brock. Ginn played for the Hens from 1996-1999 and then joined the staff as a graduate assistant in 2000. He has been a part of 15 winning seasons as a player and coach and was on staff when Delaware won the Division 1-AA national championship in 2003. He has served as the wide receivers and passing game coach since 2009.

**Jan. 26-** University of Delaware men's lacrosse assistant coach Peet Poillon and former Delaware men's lacrosse player Alex Smith played on the U.S. National Team in an exhibition against 2012 NCAA champions, Loyola University, at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex at Disney World in Lake Buena Vista, Fla. The National Team won, 17-13.

**Jan. 26-** The University of Delaware women's indoor track

and field team posted six first-place finishes at the Thomson Invitational at the Delaware Field House. The 4 x 400 meter relay team of freshman Chelsi Campbell, senior Nijah Dupiche, sophomore Toresha Foster and sophomore Breanna Nicholson won in 4:00.0. The other winners included Dupiche in the 400m, freshman Shanel Dickens in the 500m, sophomore LaToya James in the 60m hurdles, junior Lindsay Prettyman in the mile and senior Rachel Wasserman in the 800m. Delaware had 41 top 10 finishes overall.

**Jan. 27-** Senior point guards Kayla Miller and Trumae Lucas both scored late second half three-pointers to seal Delaware's 65-56 victory at Drexel, giving the Hens their 10th-straight victory in CAA play. Senior guard Elena Delle Donne scored a team-leading 24 points, while senior forward Danielle Parker put up her fourth double-double of the season with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

**Jan. 28-** The University of Delaware men's and women's tennis teams played against Morgan State University at the Sea Colony Tennis Resort in Bethany Beach, Del. The men's team won, 4-3, coming from behind. In singles, juniors Troy Beneck and Adam Lawton both won in straight-set victories, while sophomore Evan Andrews and freshman Alex Sweet both lost the first set, but clawed back to win in three. The Bears won two singles matches, beating

junior Jason Derene and freshman Mike Durr. Morgan State won two out of three doubles matches. The women's tennis team won, 6-1. Freshman led the day, with Danae Jonjic, Carmen Lai and Natalia Naumova winning their singles matches. Junior Olivia Heim also won her singles match, while senior Amanda Halstrom won by default. Junior Dorothy Safron lost her singles match, though the doubles team won two matches to claim a point for the team.

**Jan. 28-** The Delaware men's basketball team won, 66-64, at Drexel, after the Dragons mounted a late second-half comeback. Sophomore guards Kyle Anderson and Jarvis Threatt led the team in scoring, with 15 and 13 points respectively. Junior guard Devon Saddler also scored 13 points and moved into eighth place the all-time Delaware scoring list.

**Feb. 3-** Former University of Delaware football players Joe Flacco and Gino Gradkowski played in the Super Bowl in New Orleans for the Baltimore Ravens. The Ravens beat the San Francisco 49ers, 34-31. Flacco completed 22-of-33 passes for 287 yards and three touchdowns. Flacco and Gradkowski are the fourth and fifth players from Delaware to play in the Super Bowl, joining past Delaware football players such as Ivory Smith, Rich Gannon and Ben Patrick, though Flacco and Gradkowski are the first to earn Super Bowl rings as active players.

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As a member of the Hofstra coaching staff, Brock experienced first-hand Delaware's football program and the pride and passion associated with it. During his press conference Brock recounted a 1995 playoff game played in Newark.

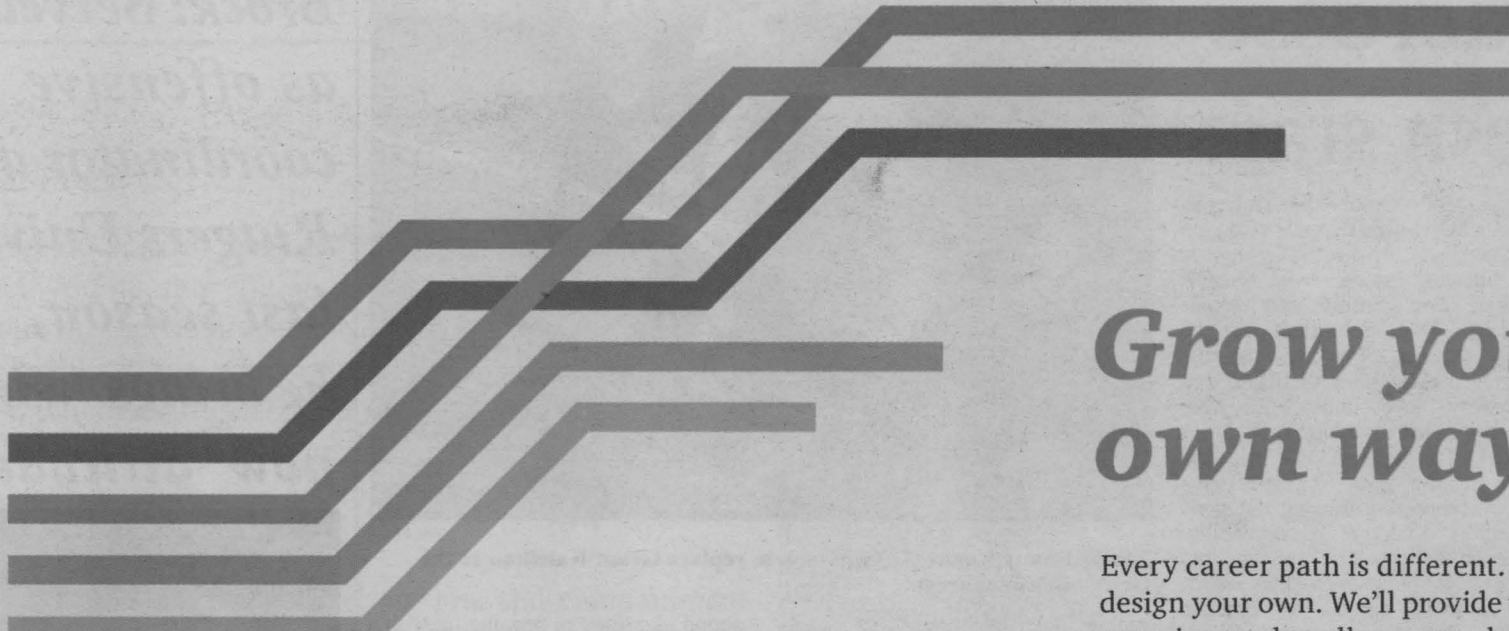
"I was on the sideline and I had goose bumps on the road and I thought to myself 'this is where I want to be,'" Brock said. "This is what it's all about."

Brock made it clear that his goals are to win conference and national championships and to win right away. He also thanked Keeler for the building blocks he put in place during his time at Delaware.

Both Ziady and Brock emphasized the importance of continuing the rich tradition of Delaware football both on and off the field. Brock stated that he wants his players to have a complete experience and attack all aspects of life, from the classroom to the field. He also said he will instill his motto "together we will" in the team in the coming weeks and get to know his team and the university.

"We are going to do things right and we will be a program that the entire state will be proud of, on and off the field," Brock said. "We are going to compete every day to be champions in and out of the classroom."





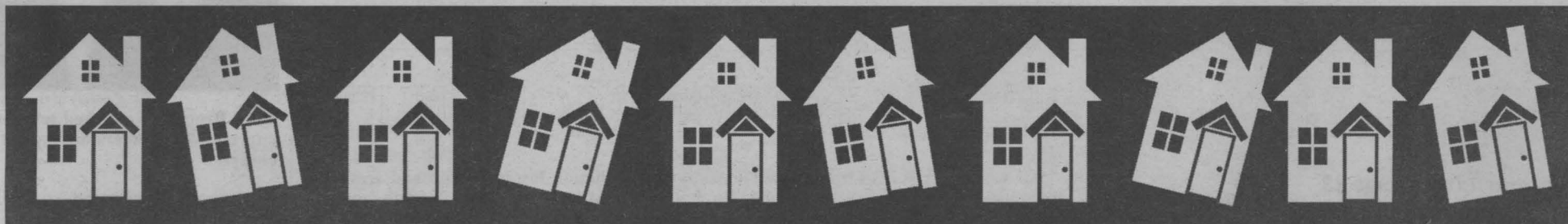
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