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UPS truck collides with train Friday

BY RACHEL TAYLOR
City News Editor

A collision between a CSX Freight train and a UPS Inc. delivery truck halted traffic for several hours Friday afternoon on West Main Street and critically injured the truck driver, according to Newark police officials.

Chief of Police Paul Tiernan stated in a news release that initial investigations have determined 42-year-old Joseph Mounts of Felton, Del. was the driver of the UPS freight truck. Mounts is currently residing at Christiana Hospital with head and neck injuries and is listed under critical condition.

Tiernan said neither the train conductor nor any bystanders were hurt.

On Friday, Mounts had parked the truck on the sidewalk by the crossing, and went to make a delivery to a restaurant on West Main Street, Tiernan said. Mounts had just gotten into the driver's seat when the train signal crossings

lowered onto the back of the truck.

"The driver attempted to drive the truck forward and away from the crossing, however, as the tractor entered onto the railroad tracks it was struck on the passenger side of the cab by the front of the freight train," Tiernan said.

John H. Farrell IV, the Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder fire company spokesman, said the incident occurred at 2:01 p.m. and the fire department arrived on scene at 2:03 p.m. He said firefighters used hydraulic tools, which are fueled by liquid fuel, to get Mounts out of the truck.

"We found the driver of the tractor trailer pinned in his rig," Farrell said. "We had two ambulances and two rescue pumpers arrive and have him extricated from the wreckage at 2:09 p.m."

Farrell said Mounts was immediately placed in an ambulance and taken to Christiana Hospital, where they met up with New Castle County paramedics. He said the Delaware Department of Natural



A CSX Freight train ran into a UPS truck on Friday afternoon. The driver is in critical condition.

Resources and Environmental Control were called to the scene to take care of the diesel oil spilled into the road. He said the spill was cleaned up within the day.

Farrell said the fire department was on scene for approximately 40 minutes, with 15 firefighters

working to resolve the incident.

According to Tiernan, the rail crossing and roadway was reopened at approximately 5:30 p.m. He said while motorists were encouraged to use caution around the area, it is now back to working condition.

Students organize Sandy relief initiatives

BY KRISTYN DALY
Staff Reporter

With her living room full of donated goods, senior Erin Zegar is doing what she can to provide relief to her hometown after Hurricane Sandy's devastation to Lavallette, N.J. Zegar's home was spared of damage, but the rest of her town was not so fortunate, she says.

Sandy destroyed nearly six miles of gas lines in Lavallette, one of the barrier island towns in New Jersey. With flooded streets, destroyed homes and no gas or electricity, no residents of Lavallette, including Zegar and her family, will be allowed to live in their homes for six to eight months.

Zegar has not been home since Sandy hit the East Coast, but she plans to take the supplies she has collected home this weekend.

"I'm trying to brace myself for [going home], I'm a little nervous," Zegar says. "I've seen pictures, but from what I hear, the pictures don't do it any justice."

Using Twitter and Facebook to spread the word, she was able to reach out to more people than she could have imagined, she says.

Zegar is currently collecting items needed by the American Red Cross and other organizations. Baby clothes, baby food, wipes, diapers, formula and warm clothes are all in high demand.

While the university sent an email to all students making sure everyone made it through the storm safely, Zegar says the university needs to make more of an effort to encourage student involvement in hurricane relief, considering a large majority of students are from New Jersey and New York.

"I understand that we are not in the region that was affected, but there are thousands of people that are displaced," she says. "Thousands of people don't have power. People need help."

Womens basketball falls in second game

BY MATT BITTLE
Sports Editor

Playing a Georgetown University team that Delaware women's basketball head coach Tina Martin said was "physical and athletic," the Hens fell into an early hole.

The Hoyas' press defense kept the Hens from running a set offense in the first half, according to Martin and Delaware trailed for most of the first half before rallying to end up leading at the half, 30-28. Senior forward Danielle Parker and senior guard Lauren Carra scored 16 of the Hens' final 19 points before the break.

Despite leading at halftime, the Hens relinquished their lead in the second set. Behind guard

Sugar Rodgers, the Hoyas earned a 62-56 victory. Rodgers finished with 35 points, the most ever by a visitor against the Hens. The loss snapped a 15-game home win streak for Delaware.

Delaware hosted the Hoyas at the Bob Carpenter Sports Center in the second round of the Preseason Women's National Invitational Tournament after defeating Sam Houston State, 63-31, on Friday.

Martin said the Hens played aggressively but made several key mistakes the Hoyas capitalized on.

"It's a difficult loss because we played hard, but we did not play smart when it counted the most and so that's what I'll take away from this game," Martin said.

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Senior point guard Kayla Miller drives towards the basket.

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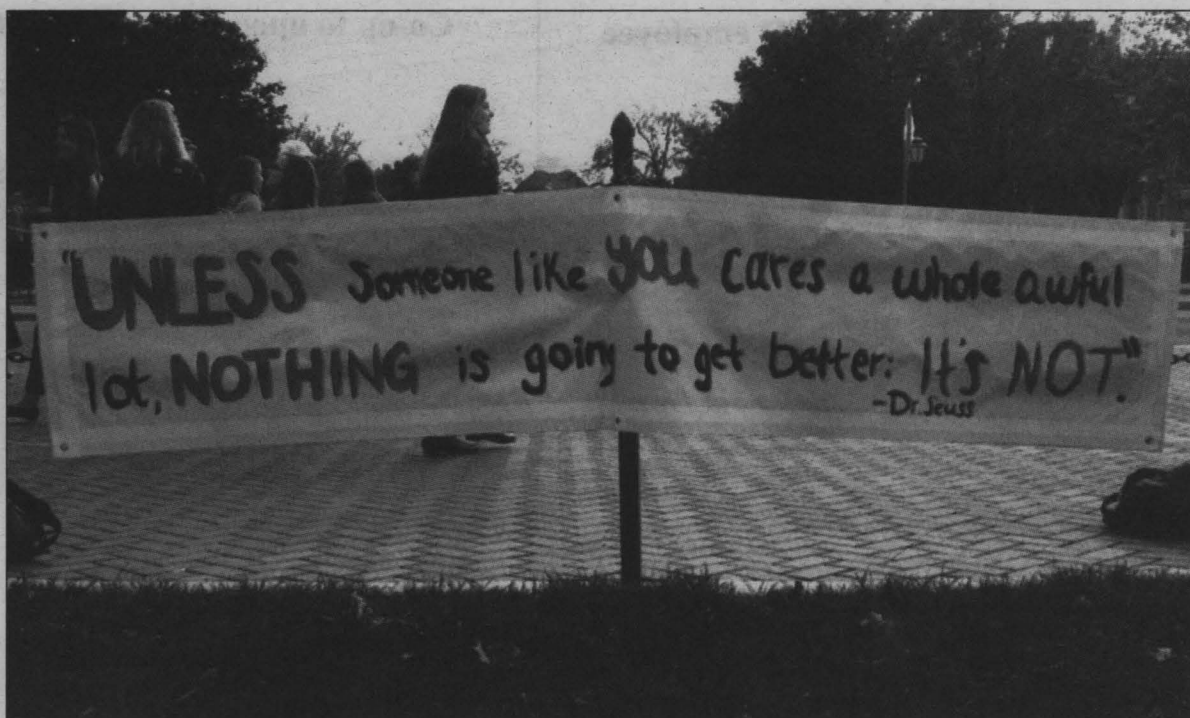
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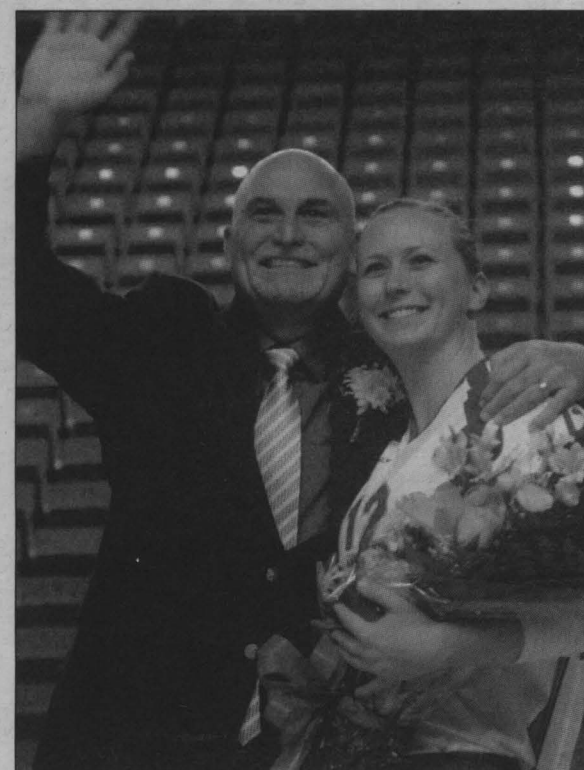
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A Dr. Seuss banner is displayed on The Green as part of the "Green the Green" campaign.



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Students gather around a Golden Retriever in Trabant Student Center.



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Senior outside hitter Alissa Alker holds a bouquet.

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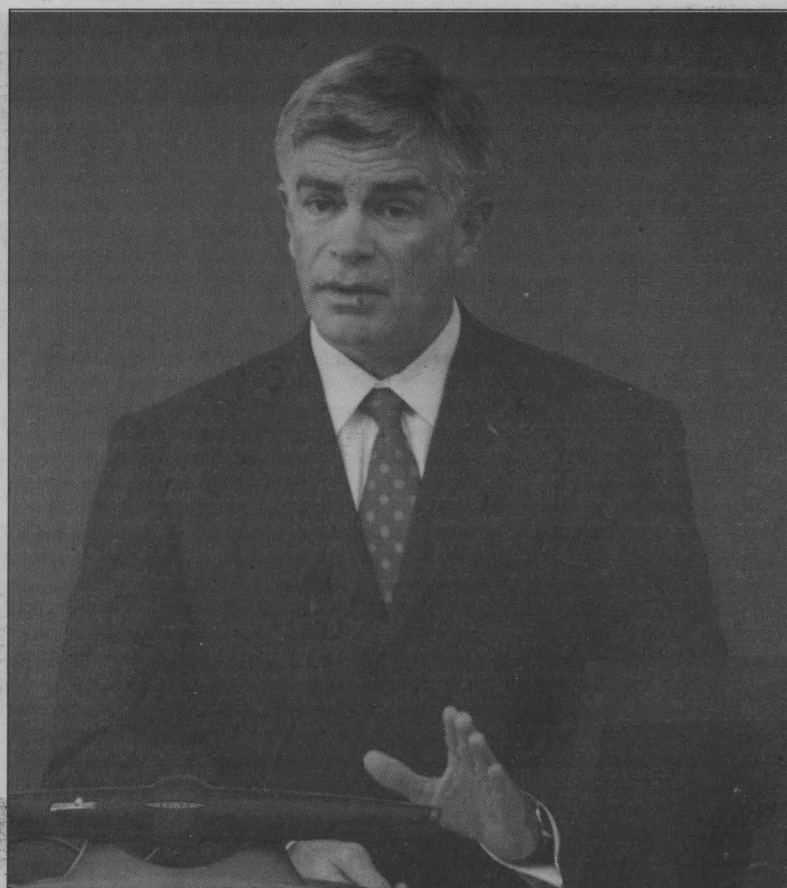
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Harker remains highest paid

BY MATT BITTLE
Sports Editor



File photo

University President Patrick Harker had the 12th-highest salary among public university presidents in 2011. The second highest-paid employee is Executive Vice President and Treasurer Scott Douglass.

dean of the College of Education and Human Development, received \$405,310 and the fifth-highest salary at the university was T.W. Fraser Russell, the Allan P. Colburn Professor Emeritus in chemical engineering, with \$384,330.

Although Harker was the highest-paid employee at the university, he pledged to take a 10 percent pay cut from his 2009 salary of \$915,882 due to the economic recession. His 2010 salary of \$747,620 was

approximately 82 percent of his pay in 2009.

In 2011, Douglass received a pay of \$451,722, and Rich was paid \$425,052. Then-provost Thomas Apple had the fourth-highest salary, with a total of \$419,896, and head football coach K.C. Keeler was paid \$392,613.

As a whole, in 2011 the university reported total revenues of \$973,088,669, net assets of \$2,002,982,287 and liabilities of \$736,113,234.

Early grads see more job opportunity

BY CHELSEA HOLLOWELL
Staff Reporter

Kevin Hood, a senior political science major, will begin working as a consultant for Deloitte after he graduates this winter. He said his decision to graduate early gave him an advantage in the job market.

"I think it helped me because when I went to the career counselors, they said that a lot of the companies hire now in the fall," Hood said. "I wouldn't have even started looking until next semester if I hadn't been graduating early."

This January, 150 students from the senior class will graduate a semester early, according to Career Services Director Matthew Brink.

The most common reason for this decision is because they entered the university with previous credits and they do not want to pay extra tuition, he said. While graduating early is considered uncommon, these students could have an advantage when it comes to acquiring a job since there is less competition, Brink said.

The only time he said he would tell a student not to

graduate early is when the student is in a field of study that requires an internship prior to entering the workforce, such as communication and journalism.

Career Services holds four career fairs in the fall to help these students find a job, he said, though this may not help their prospects.

"It's very common for December grads to graduate without an offer in hand," Brink said.

Senior Rose Summers, a communication and political science double major, said she will graduate this December without a job offer.

"I'm really stressed out right now because I'm going to be living here until the end of the year anyway, but I don't want to stay here so I don't know what type of job to get or how to get one, and there's not much around here to find," Summers said.

Summers has attended a few Career Services events and plans to keep looking during the semester following her graduation. Her friends did not initially react positively to her decision but were happy she will still be living in Newark until spring graduation. She said she would miss her

friends the most after leaving the university.

Senior Shawna Motley's job search has also not been fruitful, which she attributes to multiple outside factors.

"The fiscal year, it kind of makes sense, because they're figuring out where to allocate their money," Motley said. "I think with the election since everything's changing and the economy is so bad, nobody really knows how things are going to be taxed and where to make cuts."

Motley said she hopes to find a job before she graduates, when her parents officially cut her off, and she looks forward to finding a job in human resources but is nervous to leave her friends.

Students who have graduated early from years past that have struggled to find a job or wanted a year off have participated in a gap year of service with organizations like City Year or the Peace Corps, according to Brink.

Hood, Summers and Motley all said they would miss campus, the professors and their friends after they leave.

"I've had a lot of fun here," Hood said. "I don't want to leave, but they're kicking me out."

Professors disagree on climate change

BY ZAINAB AKANDE
Staff Reporter

Although Hurricane Sandy slammed the eastern seaboard in a rare weather event, professors disagree whether or not it is related to climate change.

While the recent storm was out of the ordinary, it does not indicate the hurricane was a result of climate change, according to geography professor David Legates.

He said whenever weather deviates from what people view as normal, people attribute it to climate change when climate itself is not inherently static.

"It's almost repetitive and redundant," Legates said. "Climate has changed and climate will always change."

According to Legates, the climate changes for a number of reasons such as human activities and natural processes. He said one of the

problems he has is when people talk about climate stabilization, which is the theory that weather stays static and does not experience radical changes. Because the climate is a natural experience, he said it cannot be stabilized.

Legates said convenience, in particular, is a reason why the media blames Sandy on climate change. He

said the topic sells and gives the belief human beings are able to do something in order to prevent it from occurring.

Geography professor Daniel Leathers, who specializes in meteorology and climate variation, said he looks to scientific evidence that proves the earth's climate is warming.

"There are human causes for climate change that are likely," Leathers said.

He said the central discussion about climate change is the question as to why the planet is warming. Regardless, Leathers said he believes something needs to be done in terms of understanding the phenomenon's magnitude. Researchers have monitored the environment and studied data for the last 100 years, he said.

Predictions indicate that increasing greenhouse gases and changes on the planet's land surface will continue to have an effect on the climate, Leathers said.

"The other main piece of evidence people put out there talking about climate change is from computer models of the atmosphere," he said. "You can do things with computer models you can't do with the real atmosphere such as change surfaces and increase gas levels."

Delaware, in particular, is in a place geographically where it can be exposed to tropical storms, he

said. Leathers said Sandy would have happened even without the added warming of the planet because of similar events happening in the past. He said storms such as Sandy have happened previously and will continue to happen in the future.

In October 1878, a similar storm was to hit the Delaware Bay and surpassed the recent hurricane's strength, he said. If that storm had happened in the modern day, it would have caused more devastation than Sandy.

"The unusual thing about Sandy was not that it happened, but that once most storms, once they get up our latitude they normally go out into the Atlantic Ocean," he said. "But this storm actually came into our area."

Freshman Alyssa Spence said her family in Long Beach Island, N.J. was heavily affected by Sandy.

"Hurricane Sandy has to be an effect of climate change," Spece said. "Especially because of where it hit,

since hurricanes usually seem to hit the South."

Sandy's turn landward was due to several geologic events coming together, according to Leathers. For now, the environment is in the forefront of the public's mind, but if there are no more prominent weather occurrences, six months from now people will go back to talking about more immediate problems, such as the economy, he

said.

In general, Leathers said the media tends to make projections about weather without any basis in truth or usage of scientific method, which hurts the credibility of the whole science.

Delaware has a variable weather climate that changes on a yearly basis, and one year the state can get an average 20 inches of snow, while the next can bring 72 inches, he said. Leathers said people need to keep this in mind when looking into seasonal patterns within the state.

He said there is no reason to believe Delaware will have a very severe or very mild winter like last year. However, because last winter was mild, Leathers said people's perceptions will be skewed, and they will probably find this winter harsher than last.

"It's a safe bet to say that this is going to be a colder and snowier winter," he said.

Legates said overall, the planet is in a period of warming, cooling and no change all at the same time, depending on which geologic scale studied. He said people are starting to realize that extreme views often presented are just that—extreme views.

"The world is not on the verge of complete collapse," Legates said. "We are not going to be a fireball or ice-ball within the next century."

"It's almost repetitive and redundant, climate has changed and climate will always change."

-David Legates, geography professor

Review This

POLICE REPORTS

Man steals underwear from student's house

A Wilmington resident was arrested Wednesday for burglary and peeping in a home on Choate Street, according to Chief of Police Paul Tiernan.

Sean Maas, 39, entered the home through an unsecured first floor window and was found with underwear that belonged to a 21-year-old female student, Tiernan said. The incident occurred at approximately 1:30 a.m. in the unit block of the street.

Tiernan said officers arrived to the home when witnesses saw a man crouching near the first floor window of the house. Several officers saw a man matching the description given by witnesses walking in the City of Newark Parking Lot 4.

He said as the officers approached the suspect, they saw women's lingerie hanging from his waistband. Maas fled on foot when the officers attempted to stop him, according to Tiernan.

The officers followed Maas and used a Taser to prevent him from getting away, which caused him to fall into the asphalt, according to Tiernan. He said Maas was arrested without further incident and was taken to Christiana Hospital to be treated for facial cuts and a broken tooth.

Maas is currently facing charges of burglary in the second degree, theft under \$1,500, trespassing with the intent to peep or peer and resisting arrest.

Contents of woman's purse stolen at bar

An unknown suspect stole items from a 22-year-old woman's purse at Klondike Kate's sometime between Saturday night and Sunday morning, according to Newark Police Spokesman MCpl. Gerald Bryda.

Bryda said the incident occurred between 11:30 p.m. and 12:45 a.m. He said the victim's purse was hanging off a chair in the bar area, and her identification and credit cards were stolen.

He said while there are no suspects at this time, once apprehended, the suspect will be charged with theft under \$1,500.

Student's purse stolen at party

A 21-year-old female student's purse was taken at a party on Sunday morning, according to Bryda. He said the theft took place in an apartment on the 100 block of Elkton Road sometime between midnight and 3 a.m.

He said the victim and the party hosts saw several uninvited individuals at the party. The victim's purse, which contained an iPhone, identification and her keys, is still missing. He said while there is no known suspect, the suspect will be charged with theft under \$1,500 once apprehended.

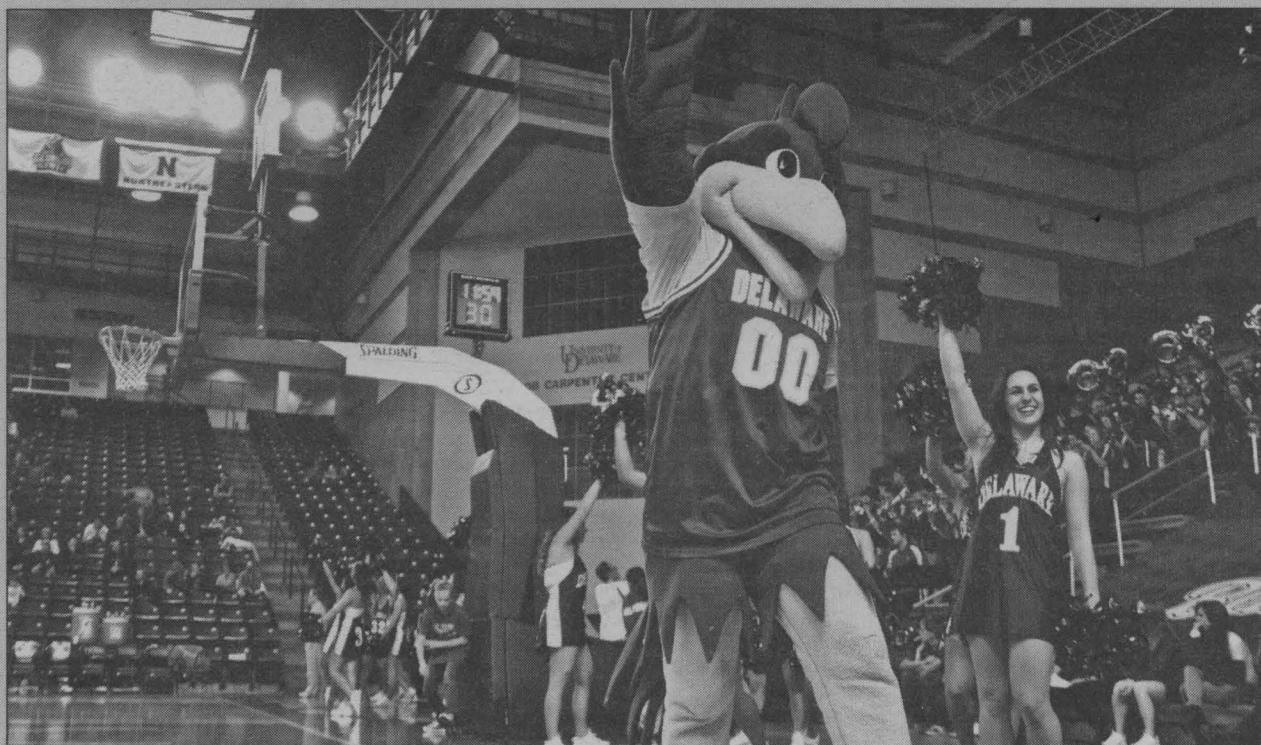
-Rachel Taylor

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

Former university President Russell Jones hired a live-in governess as a nanny for his two daughters (ages eight and 11). The nanny was chosen after a three-month search and was employed by the university with an annual salary of \$12,250 and the same benefits as other university personnel.



PHOTO OF THE WEEK



YouDee waves to the crowd at the women's basketball preseason WNIT at the Bob Carpenter Sports Center.

THE REVIEW/Stephen Pope

IN BRIEF

Book sale to be held on Wilmington campus

There will be a book sale in the lobby of Arsh Hall in Wilmington, which is located on 2700 Pennsylvania Ave. Proceeds will go toward the performing and visual arts programs of the Wilmington lifelong learning program. The event is being held today through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Customers can browse through thousands of books, DVDs and CDs, as well as other items, which generally cost \$1 for hardbacks and 50 cents for paperbacks.

New feature on UD mobile app

The university's academic calendar is now available on the school's mobile application. The calendar informs faculty and students of registration deadlines and holidays. Anyone in the University community can download the app via Apple's App store or Google Play.

UDress will hold fashion show Saturday

To celebrate its 17th edition, members of the student fashion magazine UDress will hold a fashion show Saturday in the Multipurpose Rooms of the Trabant University Center. Doors open at 7 p.m. Boutiques and local businesses will attend the event, which will have information, giveaways and raffles. Local entertainment will also be performing. Faculty and students can purchase tickets through the UD Box Office, TicketMaster or at the door. Tickets are \$7 for students and \$12 for non-students before the show. At the door, tickets are \$10 for students and \$15 for non-students.

THINGS TO DO

Tuesday, Nov. 13

Haven Presents: Everyone Is Gay
7 p.m., Trabant University Center Student Lounge

Wednesday, Nov. 14

CAA Blood Drive
7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., Trabant University Center Multipurpose Rooms

Thursday, Nov. 15

Registration for Spring Semester, 2013 begins

Friday, Nov. 16

YChromes Fall Concert
7 to 9 p.m., Mitchell Hall

Saturday, Nov. 17

UDress Magazine's Fall Fashion Event
7 to 10 p.m., Trabant University Center Multipurpose Rooms

Sunday, Nov. 18

REP Presents: Anything To Declare
2:00 p.m., Roselle Center for the Arts Thompson Theater

Monday, Nov. 19

President's Leadership Series Lecture
4:30 p.m., Gore Recital Hall



Democrat Bryan Townsend is a university alumnus and lifelong Newark resident.

File photo

Townsend elected to state Senate

BY GILLIAN MORLEY

Staff Reporter

Democrat Bryan Townsend, a university alumnus and lifelong Newark resident, was elected to the Delaware state Senate after defeating Republican Nominee Evan Queitsch last Tuesday. Townsend will represent state Senate District 11, which lies southeast of the university.

Townsend defeated Queitsch with 79 percent of the vote, but he said his real challenge was in the Democratic primary election when he defeated the state Senate's President Pro-Tempore and 14-year veteran, Tony DeLuca.

"At the end of the day, we ran against the entire Democratic Party," Townsend said. "That was an obstacle."

Townsend graduated from the university in 2004 with degrees in economics, philosophy and biology and the intention to attend medical school. Instead, he went on to study Chinese language, politics and economics for two years at the University of Cambridge in England and Peking University in China. He then earned his law degree from Yale Law School in 2009, and prior to the campaign, worked at Morris James law firm in Wilmington.

Townsend said while at the University of Delaware he did not have a significant interest in politics but, after seeing the current state of the schools in his district, he was inspired to run for state senate.

"I was becoming very concerned about the state of the schools in the district, especially the middle schools and high schools," Townsend said. "Those are the schools I went to as a child and the schools that my children will go to, so I wanted to get involved."

Townsend said middle schools and high schools are underperforming but are not as bad as their reputation

suggests. He said the district needs to market the schools better in order to show the community the good things the students and faculty are doing.

Townsend said job creation in his district is an issue he would like to focus on as well.

"You need to talk about what you can really do," he said. "You can foster a climate for jobs which includes good schools and safe roads."

Townsend said although he only took one political science course at the university and didn't know much about campaigning, he read books on the subject, worked with his volunteer team to form a plan and used his

of college student volunteers."

According to senior Jacob Weil, Townsend's campaign manager, approximately 50 people volunteered throughout the campaign and most of them were students.

Townsend said he is very appreciative of the team of students for helping with the campaign. He said although members of the district helped out, the core day-to-day volunteers were university students.

For the primary election, Townsend said they were able to raise more than \$35,000, which he said was low compared to his opponent. He said he and his team spent almost every day over the summer getting his message out. The amount of hours he spent canvassing neighborhoods and going door-to-door is what won him the election, according to Townsend.

"We had the assumption that no one is going to vote for me unless they meet me," he said.

Minore said despite their low budget, the time they spent campaigning and meeting with voters made up for their lack of funds.

Townsend said campaigning allowed him to get to know his district better and showed him what could be done if politicians are willing to put in the work, which he said is what the political process is about.

Junior Kevin Sun, the campaign's "Get Out The Vote" coordinator, said he knew he wanted to work more on the campaign and help Townsend after going door-to-door with him.

"Bryan impressed me so much with what he had to say on the doorsteps," Sun said. "He just seemed like such a genuine candidate."

Minore said what he has seen from Townsend on the campaign trail has inspired him to work more with the state Senator. He said he would like to continue helping him navigate his way through the Senate. According to Minore, Townsend is "what Delaware needs."

"Bryan impressed me so much [...] He just seemed like such a genuine candidate."

-Kevin Sun, junior

college experience to help him to relate to voters to show he cared about the issues in the district.

"I didn't have any experience in terms of the nuts and bolts of campaigning but I feel like that helped me," Townsend said. "People are tired of insincerity in politics."

Junior Alex Minore, director of finance for the campaign, said Townsend's ties to the university helped him attract students to volunteer.

"Being a UD grad helped him connect with us," Minore said. "Almost his entire base was made up

Politics Straight, No Chaser

Demographic Shifts Hurt GOP

After the persistent discussion and speculating how presidential race will be incredibly close and possibly be a historic Electoral College tie, President Barack Obama has comfortably won a second term in the oval office. Before Ohio was called during Karl Rove's desperate attempts on Fox News to construct some type of fanciful scenario where Republican Presidential Nominee Mitt Romney somehow still had a shot, Obama had already sealed the victory, even if he hadn't won Ohio. In the end, Obama won by an electoral landslide of 332 electoral votes to Romney's 206, winning every key swing state except for North Carolina. Obama was even victorious in Wisconsin, the home state of Romney's vice presidential running mate, representative Paul Ryan, as well as the highly contentious state of Florida that expectedly took almost a week to come to a final count on its votes. Additionally, Obama won the popular vote, garnering approximately 61.9 million votes (51 percent) to Romney's 58.7 million (49 percent). Although this still was clearly a close race in regard to the popular vote, the electoral vote was a distinct triumph for Obama. Speaking at a victory party in Chicago, the president fittingly summed up the outcome of the election saying, "We're not as divided as our politics suggest."

Meanwhile, what also cannot go without notice are the historic results of several state referendums regarding the highly controversial topics of marijuana use and same-sex marriage. Maryland, Maine and Washington legalized gay marriage in their states, while Minnesota rejected a proposed ban on such marriage. At the same time, residents of Washington and Colorado voted in favor of the recreational use of marijuana, while Massachusetts legalized marijuana for medicinal purposes.

Obama's decisive re-election combined with the approval of pro-marijuana and pro-gay marriage laws display a transparent and sweeping progressive shift for the nation. So, what does this mean for the Republican Party?

Some Republicans shied away from acknowledging any underlying problems with the GOP and instead cited significant flaws in Romney as a candidate as the reason for his defeat. They noted how certain traits such as his Mormon religion and his history as a centrist made him unattractive to strong, Christian conservatives while additionally, his multi-millionaire status and elitist image dissuaded liberals. Other Republicans blamed Hurricane Sandy and the continual praise given to President Obama by Governor Chris Christie, a popular Republican and Romney surrogate, in the wake of the storm's destruction that provided Obama a presidential and bipartisan image in the final

days before the election. "It won't be forgotten easily," a Romney insider grumbled about Christie. Some simply stated that the Obama campaign had defeated Romney in the ground game, reaching out to voters in higher numbers and with more effective strategies.

Republican fundraiser and strategist Ana Navarro was more on the mark, however, when she cited concerns regarding the party's voter demographics. She was frustrated by Romney's inability to attract Latino voters and saw it as a missed opportunity. "Latinos were disillusioned with Barack Obama," Navarro said,

"But they are absolutely terrified by the idea of Mitt Romney." Many political pundits and strategists, Democratic and Republican alike, agree with this notion and the idea that the GOP must



Matthew Garlipp

address the issue of their dwindling political base of older, white males. Romney won quite comfortably among whites with a 59 percent to 39 percent margin as well as voters 65 and older, accruing 55 percent of the vote. This is significant as whites made up 72 percent of the electorate this year (down two percentage points from 2008) and persons over the age of 45 made up 54 percent of this election's votes.

However, the rapidly increasing demographic of minorities and youth voters was almost entirely neglected and lost by the Republican Party. According to Brookings, a think-tank based in Washington, D.C., minorities encompassed a historic 28 percent of voters. Romney lost substantially to these voters, especially among Latinos where he trailed Obama by a whopping 44 percentage points. Therefore, it is vitally important for the Republican Party to engage the youth and burgeoning minority demographics if it wishes to remain relevant and in-tune with these fast growing segments of the American populace.

"The Republican Party hasn't done a great job, and should be ashamed of itself, for not going after all Americans," said Hogan Gidley, a Republican strategist. "We can't take any one group for granted and need to look for ways to appeal to black and Latino voters." Similarly and quite comically, Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC) stated, "[In] the demographics race we're losing badly. We're not generating enough angry white guys to stay in business for the long term." For now it is uncertain how and if the GOP will act in response to this defeat but as "angry white guys" diminish and the population continues to diversify, it is certain that the GOP must do something.

IT department relays interesting questions

BY MEGHAN MCDEVITT
Staff Reporter

Manager of web development Richard Gordon said the university's Information Technology department tries to control as many problems within their scope as possible, even if it is extinguishing a flaming computer.

Several years ago, one of the central computers caught fire and was smoking, Gordon said. After they put out the fire, an investigation revealed that a drill press had stripped some insulation off of the computer's internal circuit boards during installation and overheated.

"The deal with IT is like a referee," Gordon said. "The analogy is that if the referee does his or her job right, you don't notice, you just watch the game. In many ways that's what we do. It's like if we do our job right, then you students don't notice how hard we've worked."

During an average week, the IT department handles about 450 calls from students, faculty and staff who need help in the classroom or on campus, according to IT user services manager Ron Nichols, though move-in weekend and the first week of school are the busiest time for the department.

During the move-in period, IT

handled about 440 calls over the weekend and 1,000 calls during the first week, Nichols stated in an email message. Gordon said the most common call was for help in setting up basic technology in dorm rooms.

Nichols said that most calls require them to reset passwords. Problems that involved entire system outages only average one to two calls per month and sometimes, though rarely, the department handles requests outside of their expertise, according to Nichols. The most bizarre call IT received was from a client who wanted to get rid of gnats in her home, he said.

"Actually one of our support center analysts knew of a solution using dishwashing soap and apple cider vinegar, and the caller was thrilled," Nichols said.

Gordon said understanding the reason behind a problem is more important than fixing the problem. People tend to blame the technology when something goes wrong, but, Gordon said, there's always a reason that things happen.

"As things get more complex, it is sometimes hard to figure out exactly what's gone wrong," Gordon said. "But the beauty of computers is that you can always find a reason. The challenge is

figuring out the reason."

The basic function of IT is to provide technology that students, faculty and staff utilize to complete and share work within the university community and the greater learning community, and one way to increase this scope of technology is to hold training sessions, Gordon said.

At almost any time during the semester, students and teachers can request and sign up for one of these sessions. IT can teach a single program or a skill during the session and some are even recorded for later access.

According to Jean Neff, coordinator of IT user education, the department tries to help professors enhance the technology in their classrooms.

"We can personalize training by meeting with you to find out what you're trying to accomplish," Neff said. "Then we help you choose the best IT tools for the job and point you to the appropriate educational resources."

The IT department also can give faculty and students temporary access to 55,000 video tutorials made by the website called the Virtual Training Company. The tutorials teach computer programs and skills to students and faculty.

Aside from outside training, IT offers other opportunities

for professors, faculty and staff to utilize new technology. The department gave 31 grants to a handful of professors to explore and implement technology into their classrooms, such as iPads.

According to Gordon, IT is willing to help almost anyone at any time and they offer a lot more

services than students, faculty and staff may even know about. Gordon said his department is integral to the function of the university.

"Remember, you can't spell 'university' without IT," Gordon said.



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Most calls IT receives require them to reset passwords for students and faculty members. They handle about 450 calls a week.



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Profs talk hurricane-resistant structures

BY MEGHAN MCDEVITT
Staff Reporter

With new modern technology and natural resources, hurricane damage can be relatively minimal in the future, according to chemical and biomolecular engineering professor Richard Wool.

Wool led a team of researchers who discovered a way to build hurricane-resistant structures and created a composite material made of natural and renewable sources that can prevent roofs from being torn off in high winds.

"When you look at a roof in hurricane winds, you can see it deconstructing one particle board after the other," Wool said. "They're just peeled off by these forces that are generated by this little pressure drop with the high velocity winds. So our solution is to make the roof all in one piece."

Wool said this new material is constructed like a sandwich, with layers of high-performance composite structures on the top and bottom, separated by a layer

of foam that is one foot thick. Not only does this new technology stand up to wind, but it also provides "remarkable thermal insulation," he said.

Wool said he only uses renewable resources in this composite material and the outer layers and interior foam are constructed using natural sources. Even the bonding material, which is used to attach a roof to a housing structure, is made of soybean oil. This new material is attractive to developing countries and local communities because the resources are indigenous and easy to find, Wool said.

Jack Puleo, civil and environmental engineering professor, said Hurricane Sandy devastated parts of the East Coast not only because of the relatively weak building structures but also due to a lack of sea barriers. He said these barriers can slow or stop high winds, preventing further damage landward, whether they are manmade or naturally created.

Puleo studies the movement of sand across beaches, and he said natural dunes provide excellent protection for the coast when they are placed and built correctly.

"In terms of protecting the shoreline, there are all kinds of options," Puleo said. "The most drastic would be to build a wall along the entire shoreline but certainly that's not going to happen. What you hope is that there are things that are more natural such as dunes, large sand features that are landward of the typical beach."

Puleo said dunes are relatively easy to create, as wind blows from

water to land across the beach, pushing sand away from the water and toward fences where it is trapped. Grass is then planted in the collected sand to keep it stable, and dunes are naturally reinforced in a similar way, Puleo said.

According to Puleo, the natural dunes are a better solution than manmade structures in preventing damage to the land. The danger, he said, is that solid walls or coastal structures might cause erosion because they don't allow natural processes to happen. Manmade structures also cause problems in areas that are not in their immediate proximity, such as further parts of the coastline.

Both Wool and Puleo said there is no clear answer in preventing hurricane damage, but Robert Benedetto, a senior environmental engineering major, from Middletown, N. J., said there is a need for improved storm damage prevention in coastal cities and towns.

"We got hit pretty hard," Benedetto said. "We had the corner

of our garage taken out by a tree. The beaches that we go to are pretty much underwater, so the whole area I grew up in is pretty messed up right now."

Benedetto said he heard several ideas circulating in coastal cities and towns about how to rebuild structures to minimize damage. However, he

said there is no way to project the potential loss from storms. Although he said he thinks major storms have been happening more frequently, it is impossible to make everything storm resistant.

Benedetto said one idea he has discussed is the creation of air-filled metal plates on hinges at coastlines. He said this plan may work because when the water levels rise, the lightweight metal plates are lifted on their hinges and act as a temporary wall in the case of an emergency.

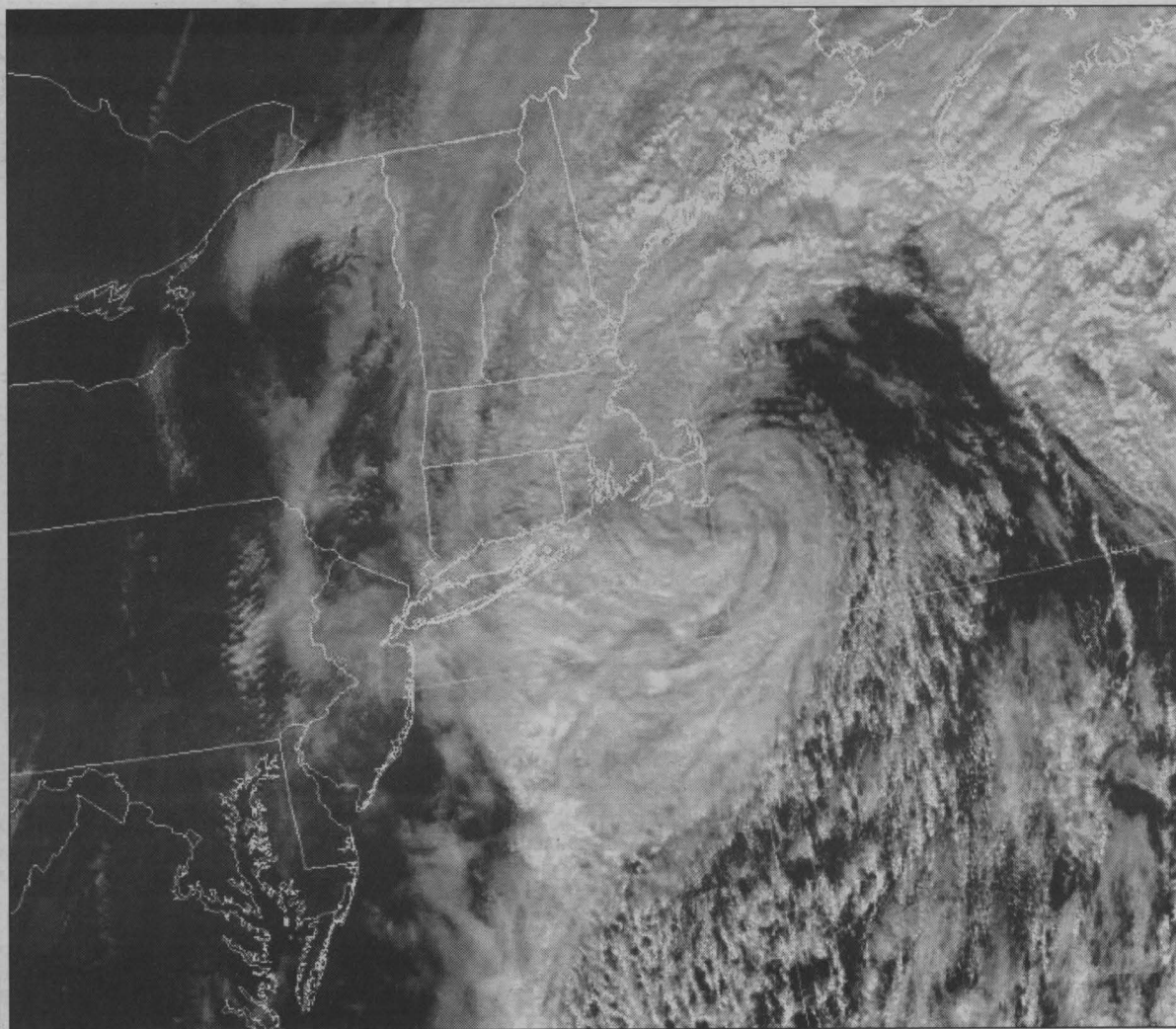
Vincent Ciarlo, a senior structural engineering major, said he has also heard of utilizing plates on the coastline. Yet, he said dunes might be a better way to protect the coastal cities and towns.

Ciarlo said another way to prevent damage is to raise the level of underground transportation systems in places like New York City, as well as to build cities on a levy system like in New Orleans. He said his ideas focus on the high water levels more than the high winds, both of which are problems for coastal communities.

"If you're going to live in this area, you have to understand the risks," Ciarlo said.

"The most drastic would be to build a wall along the entire shoreline but certainly that's not going to happen."

-Jack Puleo, civil and environmental engineering professor



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The Nor'easter brought snowfall to many areas that saw devastation from Hurricane Sandy.

Nor'easter strikes coast after Sandy

BY RACHEL TAYLOR
City News Editor

Less than two weeks after Hurricane Sandy, a nor'easter made its way up the East Coast, causing further damage in areas already affected by the hurricane. Although there were minor weather disturbances in Delaware on Wednesday, areas already impacted by Sandy were set further back in reconstruction efforts.

Daniel Leathers, a geography professor and co-director of the Delaware Environmental Observing System, said it is part of his job to monitor regional weather events. While he said nor'easters are not particularly uncommon during the fall, it is unfortunate a hurricane and a winter storm happened in such a short period of time.

"A nor'easter is simply a storm," Leathers said. "They're called nor'easters because, typically, we have northeastern winds for an extended period of time. It's a mid-latitude cyclone."

According to Leathers, while a nor'easter is not generally as intense as a hurricane, it can cause significant problems over relatively large areas. While the nor'easter did not cause damage to the same extent as Sandy did, he said it made life difficult for those trying to clean up and get their lives back to normal.

Leathers said the snow storm was predicted in Delaware but never occurred and there was very little precipitation. It was fortunate that state did not receive as much damage as other parts of the East Coast, he said.

Central and northern New Jersey had more serious problems with heavier winds and wet snow that accumulated on trees, piled up and fell, bringing down power lines, he said.

While a power outage that lasts only a few days may not seem significant, for those who have been without power, it is an inconvenience, Leathers said. It also pushed back relief efforts and forced workers to stop attempting repairs for a few days.

"Even if it keeps you from getting power for one or two extra days, it's a major thing," he said. "I doubt it set things back too far, but it really gave a 36-hour period where recovery had to stop."

Tricia Wachtendorf, a sociology professor and associate director of the university's Disaster Research Center, said some of the main concerns of the nor'easter were power outages and lack of heat. She said these worries compelled nursing homes in areas affected by Sandy to evacuate when the nor'easter approached the area. The hurricane made generators more vulnerable, compelling health care providers to move their patients to secure facilities, she said.

"The fact that Hurricane Sandy had just come through made people more aware of the system," Wachtendorf said.

Junior Renah Scudlark, vice president of Students for the Environment, said she is familiar with nor'easters, as they typically go through Delaware around this time of year, and she is from the state. Her main concern about the nor'easter in regards was beach

erosion. Nor'easters are often the reason the beaches have sand added to them every year, she said.

Scudlark said while she does not think the nor'easter was as traumatic as the hurricane, its effects were more widespread, and the combination of the two storms concerns her.

"It's really discouraging," Scudlark said. "Hearing that a hurricane hit New York is such a surprise, then a week later, round two is coming."

Scudlark said she thinks the effects of Hurricane Sandy will be evident for years to come. While she said the major problems may be fixed quickly, long term projects will take more time before they are completely resolved. She said while the nor'easter hindered short term repairs, she doubts it seriously affected long standing projects.

Wachtendorf said one of the most important things to do after a major storm is to properly convey information to people. She said one of the things she has noticed after disastrous weather is an increase in donation efforts to support survivors.

She said while this is a charitable act, it must be done appropriately in order to be effective. The best way to help is to give cash, Wachtendorf said.

"If you give to an organization like Feeding America, they can buy more cans because they buy in bulk," Wachtendorf said. "People can give monetarily to the Red Cross or an organization they trust. Survivors can get what they want and support the local economy."



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The university is obligated to cooperate with local growers because it is a land grant university.

Agriculture students tend winter crops

BY BO BARTLEY
Administrative News Editor

Winter temperatures are not enough to keep Emmalea Ernest from growing lima beans. When the weather begins to change, she moves her growth operation from the outdoors to greenhouses in Georgetown, Del.

Ernest, a UD Cooperative Extension agent with the fruit and small vegetables program, said sometimes her research tackles growing crops in untraditional conditions. She has been breeding an onion that can brave the winter months.

"We have had a fair amount of success the past couple years planting onions in the fall and then overwintering them," Ernest said. "They are harvested in late May or June."

Delaware provides a set of conditions that allows for a wide range of research with onions, Ernest said. Since the state is not too far north or south, it is in a region of the country where both "long-day" northern and "short-day" southern onions can be grown.

Gordon Johnson, plant and soil science professor, said his department takes a few steps during the "off-season months" to ensure that their research continues. He said the wintertime provides a chance for him and his colleagues to analyze the data they collected during the summer and spring.

There is a set of vegetables known as "cold crops" that the extension can grow until late into the year, Johnson said. These plants include turnips and mustard, and, depending on the weather, they can be grown through January.

He said some of his research about the winter months caters to smaller farms.

"We're looking at ways to lengthen the season for small growers using row covers and such," Johnson said. A row cover is a type of protection farmers use to protect their crops from undesirable weather effects.

The university is obligated to cooperate with growers in the area because it is a land grant university, according to Johnson. Most public universities have programs similar to the one here, he said.

His program holds winter meetings to help educate local growers about the winterizing of crops.

Some of his work focuses on giving small farm owners the opportunity to grow for as long as

possible and potentially sell to schools and other organizations during the winter. However, most of what his program teaches can be instituted on any plot.

"I've worked with everything from 5,000 acre farms down to those around less than an acre," Johnson said. "We pretty much serve vegetable growers of any kind."

It is important to keep unused soil active during the winter, Johnson said. He plants "cover crops" that are not harvested, but allow the soil to retain nutrients and for optimal growth in the spring, he said.

Ernest said her program provides research for operators of both big and small farms, and lima beans are her primary interest.

She has been breeding the legume since 2004, but she said before her work, there had been no substantial research on the plant since the late 1980s.

Other agricultural programs at the university use the wintertime to teach students how to handle the change of seasons.

Shaw Civitarese, a junior in the college of agricultural and natural resources, said the school not only offers classes on plants during the winter but also about breeding animals, such as sheep, during the winter.

"Production sheep tend to be born in the winter, therefore, they need to have it in the winter," Civitarese said.

He said the timing of the gestation periods of the sheep and when they are born at the end of the class "matches up perfectly."

There are also study abroad classes for the college that take place during the winter, Civitarese said. On one trip, students have the opportunity to go to New Zealand and focus on animal sciences, while on another, students go to Brazil and focus on plant sciences.

Ernest said the winter season provides researchers in Delaware respite from fieldwork in the vegetable and small fruits program. She spends the non-harvesting months attending lectures and analyzing her data, she said.

Johnson said he is happy to help farmers who are looking for new methods for growing. The extension holds winter education meetings and will hold its annual "Cooperation of Conventional Growers of Delaware" and will hold events at "Agricultural Week" on Jan. 14 to 18.

"This has always been part of the job that we do, connecting the university

Delaware family passes farm down through generations

BY ROBERT SCHRADER
Staff Reporter

Karen Breeding raises cows and pigs on a farm that has been in her husband's family for more than 100 years. The farm, called Tomahawk Cattle, has been in operation since 1911, according to a news release from the Delaware Department of Agriculture, and is one of four farms to recently be named a "Century Farm."

Family farms receive this title if they have owned the land for more than 100 years. The Breeding family farm spans approximately 12 acres, which she and her husband Chris Breeding acquired from his great-aunt, Mildred Walls, who was also named the "Century Farm" title on Nov. 1.

In addition to the Breeding family, the Walls Family, the Pepper Family and the Wilson Family, which includes state representative David Wilson (R-Bridgeville), were named "Century Farms." More than 120 farms in Delaware have now been honored in this program, according to the news release.

Breeding, 33, of Greenwood, Del., said she normally wakes up around 5:30 or 6 a.m., works into the late evening hours and eats dinner at 8 or 9 p.m. On her farm, she raises beef cattle and pigs and produces beans, corn and hay.

In order to stay afloat, Breeding said farmers must have a love of agriculture and a hard work ethic. Because of the great responsibility it takes to produce a food product, she said, farmers do a lot of physical labor, and their job becomes their life.

"Every morning you wake up and go out to work," Breeding said. "Every night you can hear the pigs or the cows mooing even as late as 10 p.m."

She said the weather, particularly

rain, and having the skills to learn, and power to run one's own equipment, as challenges in the farming industry. Breeding said most farmers are able to prepare for changes in the economy. The large-scale problem is that consumers do not understand how important agriculture is, she said.

"The biggest obstacle for farmers is a society that is so far removed from what we do," Breeding said.

As a farmer, she said it is her job to "find the right doorway or avenue" to teach others about what she's doing and why she's doing it.

Along with maintaining the family farm, Breeding teaches animal science at Woodbridge High School in Bridgeville. She said bringing her experience into the classroom helps her students learn, and, because they have a farm at school, they get to see the results of their work.

Breeding said an important aspect to keeping the appreciation of production agriculture alive includes preserving the heritage that surrounds it.

She said she is lucky to have married into a farming family that is stable, and that helps keep the farm in operation. Keeping the love and appreciation alive for the future requires passing it onto the next generation, Breeding said.

James Glancey, a bioresources engineering professor, said he grew up on a dairy farm in New Jersey and thinks farmers must excel equally in terms of their physical work in the field and their managerial skills in an office. He said marketing is the key to success in farming.

Glancey said although there are obstacles, farming will always exist, but will improve through new technology.

"Fundamentally, you still have

to put the seed in the soil, it's still going to germinate, it's still going to grow and needs water," Glancey said. "That won't change."

Breeding said for the most part, her whole family is involved in farming, which includes her in-laws in Seaford, Del. and her family in Pennsylvania. She said her family understands the importance of their role in agriculture.

Glancey said that getting young people interested in agriculture has been more challenging lately, and said the Delaware Department of Agriculture's Young Farmers Program is an initiative to help with that issue.

According to the Department of Agriculture's website, the Young Farmers Program "is designed to help young farmers acquire land through a long-term, no-interest loan."

LEADelaware provides opportunities to students in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources to learn about the field, Glancey said. He said the organization exposes young people interested in agriculture to new kinds of business opportunities in the field and takes them on field trips as part of the program.

Glancey said that the state engages in the Farmland Preservation Program, which, according to the Department of Agriculture's website, "protects land for agricultural purposes" and keeps that establishment permanent. He said a family commitment to agriculture is also critical to keeping a farm alive for so long.

She said being a farmer is worth the challenges that come with it because a crop will grow and eventually move on to help feed someone.

"You put a lot of blood, sweat and tears into your work, but the greatest thing is just seeing something that goes totally full circle," Breeding said.

SGA forum discusses new construction

BY ALEXANDRA DUGGAN
Staff Reporter

Senior Michelle Barineau, president of Student Government Association, said the forum Thursday went well and had a decent student turnout.

She said students left knowing more about the university, and junior Colton Braun agreed. He said he was not completely satisfied with the faculty's responses to students' questions.

"I felt the faculty was trying to avoid some of the questions," Braun said.

The forum consisted of a panel of school administrators, and each panelist discussed the current happenings in their department and addressed questions and concerns once the floor was open to students.

Dean of Students Dawn Thompson discussed the new building projects and reconstruction currently taking place on campus. She said the new residence halls, which are being constructed on the east end of Harrington Beach on East Campus, will create a better environment and greater sense of community for students, rather than a rivalry between West and East Campus.

Talk of the new construction was greeted with a positive reaction from the

audience, however some students said money could also be spent improving current residence halls, by installing air conditioning in Harrington Residence Hall, for instance.

"Unfortunately some of our halls cannot be adapted to air conditioning in an economical way," Thompson said.

Interim Provost Nancy Brickhouse discussed the university's efforts to create a welcoming environment for students and how administrators are working toward making the campus more diverse. She was questioned by students about how exactly the university plans to bring diversity to the campus through different high schools, but Brickhouse said she could not disclose what high schools the admissions office is targeting.

On the topic of diversity, junior Cedric Steenberghs, president of Haven, the university's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender registered student organization, said he is concerned about Chick-fil-A's presence on campus.

"As you know Chick-fil-A donates to anti-gay groups, including people who push for Uganda's 'Kill The Gays' policy, which actively promotes the execution of homosexuals," Steenberghs said. "We were just wondering if food services and Student Life were looking to push Chick-fil-A

off campus."

He said members of Haven find it difficult to be in Trabant University Center knowing one of the restaurants there supports an anti-gay movement.

In response, Food Service Director Michael Ryan said the university has a contract with Chick-fil-A and has not discussed changing their agreement.

University Police Chief Patrick Ogden discussed security actions being taken in light of recent crime around campus. He discussed how to prevent crime in the residence hall, the video camera project on-and off-campus and Campus Safety's collaboration with the Newark Police Department.

Still, some students voiced their concerns about off-campus safety, citing specific incidents that recently occurred on Choate Street.

SGA Chief Justice senior Dave Mroz asked about the recent break-ins regarding video surveillance in areas heavily populated by university students.

Ogden said the department is trying to improve connectivity, but surveillance on Choate Street is not their main concern.

"Choate Street is far enough away from campus that the university would probably not put a camera there," Ogden said.



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Halo 4 marks the first Halo game to be produced by 343 Industries.

Halo 4 released, gamers review

BY MIKE GOLDSTEIN

Staff Reporter

Hundreds of Xbox enthusiasts lined up outside of the Gamestop at the Christiana Mall at midnight last Tuesday so they could be the first ones to buy Halo 4, the newest addition to the Halo video game series. The game's release marks the first Halo game to be produced by 343 Industries, as the first three games were previously made by Bungie.

Senior William Kong was one of those people lined up at Gamestop.

"I couldn't wait to buy it," Kong said. "I was more excited for this than I was for Battle Field."

Brian Sedlacek, a senior game advisor at Gamestop, was working at the store for the midnight release. He said the store received 400 to 500 preorders for the game.

"About 165 to 200 people showed up for the release," Sedlacek said. "For Halo, that's pretty normal."

Like its predecessors, video game players have highly anticipated Halo 4 because of its deep graphics and realistic game play. But it's the multiplayer feature that entices veteran Halo players like Kong to keep up with the series.

Kong said he likes that the game allows players to customize their characters and in multiplayer mode, but he would have liked to see the option for characters to run at higher speeds.

"The first Halo was my favorite, probably because that was the first game I got for Xbox," Kong said. "But being able to play online with my friends against them, or on a team was the cherry on top for me."

Kong said he thinks the game will be successful, like the ones that came before it. The theme and its features is what makes the Halo series so special, and being able to ride in a Warthog with friends, shoot aliens and watch bullets go through a character's helmet when you shoot him are aspects of the game that keeps drawing players back, Kong said.

Keith Feinberg, a university alumnus, said the campaign mode, or single player option, is the feature of the game that interests him.

"A lot of kids go right to multiplayer and don't even try the campaign mode," Feinberg said. "I like going through the story, maybe this time I'll see the Master Chief's face."

However, Feinberg said he was not completely satisfied with certain aspects of the two-player, co-op campaign mode and said the user should be able to switch characters when playing with multiple people, for instance.

Kong said Halo 4's graphics were crisper and more lifelike than any of the previous editions. He said the setting of the game also impressed him so much, he felt like he was playing a role-playing game, which are known for

their backgrounds.

"I feel like you can explore the landscape more, as if it were almost an RPG game and not a first person shooter," Kong said. "It's still a shooter's game, but the creators definitely focused more on being able to wander and discover the Halo world."

James Clause, a computer information professor, said the budget for creating such a high-profile game reaches millions of dollars.

"The challenges that come with making a video game are similar to writing," Clause said. "You have to meet the deadline, whether it's for the holiday season or a given month. Meeting the schedules is a big challenge."

Clause said unlike computer software, a video game is harder to fix because it is a physical object, making it more difficult and expensive.

Michael Lanci, a senior electrical engineering major, said the creators of Halo nearly perfected the mechanics of the game for their deadline and will continue to find success when taking such diligent care. He said the makers also did a good job adding creativity to the game's campaign mode storyline.

"It's great," Lanci said. "There is a twist in the storyline that I won't give away, but the game focuses more on the main character's relationship with his [friend] without taking away from the shooter action itself. Overall, I think Halo kept its fans."

Outdated video games cherished

BY LAURA SCHULTZ

Staff Reporter

Brushing the dust off her old Sega Dreamcast, senior Allison Scarbrough prepared the console for a night of gaming with Genshiken, the university's video game club, on Wednesday in Gore Hall.

Scarbrough is one of many students who spend their free time playing the Legend of Zelda, Mario Kart, Super Smash Brothers and other hit video games from the 1990s. Nostalgia is one of the biggest reasons college students choose to play old games over their modern counterparts, she said.

"Some of these are the games we grew up with and are familiar with," Scarbrough said. "Back then, the games were made perfect to us and now have such strong sentimental value."

The key differences between new and old games are the technological advancements made over the past decade, she said. The old Sega or Nintendo consoles could not support many of the graphics gamers see in a new Call of Duty game, Scarbrough said.

Senior Dennis Anderson said students have many memories of evading Koopa Troopas in Super Mario or beating levels in Donkey Kong. Given the high prices of new video games, many students opt to play older ones instead of spending the money on a new game, he said.

"A lot of people sell or trade their old games, but I like my collection," Anderson said. "If I don't want to buy a new game, but I want to play something different, I'll play an old game because the fun's still there."

Senior April Zappaterrini said students keep playing older video games because they can play together in a comfortable setting. The older games place more emphasis on fun, rather than intense competition.

"I know a lot of games like Halo and Call of Duty have a social aspect and people can play online, but people get more seriously into it rather than focus on just having fun," Zappaterrini said.

Zappaterrini, who is a regular gamer, said compared to the complexity of modern games, the older games' simplicity adds a "friendly aspect" to the playing experience.

Anderson said members in Genshiken play a mix of old and new games and maintaining the social

element of gaming while playing an interesting variety is one of the club's main objectives. He said he enjoys the older games' design.

"Older games are kind of like cartoons—back in the day Mario Kart and Donkey Kong were all really bright colored games because the system couldn't handle anything overly complicated," Anderson said. "They're simpler and more happy-go-lucky."

Senior Brendan Czupryna said this simple design is what has kept him playing into his college years. He said the ease of using only three buttons and a joystick appeals to both avid video game players and people who play less regularly.

Czupryna said his favorite game is Super Smash Brothers because he grew up playing it and does not need to play for an extended period of time to enjoy it. Two four-minute rounds are enough for him to have fun, he said.

"Things like Super Mario World and Donkey Kong are challenging, but the controls are so simple," Czupryna said. "The best games are the ones that are straightforward but frustratingly easy."

Senior Lynn Hyde said the old consoles and games are more socially oriented and allow more people to join in, something she believes is ideal for a college setting.

"Some of the old ones have simpler controls and anyone can sit down and play," Hyde said. "They make it easier for a bunch of college students who aren't necessarily gamers to get together and play."

Old video games will never really go away for people of the 90s generation, Zappaterrini said. Every generation has the games that it grew up with, she said.

The members of Genshiken said they believe people will always play games such as Mario Kart, Donkey Kong and the Legend of Zelda. For the next generation, games like Halo 4 will have the most nostalgia, Zappaterrini said.

Czupryna said he keeps his old games because of their sentimental value and has continued to play them with his roommates since coming to the university.

"It's a weirdly strong connection to our childhoods," Czupryna said. "True story, there's an N64 in my family room here at UD."



Mary-Kathryn Kotocavage

Students feel old video games will never fade out for the 90s generation.

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Closed Provost search creates controversy

BY ZAC CROCE
Staff Reporter

As a result of the closed search for the next provost, a majority of the Faculty Senate voted in favor of a recommendation calling for "greater openness" regarding the input of faculty and students in hiring future administrators at last week's meeting.

Senators voted 43 to 9 in favor of the recommendation. The Faculty Senate's statement reads, "the Provost search and other high-level administrative searches (including Deans) be conducted in a reasonably open manner, such that short listed candidates are announced and brought to campus, where our students, faculty and other concerned members of the university community may engage them and provide feedback before a finalist is selected."

George Watson, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, chairs the provost search committee which is made up of 12 other professors from various academic fields, a Board of Trustees member, the vice president of Student Life, and two students—senior Michelle Barineau, the president of Student Government Association, and graduate student Emily Bonistall, the president of the Graduate Student Senate.

Spencer Stuart, an executive

search firm, is conducting the search. Watson said the firm is helping to manage the process by doing background checks and speaking to references. He said the committee is reviewing 100 or more candidates, which is typical for this type of search.

"We're shooting to make the recommendation to the president by February," Watson said.

At the previous Faculty Senate meeting on Oct. 1, biology professor Deni Galileo, the President-Elect of the faculty senate, had requested that the Senate's Executive Committee formulate the motion that was voted on this month.

Galileo, along with physics and astronomy professor John Morgan, human development and family studies professor Martha Buell and education professor Linda Gottfredson, all spoke in support of greater transparency.

"An open search might lose a great person, but a secret search could get us a very bad person," Gottfredson said. "Which is worse for the university? I think there is no contest."

Galileo stated in an email message that the lack of openness runs contrary to academia. The provost is the chief academic officer and the administrator the faculty will

interact with the most, because he plays a major role in decisions about promotions and tenure, Galileo said.

He said a closed search creates a sense of disenfranchisement amongst the faculty. In addition, Galileo said he does not see how Spencer Stuart or the provost search committee can properly evaluate a candidate

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*-Education professor,
Linda Gottfredson*

if the candidate's involvement in the search is kept secret from their colleagues at their own universities.

During a confidential search, candidates are asked to submit a list

of references to the search firm and university. In an open search, the committee would be able to talk to any of the candidate's colleagues. Galileo said that is the only way the committee could gain an understanding of who the candidates are.

"[Potential candidates] are being asked to risk nothing because they apply in secret, while we are being asked to risk much because no one will be able to vet them thoroughly," Galileo said. "That's not very reasonable to me."

Galileo said another search firm, Isaacson-Miller, conducts their searches with more thorough vetting than Spencer Stuart and lists their current and previous searches for universities on their website.

In North America Spencer Stuart has 162 consultants, of whom only seven are listed as specialists in "Academia and Research," and two have worked in an academic setting, according to the firm's website.

During the Nov. 1 Faculty Senate meeting, Morgan distributed photocopies of a 2005 article in the New York Times by Gretchen Morgenson, who wrote that nine of the 50 individuals who Spencer Stuart's leading consultants had identified as "America's Best Business Leaders" in 1999 were subsequently exposed as having engaged in unethical or

illegal business practices.

Galileo said people leave institutions for both good and bad reasons, and a highly confidential search makes it nearly impossible for any bad reasons to come to light.

Pollack said President Patrick Harker made the decision for a confidential search and it was approved by the Board of Trustees.

"I trust [the Provost Search Committee] to do the best they can with the limited information they will have," Galileo said. "But, they are being forced to work within a system that severely limits their information and denies them the ability to contact references who are not approved by the candidates."

Galileo said he was unsure if passing of the motion would play a role in the current search.

"At least it's clear now how the vast majority of faculty, through their senators, feel about how openly searches should be conducted," Galileo said.

Pollack said the current search was too far along for any significant changes to be made to the process.

"But it is a suggestion of faculty sentiment that could have an impact on future searches," Pollack said. "The resolution is not binding but only a recommendation—and it is not even addressed to anyone."

Young voter turn out higher than 2008 election

BY BEN COOPER
Student Affairs News Editor

Despite long lines, absentee ballots, confusing voter ID laws and other barriers faced by first-time voters, Joshua Spaulding, communications and policy manager for the Fair Elections Legal Network in Washington D.C., said college students across the country turned out to vote in record numbers.

According to Fair Elections, 19 percent of all voters this year were between the ages of 18 and 29, which is a percentage point higher than the turnout of young voters in the 2008 presidential election.

Spaulding said while total number of young voters remained "on-par" with the numbers from 2008, in some states, such as California, the percentage of voters under 30 years old increased by over 5 percent.

He attributes the spike in young voter turnout to the increasing ease of voter registration. Many first time voters are uninformed as to how and where to register which eventually causes them to miss out on voting entirely, he said. Spaulding said the rise of online registration is one of the biggest factors in increasing participation.

Sixty-one percent of voters under the age of 35 had registered online, according to Fair Elections, and Spaulding said the ease and simplicity of online registration significantly affected turnout.

"As states are implementing online voter registration, it definitely helps increase the number of young people who are actually going to turn out," Spaulding said.

Fair Elections launched a Campus Vote Project in February with the goal of increasing the number of voters in the 18 to 29 age group. Their biggest

concern is informing young voters on how the voting process works. They specifically target college students who are unaware of different voting options such as absentee ballots and early voting, Spaulding said.

The early voting option can help resolve problems at the polling stations on Election Day, he said, because waiting in long lines can deter students and other young voters from casting their vote.

Junior Ashley Thomas said the increase in young voters helped President Barack Obama win his second term.

"I think Obama definitely had the upper hand in terms of technology, like his Twitter, and absolutely helped recruit younger voters," Thomas said.

The majority of Twitter users are in the younger demographic, she said. Because of his effective use of social media, Thomas said Obama was able to reach more young voters.

Sophomore Caroline Murphy of the College Democrats said Obama's success in appealing to the younger demographic came from relentlessly working towards capturing their vote.

"I know how hard he worked and I know how hard his peers worked, and I just think that's why it turned out well for him," Murphy said.

Sophomore and President of the College Republicans Elizabeth Catt said more young voters turned out to the polls because many of the issues the candidates discussed during debates directly affect the younger demographic such as abortion, birth control, Planned Parenthood and gay rights.

She said Republican Presidential Nominee Mitt Romney lost the votes of a lot of young people during the primary election when he was forced to target a more conservative audience. However, afterwards, Catt said he could have done a better job "targeting and energizing"

young voters.

She said social media played a significant role in energizing young voters on Election Day.

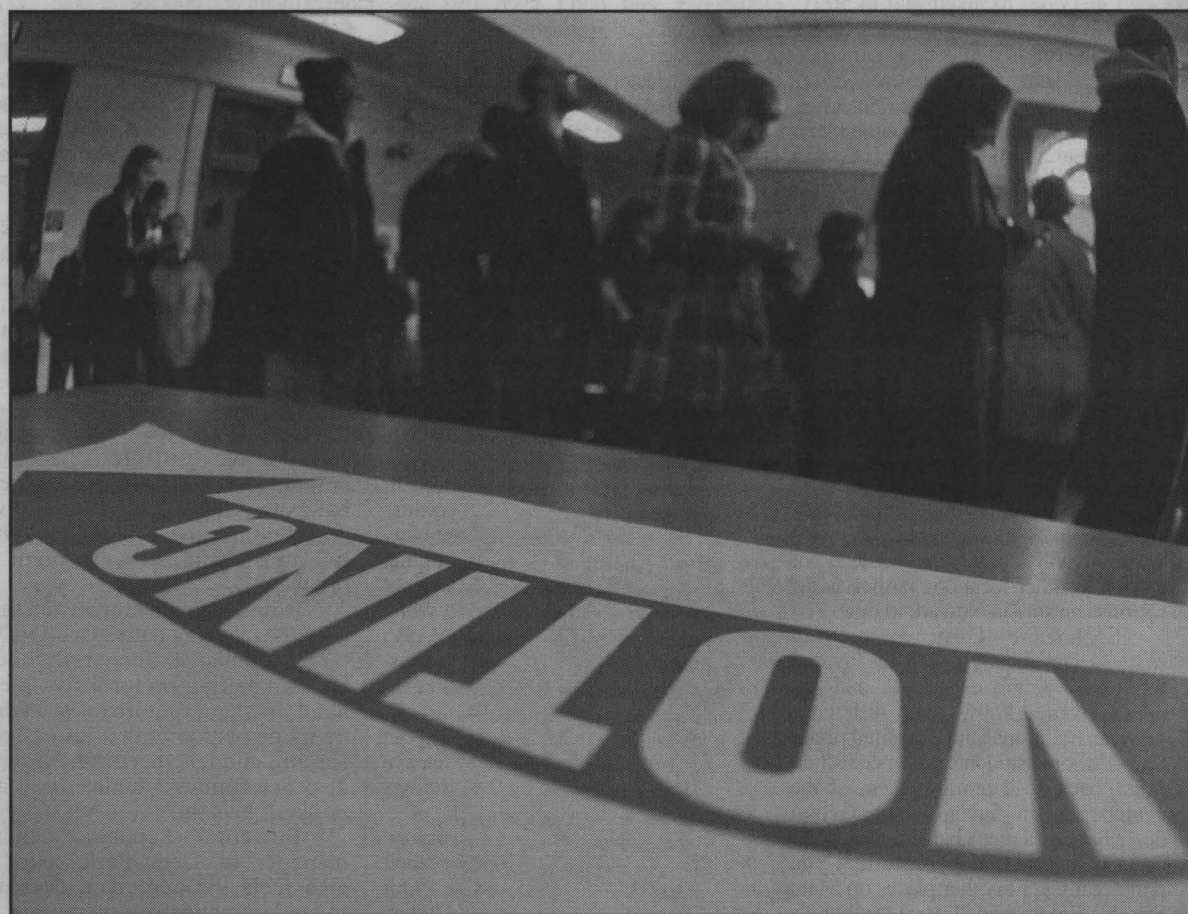
"Voting became kind of a cool thing to do and everyone was posting about it on Facebook," Catt said. "It became a bit of a craze to prove that you

were participating."

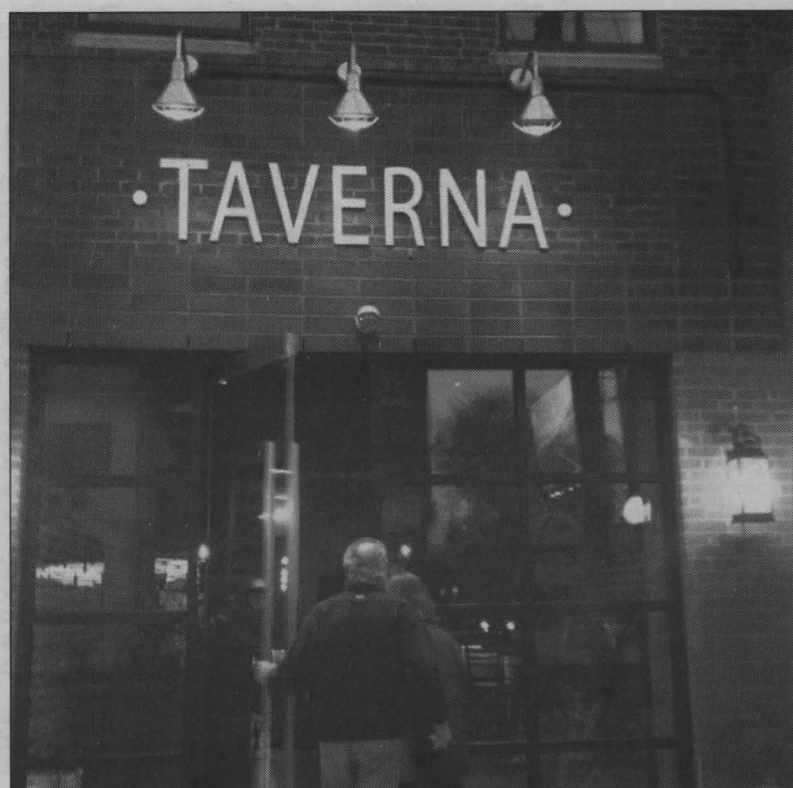
All campaigning and social media aside, Spaulding said the biggest factor in increasing the turnout of young voters comes from increasing voter registration. Out of all college students between the ages of 18 and 24 who registered to vote, 84 percent casted their vote at a polling

site or through absentee ballots, which he said is a "huge number."

Once young voters receive the information they need on how to vote and understand its importance, Spaulding said the rest of the process falls into place.



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Despite long lines, young voters turned out in high numbers for the 2012 election.



THE REVIEW/Mary-Kathryn Kotocavage

Taverna offers coal-fired pizza, pastas and brunch.

Taverna opens on Main

BY MONIKA CHAWLA

Staff Reporter

Newark is getting a taste of coal-fired pizza as the new Italian restaurant, Taverna, opened Nov. 1 on Main Street.

Carl Georgi, president of Platinum Dining Group, which owns the Italian eatery, said the process of making coal-fired pizza is a laborious task. He said it can only be perfected with the proper amount of time, effort and expertise.

"Once the oven is set up, we can get it up to 900 degrees F, giving the pizza generally two to three minutes to bake," Georgi said. "The great thing about coal is that it's significantly cleaner than using gas or wood."

He said Taverna makes their pizza in a traditional, authentic Italian way; the same way it was made hundreds of years ago in Italy.

Ricky Nietubicz, the Downtown Newark Partnership Administrator, said Taverna offers a full course menu comparable to the menus of Cucina Di Napoli and Café Gelato. In a small college town with far more "grab-and-go" places for students than authentic cuisine, he said young professionals, teachers and visiting parents find it harder to eat at a restaurant that piques their interest.

"We want to serve the untapped market of people who crave a premier eating experience," Nietubicz said.

He said although they consider students when making decisions about new businesses and restaurants in Newark, there is an under-represented demographic in the area he feels Taverna will attract. So instead of driving to other locations farther away, patrons can stay in Newark to dine.

Sophomore Carly Frank said students are already going to Taverna for a new dining experience and she thinks some know the difference between traditional and coal-fired pizza. She said some students prefer coal-fired pizza, because it reminds them of the genuine Italian flavor, which Georgi described as "a nice charcoal taste."

"It has this crispy taste that you don't really get in other places on Main Street," Frank said. "I love Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza in Wilmington, but driving there isn't something I could do

very often."

She said because Taverna is the only place on Main Street that offers this type of pizza and the "convenience factor" will most likely make the restaurant even more popular among students.

Georgi said he feels many young customers are enthusiastic about the restaurant's eco-friendly interior and simple food. He said student response has been more than he anticipated and has created a more casual atmosphere for the restaurant.

According to Georgi, Main Street's popularity among students made it an ideal location for Taverna. While most of the company's other restaurants are situated in the Wilmington, area such as Capers and Lemons and Eclipse Bistro, the expansion into Newark will be good for the company, he said.

"Some of the good folks in Newark have been trying to lure us down here for a while—they're a fan of our other restaurants," Georgi said. "Some high executives at the university, as well as local politicians, have long supported the idea."

Georgi said with 18 beers on tap and a list of wines and specialty drinks created for Taverna, he believes the restaurant will satisfy the cravings of a variety of people. He said he did not want to open a "beer and shot" type of restaurant so he said he made sure the alcoholic selections would appeal to a larger demographic.

Taverna is the first restaurant in Delaware to sell kegged wine, according to Georgi, and the majority of the wine on the menu costs less than \$30 a bottle. The restaurant also carries at least four or five types of canned beer and while Taverna caters to older adults, it also aims to appeal to local college students.

Georgi said it was a bit daunting to open a restaurant in downtown Newark because of the high competition, but the signature coal-fired pizza, extensive menu, brunch and late night offerings will separate it from the rest.

"We want to give value to everyone that comes in here, whatever their budget may be," Georgi said. "Our goal is simple: to take traditional Italian dishes from all over Italy, and to present it in a simple and straightforward way."

Students see rise in DJs, drop in bands, at Main Street bars

BY EDWARD HAGAN

Staff Reporter

Campus bars such as Kildare's Irish Pub, Klondike Kate's and Timothy's of Newark feature various student disc jockeys on specific nights of the week, often coupled with drink specials to draw in larger crowds.

These nights are generally the busiest, and many students crowd the dance floors week after week to party as their peers mix on stage.

Senior Stephen Curbello, also known as DJ Stevie C, said less live bands are performing at college bars and DJs are becoming the new crowd favorite among the student generation. He said he thinks the shift toward dance and electronic music at bars happened within the past two years.

"People kind of stopped caring so much about the music itself and started caring more about the party because it was the cool thing to do," Curbello said. "Dance music suits that kind of party atmosphere a lot more and that's what kids want to listen to nowadays."

Curbello, who performs weekly at Deer Park Tavern, said most students do not necessarily go to the bars looking to take in an actual music performance as they would at a show or concert. Instead, he said, bars are more for socializing so the DJ is there to add to the atmosphere and play exactly what the audience wants to hear.

At the same time, however, being a DJ is not just pressing buttons. According to Curbello, people notice when a DJ is not skilled and "it really kills the vibe."

Although, the demand for DJs and dance music is higher than ever, bars like Homegrown Café and Deer Park Tavern aim to promote local and student bands and preserve the traditional music scene.

Assistant Manager of Homegrown, Grant Robinson, said even though there has been a recent shift in bars seeking to hire DJs rather than bands, he has not noticed any decrease in the number of student bands looking to perform on Main Street.

"It's tough to say," Robinson said. "We still get the same amount of submissions from bands looking to play here and we still feature local bands playing live music almost every night of the week."

Robinson said more often than not, the bar's set up affects what types of musical acts are booked. He said setting up for a five piece band on stage requires more work than one person with a PA system. Having enough space for the band also determines whether they are booked, he said.

Edward Settan, general manager of Deer Park, said he also feels the perceived decrease in student bands is a misnomer.

"We haven't seen any less interest in student bands trying to

play here," Settan said. "We've always gotten a lot of requests from different bands and we try to choose the ones with a unique sound and a decent following."

Settan also said he has noticed resurgence in bands that play party music, which he feels is an attempt to reconnect with audiences that have started to shift their interests toward the recent music trend.

Students want to hear a certain type of music, and as such, the bar must cater to their clientele, Settan said. Deer Park tries to keep a mix of DJs and bands to distinguish their bar from others in Newark, he said, and the bar is able to do so because it has a mix of locals and students who come in.

Senior Kimberly Clark said she almost never hears live music at the bars anymore, but would not mind having bands perform on busy nights at the popular campus spots.

"I love when live music is playing at the bar because it's fun to sing along," Clark said. "DJs can play whatever they want, but I feel like they are too quick to play only dance music."

However, she said dance music is what most people want to hear, and she thinks most people would not go to the bars if it was not played.

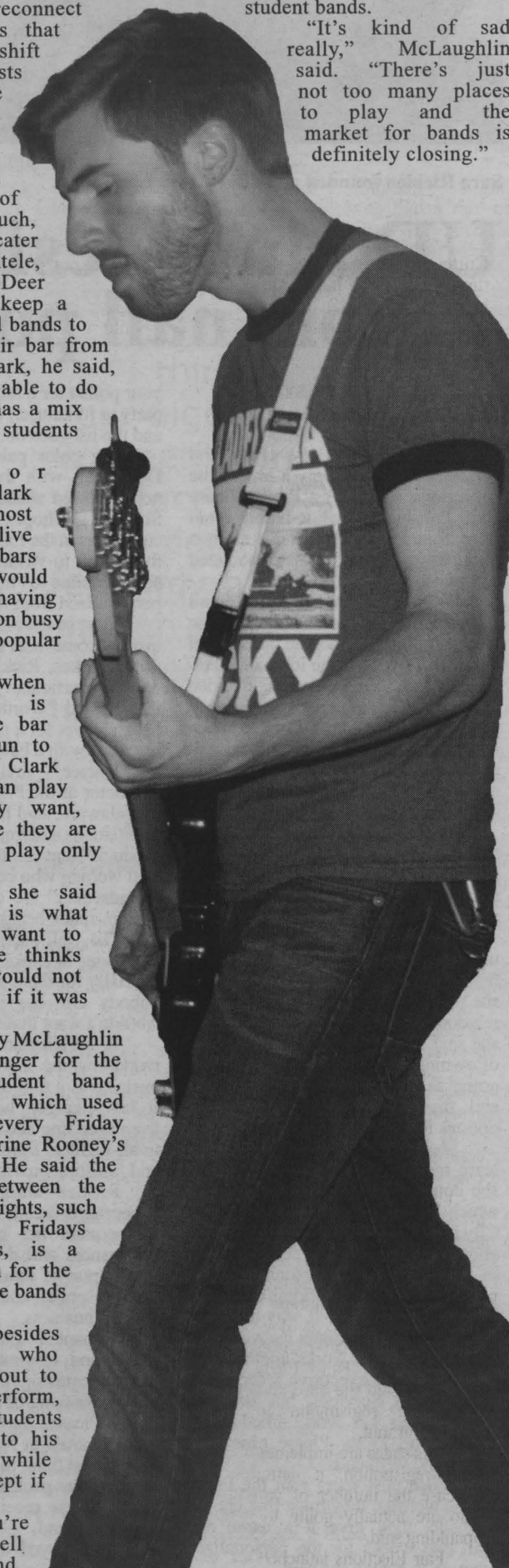
Senior Rory McLaughlin is the lead singer for the four-piece student band, Chevy Lopez, which used to perform every Friday night at Catherine Rooney's last semester. He said the competition between the bars on busy nights, such as Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, is a possible reason for the switch from live bands to DJs.

He said besides his friends who always come out to see his band perform, not many students pay attention to his band's music while they play, except if they mess up.

"If you're playing well you almost end up becoming background music," McLaughlin said.

Despite bars like Deer Park and Homegrown hosting local bands each week, he said very few of the bands are made up of current students. He said the explosion of the electronic music onto college campuses has discouraged students from listening to and joining student bands.

"It's kind of sad really," McLaughlin said. "There's just not too many places to play and the market for bands is definitely closing."



THE REVIEW/Mary-Kathryn Kotocavage

Students discuss the difference between DJs and bands and how they affect the vibes of the venue.



THE REVIEW/Rachel White

Sara Ricklen founded an online-based retail store.

UD alum designs custom nail polish

BY HABIBEH SYED

Staff Reporter

Berry Blast, Color Pop and Perfectly Pastel are only a few of the collections offered by Pretty Please Nail Polish, an online-based retail store founded by university alumna Sara Ricklen that sells customized nail polish.

Ricklen, 33, stated in an email message that she graduated from the university with a degree in apparel design in 2001, but the idea for Pretty Please came to her when she decided to give her mom an inexpensive and personalized gift for Christmas. When she went to look for customized nail polish online, however, she could not find a company that offered these services.

"It was a complete surprise how the company came about," Ricklen said. "After a lot of research and thought, I decided to move forward and give the company a shot."

After graduating from the university, Ricklen moved back to her hometown of Baltimore, Md., where she pursued jobs in marketing, public relations and visual merchandising, she said. She initially had high hopes of owning her own clothing boutique, going as far as finding a retail space and meeting with banks for loan options Ricklen said.

She knew she would have to learn more about the industry before she could run a successful boutique, which led her to move to New York City in 2005 in hopes of learning more about the industry. After seeing "a hole in the market" for personalized nail polish, she began working on Pretty Please in 2010, and it was officially recognized as a business last year.

Ricklen also works another full-time job at an executive search firm in Financial Services, but she said she balances her work schedule by working on Pretty Please mornings, nights and weekends.

When customers visit the Pretty Please website, they must first choose a shade, then give it a name and wait two weeks for the personalized creation to arrive, she said.

"This nail polish is all about you, your friends, your party and your vision," Ricklen said. "You can name

your polish for a milestone, a birthday party, a fundraiser, a sorority function and the list goes on."

The color palette will grow in December, with the addition of six new featured shades on the website. She said she hopes to better serve her customers in the future by giving them the option to virtually mix their own shades online to "make the nail polish personalized from top to bottom."

Most of the nail polishes ordered usually come with names that refer to private jokes, Ricklen said. She said one that particularly stands out to her was named "Worth The Wait" for a baby shower for a mother of four sons pregnant with a baby girl.

Jeneice Taylor, cosmetology instructor at the Paul Mitchell School in Delaware, said hair color, lipsticks, foundations and fragrances are "trendy products" that can be customized. She said women who consider themselves "trendsetters" are often interested in custom-made beauty products.

"To tell somebody that you are going to make something that is specially for them and something that nobody else has pretty much, who wouldn't want that?" Taylor said.

While Ricklen said she enjoys her work, owning and running her own business is a time-consuming project. It has changed her life drastically, from spending late nights with friends to all-nighters following up on emails and fulfilling orders, she said.

Ricklen said her biggest fan and supporter is her mom, who has helped her expand her business with her selflessness and dedication. She said the support of family and friends has been essential and priceless for her and her business.

Samantha Bart, 30, Ricklen's friend and inspiration, said Ricklen has an amazing imagination and is always thinking of new ideas to better Pretty Please. Bart, who works as a makeup artist in New York City, said the craziest thing they have worked on together was packing a large order that Pretty Please received from a major handbag brand.

"We stayed up for who knows how many hours stuffing polish boxes, labeling and packing them to ship out to the client," Bart said. "It was a long, but fun, few days."

Facebook changes in works

BY JACQUELINE HEINZ

Staff Reporter

Facebook will change its format once again, according to the company's news website Inside Facebook. The site's timeline profile layout, where posts are divided by a vertical line will be reformatted into more "user-friendly layout," but, some students are resistant to changes of any nature from Facebook.

Freshman Austin Harshbarger said he was surprised to learn employees were altering the layout so soon and said Facebook employees should stop their constant changes to design.

"When they change it, everyone just hates it for a while and gets used to it," Harshbarger said. "By the time everyone gets used to the changes, they change it and it's something you have to figure out, yet again."

Although disappointed with the idea of a new layout, Harshbarger said Facebook's current design already has faults. The placement of the current chat bar is inconvenient and limits chats to only a few at once, whereas before users were able to chat with many more people, he said.

Educational technologist Mathieu Plourde said he also thinks Facebook's timeline has a poor layout, especially with regard to the sidebar, where the chat feature is located.

"It's like you're Facebooking within Facebook," Plourde said. "Why do you need that? To me, it's a bad design."

He said he was not surprised

to hear of Facebook's decision to change its layout, but he thinks most students are against the social media site's alterations. He said he thinks if the website got feedback about potential changes by polling its users, the revisions would then be better.

Education professor Fred Hofstetter, who specializes in multimedia, said he thought in some instances, Facebook needs to make continual changes, especially in the case of bugs. However, the major issues users have with the changes lies in the fact that Facebook is free for its users, he said.

"The big risk you take when you adopt something that is free is that you have no control over when they are going to make changes," Hofstetter said.

He said this makes working with Facebook in the classroom difficult, especially for classes focusing on social media.

Hofstetter and Plourde both said the site provides its customers with a way of communicating, especially between students, that educators want to tap into. Plourde said the website is similar to a type of hangout, where people come together to share stories without physically meeting.

Hofstetter said in an academic or in a professional atmosphere, professors and potential employers can track student activity by college year, which is amplified by Facebook's current timeline design.

At the university, Facebook integrates with a new learning management system called Canvas.

With Canvas, Hofstetter said students can use Facebook to receive grades and comments from their professors.

Plourde said Facebook is "a mix of close and weak ties between friends." The fact that users can go back to the root of relationships on Facebook sets the site apart from other more streamlined social media, he said. He said when users visit the homepage, the stream of updates give users the opportunity to "go back in time."

Facebook remains a key way for its users to keep in touch with friends and family, especially those who live far away. Freshman Dan Diaz uses Facebook to keep in touch with his extended family.

"I use Facebook to talk to my second cousin who is an Admiral stationed in Japan," Diaz said. "I've never met him, but I've had video chats with him. It's a good way to keep in contact with people."

Diaz said he does not think Facebook will go away in the near future and believes the reason Facebook keeps updating is to stay relevant.

Although there are complaints about the constant changes Facebook makes, the number of Facebook users continues to climb. According to Hofstetter, Facebook just passed the one billion mark.

"The idea of timeline is a good metaphor because life is time," Hofstetter said.

Local elections dominated by Democrats

BY HABIBEH SYED

Staff Reporter

While the country's focus turned to the presidential election last Tuesday, Newark residents and Delaware politicians waited for the results of local elections.

Newark residents elected Democrat Paul Baumbach as the State Representative for the 23rd district and Delaware residents elected Democrat Bryan Townsend to the state Senate in the 11th district Tuesday. Democratic Incumbent Senator Dave Sokola won the state senatorial race in the 8th district, a position he has held for 22 years.

Although he was confident he would win, he said this election was different because his district was reapportioned. He said 85 percent of the people in his district were new residents.

"I didn't really feel like I was running for re-election, I was introducing myself to so much of the district," Sokola said.

Sokola has had a different campaign manager for every election, and, this year, his daughter took on the role. He credits his volunteers and message with the success his campaign has had, but said the victory is a result of a variety of factors.

"It's hard to put a finger on exactly one thing, because there's so many things, it's almost more of a like recipe than a menu," he said.

Sokola said he started campaigning in May and went door-to-door to meet the Newark residents. He said some residents

were skeptical of his ideas but were supportive overall of the issues he is working on.

He said the biggest issue in the state is education, which issue he is the most passionate about as the Chair of the Senate Education Committee. He said he will continue the education reform he has been working on for the past two decades which has received recognition in Delaware and outside the state as well.

Baumbach said as a first time candidate, he was incredibly focused on his campaign for the House. He said now that he has won, there is even more work to be done.

"There is so much to do," Baumbach said. "I have to define the right way to be a great legislator. I need to make sure I've got the time and space to be acceptable to the voters of the district."

Freshman Laura Manser said she voted for local candidates as well as national ones and believes these local politicians would be better off pulling in student voters through email or cell phone calls.

"I believe students affected a lot of the election," Manser said. "I know that a lot of people in college talk about politics. A lot of people will debate just to have something to talk about."

Baumbach said he has learned a substantial amount about his voters through face-to-face meetings. He said by going door-to-door, he was able to hear what members of his district had to say and react accordingly. As an

elected official, he wants to make sure he is well informed of the needs of his local community, he said.

Sophomore Jessica Anton, a Newark resident, said she voted in the presidential and senatorial races, but was unaware of the amount of local elections before she entered the voting booth. She said she did not know much about local politics, though she saw signs on the highway advertising the candidates.

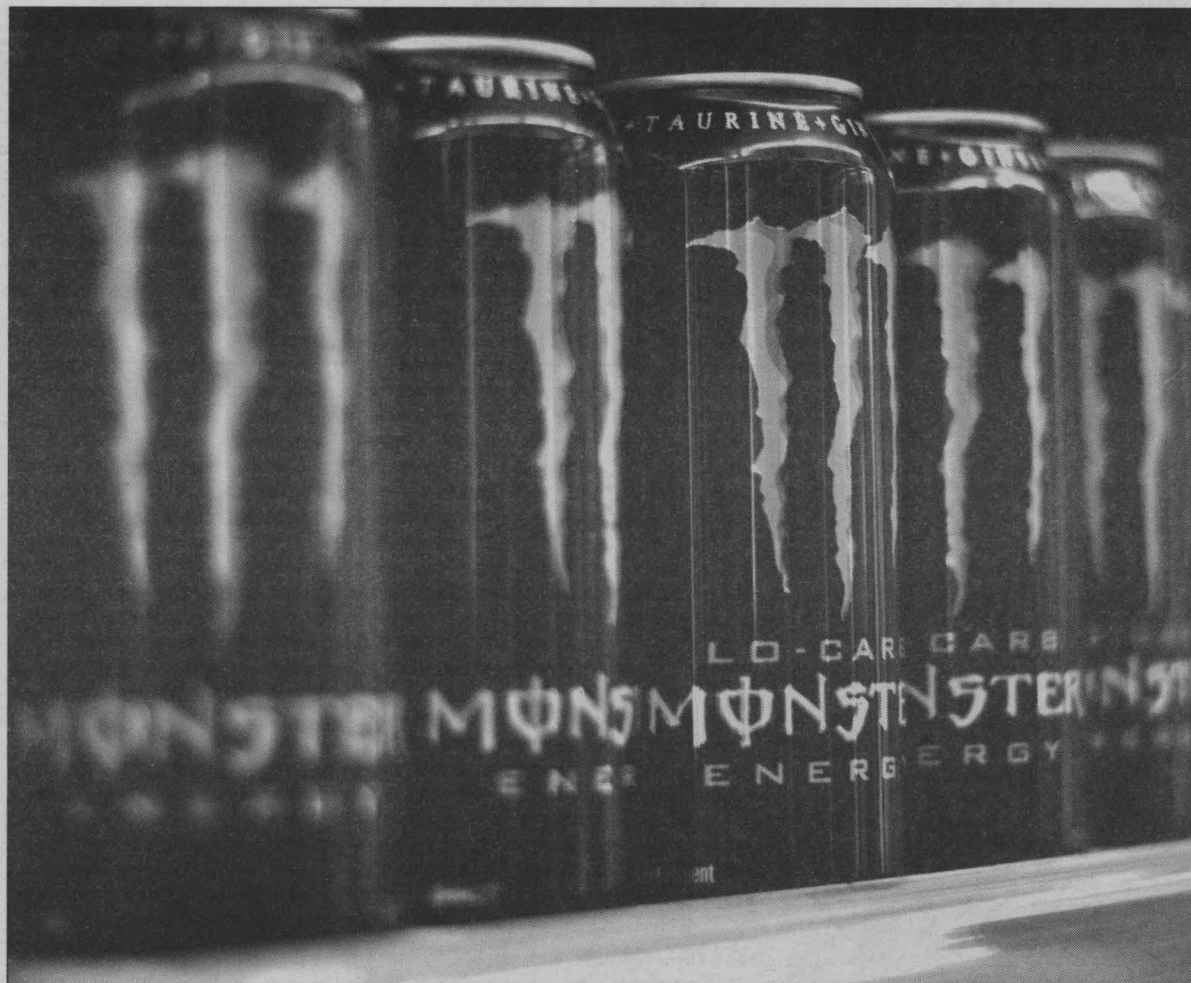
"I didn't even know I would be voting for them that day," Anton said. "I wasn't told. I was a first-time voter, so I didn't know."

Anton said she does not think her vote for local candidates was particularly important, and she was more focused on the presidential race. She said Delaware's tendency to vote Democratic furthered her belief that local elections would not stray too far from the expected.

Townsend said as an elected official, it is important to work with residents to make sure the policies reflect the values of the district. He said he also thinks working with government officials is the best way to have an effective term in office.

"There are certainly a lot of programs and plans people have been doing recently," Townsend said. "I'm not coming in there expecting to completely change all of that. It's important to get a good lay of the land."

Danielle Brody contributed to this article.



Students use energy drinks like Monster for caffeine during study time despite warnings on bottles.

THE REVIEW/Stephen Pope

Energy drinks threaten health

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The Review

Richard Bounds, an emergency room physician and associate residency director at Christiana Hospital in Newark, said he has seen first-hand the effects caffeine can have on college students.

"I have seen a few cases of students who are studying for finals and exams and pull an all-nighter," Bounds said. "I've seen them come in like they're having a panic attack or anxiety attack because they can't stop having tremors or a racing heart beat—some have had vomiting and diarrhea, things like that."

Bounds said these are all effects of excess caffeine. The students are given a sedative to help them relax and are prescribed a good night's sleep after receiving an electrocardiogram to ensure no heart problems are occurring from the caffeine, he said.

In the last year, five deaths across the nation have been linked to the consumption of energy drinks, and students are able to purchase the same drinks at several locations on campus such as Trabant University Center and The Scrounge in Perkins Student Center.

Bounds has not seen any fatal cases and said most are typically milder. Other side effects of high doses of stimulants include chest pain, palpitations and vomiting.

The average energy drink and cup of coffee contain roughly 200 mg of caffeine, according to Bounds. However, caffeine is not the only stimulant found in energy drinks. Guarana, taurine and other "herbal or natural substances" can add up to another 500 mg of caffeine equivalent, but energy drink

companies are not required by the Food and Drug Administration to print these ingredients on the label, he said. Herbal substances are not regulated by the FDA and do not require testing prior to their release, nor do they require a label.

Caffeine works like any other stimulant, such as speed or cocaine, by stimulating an adrenaline and catecholamine rush in the body within the first five minutes of drinking it. The effect peaks at about 30 minutes and it takes around four to six hours for the body to restore back to normal, Bounds said.

While reports to the FDA show five deaths within the last year related to energy drinks, Bounds said the number of cases is likely under-reported because in those cases it was obvious energy drinks contributed, but in other cases it may not have been as clear. He estimated that anywhere between a dozen and 50 fatal cases of a caffeine overdose could have occurred within the United States.

According to the FDA's website, "stimulant products and atomoxetine should generally not be used in patients with serious heart problems, or for whom an increase in blood pressure or heart rate would be problematic."

Bounds said caffeine levels in a single energy drink are not a health concern unless the drinker has an underlying heart condition. In that case, excess caffeine can lead young people to have heart palpitations and sometimes pass out.

Sophomore Bari Stricoff said while she does not drink energy drinks people with preexisting medical conditions should know what they are putting into their bodies.

Stricoff also sees the danger in

energy drinks stemming from their label as "dietary supplements."

"I also think people who use them for a dietary supplement, it's all in their head," Stricoff said. "They will drink it and say, 'Oh, this won't make me hungry,' and then they won't eat all day."

While the verdict on energy drinks is still up in the air, Mariam Basma, a university nutrition counselor, stated in an email message she advises students to be wary when drinking energy drinks, especially when combined with alcohol.

"We do know, however, that combining such drinks with alcohol can enhance the intoxicating effect of alcohol, while still keeping the individual feeling falsely alert," Basma said.

Bounds said he also thinks the main public health issue when thinking about energy drinks and young people is the dangerous combination of caffeine with alcohol.

Freshman Tim Kelly said he does not experience the side effects Bounds said are commonly associated with energy drink consumption.

"I'm a big coffee drinker but I probably drink five to 10 [energy drinks] a week," Kelly said.

He said he is unconcerned about any danger he might encounter but does acknowledge there are different variables at play for each individual person. Kelly said age and the size of the drink are factors that some drinkers don't take into account.

Despite the adverse side effects of caffeine and energy drinks, Bounds does not think regulation is necessary. He said the FDA should require the companies to produce better labeling and include more information about the other additives that are in the drinks.

Greyhound Bus gives UD students new travel option

BY BO BARTLEY
Administrative News Editor

Weeks after MegaBus began shuttling students between Laird Campus and their selected destination, the Greyhound Bus Company started giving students another option for travel on Wednesday.

Greyhound plans to provide their non-stop express transportation to Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore and Dover from the university, according to company spokesman Timothy Stokes. The buses offer Wi-Fi internet access, power outlets and reserved seating to their customers.

Stokes said his company completes a two-step evaluation process to decide whether or not to start serving a location. He said the company first analyzes whether an area would be a good fit for the company and whether it is feasible to operate service at the location.

Greyhound then reviews feedback from potential customers to gauge interest for the service in the area.

"We've seen through social media and other different outlets that there is a real demand for service of this nature in the area," Stokes said.

The service connects riders to the entire network of Greyhound stops in North America and could benefit out-of-state students, Stokes said.

MegaBus vice president of marketing and public relations Mike Alvich said he and his company have found success in the Newark area, since they started running buses between Laird Campus and New York, Baltimore and Washington D.C. in September.

He said college students and young professionals between the ages of 18 and 40, make up most of their business. During the month of October, 4,300 people rode the MegaBus in and out of Newark.

Junior Sam Ben-Faraj said he took a Greyhound bus to New York this past weekend but had to ride a MegaBus home when he missed the scheduled departure time for return.

"Greyhound was bigger and more comfortable," Ben-Faraj said. "I had more room to myself."

He said he could not connect to the Internet on his way back to Newark on the MegaBus and the return trip took 20 minutes longer than his trip on the Greyhound, but the rates for both trips were the

same, Ben-Faraj said.

Junior Kristiana Rios used MegaBus to get to her Long Island home five times this semester. She said the use of buses is simple and gets her from "point A to point B."

Rios said she has had good experiences with MegaBus, and it would take some convincing for her to switch to Greyhound.

"I think it just depends on the price," Rios said. "MegaBus usually has cheaper prices. If they remain the cheapest, I'm sure students will stay with MegaBus."

As of Sunday night, Greyhound's website had a rate of \$20 for a bus ride to New York on Tuesday, which MegaBus offered for the same rate. Bus tickets on Friday, Dec. 7, are selling for as low as \$27 with Greyhound and \$14

with MegaBus, according to each company's respective website.

The low cost of traveling by bus is what originally appeals to college-aged riders, Alvich said. He said his company offers tickets for as low as one dollar because of their "yield management system." A certain amount of tickets are placed on sale for \$1, and the price steadily increases as tickets are bought.

The system is similar to ones that airline companies such as Jet Blue and Southwest Airlines use, he said.

Alvich said he thinks the Megabus is superior to Greyhound but welcomes the competition. He said another express bus company in the area could spread awareness about affordable bus travel.

Stokes also said the existence of multiple bus companies in an area is a sign of the industry's strength. The service in the area by MegaBus proves that there is a demand for travel buses.

"We think with our arrival, it provides passengers more options to choose from when travelling," Stokes said. "It's a benefit for a lot of our passengers in the city and the university."

Alvich said as an industry, they try to promote that the cost of travel should not prevent customers from going to their desired destination.

"I think Greyhound probably would agree, our biggest competitor is not each other or another bus company," Alvich said. "I think our biggest competitor is the fact that people don't think they can afford to travel because the economy is sluggish, they don't feel they have enough money for leisure things, but they really do."

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-Mike Alvich, vice president of MegaBus

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Students need to be aware of health risks associated with energy drinks

Energy drinks are known to cause serious side effects

Last year, the Food and Drug Administration reported five deaths related to energy drink consumption. Ingredients in energy drinks include caffeine, taurine, guarana and glucuronolactone, which are known to cause palpitations, agitations and chest pains, among many other side effects. While heavy consumption of energy drinks might be quizzical to some, advocates claim the drinks offer a boost, especially while studying.

Mariam Basma, a nutrition counselor at the university, warns students to take caution when drinking energy drinks, especially when drinking alcohol. Bottom line: energy drinkers need to be aware of all underlying health conditions before indulging in one too many. Over-consumption of energy drinks can sometimes buy a one-way ticket to the emergency room due to stark side effects. On the other hand, some

doctors claim energy drinks are perfectly safe for those in good health.

Energy drink companies thrive on developing public recognition. Many students can recall during the end of the semester when Monster and Red Bull trucks circled the campus or stay parked outside an event to give out freebies. These companies market their product directly to young people. Also, Bleecker Street, Perkins Student Center, Provisions on Demand (POD) and Trabant Student Center all sell energy drinks. It is surprising to know that the university is willing to sell a product that is known to kill, but at the same time, a product so widely used by students will inevitably be accessible on campus.

Students must make it a priority to be aware of their health conditions before "overdosing" on energy drinks because the consequences are becoming more obvious.

Starbucks introduces its popular red cups to ring in the holiday season

Holiday cups connect to Starbucks fans on a personal level

Websites, Twitter hashtags and blogs have been buzzing about the countdown for Starbucks' red holiday cups. Starting in early November, Starbucks has been serving warm beverages in their highly-rated holiday cups that make their customers feel almost as warm and fuzzy on the inside as their drinks do. What's not to like about a red cardboard cup decorated with snowflakes and snowmen? In the minds of Starbucks fans, the unleashing of red cups marks the official green light for the holiday season.

Customers personally connect with Starbucks as a brand during the holidays, as many look forward to having their names written on their orders, even if they are spelled wrong some of the time. Starbucks-goers flood Instagram, Twitter and Facebook with pictures of their beverages steaming in their personalized coffee cups. After some time,

it's a trend most can anticipate around the holidays. At the same time, people like to deny the fact that Starbucks is a corporation with 19,972 locations in 61 different countries. So, the venti "skinny" iced peppermint mocha with your name written in script with the message, "Have a great day," isn't actually that personal.

Starbucks has generated a status symbol among its customer pool with the red cup phenomenon. By having social media pick up on the red cup trend, people grow curious about what the red cup buzz is. Whether or not you think there's nothing special about the red cups, it's pretty difficult to deny Starbucks does an excellent job with brand recognition and advertising. Although Starbucks is a vast corporation, it connects to its fan base on a personal level, especially during the holidays. After all, 'tis the season to reel in customers.

Editorialisms



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"Starbucks cues the holiday spirit."

Corrections:

In the front page article from Nov. 7 headlined, "Election Night: Second term for Obama, significant firsts for United States history," Mitt Romney is not the current Governor of Massachusetts as the article indicates in the sentence, "Romney will maintain his position as well, and said he plans to continue his work as governor of the state of Massachusetts." Romney will be a private citizen as he was when he was running for election to the Presidency.

The election results on then front page correctly jumps to page 7, but then page 7 jumps to page 11 without having a note that says "continued on page 11"

In the page 8 article titled, "Harker commends staff on hurricane handling," quotes attributed to Marcia Nickle, the university's emergency preparedness coordinator, imply different messages were sent to on and off-campus students, when the university sent out one uniform message. Accordingly, the university web page keeps up-to-date information on facility hours and has links to sites with emergency preparedness tips.

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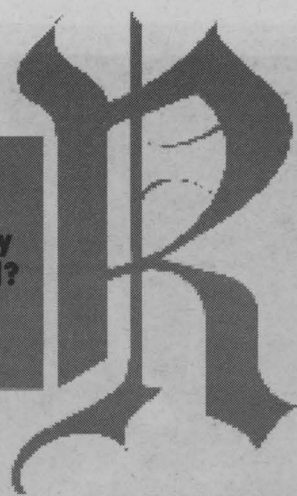
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Q: Do you think the university handled Hurricane Sandy well?

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Student Health Services overlooks possible date rape scenario, according to univ. student



Christie Gidumal
Guest Columnist

Student Health Services needs to improve their protocol when it comes to potential date rape situations.

My friend woke up Nov. 1 with no recollection of Halloween night after 12:30 a.m. She was with us through the duration of the night, so we remembered everything she could not, but we were concerned about her state both that night and the day after. She was not her normal self—dizziness and general confusion could not be the result of a mixed drink she made herself and the three beers she drank at the frat party. The next day, she could not think straight. She was having trouble forming coherent sentences. We came to the conclusion someone must have spiked her drink. I pressed her to go to the health center—as

the first resource for health issues for students, they must have some way to deal with this. We are at a college campus and date rape is something that happens from time to time. While this horrible crime did not happen to her, I thought the health center must have to have some sort of policy to deal with the drugs that coincide with sexual violence.

I was hugely disappointed. Student Health Service's policy on coping with date rape drugs results only in inaction and blame on the victim. There is no testing and no strategy to narrow down the symptoms to determine the type of drug could be. The health center offered no guidance as to if we should call the police or if there can be action taken against the fraternity that may have drugged my friend. There is only blame to point at the victim, to say she should have protected her drink, she shouldn't have accepted an open beer and she shouldn't have brought this situation upon herself.

The health center's justification for inaction was there was nothing that could do without the results of "exhaustive tests." They refused to conduct these "exhaustive tests" because there are too many types of drugs that could have the same effect on her. The nurse

made this point while repeating preventative measures to the point of chastisement—meanwhile, the drug was slowly leaving my friend's system and with it, the evidence that can be taken against the fraternity. This effectively means victims of these actions are out of luck if they go to the health center. Not only does Student Health Services refuse to conduct testing on "everything she could have taken," but they also waste the time that could have been spent going somewhere that could catch the results in time. That phrase—"everything she could have taken"—exemplifies this issue. It implies consent and responsibility on behalf of my friend in ingesting a date rape drug. This is putting fault on the victim rather than proactively attempting to rectify the situation and bring the perpetrator to justice.

My friend left the health center feeling guilty because someone drugged her drink. The fact she felt that way and the university does nothing to prevent it and only continues to perpetuate guilt is despicable. She was not treated as the victim of a malicious action, yet the university continues to promote their visions of "Idea Leadership" and "Citizen University."

After returning from Laurel Hall, I decided to call Student Health Services to ask for

the nurse's name so I could post a formal complaint. First, after asking for the nurse's name, the receptionist hung up on me. After calling back, the receptionist awkwardly put me on the line with the nurse instead of giving me her full name. The nurse insisted she cannot tell me her name, as doing so would violate patient-doctor confidentiality, which I can only guess was an excuse to prevent a complaint. Regardless, she answered the phone with her first name, and only after looking her up on the university website I learned her surname. Armed with this information, I tried to find a way to complain on the Student Health Services' website, and to complete the ridiculousness, I could not find it. What I did find, ironically, was the list of Patient Rights and Responsibilities. The list states patients have the right to respect, consideration and dignity. Perhaps, instead of causing stress and obstructing action, Student Health Services should uphold policy.

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Traveling to Israel offers a spiritual renewal



Josh Rutstein
Guest Columnist

Students should seize the opportunity to travel to Israel for a unique travel experience.

I recently had the opportunity to sit down with two university students who had spent a year between high school and college in a land thousands of miles away from home: Israel. While most of us spend the interim period between high school and college fumbling around for purpose or embarking on last-minute moments of truly youthful rebellion, Helene Zinckgraf and Jordan Syatt embarked on a tremendous journey and received an overwhelming amount of life experience in return.

Zinckgraf and Syatt were a part of a Masa program, which provides various study-abroad, gap year and volunteering opportunities in Israel to adults between the ages of 18 and 30. My question was, how could two East Coast kids get up and leave their homes for a period of nine months to live in a Middle Eastern country that has been relentlessly portrayed as a hot bed of violence and devastation? Syatt was quick to reflect on his personal experience of the safety issue in Israel and to reassure me by telling me,

"I've felt more unsafe in New York City than in Israel. Once during a routine evacuation of a bus station in the city of Be'er Sheva, a falafel stand was continuing to take orders while the police evacuated the citizens—Israelis generally feel very protected and don't let fear dictate their lives." This peaceful quality of the people Syatt and Zinckgraf interacted with has grown out of, and in spite of, the fact the country is surrounded by neighbors who repeatedly attempt to wipe Israel off the map.

While hostile groups like Hamas and Hezbollah (pro-Islamic government factions in power in Gaza and Lebanon, respectively) preach violence in response to any perceived Israeli offense, the people of Israel live by the rule of "Beseder"—a quasi-groovy notion meaning everything is all right. This truly unique environment was encapsulated for Zinckgraf when spring break happened to fall on the week of the Passover, a Jewish holiday. "[My friends and I] ended up on a random bus in a random town in the middle of nowhere some-



where in Northern Israel," Zinckgraf said. "Within minutes of talking to us, a bunch of local girls took us with them all over the north." In fact, this wasn't an isolated instance of kindness, and Zinckgraf said, "Everyone was really generous and ready to help." The smiles on the faces of Syatt and Zinckgraf at the very memory of their trip were all I needed to assure myself Israel was anything but the inhospitable desert hermit often portrayed in the media.

During their stay in Israel, Zinckgraf and Syatt spent roughly nine months volunteering for different organizations around the country. Syatt spent some time at an elderly community center in Jerusalem, while Zinckgraf worked at a horse rehabilitation farm for kids with disabilities. All the while, the two became immersed in local traditions and got the chance to give back to the people who had already given them so much.

If volunteering and learning in a warm and welcoming foreign land isn't quite your thing,

why should you consider travelling to Israel? It is home to the shared mythologies of Islam, Christianity and Judaism—Zinckgraf notes, "There's just so much history everywhere you look, anywhere you go there will be tons to learn." But possibly of more importance, are the beautiful people and beaches, and Syatt says, "For the fellows out there—the Tel Aviv beaches are home to the nicest and prettiest girls around."

Certainly, Syatt and Zinckgraf's opinions reflect my own, which provided me with the motivation to work for the Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America. It is from my personal experiences regarding Israel that spur me to write and host events. With CAMERA's full support, I will be able to give my friends and peers an accurate and educational perspective on the challenging questions many of you may have about Israel and a chance to discover what it is that makes Israel such an irresistible country to visit.

Of course Israel is more than just ancient history and beautiful people, it's a vibrant land that is impossible to leave without feeling connected. In Syatt's words, "Whether you connect on a spiritual, emotional or a physical level—any connection is almost impossible to articulate or to forget."

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Delaware: The Movie

BY BRIANNA DINAN
Staff Reporter

Sophomore Daniel Pietaro will be running, jumping, somersaulting and performing other parkour moves in and around buildings and ledges across campus for the office of admissions' recruitment film "Delaware: The Movie."

Amy Foley, producer of the film and senior associate director of admissions, said the seven to nine minute film features Pietaro as the main character while he performs parkour stunts on various academic buildings, staircases and benches. Throughout the film, he will travel from his residence hall on North Campus to the football field in order to catch up with YouDee. Along the way, he runs in and out of various locations, all while showing off the university's campus to prospective applicants.

Foley said she came up with the idea for "Delaware: The Movie" last semester. The film is one project stemming from the admission office's search campaign targeting high school sophomores and juniors. Every university does some form of search campaigning, but video is usually not included as a recruitment method, she said.

"I think it has allowed us to remain competitive because I don't believe many other schools do that," Foley said. "It's one

way we can communicate with our market in a medium they're comfortable with."

Foley is an expert in branding, marketing, promotion, recruitment strategies and the use of social media for undergraduate enrollment. She said she helped increase applications to the University from 15,000 in 1998 to 26,000 in 2010.

"It's one way we can communicate with our market in a medium they're comfortable with."

*-Amy Foley,
senior associate
director of admissions*

Pietaro said Foley urged him to audition for the film when she found his biography online after he peer mentored that mentioned his talent for parkour.

"Amy [Foley] had the idea of having a parkour video and found me," Pietaro said.

He said Foley was interested in how he could "show off

the university" by impressing prospective applicants.

The filming crew and office of admissions collaborated with many departments, including music, Student Life, Athletics, clubs, academic departments and Greek life, Foley said. They filmed a scene with a variety of a cappella groups performing last Friday, while the ROTC ran drills on The Green.

"When we pitch the university to prospective students, we want to be seen as an East Coast classic," Foley said. "The beauty of the campus, our enviable location at the center of the East Coast and all of the academics and experiences you'd expect from a classic university."

Foley said filming will continue until winter break. She plans to invite the university community to a movie premiere once it is finished. She said she is looking forward to everyone's reaction.

Chris Griffith, senior marketing major and intern on the project, said he is not involved in the filming process, but assists with production from casting, promoting and scripting the trailer. As a current university student, he said his experience has reflected positively on contributing to the portrayal of the university.

"I've never worked on a film before," Griffith said. "I'm taking it all in, and it's kind of exciting."



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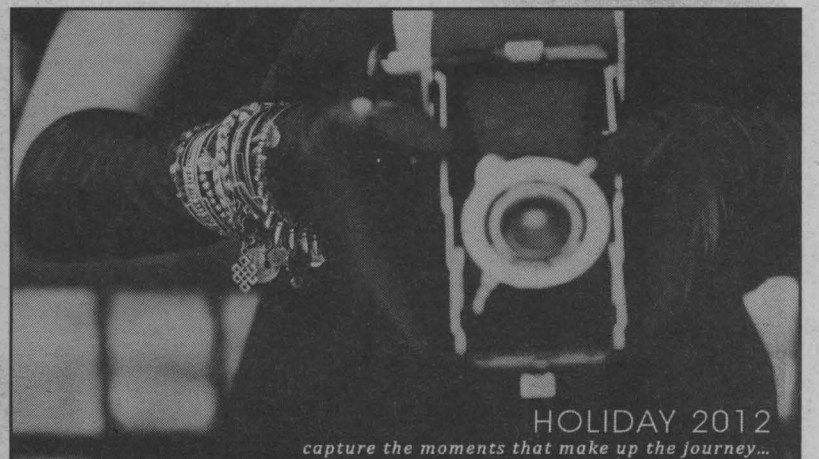
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With truckloads full of people and supplies coming from all over the country to help provide relief, the university is in a position to do more, Zegar says.

Zegar's family is currently renting a house in Point Pleasant, N.J. and they are eagerly waiting when they can return to their home for a few hours and gather what belongings remain. After that, they will no longer be able to return, until Lavallette's infrastructure is restored.

"My one friend whose house was completely wiped out was able to realize that home is just a house and they are just possessions," she says. "It's really our community that's going to remain strong through this. This will not break us."

Sophomore Tom Robertson, a member of Theta Chi fraternity, reached out to his aunt in Manahawkin, N.J. after Sandy also destroyed her town.

Using his fraternity as a resource, Robertson sent an email asking if a few brothers would be willing to help with hurricane relief. By the next morning, 18 members had responded. Robertson says the group got together so quickly to complete an emotionally and physically difficult day in Manahawkin and he says that he has never been more proud to wear letters as much as he was that day.

While in Manahawkin, the group gutted five homes, two of which will have to be knocked down. Dry wall had to be pulled out, carpets needed to be ripped up and appliances had to be removed. Five feet of water

flooded the homes, Robertson says.

Robertson says his aunt and community were very appreciative of all their help and support, but the emotional reality was not forgotten.

He says seeing the damage firsthand became more emotional as the day went on.

"You can see why everyone around you is being so emotional," he says. "You start to find pictures that were ruined and memories that won't be there anymore."

Senior Kevin Gilmore and Dan DeNicuolo, brothers of Theta Chi who helped Robertson in Manahawkin, are also helping to collect food and other items for Toms River, N.J.

Gilmore, president of Theta Chi, started a Facebook event for the collection in order to spread the word. He says he thinks social media is a good way to get the word out but may not always produce results.

"When you talk to someone face to face there's more of a connection and an urgency to help," Gilmore says.

The fraternity has collected over \$750 worth of items, including sleeping bags, toiletries and nonperishable foods. Gilmore recently distributed the items collected to a relief shelter in Toms River.

A Toms River native, Gilmore says it was his duty to help people in the area.

"Everyone's really banding together back home so I wanted to do my part," Gilmore says.

Since many Theta Chi brothers come from New York and New Jersey, DeNicuolo says they wanted to help everyone that they could.

Kappa Sigma fraternity is also

providing hurricane relief for a specific community.

Breezy Point is a coastal community located outside Queens, N.Y. where few residents were evacuated during Sandy. With high winds and rain, power lines were blown down and eventually sparked, starting a six-alarm fire burning 111 houses down.

Flooding damaged homes that were not burned down and senior David Starr, president of Kappa Sigma fraternity says Breezy Point looks similar to a war zone.

Donations received will go directly to the residents of Breezy Point and members of Breezy Point's board of directors, Starr says.

Starr says they are also raising funds through a website for an individual brother, sophomore Cody Greenstein, who lives in Breezy Point and was directly affected by the hurricane.

Within the first week of creating the website, they raised \$1,480 for Greenstein's family. Their goal is \$5,000 and the website will remain open for donations until the first of the new year.

The website includes Greenstein's personal story and a video of Breezy Point after Sandy had passed.

Starr says when he set up the donation page, he wanted people to understand the story of Cody and his family and Sandy's impact on communities.

"The goal of my position is to promote the wellbeing of my brothers," he says. "Sometimes I have to focus my efforts on a specific brother in need, which is what I've done for Cody."

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Kappa Sigma fraternity brother Cody Greenstein is asking for donations to rebuild his hometown

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Lower Case Blues performs, discusses band formation

BY CADY ZUVICH

Features Editor

Alternating violet and blue lights illuminate the stage as B.J. Muntz, the bassist of Lower Case Blues, plucks his bass and croons into the microphone. Behind the band projects the "World Café Live in Wilmington" logo on a red backdrop, which serves as a sharp contrast to the opalescent lights above. Below the lights, Muntz is shoeless, wearing nothing but socks underneath his tattered jeans.

"Lower Case Blues," Muntz says. "That's our name."

Lower Case Blues, a Delaware-based blues band, performed a sold-out show on Thursday night at World Café Live at The Queen in Wilmington. The band, featuring guitarist Jake Banaszak, bassist and vocalist B.J. Muntz and drummer Paul Weik, played for over an hour, often bantering with the crowd and breaking into elongated guitar solos.

Senior Trish Saccomanno, president of the university's radio station WVUD, says the show has been in the works since the summer when concert organizers at The Queen wanted to partner up with the station. From there, Saccomanno and others at WVUD choose to feature Lower Case Blues in what ultimately turned out to be an easy decision, Saccomanno says.

"We figured [Lower Case Blues] would be the most appealing option,"

Saccomanno says. "They appeal to everyone."

Since the band's inception 10 years ago, they have frequented downstate venues such as Dogfish Head Brewings & Eats and Irish Eyes Pub, as well as upstate restaurants including the Blue Parrot Bar & Grille in Wilmington.

While the members of the band started playing music in their teens, Banaszak says the band only began playing full-time about 10 years ago when they decided to leave their jobs upstate. At that time, Banaszak and Weik worked at bagel shops in Newark while Muntz worked in carpentry, but touring downstate venues soon turned into a full-time job despite plans to play shows only throughout the summer.

"The idea was just to stay there for a summer, have a good time and play music," Banaszak says. "And now here we are ten years later."

Banaszak says passion for music is rooted from his close relationship with the Diamond State Blues Society. It was around the age of 15 when many older members of the local blues community began influencing Banaszak, therefore cementing his love of blues music.

The older members of the Diamond State Blues Society would encourage him to get on stage to perform with touring acts coming through town, Banaszak says. It was moments like those that really helped

fuel his desire to become a musician.

"I remember sitting on some of those guys and I remember thinking, 'this is what I want to do,'" he says.

Similarly, Weik says 15 was the defining age in which he decided he loved creating music. Through working with other musicians in his teens, he learned communication, he says.

This past July, Lower Case Blues performed at Firefly Music Festival, opening on the Porch stage on Sunday afternoon. Playing among acts such as The Killers, Cake and The Black Keys, Lower Case Blues was the only Delaware-based band chosen to play the festival.

Being asked to play the festival was a privilege, Weiz says. He says he hopes the festival continues to grow, especially because of its premier location in Dover.

"I hope we can get the ball rolling," Banaszak says. "I hope next year they will bring in more local acts."

For the future, the band says they want to keep expanding. Weiz and Banaszak say an important part of being a musician is to keep learning and experimenting with music. The band, which has previously recorded with Johnny Neel, formally of Allman Brothers, says they also hope to continue recording.

Though the Weiz says experimenting is important, the band still maintains its distinct sound after playing together for 10 years.

"There's always going to be a



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Lower Case Blues, a Delaware-based blues band, performed Thursday night at World Café Live at the Queen in Wilmington.

core sound," Weiz says. "If you keep that, you can do anything you want."

Drawing inspiration from bands such as the Allman Brothers, Phish and Buddy Guy, Banaszak and Weiz say preserving blues music is important. Banaszak says blues is the essence of American music and can be found in nearly any genre.

"It's a common language," Banaszak says. "If you get a bunch of musicians on stage—if you get a guitarist who knows how to play heavy metal, a drummer who knows how to play country and a jazz bass player,

you'll all play blues. I guarantee it."

With regard to the Delaware music scene, Saccomanno says there are many rising Delaware bands, but the lack of venues in the state makes it difficult for them to gain enough recognition. The Queen, which officially opened its doors in 2011, is now a place where emerging artists can be recognized, Saccomanno says.

"There are a lot of hidden gems like Lower Case Blues," Saccomanno says. "There are just not a lot of places for them to play."

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R Student-run co-op to open next semester with healthy, organic food

BY ELENA BOFFETTA

Staff Reporter

College students who struggle to find affordable healthy food will be able to find fresh organic and sustainably grown food at the Down to Earth Food Co-op next semester, senior Liz Hetterly says.

A group of students is opening the food cooperative to promote healthy and organic food, which members can purchase at the lowest price, Hetterly says.

"With Down to Earth, our goal is to provide an option for healthy and organic meals that are affordable for students while giving them a sense of community and teaching them essential skills such as cooking or farming," she says.

The Down to Earth Food Co-op is still a work in progress and at a very early stage of development, Hetterly says. Once the organization is created next semester, members will pay a membership fee and dedicate time each month to the organization by cooking meals, helping out local farms, cleaning up, purchasing supplies and participating in other activities of this nature.

Currently, the organization does not have a physical location. In the future the goal is to obtain a space where members can gather for community dinners and meetings.

The co-op will not be a registered student organization, but instead, it will be completely unaffiliated with the university.

"We want to be independent and we want our members to be able to make decisions and have their values reflected in the organization," she says.

Hetterly says she decided to create the Down to Earth Food Co-op in fall 2011 when she attended a conference in Philadelphia hosted by the Cooperative Food Empowerment Directive, a network and training program that provides assistance to students interested in creating cooperatively-run food enterprises at their college.

After attending another CoFED retreat in Berkeley, Calif. and bringing Christine Johnson, the northeast regional organizer for CoFED, to campus, Hetterly says she began working with two other students who attended the event.

Johnson, 23, from Los Angeles, says that CoFED is a national organization with two regional organizers. Each organizer works with five to 10 different colleges in the region. Johnson says when students contact them to create a campus food co-op, they help the students start their team and work out the specifics, including finances.

CoFED organizes a spring and fall regional conference each year to help students network, Johnson says. Each winter, CoFED holds a national conference to bring students together to improve leadership skills.

Johnson says CoFED helped with the formation of the Down to Earth Food Co-op.

"We have been working with [Hetterly] to build a team because at

first it was just her," Johnson says. "I came down to Delaware to lead a workshop and some students got very excited to work on the project, so [Hetterly] brought them to our event in October so they could get training. We also connected them with Newark Natural Foods Co-op."

Co-ops are completely democratic organizations, Hetterly says. As co-ops are non-hierarchical, everyone in the organization has an equal say in how the co-op runs.

Senior Daniel Reyes, a member of the Down to Earth Food Co-op, says the co-op is now made up of a core group of 10 people who meet weekly to plan the organization. Currently they are working to decide how to define membership in the organization, Hetterly says.

On Oct. 25, their dinner launch event was a great success, Reyes says. The dinner, held at Newark Bike Project, included vegetarian black bean chili, baked sweet potatoes, applesauce, salad and cornbread, all of which was made from organic or sustainably-grown foods from surrounding areas.

Reyes says the co-op also helps people find common bonds and cultivate friendships.

"In a college setting, it's hard to cultivate meaningful relationships and food can develop a relationship that other things can't," Reyes says. "You don't just share food, you share your personality."

Another member of the co-op, sophomore Elana Berk, says the organization receives help from different locations. Newark Natural Food Co-op gives them access to whole food sales and helped them during their first event by donating most of the food, Berk says.

She says Down to Earth Food Co-op receives its products by volunteering on local farms. Berk says they are planning on doing fundraising by cooking at some of the Newark Bike Project's events.

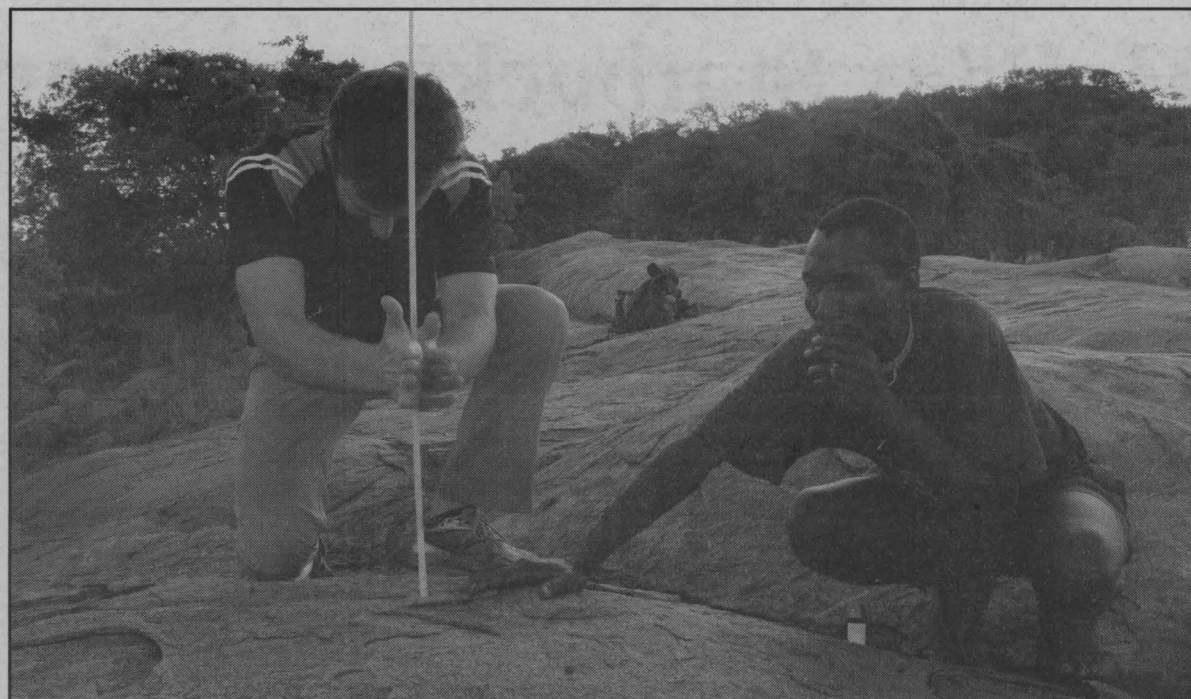
Berk says that the organization promotes an environment that fosters both friendship and health awareness among members.

"Our goal is to create a community that centers around real food and health-friendly food," Berk says.

Karen Taylor, 38, from Nottingham, Pa., is a general manager of Newark Natural Foods Co-op, which Taylor says has 11,500 members. The co-op has a board composed of nine members who run daily operations and owns a store on Main Street where members and non-members can find organic and all-natural food.

They have been helping the Down to Earth Food Co-op with advice and logistics, Taylor says.

"Down to Earth just started and they met with us a couple of times to go over procedures," Taylor says. "We donated a bunch of food to their first event and we are willing to work with them to help them buy at a whole sale cost so they don't have to buy in retail. Maybe we can work together in the future."



THE REVIEW/Stephen Pope

Some students choose to take time to participate in learning experiences that cannot be had in a traditional classroom. Above, a study abroad student works with the Iraqw tribe in Tanzania.

Students find gap years prevent burn-out, inspire future education choices

BY SARAH BRAVERMAN

Staff Reporter

Sophomore Grant Zulick says he plans on taking a gap semester this spring. He will be hiking the 2,200-mile Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine alone, thus breaking the monotony he consistently feels when studying in the library, he says.

Sophomore Courtney Dressler is currently spending her time between Montana and Utah—she is in the midst of her second gap year experience and volunteering as a member of AmeriCorps' conservation program.

"This fall all I've been doing is running a chainsaw in the desert," Dressler says.

AmeriCorps is very similar to the Peace Corps except it is in America and for a shorter time period, Dressler says.

All fall, Dressler has been camping about eight miles away from main roads. She wakes up very early each morning, works for 10 hours, returns to camp for dinner and rests up for the next day, she says. She says she and other members of the program are working to build trails in the wilderness.

It was during her first gap year experience, the fall semester after high school graduation, when Dressler discovered her passion for the environment, she says. Because of this passion, she began her studies at the university pursuing a wildlife conservation degree.

Though she was unsure of what she wanted to do after high school graduation, Dressler applied to the university, she says. She did not enjoy her previous academic experiences, and she was not convinced that college was the right route for her. Her first thought was to volunteer with the Peace Corps, but discovered that she was under qualified to apply without an undergraduate degree. Then she discovered AmeriCorps.

"I was never really much of a camper or hiker beforehand, so it was like shoving me into this new world," Dressler says. "Because I took that year and did something completely different, I was able to figure out what I wanted to do. It put me on the path I want to go in life."

Dressler says the university has been very accommodating in satisfying both her exploration and academic desires. She was able to defer her admission to take her first gap semester, and the university also allows her to maintain her status as a student even though she is not enrolled in classes.

Dressler says she will also be studying abroad in Cambodia, Vietnam and Laos through the university.

"I won't register for classes in the spring, but if I wanted to in the fall I could still do it, no problem," Dressler says.

"I had been in school since I was five years old, and I wanted a break."

-Courtney Simmons, alum

Zulick says he did not take advice people gave him about waiting until school was finished to pursue his hiking experience.

"Everyone's telling me to wait until after college, but I'm not one for convention," Zulick says. "I feel like it would be a good learning and growing experience and I might as well get that in before [finishing] college."

Zulick participated in the university's Summit program last year and was a student leader of the program this year. Summit is an outdoor freshman orientation program that incorporates backcountry survival education and backpacking. He is also an active member of the university's Outing Club and with these experiences, Zulick says he is well-equipped to handle four months of non-stop hiking next spring.

Zulick says his parents are worried about him undertaking this adventure

alone, but Zulick feels confident he will find people to travel with during his first few weeks on the trail.

"I'm really looking forward to meeting a wide variety of individuals from every aspect of life," Zulick says. "Everybody I've ever talked to has said that if you don't find somebody to hike with by the second week, you're out of luck. Usually you'll find a group of people that have the same speed and interests."

Courtney Simmons, a 2011 university graduate, also took time to explore during a gap year. She knew she wanted to go to graduate school, though she was not sure what to pursue as a graduate student. Unlike Dressler, who takes her gaps during her undergraduate studies, Simmons took a year off between graduating and enrolling in Vermont Law School.

"I just spent four years and all of this money," Simmons says. "I had been in school since I was five years old, and I wanted a break. What am I going to do with this degree? I wanted to access my undergrad experience before I went forward."

Simmons, with financial assistance from her family, lived in Boston for a year. She worked many odd jobs before discovering an economic development law firm through a temping agency, she says. Simmons decided to pursue a law degree after working as a legal assistant.

Taking a year off from academia saved her from feeling "worn down and burnt out," Simmons says.

"It refreshed my mind and made me eager to get back into the classroom and learn," Simmons says.

With her hectic schedule, Dressler says she communicates regularly with her family through her blog. They support her trips, and she finds it relatively easy to be away from home. However, she says she misses her friends at the university. The strong friendships she made during three consecutive semesters here are difficult to maintain, and her friends will be nearing graduation when she returns from her travels, she says.

"I feel like taking time off will make me appreciate college more when I do go back to it," Dressler says.

Holiday Starbucks cups signify start of season

BY CADY ZUVICH
Features Editor

With “#redcups” trending on social media sites Twitter and Instagram, hundreds of posts and pictures will appear with Starbucks holiday cups as the subject.

The red holiday cup, which features a red winking snowman this year, has already been distributed at Starbucks on Main Street. The annual release of the cups has been met with excitement from students and coffee fans alike.

“For me, the cups signify the start of the holiday season,” senior Elena Misoulis says.

Misoulis, a Long Island native and former Starbucks employee, says she is also a huge fan of the coffee chain’s holiday drinks, especially the peppermint mocha latte. She worked at a Starbucks on Long Island for two years during high school and says many of her friends look forward to the holiday drink release.

This year, the holiday beverages include the espresso-based peppermint mocha latte, caramel brulee latte, the gingerbread latte and the eggnog latte. Misoulis says although the peppermint mocha latte is available all year, the other holiday drinks are only available until January.

During Misoulis’ employment at Starbucks, she says the cups were

not supposed to be distributed until after Thanksgiving, but her location began handing them out whenever the store received the shipment.

This year, Starbucks announced the release of the cups on Nov. 1 via Twitter with a post reading, “Good to see you, my friend #redcups.” A photograph of the red cup was attached to the post as well.

While Misoulis says many of her friends countdown to the cups every year, Steve Higgins created a website last year that features a clock counting down the days, hours, minutes and seconds until the red cup release titled, “Countdown to the Red Cups.”

Higgins, a Britain native, stated in an email message that he thinks the cups are a much anticipated aspect of the upcoming winter months.

“They come at a time when summer is over and there’s a cold dark winter ahead, and I think people want to start looking forward to the nicer things about winter – the celebrations,” Higgins says.

This year, Higgins’ site received 65 thousand visitors and featured a countdown clock as well as a voting mechanic which tweets people’s favorite red cup with a hash tag and a link back to his website.

Higgins attributes much of Starbucks’ success to its ability to create visually appealing and festive cups.

“[Starbucks] has its own brand

and identity,” he wrote. “You can say ‘red cup’ and a large percentage of their customers would know it’s a Starbucks drink without having to include the company name.”

Likewise, Misoulis says Starbucks is successful because it promotes a relaxed, comfortable environment.

Sophomore Kristen Mellin goes to Starbucks at least once a week and says although she does not frequent Starbucks more in the winter, she still enjoys the holiday cups. A self-described “coffee lover,” Mellin says Starbucks is her preferred brand of coffee because she enjoys the taste of the drinks. During the holidays, her favorite drink is the peppermint mocha latte because of the flavor blend.

Though she says the cups are “cheery” and make her excited for the upcoming season, she goes to Starbucks primarily for its relaxed setting and espresso drinks.

Mellin says she has “always preferred Starbucks espresso drinks.”

However, Misoulis says during the time she worked at Starbucks, the store would be increasingly busy during the winter months. The store ran out of “grande” cups on several occasions—the most popular drink size there. She credits this popularity to the symbolism of the red cups.

“I think people look forward to the cups,” she says. “It’s a way to remind them of the season.”



THE REVIEW/Mary-Kathryn Kotocavage

Students and bloggers alike look forward to the annual release of red holiday cups from Starbucks.

How To: MONOGRAM A MUG

WITH SAMANTHA TOSCANO

Dear “Starbucks never spells my name right,”

Anyone who knows me knows I love my coffee—the taste, the smell, the caffeine—it really is a beautiful beverage and works as a fantastic flavor in ice cream, martinis and more. I really appreciate coffee for more than just a quick early-day energy boost (though that is a glorious side effect, especially on Monday mornings) and, as someone who worked part-time as a barista at a small coffee shop I actually know the difference between a macchiato and a dry cappuccino. It is this

appreciation and knowledge that deters me from feeling the least bit guilty when my coffee cravings invite me to indulge in a \$5 beverage at Starbucks. They do make a mean skinny vanilla latte even I cannot resist on a chilly autumn afternoon, but I do sometimes miss the quaint coffee shop experience that caters to me as an individual customer by doing more than spelling my name as “Sarah” or “Savannah” on my mass-produced to-go cup. “Friends” got it right when they ditched the coffee chains and headed right to a small, corner place with cozy couches and oversized mugs, and it is quite comforting to know that

you do not have to go to the Village in New York City to find this tailored experience. All you have to do is stay home with a fresh pot of your favorite coffee (or even tea or hot chocolate, as long as you do not forget the whipped cream and cocoa shaving fixings) and follow these creative recipes to brew up a blend of quaint and personalized mugs from your very own kitchen.

Sincerely, Samantha

P.S. If you have any questions, comments or DIY needs, send them to stosciano@udel.edu.

How To: Monogram a Mug (sans a Starbucks marker)

Chalkboard Mugs

So you want to make a personalized mug, but you, like me, consider yourself extremely indecisive and may want to change your design or inscription regularly? Chalkboard mugs are the perfect solution. All you need are a couple porcelain mugs, some porcelain chalkboard paint in the color of your choosing, a paintbrush and some chalk. You can buy the mugs at any dollar store or craft store and all the other items can be purchased at craft stores, such as Michael’s. Make sure the mug is clean and dry, then paint on that chalkboard and let it dry for 24 hours before baking your mug for 35 minutes at 300 degrees F. Let the mug gradually cool to room temperature then doodle away for a mug that is specially designed for you (unless your roommate gets to the chalk first, that is).

Stenciled Mugs

You can also create something more permanent by using stencils and gloss enamels ceramics paint, which you can find in any craft store, in any color. Start by applying vinyl stencils and taping down the edges so the stencil remains flat and neat before you start painting. Fill in the stencil by tapping paint onto the cup with a flat-tipped brush. Take off the stencil and fix any smudges with a pin. Repeat with as many stencils and mugs as you want, as this is a great option if you want to do a series of numbered mugs

or spell out initials or words. Finally, let the mugs dry for an hour before baking them at 350 degrees F and in 30 minutes, you will be ready to pour and drink away. I cannot make the promise that your coffee will be better than what they serve at Starbucks, but I can guarantee that by using this method, you will have a set of mugs that will undeniably look better than a stack of matching red cups.

Pen and Ink Mugs

For a simpler, less complex version of the stenciled mugs that does not involve the risk of paint smudges, go for pen and ink mugs. The mugs might not be as perfectly similar as they would be with the paint, but it is a faster and still adorable technique. All you need to do is grab some sharpie markers in the colors of your choosing and draw designs, patterns and monograms on the plain, porcelain mugs. Again, you want to make sure the mug is clean and dry beforehand. After, fire the mug by placing it in the oven for 30 minutes at 350 degrees F and let cool completely. With this project, you do not have to let anything dry before firing and you can skip monograms and utilize creative, quirky sayings such as, “Keep Calm & Drink Coffee” or “Wake up and smell the coffee.”

Please note that all of these mugs need to be hand washed and should not be put through the dishwasher so they can stay as pretty and personalized porcelain.



Coming-of-age novels transform with the times

BY KELLY FLYNN
News Features Editor

The coming-of-age novel is transforming into the “teen problem novel” in which the content is more controversial and centers around modern adolescent problems, according to literacy education professor William Lewis.

“We’re seeing some edgier, existential adult novels,” Lewis says.

Today, coming-of-age novels are more often being written from a teenager’s perspective as compared to novels in the past. ming-of-age novels are now dealing with recently important issues such as friendship, peer pressure and sexuality, Lewis says. He says more contemporary books have a “burgeoning awareness” of teenagers viewing themselves as sexual beings. He says he would like to see more novels that deal with “coming out” and sexuality. However, he says new coming-of-age novels are dealing with homosexuality in healthier ways, and any novel a couple of years ago would have viewed homosexuality as a problem.

English Honor Society President and senior Katie Galgano defines a coming-of-age novel as any novel that centers on a character in his or her adolescence that encounters conflict that causes him or her to mature. In many cases, these characters come

into conflict in ways that can spark controversy, she says.

Galgano says some of her favorite coming-of-age novels have been the “Harry Potter” series by J.K. Rowling and “Funny Boy” by Shyam Selvadurai. She says the characters in these novels are memorable for her because she enjoys seeing how the characters progress.

“I find, as a general rule of thumb, the characters are unsure in the beginning, and by coming into a source of conflict, they end up in many cases becoming more sure of themselves,” Galgano says.

Graduate student and teaching assistant April Pelt stated in an email message that she has taught numerous coming-of-age novels at the university such as “The Bell Jar” by Sylvia Plath and “Jane Eyre” by Charlotte Brontë. She says these stories focus on a young person struggling to figure out their place in the world, and typically has the main character grappling with his or her loss of innocence.

“What makes most main characters in coming-of-age novels memorable is that they’re all slightly odd ducks in one way or another,” Pelt says. “They don’t easily fit in, and we get to see them coming to terms with and rejecting and/or embracing their oddness.”

Galgano says she thinks a

predominant lesson among coming-of-age novels is “embracing your own individuality” or “not succumbing to societal pressures to be a certain way.” However, she says all coming-of-age novels have different nuances, and you cannot chalk them all up to one theme.

Pelt says coming-of-age novels are important because they pose problems that may not be universal but resonate with most readers. In addition, she says they show us the problems of young people in particular socioeconomic, cultural and historical contexts.

Graduate student Natalie James says coming-of-age novels are valuable because high school and college students can relate to these novels since they are still maturing.

“The good lesson is for the reader to be open to learning about the world instead of stubbornly putting on your blinders,” James says.

James says one of the ways coming-of-age novels have varied over time is that the older ones tended to deal with “classic morals.” She says modern coming-of-age novels are based more on personal experiences—whereas, in the past, the novels would be more focused on being a “good” member of society.

“In the past, everyone agreed that this is a set of moral values that everyone needs to learn,” James

says. “Now, it’s a greater variety with more coming-of-age novels that focus on different types of lessons.”

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graduate student

wise and mature person will differ from generation to generation. In the past, for instance, novels may have focused on religious morals, and now we have a cultural value of diversity and inclusiveness, she says.

Pelt says she foresees the main difference between current and future of coming-of-age novels being related to content and as we become more permissive and open, we will probably see more “frank” descriptions of what young people deal with as they come-of-age.

Lewis says he deeply believes

readers seeing themselves in the novels is important for their development. The way to make connections with kids and help them understand “the world of ideas” is to give them literature they can see themselves in, an idea embraced in contemporary young adult novels, according to Lewis.

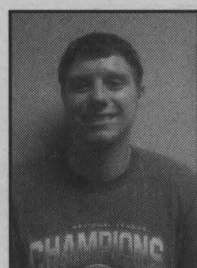
Lewis says each coming-of-age novel has its own individual theme and its own individual lesson. He says teachers need to teach kids to challenge the ideas in coming-of-age novels and to critically analyze literature.

“As an English teacher, one of my jobs is really to provide kids with a really substantial novel that they can really get their teeth into and think hard about,” Lewis says.

Lewis says now there is a new adult fan base of young adult novels. Lewis says this is probably because childhood does not go away and continues to impact the way people think, deal with the world and build relationships.

Lewis says adults continue growing and developing and should revisit coming-of-age novels.

“We’re all coming-of-age throughout our lives,” Lewis says.



Marshall's Mugs Tröegs The Mad Elf Ale

with Ryan Marshall

I touched on Tröegs Brewing Co. a few weeks ago, but they just released their winter seasonal and you can't wait too long to pick some up or it will all be gone.

The Mad Elf Ale was rated No. 1 in Don Russell's “Christmas Beer: The Cheeriest, Tastiest, Most Unusual Beers of Christmas.” Russell, who is one of America's best beer writers according to Philly.com, has written two other beer books and has been a beer columnist for 15 years. Russell sifted through hundreds of beers from all over the world and when it came time name the best, he chose Mad Elf.

After reading this book last Christmas, I have been counting down the days until Tröegs released its infamous winter beer. Two weeks ago, I was shopping in the College Square liquor store when I stumbled upon my great white buffalo. I instantly snatched up a six-pack and the cashier informed me I was the first person to buy it, but if I wanted more I'd better hurry back before it runs out. I am warning everyone now, hurry up and get this beer soon.

What is so special about Mad Elf is the time of the year it is released. The flavor of the brew just has Thanksgiving and Christmas written all over it. Pilsner, Munich and Chocolate malts give the ale

medium body, which is different for a beer this season. Although the body might be lighter, its 11 percent alcohol content makes up for any lack of fullness.

Saaz and Hallertau hops are added to give it subtle spice of a Belgian Strong Ale. Tröegs also uses spicy Belgian yeast, but the not-so-secret ingredients are sweet and sour cherries and honey from Pennsylvania. The combination of these flavors is what makes Mad Elf exceptional.

Pour this specialty ale into a goblet or tulip glass to get the full aroma with each mouthful. The ruby red color fills the glass with a foamy white collar. The spicy Belgian yeast stands out and a pungent cherry smell floats through the air with a noticeable alcohol smell. However, the honey and cherry flavors hide some of the strong taste. Mad Elf seems bitter at first, but the aftertaste is filled with sweet cherries.

I would say to bring this kind of beer to Thanksgiving dinner. I am thinking of pairing it with turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, stuffing and cranberry sauce. Buy a big bottle and give Mad Elf as a present or keep it in your basement and let it age for a year. The flavors will mellow out and it will be a treat for next Thanksgiving.

QUICK REVIEW: (all mugs out of 5)

Taste:

With the addition of cherries, honey and Belgian yeast, this beer is definitely perfect for this time of year. No wonder it was ranked No. 1 in Russell's book.

Feel:

Light-bodied and filled with honey cherry sweetness—Is this beer or candy?

Look:

The ruby red color warms the heart. Mad Elf makes me want to enjoy Thanksgiving dinner with family and friends, or sit by a fire as snow flurries come down on Christmas Eve.

Smell:

There is a sweet cherry flavor that hides the strong 11 percent alcohol content. The Tröegs brothers call the aroma “enticing.” Take a long inhale before you divulge into this special ale.

Overall:

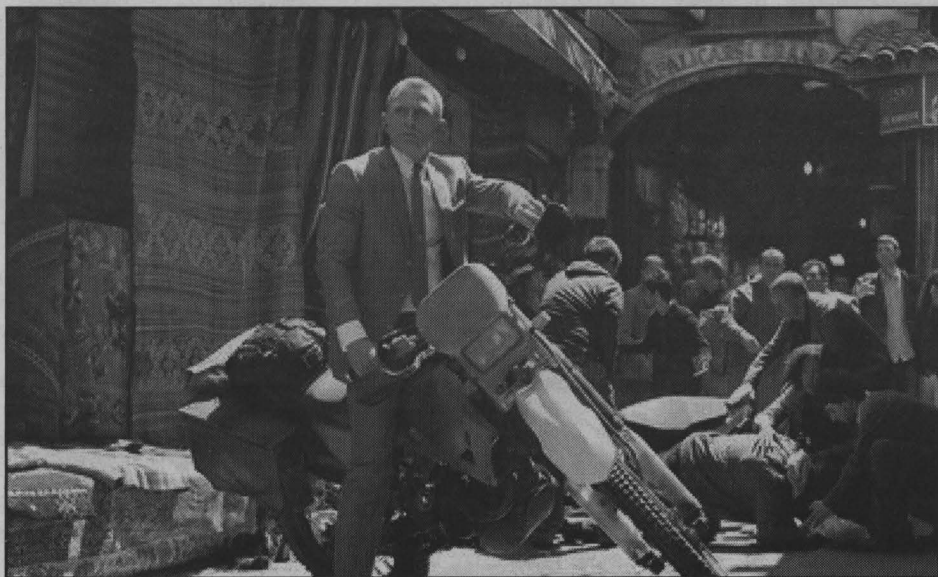
Yes folks, another Tröegs' beer gets a five in my book. It might be a little early to review a Christmas beer, but if you don't hurry, you will be waiting a whole year like I did last year.



sights and sounds

"Skyfall"

★★★★
(out of ★★★★★)



Courtesy of Columbia Pictures

They say the third time's a charm and "Skyfall," which features Daniel Craig's third appearance as James Bond, is a triumphant return to the big screen after four years of eager anticipation. And what better time to return than during the 50th anniversary of the first Bond film's creation? After the crushing disappointment of 2008's "Quantum of

Solace," fans were left unsatisfied, with their mouths still watering and their minds wanting more, especially after "Casino Royale" set the bar impossibly high.

Rest assured, "Skyfall" is a phenomenal entry into the James Bond canon. Directed by Sam Mendes, the first Oscar-winner to direct a 007 film, "Skyfall" is able to push the series forward while

still maintaining that classic, authentic Bond feel. With extraordinary acting by both Craig (who finally seems comfortable in his role as the iconic super-spy) and Javier Bardem (a hypnotic performance as the manipulative, psychopathic Raoul Silva), "Skyfall" is sure to put a smile on the face of any Bond fan. And it doesn't hurt to have Adele sing the title song over the series' signature montage, which is the best Bond theme in the series thus far.

"Skyfall" is by far the best-looking Bond film as well, with sleek and beautiful visuals not commonly found in the prior films. When Séverine (Bérénice Marlohe), the mysterious and seductive vixen, takes Bond aboard her boat to meet with Silva, the film's primary antagonist, the birds'-eye view of the sun reflecting off the water is stunning. And what about how about that long car ride to the Bond family estate? The desolate and dreary landscape is fascinating, especially with the wonderful long shots and aerial view of the scenery.

The film also does a wonderful job of re-inventing old characters. The constant ego checking between the now youthful Q (Ben Whishaw) and 007 adds the much-needed humor that was lacking in "Quantum of Solace." I enjoyed the many references to past Bond films and even the Aston Martin DB5 is complete with its ejector seat and machine guns, as well as a license plate that matches the one in "Goldfinger." All the witty little details that die-hard Bond fans will enjoy and remember this also wasn't the first time Bond escaped "death." "You Only Live Twice," anyone?

While Mendes added some of these

classic elements, he did an excellent job of pushing the series forward. After 50 years, we finally learn a little about Bond's backstory, and we are taken to his family estate where his childhood is briefly explained. Mendes also strips away most of Craig's anti-hero spin on 007. Bond feels like the good guy again, and he acts more human than ever.

"Skyfall" is not without its flaws, however. Though I'm completely fine with a longer runtime at two and a half hours, the first half seemed rather dull. It was missing that Bond feel without the main villain, who didn't appear until an hour into the movie. Luckily, it kicked into high gear in the second half.

I couldn't help but feel that "Skyfall" also suffered from a weak script. The dialogue between Bond the main Bond girl Séverine was sparse as was her screen-time. Come to think of it, there was little to no chemistry between any of the girls. "Skyfall" also lacked the wit that made "Casino Royale" so alluring. There were no clever one-liners and Bond's trademark swagger was noticeably lacking. Beer instead of his shaken martinis, Really?

Overall, "Skyfall's" shortcomings can easily be forgotten due to its strong cast and ambitious step forward. Daniel Craig has now solidified himself as the second greatest Bond (Sean Connery is still the best, of course) with this third entry. In addition, Mendes has set the bar high for future Bond films. Welcome back, 007. Hopefully we won't have to wait another four years.

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Artist of the Week: El Ten Eleven

If you like: Tortoise, Dan Deacon, Explosions with Jackie Feminella

The only thing that can ease me through hours at the library on a Saturday afternoon is a post-rock duo hailing from Los Angeles, El Ten Eleven. Kristian Dunn and Tim Fogarty are both members of the band The SoftLightes, (who sing "The Microwave Song" and "Heart Made of Sound") but with El Ten Eleven, the predominating forces of their music-making are a doubleneck bass/guitar, drums, foot pedals and self-reliance.

Their music has been featured in documentaries of Gary Hustwit, a filmmaker who records the graphic design and architectural process. El Ten Eleven's music isn't mechanical, but they do use heavy looping and vamping on most of their tracks. They also make use of fretless bass

guitars that allow for a more experimental sound. On the band's website, drummer Tim Fogarty says, "We get labeled all kinds of things from post-rock to ambient to experimental... all of those make us cringe. So far my personal favorite label for the band has been 'Power Duo'... it's kind of ridiculous but I like it."

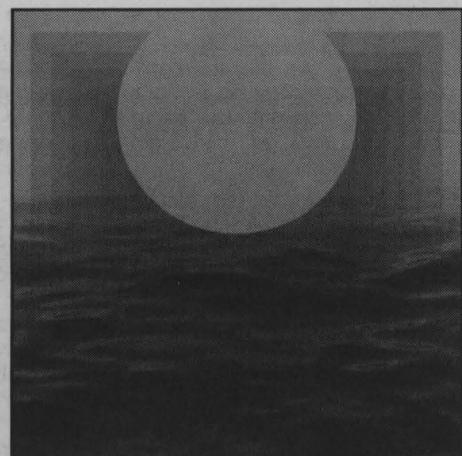
Their most recent album, "Transitions," was released early October and Fogarty and Dunn have said this is their most personal album to date. They have gone through divorces, remarriages and moves to new cities, and thus they made this their very own homage. The title track, "Transitions," is a gorgeous, emotional, 10-minute track that leads into a complex album that you'll have a hard time believing is produced by

two guys and no laptops.

I listened straight through El Ten Eleven's collection starting with their first full-length, "El Ten Eleven" through "Transitions" and I would highly recommend anyone with the time to do the same. The pair has been touring for about eight years with minimal rest, and in the past month has moved from the East Coast over to the West Coast.

Songs to check out are "Transitions," "Thanks Bill," "My Only Swerving," and "Indian Winter." Check out their other band, The SoftLightes while you're at it and you'll see how El Ten Eleven is a different outlet for Dunn and Fogarty.

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Lucasfilm purchased, new "Star Wars" films to be made

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Features Editor

"It just has inherent traditional story-telling and family values that audience members of any genre, even if you don't like sci-fi or fantasy, you might like something out of those originals," senior Brandon Kotowski says of "Star Wars."

Kotowski says he started watching the series when he was six and has grown to appreciate all the movies made since then. He says he knew George Lucas originally wanted to make nine films based on an interview he gave in 1979, but was surprised by the Oct. 30 announcement that Walt Disney Company bought Lucasfilm a \$4.05 billion deal, which includes plans to make at least three more films.

Kotowski says he did not think they would ever expand the movies, but after finding out Lucas will still be involved, he says he is optimistic about the possibilities.

"I think him getting around to finally, almost 40 years later, completing his original, ultimate dream is pretty cool," Kotowski says. "I think Disney is a great place for it to happen."

Disney had much success with the Marvel franchise, which shows that their creative team is up to the task of rebooting "Star Wars," he says. Disney is also good at marketing to a wide audience, so Kotowski says they will do a good job with another trilogy.

According to Forbes, Lucas will donate most of the money from the transaction to improving education. Much of the cash will go to his project, the George Lucas Educational Foundation, which emphasizes hands-on learning over textbooks and tests.

Disney President Bob Iger says in a video on the Disney Post that "Star Wars: Episode VII" will be in theatres in 2015 and they have plans for movies eight and nine. Theme parks, products, games and TV-projects based on the series will accompany the movies, according to Iger's video.

Lucas will serve as a creative consultant for the movies but Kathleen Kennedy, a long-time producer and co-chairman with Lucas, will be the new president of Lucasfilm and executive producer of the new "Star Wars" films.

Junior Josh Sarnecky says "Episode IV," the first film in the "Star

Wars" series, was a fun and action-packed adventure movie. The story was about basic good versus evil and nothing was too complicated, so he says he was upset about the deal at first because he did not like the idea of tampering with the plot after the storyline had been resolved, he says.

Sarnecky says he likes Disney and thinks they would be the company to bring fun back to the story and create fuller characters that were lacking in the prequels, Sarnecky says. The original "Star Wars" characters were fun and came off as real people, but in the prequels they were "cardboard cut-outs," Sarnecky says. They also have good story-telling abilities and understand the need for a strong plot, he says.

"They don't always make it too complicated, but they always make it enjoyable and I think that's something that the original 'Star Wars' was built on," he says.

Many directors, such as Brad Bird ("The Incredibles," "Mission: Impossible—Ghost Protocol") have been mentioned as possible candidates for the new episodes, Kotowski says, as an opportunity like this will cause many actors, producers and filmmakers to come running and could lead to some great collaboration, he says.

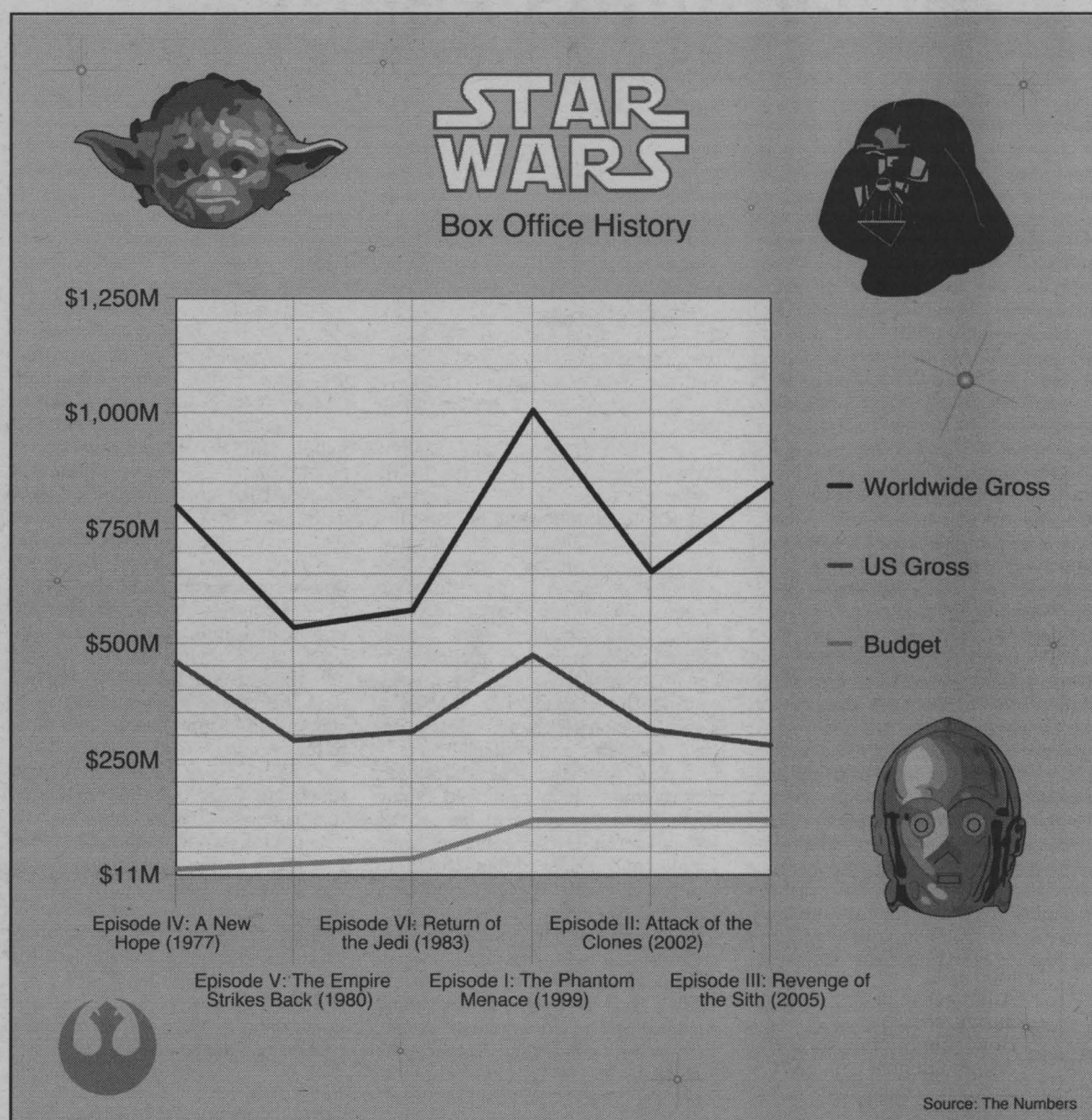
"I think a lot of directors and actors are going to be jumping at it," Kotowski says. "Then you're guaranteed at least one really good one out of the three."

Kotowski likes the idea of each trilogy addressing a different generation of Skywalkers, he says. He would be disappointed if the new movies did not have plots linked to the other six. Having Luke Skywalker grown up and leading a new generation would be a nice balance in the "Star Wars" story, he says.

"I think ultimately you need a reason, like, why are you telling this story," he says. "Is it worth telling? So hopefully the new ones are."

Senior Nora Tuke says news sources are saying the writers will develop an original story, which makes her wonder what they're going to do to the "Star Wars" plot. There are tons of "Star Wars" books with plotlines including a new female lead whom Skywalker marries and Han Solo and Princess Leia having a child, which fans have become attached to, Tuke says.

Tuke says the outcome of the



prequels also makes her cautious about the new movies. They were too reliant on graphics and did not focus on developing characters or creating a good script, Tuke says, so she is scared that the new films may have the same outcome and lose the mystery, wonder and excitement that was in the original movies.

"I think that if they're going to do it well, they would need to learn from their mistakes from the prequels and I think they should at least slightly go off the expanded universe

stuff there already is cause people are so attached to it that you're going to have a lot of pissed-off nerds if you ignore it," Tuke says.

Kotowski says he would like to see Mark Hamill continue his role as an older Luke Skywalker. Kotowski says the filmmakers should accommodate the actors' ages and not try to make them appear younger. However, the worst thing would be recasting old characters, he says.

Sarnecky says he would like to avoid bringing back characters

because that's where Disney could risk "messing up" the original story. He hopes they just create characters the audience can cheer for.

Although some of the movies are darker, they all have important values and a factor of playfulness, which can appeal to a wide audience, Kotowski says. The audience has to sit back and enjoy the movies because they do not have a say in what is done, Kotowski says.

"It's up to Lucas and Disney now," he says.

Geoscientists speak on warming, harsh winter forecasts

BY ERIN DUGAN
Staff Reporter

In a lecture hosted by the Delaware Environmental Institute Thursday, Richard Alley, geosciences professor at Pennsylvania State University, discussed his research on ice cores and the population's perception of climate change. He also discussed the possibility of severe weather throughout the coming season.

Alley views the severe winter forecast and recent storms like Hurricane Sandy as consequences of climate change. He attributes the cold weather predictions to melting glaciers.

"We have and will always have storms," Alley says. "But because

we are melting Greenland, we are adding fresh water to the North Atlantic."

Graduate student Penny Wagner says 99 percent of polar scientists agree that climate change is occurring and says those who disapprove with the theory are often expressive of their doubts.

Wagner says she thinks it's easier for people who disagree with climate change to communicate their views publicly.

"People who study climate change are trying to prove something that is hard to quantify while the opposition is just trying to say that our view is wrong," Wagner says.

Alley also spoke about his frustration when policymakers and

the public are not supportive of his and other scientists' studies on climate change.

Since 1880, average global temperature has risen by 1.5 degrees F. Greenland ice loss doubled from 1996 to 2005 and the global average sea level has risen by 4 to 8 inches in the past century, NASA's Global Climate Change program says.

This additional water has contributed to a dilution of the ocean's salt concentration, making it more susceptible to freezing, Alley says. The oceans, like the air surrounding them, are also experiencing a rise in temperature that National Geographic estimates to be 0.18 degrees F in the last century.

Geography professor Cathy Geiger says these factors in conjunction with each other contribute to the winter storms that are predicted for the Northeast this year.

"When you have a hot summer and then it gets cold, the environment goes through a transition state," Geiger says. "The heat and moisture of the ocean are absorbed, but this heat and moisture has to go somewhere."

Geiger says this atmospheric moisture is heavy and eventually must fall, typically in the form of snow. According to The Weather Channel, when a mass of cold air moves over a body of warmer water like a lake, temperature instability is created. Consequently, clouds build

over the lake and then release snow on nearby land in a situation known as "the lake effect."

Geiger says in the current situation, the arctic is behaving like one of the Great Lakes.

"It makes sense that this would lead to a great deal of winter precipitation," Geiger says.

Dramatic storms and other changes in weather patterns are an expected part of climate change, Wagner says.

"People think that global warming is just about things getting hotter but it means a lot of things," Wagner says. "Certain things are going to change. Certain areas are going to get hotter but this has a far reaching influence, including on storms."



Fashion Forward

The Fashion Forefathers

with Megan Soria

Nearly 22 years ago I was born in Queens and I made sure no one would forget. It was my bragging anecdote I'd bring up regularly as a kid and my go-to conversation starter. It was not just because New York seemed like where the naturally-interesting came from, or that Queens sounded like some magical kingdom in my head, but because I was the first in my family to be born in America. Truthfully, I was raised in the suburbs of Philadelphia, but my American citizenship continued to be something I was proud of.

After falling in love with the lands in my history books and satisfying my wanderlust and observing other cultures, I've never appreciated the United States more. It's been a week since one the most influential elections of the 21st century and many are suffering from post-election blues. There's no denying the patriotic pride in the air, as America has a lot to be proud of, including her style.

When it comes to American fashion, it's all about classic taste, great basics, staples with a heritage and a modern take. The aesthetic may be less dramatic but not necessarily drab. Our fashion forefathers, as listed below, are truly renowned for their style and have impacted everything from underwear to wedding gowns.

American fashion designer Calvin Klein transformed the meaning of sportswear back in the 1980s when underwear for men just meant grabbing plastic packs of

three. Suddenly, basic briefs became a designer staple as Calvin Klein underwear suddenly hit billboards modeled by celebs like Mark "Marky Mark" Wahlberg. Klein transformed sportswear to look like something more than just loungewear. Cool, minimalistic basics and denim make the iconic Calvin Klein ad. Throw on basic white tee or gray tank with some jeans and you've got a cool, effortless look. Layer on silver jewelry or a leather jacket for edgy accents.

Fashion designer Ralph Lauren started making neckties in the 1970s under the name "Polo"—the brand that would soon become the epitome of American fashion. He created the iconic "preppy" appeal and established an American lifestyle image. Well-made button downs, chinos and sweaters—the Ralph Lauren look embodies the modern Gatsby. Whether your style is preppy or not, the classic polo shirt is a staple in every person's closet. It's easy, neat, chic and stylish.

And over the recent decades, our country has produced some of the best designers in the world: Donna Karen, Betsey Johnson, Marc Jacobs and Oscar de la Renta to name a few. Vera Wang is renowned for her gorgeous wedding gowns, that combine modern sophistication and traditional elegance. Newer designers like Jason Wu, Naeem Khan and Thakoon are pushing boundaries and creating fresh, innovative designs but keeping the American contemporary aesthetic, and one happy client is known for

displaying their work in effortless grace—First Lady Michelle Obama.

The most influential style icon in politics, let alone in the fashion world, is probably Michelle Obama. President Barack Obama sold his platform as president of the people, and his positive qualities can be traced back to his relation to us—and Michelle Obama does the same, with clothes. Michelle Obama picks her pieces wisely and selects clothing accessible to people, thereby identifying herself as one of us. She's not ashamed to show off her arms, meet the Queen of England in a cardigan or mix her wardrobe with affordable brands like J. Crew, Target or Gap. When she does wear designer duds, she opts for up-and-coming designers over the established elite. Not only does the First Lady's style embody elegance and modern sophistication, but she uses the power of fashion to make statements, inspire change and relate to the people.

With every country, clothes represent a lifestyle—we're known for laidback BBQs, trips to the beach, Hollywood glamour and New England's preppy Americana gentry. Our history is undoubtedly a part of our national aesthetic, but we share an attitude of moving forward, inspiring change and making a statement that conveys modernity in our style. Our style is simple yet refined, classic yet contemporary and a stylish reflection of America the beautiful.

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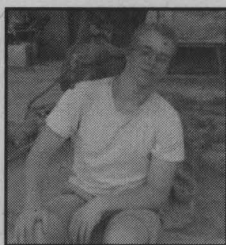
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The Weekly Beaker *with Jock Gilchrist*

Plastic Aplenty! (or, Why Recycle?)

Almost every piece of plastic that has ever been created is still in existence today. It takes about 1,000 years for a plastic bag or water bottle to decompose naturally and a plastic milk jug about 1 million years (a latex condom takes 30). As plastics degrade, they release toxic chemicals, which can't be metabolized by flora or fauna.

Plastics are made from polymers, enormous molecules consisting of smaller monomers strung together. The first modern plastic precursor emerged in the 1850s, courtesy of British inventor Alexander Parkes. But his product was a little too flammable (Woops!) and a little too brittle to gain the attention that later compounds would. In 1907 the American chemist Leo Baekeland created a much more viable version that caught the public eye. Soon after, we got cellophane and Scotch

tape, and it was all downhill from there. (It's important to note that cellophane was voted the third most beautiful English word in 1940, behind mother and memory.)

Today, the plastic industry thrives: 600 billion pounds of plastic are created and consumed yearly, in 2009, Americans alone used 102 billion plastic grocery bags, enough to encircle the Earth 776 times. The bottled water industry has capitalized as well. It grosses \$8 billion a year in the United States and about \$100 billion worldwide. As a point of reference, WorldWatch estimates that it would take \$19 billion to globally eradicate hunger and malnutrition, \$10 billion for access to clean drinking water for all and \$5 billion to achieve universal literacy.

Americans go through 50 billion water bottles every year and 28 percent of them get recycled. The

rest end up either incinerated or in landfills or the ocean—a quantity bolstered by the approximately 150,000 tons of plastic waste dumped into the oceans annually by the global fishing industry. In the ocean, plastics tend to circulate with ocean currents and accumulate in gyres, or vortexes caused by rotating currents (think of a gyroscope) where waste products often compile in the center and kind of just float.

The North Pacific Gyre is the world's largest ecosystem. It stretches from the Philippines up to Alaska, along America's West Coast and Central America and then follows the equator back to East Asia. This gyre has become the home of the "Great Pacific Garbage Patch." The name really says it all. In the middle of the North Pacific Gyre float millions of submerged islands of plastic curios discarded by Americans and the rest of the

consumption-minded world.

The true size of the "Garbage Patch" is unknown because it mostly consists of chemical morass and smaller chunks of plastic suspended underneath the water's surface. Yet its effects on wildlife are far from invisible. For example, Midway Atoll, of World War II fame, is situated in the North Pacific, 2,000 miles from any continent. It is a remote marine sanctuary, and home to a million and a half albatrosses. Almost all of them have plastic in their digestive tract, and about a third of the chicks die when their parents survey the ocean and mistake a small plastic toy as food for their young. Similarly, around one million sea creatures are killed each year by marine debris.

Much of the salmon caught for human cuisine comes from the Pacific Ocean. If the salmon have

toxins from plastic in their bodies, that means we do too. Things like that usually come full circle.

On a bright note, there are ways we can help alleviate this problem using recycling systems that are already in place. Recycled plastic can be made into trashcans, park benches, kayaks, clothing, detergent bottles, carpeting, outdoor deck material and more. Recycling plastic saves twice the energy that would be used to incinerate it. About 20 million Hershey's Kisses are wrapped each day, and all of that foil (133 sq. miles worth) is recyclable. And recycling one ton of paper saves 17 trees, an average of 1260 miles worth of gasoline, six months worth of power for the average home and 60 pounds of pollution. Those 17 trees also absorb 250 pounds of CO2 annually from the atmosphere. So, if you recycle, maybe a tree will hug you.

Disney Channel discusses "Boy Meets World" sequel series

BY LAUREN CAPPELLONI
Features Editor

Junior Nina Raspa says she fondly remembers bonding with her brothers as they all watched the 1990s sitcom "Boy Meets World" together every afternoon.

On Nov. 2, Disney Channel announced they are talking with the former "Boy Meets World" producer, Michael Jacobs, about a spin-off series.

The original show centered on the lives of Cory Matthews (Ben Savage), his high school sweetheart, Topanga Lawrence (Danielle Fishel) and Cory's best friend, Sean Hunter (Rider Strong).

The new series, "Girl Meets World," will focus on the lives of Matthews' and Lawrence's 13-year-old daughter, Riley, and their 14-year-old son, Elliot. Savage and Fishel are in talks to reprise their roles at Cory and Topanga, according to the International Movie Database.

"Boy Meets World," aired on ABC Family as part of their Friday night line-up, called "TGIF," which the network says stands for "Thank Goodness It's Funny," for seven seasons from 1993 to 2000. The line-up featured shows like "Step by Step," "Full House," "Family Matters" and "Sabrina the Teenage Witch."

Now, the show reruns on MTV2 in the afternoons. Rumors from Twitter and TMZ say that Savage will be returning to play Riley's history teacher, making him the equivalent of the new Mr. Feeny.

Senior Lori Glass says the original show was one of her favorite series. The actors and characters were relatable, the storyline resonated with all viewers. The show addressed typical issues such as dating and drinking in a "raw and realistic way," Glass says.

"The way they did the storyline was funny without being cheesy," Glass says.

Raspa says she is wary of the spin-off because she does not want the new show to detract from the original image of the 90s version. Raspa says she will be disappointed if some of the original cast members do not come back or if the new characters do not have personalities matching those in the original series.

In order to make the spin-off enjoyable, the show needs characters similar to Matthews and Lawrence instead of the generic characters Disney usually features lately, Raspa says.

"If they don't have [the original characters] in the episodes, if they have different people and they don't match up, it would be kind of wrong," Raspa says. "I hope to see them, but I know it's unrealistic."

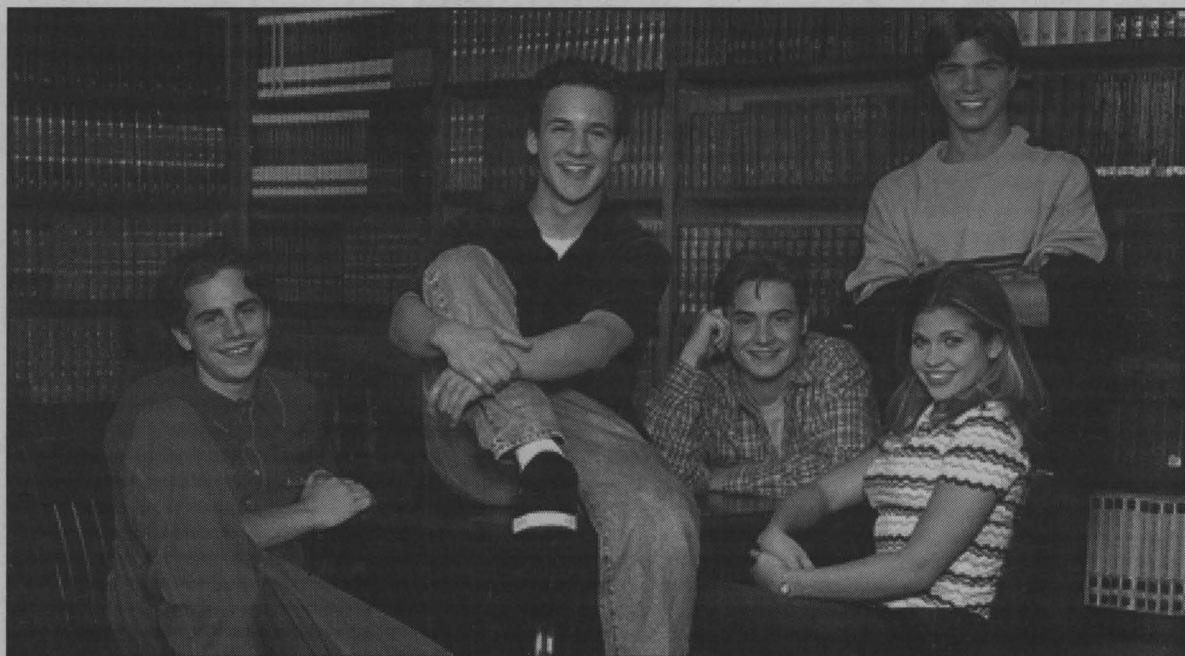
Junior Tyler Dukes says he owns all seven seasons of the show on DVD and is excited to see what the new spin-off will offer. He is glad they are not recreating the same plot with new characters but expanding on the storyline and keeping the original characters, Dukes says.

The Matthews family was down-to-earth and the plots were not sugarcoated for little kids, he says.

"It wasn't all just happy-happy," Dukes says. "It was issues they worked through that pertained to young people at the time. And it was just funny."

Dukes has concerns about the show being on the Disney channel, which he says tends to cater to 8 to 12-year-olds by having quirky characters with special talents. Instead, ABC might be able to have issues in the show similar to the original, Dukes says.

Disney is not the right place for the spin-off, Raspa says. The channel features shows too clean for



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Students say they hope original "Boy Meets World" cast members appear in the sequel series "Girl Meets World."

the content in the original series, she says. Raspa says the original episodes have some sexual innuendos and issues that may be inappropriate for Disney's current target audience.

"I don't think [Disney] would be the appropriate place if they put it on there, or they might change it up and make it something its not," she says.

Many Disney shows are "corny," Glass says, so there is a possibility the new series will not work. However, she is glad they are working with the original producer and hopes the new series will have a similar feel to the old one, she says.

Glass says the show will need good writers and cast members to recreate the old show. The new series will either be "huge or nothing," she says.

"It all depends on casting—

that will be big and the writing," she says. "It's probably going to be really successful or just a flop."

Dukes says having the original producer on board and rumors that Savage and Fishel are coming back ease his worries. With older actors around, the new show has the potential to keep the message the original show had.

"It's good for the show that they're having some people who were there with the original series to carry over what they were trying to do with the original series," Dukes says.

Dukes says the show could attract a wide audience by reaching out to the generation who grew up with the show and garnering a younger audience. It is possible that older viewers may not watch it

because it is on Disney Channel, he says. Dukes says he never watches the channel now and will make an effort to look out for the spin-off when it premieres.

He says he is glad that Matthews could be a "new Mr. Feeny-like character." Matthews learned all his life lessons in the original series from his history teacher and would be able to pass along the messages to a new generation as well, he says.

Raspa says she does not think the new series will be a hit because the original is a classic. Nothing will compare to the success of the old show, she says.

"I don't think it's going to be successful," she says. "The original had a good run and they are not going to be able to top that."



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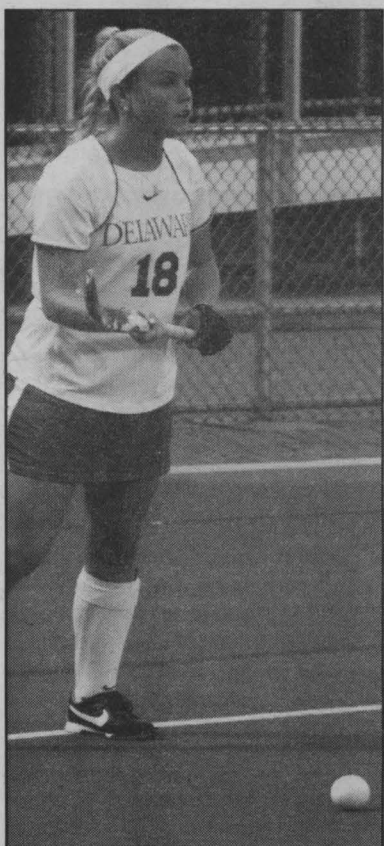
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BY JACK COBURN
Managing Sports Editor

Earlier in the season, head coach of the Delaware field hockey team Rolf van de Kerkhof compared field hockey to a boxing match.

"You go 12 rounds," van de Kerkhof said. "And at the end of those 12 rounds they decide a winner if you're still alive."

The Hens survived the regular season with an 8-12 overall (3-4 CAA) record and gained the No. 5 seed in the CAA Tournament. In the quarterfinals, they beat William & Mary, 3-2, on Nov. 2 before losing to host Drexel, 2-1, the next day. Despite this, van de Kerkhof said he was happy with the season because of how strong the team's depth showed throughout the year.

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Lady Hens open preseason 1-1, see continued breakdown on page 31



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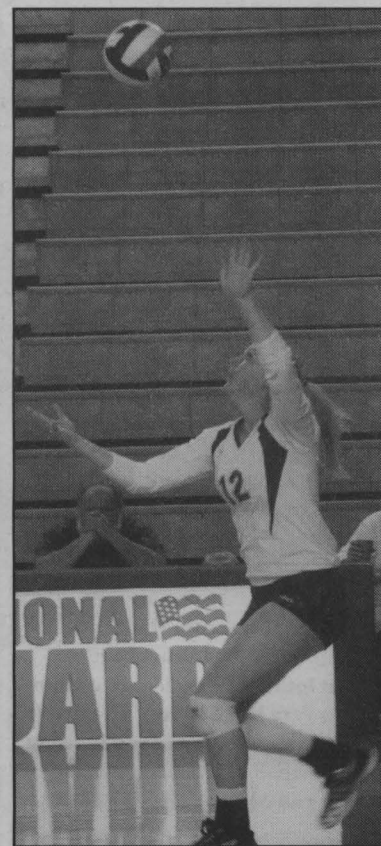
Senior guard Jaquetta May tries to avoid a block during Friday's game against Sam Houston State University.



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Sophomore guard Jarvis Threatt dribbles up the court in a game last season against Northeastern.

Men's hoops look to keep last season's hot streak, see full basketball preview on page 31



THE REVIEW/ Emma Rando

Senior outside hitter Alissa Alker tosses the ball for a serve.

Volleyball team off to conference tournament

BY DANIEL MCINERNEY
Sports Editor

After beginning their season by losing 10 of their first 13 games, the Hens' volleyball team turned it around and won 12 of their final 14 matches. The Hens finished the season with a 15-13 overall record and a 9-3 record in the conference.

Delaware defeated UNC Wilmington, 3-0, in the final regular season match of the year Saturday night at the Bob Carpenter Sports Center. Saturday's win gave Delaware sole possession of second place in the CAA and a first-round bye in the playoffs.

The Hens honored three seniors before Saturday's match. Outside hitter Alissa Alker, middle hitter Chelsea Lawrence and outside hitter Logan Sebastian played in their final regular-season match for the Hens.

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Chicken Scratch



Weekly Calendar

Today, Nov. 13

Men's Basketball at Virginia or Fairfield
NIT Season Tip-Off, 4:30 or 7:30 p.m.
Charlottesville, Va.

Friday, Nov. 16, to Sunday, Nov. 18

Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving
at Bucknell Invitational

Friday, Nov. 16, to Sunday, Nov. 18

Volleyball
at CAA Tournament at Towson

Saturday, Nov. 17

Football vs. Villanova
3:30 p.m.
Delaware Stadium

Henpeckings

Football: The Delaware football team lost to Richmond, 23-17, Saturday, dropping the Hens to 5-5. Delaware has lost their last three games by one touchdown or less. The Hens turned the ball over five times and had a punt blocked but managed to keep the game close after senior defensive back Ricky Tunstall returned an interception 77 yards for a touchdown early in the fourth quarter. Sophomore quarterback Trent Hurley threw his fourth interception of the game as time expired.

Mens and Women's Swimming and Diving: The Delaware mens and women's swimming and diving teams hosted a three-way meet with La Salle and Rider Universities on Saturday. The men's and women's teams recorded 19 first-place finishes and 15 second-place spots. Senior co-captain Ryan Roberts placed first in four separate events and senior Courtney Raw also took first place in four events.

Men's Club Ice Hockey: The Delaware men's club ice hockey team played two games at Liberty University on Friday and Saturday. On Friday the team won, 2-1. Though Liberty scored the opening goal of the game on a second-period power play, freshman forward Michael Conte put a shorthanded goal in at 16:49 in the third to tie. At 9:06 in the third, junior forward Christopher Volonnino scored the winning goal. On Saturday the team won, 6-3. Volonnino scored the opening goal 20 seconds into the game. Junior forward Christian Tasker scored a hat trick, the final goal coming at 10:48 in the third. The Hens' record is 6-6 in American Collegiate Hockey Association play.

Commentary



"OH, JERRY JONES"

BY PAUL TIERNEY

Owners of professional sports franchises can often be some of the most stubborn, frustrating individuals one could ever encounter. Whether it's a labor dispute, team relocation, contract negotiation or even a personnel choice, the actions and decisions of owners can cause a fan's patience to wear thin.

Case in point: Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones. Jones said last week he has no plans to relinquish control of player personnel decisions. Despite Dallas' one playoff win and 123-124 record in the last 16 years, Jones still thinks he is the best option to lead his team going forward. He doesn't have a good reason nor the qualifications to be making player personnel decisions.

Although Jones' decision is befuddling to Cowboys fans everywhere, he can do whatever he wants. He spent \$140 million of

his hard-earned money to buy the Cowboys more than 20 years ago. If Jones wants to raise ticket prices, he can. If he wants to make his son head coach, he can. If he wants to be the starting quarterback, he can.

Furthermore, there's nothing fans or anybody else for that matter can do to stop him. Fans can call in to all the talk radio shows they want, newspapers can write column after column calling for Jones to step down as general manager and Jimmy Johnson can talk all he wants about Dallas' "country club" atmosphere. Unfortunately, Jones and all the other owners out there do not care what you, me or anyone thinks with regard to how they run their team.

Would sports be better off without volatile owners who at times make questionable decisions? Absolutely. The Dallas Cowboys would be infinitely more successful with an experienced, well-qualified general manager. Jones has been successful in that past. However, sports is an ever-evolving industry in which change is sometimes necessary.

Fans have become disillusioned nowadays into thinking their opinion matters. It doesn't. As much as one can be a "die-hard" fan of a sports franchise, that title does not give one the right to expect people who spent hundreds of millions of dollars to buy their team to listen to you. Your favorite team is not, in fact, yours. Just like anything else, it belongs to the people who bought it.

If you do not like it, that's fine. The beautiful thing about fandom is that it is not obligatory. If you don't like the way Jones runs his football team, don't root for the Cowboys. Don't buy a Tony Romo jersey. Don't spend hundreds of dollars to go see their games and definitely don't spend your Sunday afternoons hyperventilating over whether or not Dez Bryant's left hand

touched out of bounds on a Hail Mary. You are more than welcome to root for any other team.

On the other hand, if you do choose to root for the Cowboys or any other team with an eccentric owner, do so by accepting the conditions that come with it. You may have to deal with a gaudy, media-hungry individual who inadvertently holds his team back from success. The rest of the sports world will continue to make a mockery of your favorite team and there is a good chance losing will remain part of the organizations culture.

So if you want to retain the expectation that your favorite sports team is going to take your opinion into consideration, please go buy your own professional sports franchise, and then you can make all the player personnel decisions that your heart desires. Until then, understand that although your favorite team appreciates your support, your opinion will not factor into their decision making 99 percent of the time.

It is unfortunate sports have come to this. The multi-billion dollar a year industry has put the desires and egos of a select group of owners above the fans that live and die with their respective teams. However, nothing is going to change anytime soon. For now, fans just have to accept they are powerless to stop the money-hungry owners controlling their favorite sports franchise.

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About the teams:

About Delaware: The Hens are 5-5 with a 2-5 mark in CAA play. Delaware has lost three straight games and five of the last six. The Hens are seventh in the CAA and in the middle of the pack in most statistical categories in the conference. The Hens are coming off a 23-17 loss to Richmond and are unranked.

About Villanova: The Wildcats, who are 7-3 overall and 5-2 in CAA play, harbor hopes of making it to the postseason. They lead the conference in rushing offense and were picked to finish eighth in the conference in the preseason coaches' poll. Villanova leads the all-time Battle of the Blue series 23-21, with one tie. The Wildcats have won five of the last six meetings with the Hens.

Under Preview

Delaware vs. Villanova

Football

Time: Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

Location: Delaware Stadium

Why the Hens can win:

Delaware is playing in its last game of the year and hoping to avoid its third losing season under head coach K.C. Keeler. With many seniors participating in a game for the last time, the Hens will be hoping to go out with a win at home. Delaware will be looking to upset Villanova and knock the Wildcats out of the playoff picture.

Why the Hens could lose:

Villanova has a better record and while the Hens are playing for pride, the Wildcats are looking to make the playoffs. The Wildcats are ranked No. 8 in the country in rushing offense, with two players averaging over 80 yards a game on the ground.



The numbers:

428.5: Villanova's total offense per game, third in the conference.

347.9: Delaware's total offense per game, eighth in the conference.

124.4: Sophomore quarterback Trent Hurley's passer rating in the nine games he has played, ninth in the CAA.

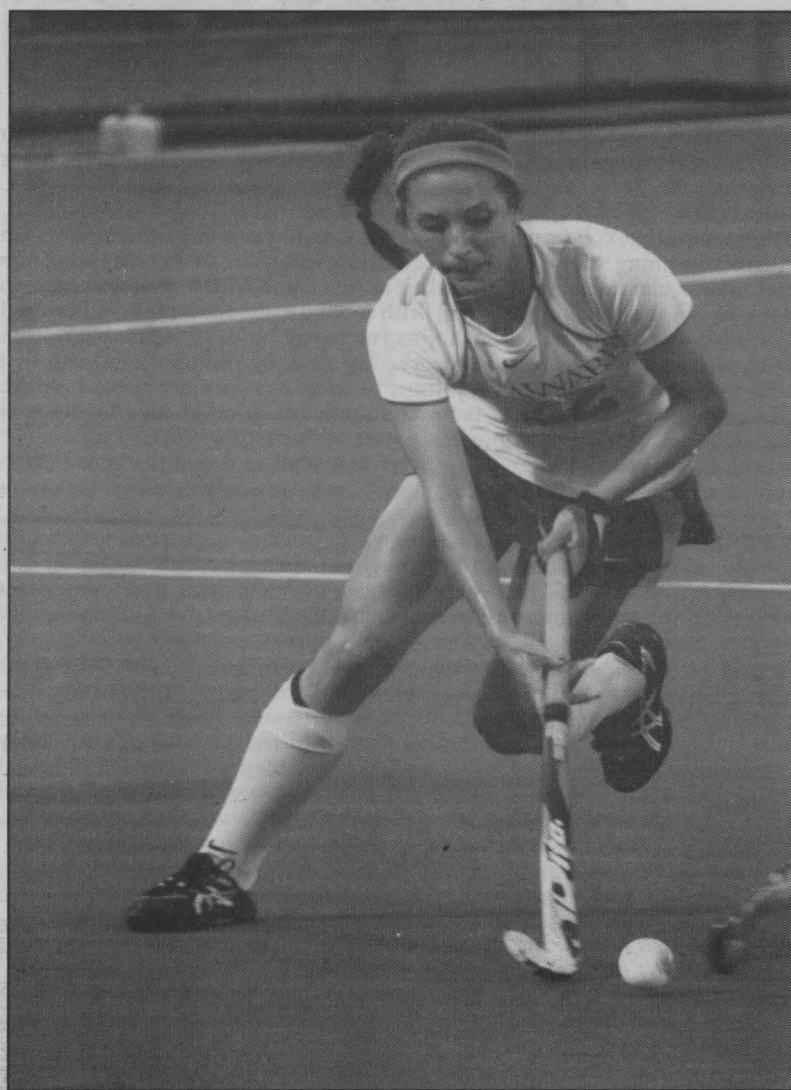
The prediction:

Delaware's graduating players will be highly motivated to upset the rival Wildcats and the Hens defend Delaware Stadium, giving the fans a reason to be hopeful about 2013.

Delaware: 24
Villanova: 16

*-Matt Bittle
Sports Editor*

Hens: Core players to return but lose Onorato, Hecht, Sharpless



Junior midfielder Kasey Prettyman pushes the ball up field.

File Photo

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"Although we always want to move on and play another game, we can look back and be excited what we have completed as a program with a young and talented players' group," he said.

The season started out rough for the Hens, who lost their first four nonconference games before beating Saint Joseph's University, 3-1, on Sept. 5. When it came time to play the CAA regular season, the team started off similarly, losing the first three games before winning three consecutive games against Hofstra, Drexel and Towson.

Although van de Kerkhof said Drexel was the toughest team Delaware faced because the Dragons were the No. 1 seed in the tournament, sophomore defender Kelsey McKee said she thought differently. McKee said depending on whether the squad was attacking or defending, there could be two different tough teams.

"Between the two 25 [yard lines], like in the midfield, University of North Carolina was extremely hard," McKee said. "And they kind of had this aura around them that, 'We're North Carolina and we're tough,' and they came out and you could just feel this presence. But in the attacking 25, Princeton was the better team. As a defender, Princeton was a very tough team for me because they were in our circle ripping shots off all the time."

One of the keys to the Hens' success was freshman midfielder Michaela Patzner. Patzner had seven goals and two assists. Her total of 16

points was second behind McKee in the team's overall statistics. Patzner, with the help of her teammates, has adjusted well to playing for the Hens, van de Kerkhof said.

Patzner's performance was not surprising, according to van de Kerkhof. He said with the help of the team, Patzner was able to show just how good she is.

"I was not surprised by her talents," he said. "But at the same time, she still had to bring her talent out in our team setting and with our offense style in competition."

McKee said due to Hurricane Sandy, preparing for the postseason was tough because they got back to school on Nov. 1 and the quarterfinals were two days later.

However, junior goalie Sarah Scher, who is also a co-captain, said the format of the tournament didn't allow for the team's energy to drop.

"All our games were very back-to-back-to-back," Scher said. "So mentally, you had to get yourself in a different kind of mindset because you didn't have time to rethink things, you just had to play your best, live in the moment and continue playing hard. I think that we all handled the pressure of the postseason very well and it was just a matter of being ready to play, mentally, physically, everything in sync."

With three seniors—midfielder/forward Nikki Onorato, midfielder Carley Hecht and forward Tory Sharpless—leaving, there will be gaps that need to be filled. For van de Kerkhof, players such as redshirt freshman forward Morgan Hudson and some talented incoming freshman should fill these holes.



File Photo

Junior midfielder Clare O'Malley attempts a pass to a teammate.

When van de Kerkhof reflects on the season, he said he will consider it another step in the building process. He said the players he chooses helps to make the program grow.

"Rome wasn't built in a day or a week," he said. "And that's what we have to continue to do. Always look at the bigger picture. We are building Delaware field hockey with the help of many people but ultimately our players."

CAA: Hens take game-to-game approach, expect to make Sweet 16

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Delaware won the opening set 25-19 and continued its strong play in the rest of the sets. The Hens took the second set 25-17 and final set 25-20. The win was the Delaware's third straight and the second 3-0 victory in a row after the Hens beat William & Mary on Friday.

Head coach Bonnie Kenny said she was proud of the team. Senior Night is always an emotional match for the Hens and especially the three seniors who have played a major role in the program, she said.

"We played probably too tough of a preseason schedule for a team that needed to get in the gym and play at this level a little more, but it was the only time of the year that we could get that experience," Kenny said.

Lawrence recorded an attack percentage of .200 with five kills, five blocks and two aces in the match. Alker added six kills and 10 digs. Sebastian had one kill for an attack percentage of 1.000. Junior outside hitter Katie Hank had an attack percentage of .333 and led the team with 12 kills.

Despite strong performances by the upperclassmen Saturday, it was the freshmen that shined. Freshman setter Mackenzie Olsen had 30 assists, seven digs and

a kill percentage of .250 in the match. Libero Ariel Shonk had a team-high 17 digs and added four assists. Utility player Katie Hillman had an attack percentage of .276 and recorded two digs and one block.

"I think that this team is really strong and we have gotten a lot better even though we have five freshmen on the floor," Lawrence said. "They have all grown so much."

Sebastian, who tore her ACL last season, which forced her to sit out for the majority of the year, said she was just happy to be on the court with her teammates. After over six months of rehab and countless hours in the training room Sebastian has become a key contributor for the Hens. Kenny said her hard work, especially during practice, has helped improve the team everyday.

After the match, Lawrence reflected on her past four years at Delaware and her experiences as a member of the volleyball team. She said her favorite memory was hosting and winning the CAA Tournament the past two years. Kenny said she has enjoyed watching all three seniors grow during their time at Delaware, especially Lawrence.

"I don't know if I have ever had a person grow as much as Chelsea, as a person," Kenny said. "That's what I care about more

than anything and she has turned into a leader."

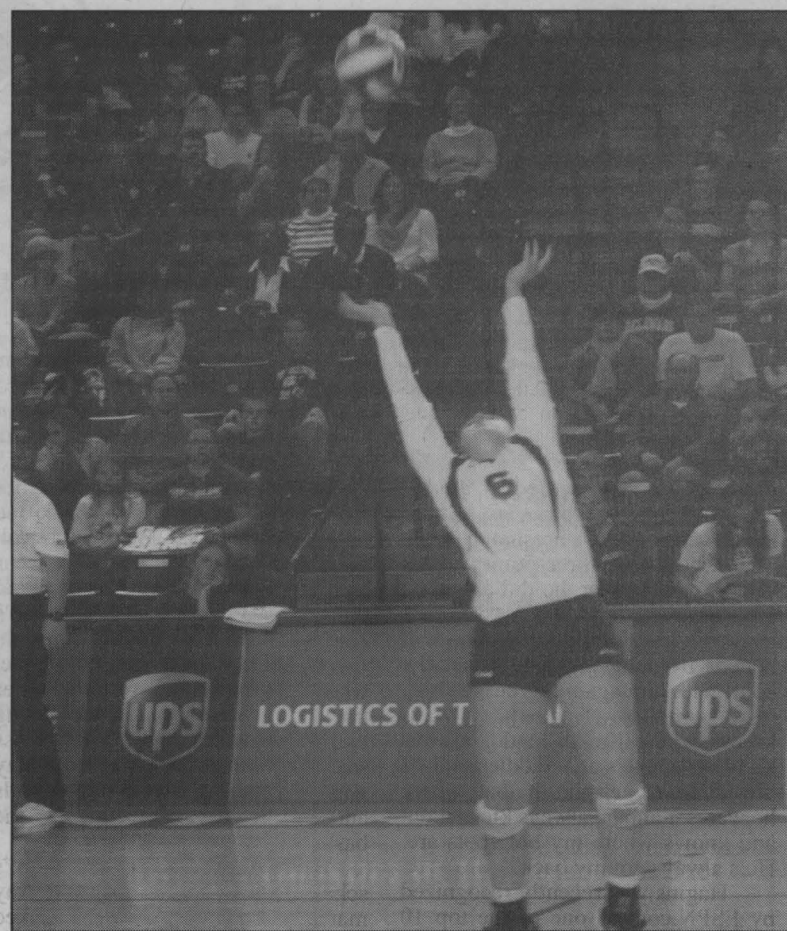
Alker is the active leader in matches played, kills, digs and blocks. She is sixth in Delaware history with 1,291 kills. Kenny commended Alker for her ability to contribute to the team for all four years and for stepping in as a member of a six-person rotation.

The Hens will travel to Towson on Saturday for the CAA Tournament where they will play the winner of James Madison and Northeastern. Delaware is the two-time defending CAA Champion with aspirations to advance to the NCAA Tournament, Lawrence said.

"We are expecting to win the next two matches that we have next weekend and go all the way to the Sweet 16," Lawrence said.

Kenny said she was confident the team would be OK if they could get through the tough preseason and play well in conference games, which is exactly what they did. As they shift their focus to their next opponent Kenny said her message remains the same—"take it one game at a time."

"This time of the year it is survive and advance and we clinched a bye which is a good thing," Kenny said. "Hopefully we are in a position to get a little rest and survive and advance next week."



Freshman setter Mackenzie Olsen creates a jump ball in the season finale Saturday.

THE REVIEW/Emma Rando



THE REVIEW/ Stephen Pope

Junior guard Akeema Richards take a fade away jump shot on Friday.

Basketball: Georgetown snaps Lady Hens' 15-game home winning streak

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Carra scored 14 first-half points and the senior netted eight points and eight rebounds. She said the Hoyas' press greatly affected the Hens, causing them to rush their plays and get out of sync on offense.

Delaware played without senior forward Elena Delle Donne, a three-time All-CAA player. Delle Donne is suffering from a re-emergence of Lyme disease, which she first battled in 2008. She missed the team's game Friday.

"We know what it's like to play together with Elena, so it shouldn't be that hard to play together without Elena," Parker said. "I'm sure that everyone else would hope that Elena comes back, but it's something out of our control."

The Hoyas scored the first seven points of the second half, holding Delaware off the scoreboard until the 13:21 mark.

The teams went back and forth for most of the remaining time. Georgetown briefly took a 42-37 lead, only for Delaware to close it to one. The Hoyas then answered, and though the Hens managed to tie the game, they would not lead again.

Down 56-53 with 1:01 left, the Hens were inbounding the ball under their basket. Georgetown's Rodgers, a member of the preseason All-Big East team, stole the ball off the pass and drove the length of the court for a layup. After another bucket by the Hoyas, Hens' senior guard Trumae Lucas hit a three with seven seconds left to close the game to 60-56.

Delaware intentionally fouled Rodgers after the three, but she sank both free throws to clinch the victory for Georgetown. Carra said the game one of the most physical she has ever played at Delaware.

"They were throwing extra hits here and there and we had to adjust to it," she said.

Martin said the Hens made a number of errors she found

infuriating, including missed free throws and unnecessary fouls. She said the Hens put in the efforts but had too many mistakes when they had possession.

Delaware shot 17 for 47 (36.2 percent) from the field for the game and 14 for 25 from the free throw line. Martin said the team's performance at the line was disappointing. The Hoyas went 20 for 50 (40.0 percent) overall and 18 for 23 from the line.

The Hens committed 22 turnovers, while the Hoyas gave it away 20 times. Parker finished with 11 points and 10 rebounds, and Carra scored 19 points while grabbing nine rebounds.

Delaware plays tomorrow at Duquesne University at 7 p.m.

Martin said she was able to take something away from the game despite the loss.

"You find out who's going to step up and who might take a step back, and that's going to help us for the future," Martin said. "And then hopefully some of the players will learn from this experience."

Hoops: Selected CAA Champions by ESPN, return all but one starter

BY PAUL TIERNEY
Assistant Sports Editor

The men's basketball team will open its 108th season with a sense of optimism this fall. After winning nine straight games to finish the regular season last year, the Hens were picked by Jay Bilas of ESPN to win the 2012-13 CAA Championship.

The Hens return with their top-five scorers from last year, including four starters that made up 87 percent of their scoring and 81.9 percent of their rebounding. The only starter not returning is guard Khalid Lewis, who transferred to La Salle University this summer.

On the court, Delaware will be led by preseason All-CAA first team selections Devon Saddler and Jamelle Hagins.

Saddler is a 6 feet 2 inches tall junior guard who scored in double digits in all but two games last season. He is a former CAA Freshman of the Year who hit 59 three-point shots a year ago. However, he did averaged 3.2 turnovers and 1.8 assists per game. Saddler said he thinks he will benefit from having Hagins on the court with him again this season.

"[Jamelle Hagins] always knows where I'm at, and I always know where he's at," Saddler said. "I always try to get him the ball where he wants it and he always kicks it out and knows where my hot spots are. He's always got my back."

Hagins was recently recognized by ESPN.com as one of the top 10 rebounders in the nation. The senior forward finished last season fifth in the nation in rebounding and posted

15 double-doubles. Furthermore, Hagins has the opportunity to finish this year ranked in top-five for most blocked shots in CAA history.

Offensively, head coach Monté Ross said Hagins has developed into a strong paint player. His points, rebounding, blocks, steals, assists, field-goal percentages and free-throw percentages have increased in each of his first three seasons. Aside from his own improvements, Hagins said this year's team will be much improved from a year ago.

"I think we're a lot better just because we've grown a lot over the summer and got to play with each other a lot more," Hagins said. "We know each other. We know how to work the ball and where we can score at."

The Hens will also welcome junior forward Carl Baptiste into their rotation. Hagins said the former McDonalds All-American nominee will help him rebound the basketball.

Ross, who is in his seventh-year as the head coach at Delaware, said the 6 feet 9 inches tall Baptiste's contributions will be significant.

"I think Carl Baptiste, who redshirted last season after transferring from Saint Joe's is going to have a big impact for us," Ross said. "He's a big body who can play with his back to the basket, rebounds and also has the ability to score the basketball."

Highlighting Delaware's schedule this season is an away matchup against nationally-ranked Duke University. On Dec. 1, the Hens will travel to Cameron Indoor Stadium to take on head coach Mike



File Photo

Senior forward Jamelle Hagins dunks over two Northeastern players last year.

Krzyzewski and the Blue Devils.

Despite overcoming an early 15-point deficit, the Hens lost their first game of the season to La Salle. Explorers center Steve Zack scored 19 points to lead his team to a 73-66 victory.

Regardless of the opponent,

Hagins said he believes the men's basketball team deserves more support from the student body. He said it is discouraging to play home games in a virtually empty arena. He said the fans attendance means much more than without them.

"I think we deserve the campus'

support," Hagins said. "We work hard in the offseason and we work hard during the season and it's kind of a heartbreaker to come out there and not feel like we don't have enough fans to fill the gym, or like they didn't open the doors or anything."

Hens get caught in Spiders' web, lose third straight



File Photo

The Delaware football team suffered a loss Saturday against Richmond. The 23-17 defeat dropped the Hens to 5-5 on the season and 1-3 on the road.

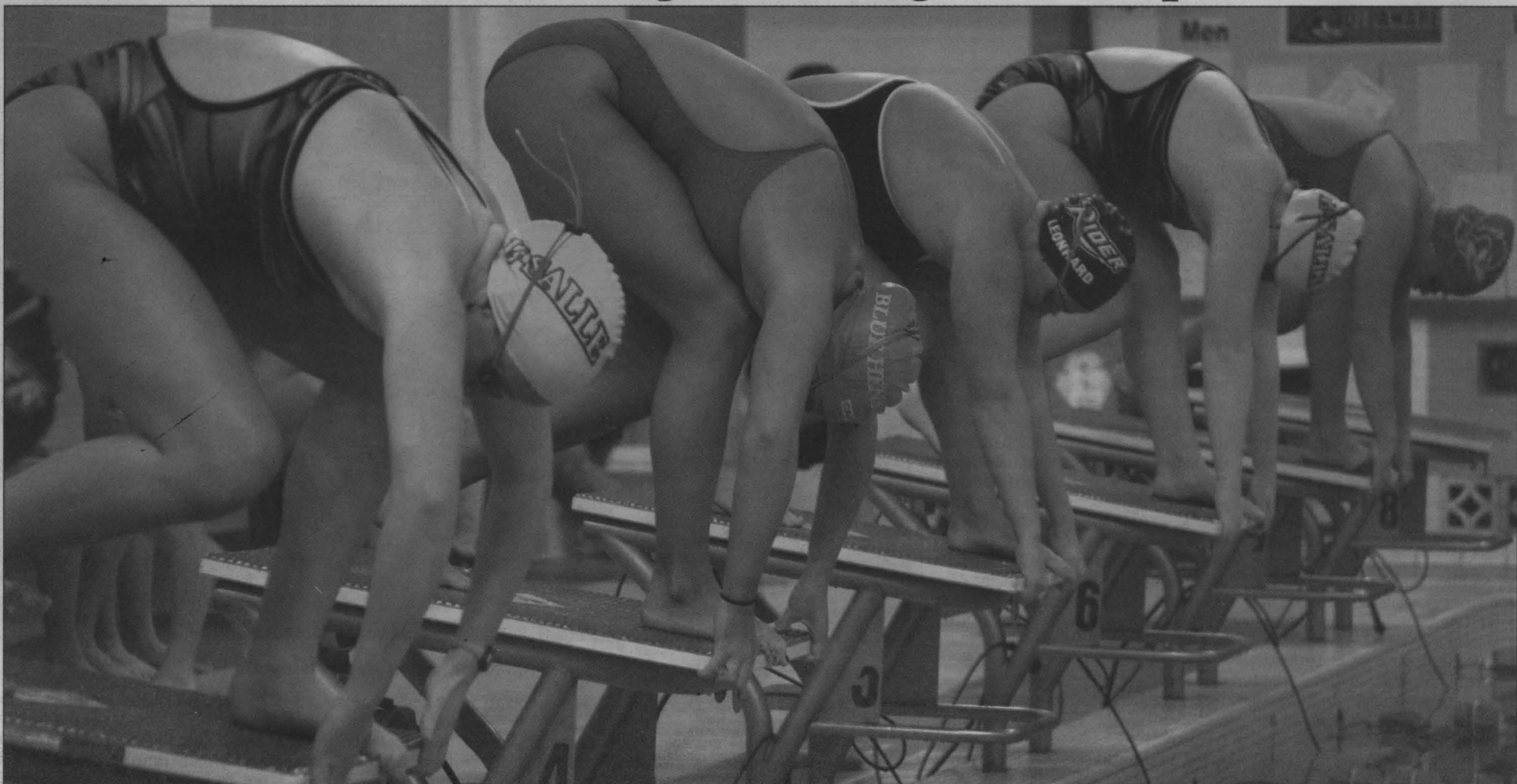
The Hens are seeking to avoid their fourth losing season since 1988. In his weekly press conference on Monday, head coach K.C. Keeler said his team has suffered from numerous injuries and an inability to win tight contests.

"Every year I always say at the beginning of the season that your season's going to be determined by staying healthy and winning the close games, and we've done neither," Keeler said.

Keeler said the status of junior running back Andrew Pierce will to be determined as the week goes on. Pierce missed the past two games with a knee injury. Delaware hosts Villanova this weekend in the annual Battle of the Blue. Keeler said he expects the team to be motivated against the Wildcats in what will be the last game for a number of Blue Hens.

"It's a rivalry game," he said. "All of our unfortunate misgivings of the season aren't forgiven by beating Villanova, but it does help. It'd be a nice way to send the seniors out."

Men and women's swimming and diving continue positive results



THE REVIEW/ Addison George

The Delaware mens and women's swimming and diving teams hosted a three-way meet with La Salle and Rider Universities on Saturday. The men's and women's teams recorded 19 first-place finishes and 15 second-place spots. Senior co-captain Ryan Roberts placed first in four separate events and senior Courtney Raw also took first place in four events. The men's team is now 3-3 with a 0-3 record in CAA action. The women's team is 5-2 overall and 2-2 in CAA competition.