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UP FRONT

Debts, threats and deaths

By JIM STREIT

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FRIENDS of Meng-Ju Wu said he liked high-stakes gambling. Authorities in Dane County, Wisc., believe he shot and killed three men in late June 2003. The college freshman found himself playing for the highest stakes of his life. And Wu lost.

This tragic story ended Jan. 17 when the 2002 graduate of Newark High School hanged himself from a sprinkler head in his jail cell.



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The next day, the 20-year-old former student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison was scheduled to stand trial on three counts of intentional homicide.

Karl Curtis, my counterpart at the weekly paper in the quiet town of Verona, Wisc., (population 9,000), said it remains unclear how Wu was able to fashion a noose out of a bedsheet or pillow case, or how he was able to hang himself from a small fire sprinkler head in his Madison jail cell. Wu was housed in the most visible cell block in the maximum security unit and was being watched regularly. At last check, 50 minutes before being found hanging, he was okay.

Wu had many months to contemplate his bleak future.

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Not only at the pump

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

OIL prices aren't just making the cost of driving more expensive — they are increasing the cost of maintaining a home, too.

Electric rates in Newark have jumped for the second time in

two months, totaling a 6 percent increase. Rates had not previously changed since December 2002.

Patrick McCullar, spokesman for the Delaware Municipal Electric Corporation, said that the company had to raise rates because of the increasing costs of fuel. Delaware feels the pressure more than other states might

because all but one of the state's electricity plants rely on oil and natural gases for electricity. The only exception, a plant located just south of Indian River, burns coal.

"The impact of fuel prices is felt a lot more in Delaware than in other places," McCullar said.

DEMEC announced during the summer that it would pass its price

increase along to its customers, which includes municipalities like Newark, Middletown, Milford, New Castle and Smyrna.

DEMEC suggested that the municipalities, which operate as nonprofits, increase their rates by 8.5 percent.

The City of Newark made the first adjustment of about 5 per-

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THEY'RE BACK!



About 16,000 University of Delaware students returned to Newark over the weekend. Students moved into residence halls on Saturday and Sunday. One of the largest freshman classes ever — 3,536 — attended their Convocation Monday began joining all students in classes on Tuesday.

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Sugar, not vinegar

Newark landlords group tries friendlier approach

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

LANDLORDS in Newark are learning that there might be something to that old adage about sugar attracting more flies than vinegar.

The Newark Landlord Association, the group known for its lawsuits and vocal complaints about city government, is trying a newer, friendlier approach.

First created in 1997, NLA was created to foster a sense of community among local landlords.

"It was formed as a place to get together to offer tips and share war stories," said Bruce Harvey, the group's newly elected president.

But the political winds at the time blew the NLA into hostile territory and forged something entirely different.

Residents had begun speaking out about problem neighbors who rented property. Complaints poured in that the renters abused the property, were loud, vandalized neighbors' homes and caused fights.

In just a few months, things began to change.

"The council at the time started introduc-

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State police investigate hate crime

THE Delaware State Police's Youth Aid Division is investigating an incident where an unidentified person placed a threatening hate note in a student's locker at St. Mark's High School.

On Monday, Aug. 29, a member of the football team reported that he had received a threatening note in his football locker. The note threatened bodily harm towards the student.

The student told officers that he had received another similar letter on Thursday, Aug. 25, and had since thrown the letter away. The student did not report this incident to school authorities until Monday's incident.

The incident remains under investigation, police said.

Drug arrest at Wawa

A month-long undercover investigation has led to the arrest of a 25-year-old Newark man on numerous drug related charges.

Through their detective work, the State Police Special Investigation Unit received information that a male would be in the parking lot of the Wawa, 154 Salem Church Road, Newark, with a large amount of cocaine.

On Tuesday, Aug. 23, at approximately 8 p.m., police said the suspect entered the parking lot and was taken into custody without incident. Police said he was in possession of 95 grams of powder cocaine, 15.1 grams of crack cocaine, a fully loaded 357 handgun and \$1,737 in cash.

Police charged Tyriek Rogers, of the first block of Jaymar Boulevard, with trafficking cocaine, possession with intent to deliver cocaine, maintaining a vehicle and possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony.

Rogers was video arraigned at Magistrate Court 11 and committed to the Howard R. Young Correctional Facility in lieu of \$250,000 secured bond.

Police arrest three

New Castle County Police have arrested three men for their involvement in a fight in Newark.

According to police, on Aug. 27, at 9:20 p.m., they responded to the 2000 block of Chelmsford Circle in Newark after being informed of a fight. When officers arrived, they found three victims that had been struck by an SUV. Police said the driver then tried to flee the area but crashed into a parked car.

During the police investigation, it was determined that a victim had been stabbed numerous times during a fight. Another man was hit in the head with a tire iron and another suffered cuts to his arms.

Police said Robert Young, 21, of

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Train hits car near Deer Park

On Sunday, Aug. 28, at 8:56 p.m., a vehicle driven by Christopher Poulin, of Warminster, Pa., was struck by a CSX freight train near Deer Park Tavern in Newark, according to Newark police.

Police reported that Poulin was traveling across the tracks at West Main Street and Elkton Road when he realized he needed to be on northbound New London Road. As he attempted to turn, his vehicle became stuck and was struck from behind by a train destined for Philadelphia.

Police said there were no injuries and Poulin was cited for careless driving.

Newark, was charged with two counts of assault in the second degree, and two counts of possession of a deadly weapon during the commission of a felony. John Young was charged with three counts of reckless endangering in the first degree. Thomas Wasdin, 29, of Brooklyn, N.Y., was charged with assault in the second degree and possession of a deadly weapon during the commission of a felony.

Burglary suspect apprehended in N.J.

A 33-year-old man wanted in connection with a series of burglaries throughout New Castle County, including in Newark, has been arrested.

State police detectives received information that the suspect, Freddie Bierce, was possibly in New Jersey after series of burglaries were reported. On Thursday, Aug. 25, at approximately 10 a.m., Trenton police observed the suspect's vehicle traveling in Trenton, N.J. Trenton Police initiated a traffic stop and the suspect was taken into custody without incident.

Bierce is awaiting extradition back to Delaware for 33 charges including offenses of burglary, theft and criminal mischief.

Car break-in arrests

The New Castle County Police arrested suspects for breaking into vehicles in Newark.

According to police, on Aug. 26, at 4:10 a.m., officers went to Brookedge Court in Newark after receiving a report that several sus-

pects were breaking into cars.

Several people fled but officers apprehended one man after a foot-chase. He was identified as Luis Salva, 18. One male juvenile also was apprehended.

County police said the remaining suspects were apprehended after being stopped in Volkswagen bus. The driver was identified as Orlando Rivera, 19, and the other adult was identified as Jonathan Montalvo, 18.

Police said in the vehicle they found burglary tools and property belonging to the owner's of the cars.

Police said they were charged with theft, criminal mischief, possession of burglar tools, conspiracy, resisting arrest, criminal trespassing and other related charges. Rivera was also charged with driving without a license.

All were released on unsecured bail pending trial.

Large crowd appears

Newark police were called to the courtyard area of the Ivy Hall apartments, 400 Wollaston Ave., shortly after midnight on Monday, Aug. 29.

Upon their arrival, police discovered an estimated 300 to 400 people milling around in the area.

An officer reported that loud music could be heard coming from every building in the complex. He said that nearly every person was consuming alcohol and acting disorderly.

Police said there were no security guards on duty in the complex and that it took 90 minutes to disperse the crowd without incident.

At 1 a.m., police were told by a 19-year-old woman that her wallet

and camera were pickpocketed from her purse while she was in the large crowd 45 minutes earlier at Ivy Hall.

I-95 robbery suspect

The Delaware State Police Robbery Squad has arrested a 45 year-old Newark man wanted in connection with a robbery at the I-95 Service Plaza in June.

Detectives received an anonymous tip that led to the assailant's identification. Subsequently on Friday, Aug. 26, at 10:30 a.m., detectives went to suspect's residence in the first block of Chancellor Drive, Newark, where the suspect was taken into custody.

Detectives charged Anthony Greer with robbery second degree. He was video arraigned at Magistrate Court 2 and released on \$5,000 unsecured bond, police said.

Gun found in car

The New Castle County Police have arrested Amyra Haye, 19, of Bear and Charles Coleman, 21, of Newark on various charges.

According to police, on Aug. 26, at approximately 12:55 a.m., officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop, but the vehicle refused to halt. The vehicle was pursued until it drove up onto a lawn on Smalley's Dam Road.

Police said the driver, Coleman, was immediately taken into custody, but Haye exited the vehicle and fled. After the foot-chase, Haye was taken in to custody following a brief struggle.

According to police, a loaded 10-mm handgun was found inside the vehicle. Upon search of Haye, 2.8 grams of crack cocaine was found. A total of \$1,750 cash was taken from both suspects.

Police said Coleman was charged with possession of a weapon with a removed/altered serial number, possession of a firearm by a person prohibited, and numerous traffic violations. Haye was charged with possession of a weapon with a removed/altered serial number, possession of a firearm by a person prohibited, assault second degree, possession with the intent to deliver crack cocaine, tampering with physical evidence and resisting arrest. Both were committed to the Howard Young Correctional Facility after failing to post \$3,100 and \$6,000 bails respectively.

Assault at party

A 19-year-old Newark man told police he was struck in the face with a skateboard as he was talking with a friend at 46 Benny St. on Sunday, Aug. 28, at 12:13 a.m.

The man fell to the ground and was repeatedly kicked by several assailants, who then fled.

Police said the victim was taken to the Christiana Hospital emergency room for treatment of cuts.

Police said the assault took place after a group of uninvited guests were refused admission to a party in the area.

Felony charge levied

A Newark police officer reported that he was driving northbound on South College Avenue on Wednesday, Aug. 24, at 3:31 a.m. He said that a silver Jeep pulled out of Ritter Lane, crossed the center line and forced him to swerve his police car to the right to avoid a collision.

The officer made a U-turn and stopped the Jeep.



Weekly traffic report

STATISTICS FOR AUGUST 14-20, 2005 COMPILED BY NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

TRAFFIC SUMMONSES	Year to date 2004	Year to date 2005	This week 2004	This week 2005
Moving	2371	2659	80	68
Non-moving	1759	1722	79	40
Total	4130	4381	159	108

PARKING SUMMONSES	Year to date 2004	Year to date 2005	This week 2004	This week 2005
Meter tickets	27909	25119	396	777
Parking summonses	5444	5866	84	116
Total	33353	30985	480	893

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS	Year to date 2004	Year to date 2005	This week 2004	This week 2005
Fatal	1	1	0	0
Personal injury	168	191	5	11
Property damage (reportable)	334	287	11	9
Property damage (non-reportable)	3285	341	6	20
Total	831	820	22	40
Hit-and-run reports	198	138	3	7
DUI cases	109	120	8	4

Proposed high school program is 'not a fad'

International Baccalaureate courses began in 1968

By MARY E. PETZAK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

IF all goes as planned, Glasgow High School will take a giant step to increase the breadth and rigor of its academic standards in 2007. "In the Christina District, we are looking at more rigorous standards for the 11th and 12th grade students," Lisa Ueltzhoffer said. "The International Baccalaureate

program is another tool like the Advanced Placement courses." (See Sidebar, this page).

As with the push for more students to take AP courses, teachers and administrators stress that IB is for more than honors students. "Some people think IB is 'elitism,'" Ueltzhoffer said, "but it is very much for the average kid with capacity. These kids can really thrive."

The IB program began as a way for pre-college students to share a common curriculum and obtain college-entry credentials while moving from country to country. "For instance, children of the military or government workers overseas take this pro-

gram," Ueltzhoffer explained.

In order to get an IB diploma, a student must take three, 240-hour courses at the higher level and three courses of 100 hours each at the standard level. Courses come from six categories: language, second language, individuals and societies, experimental sciences, mathematics and computer science, and the arts.

There is a "holistic relationship" between subject categories in the program. "An individual student's program can be social study driven, English driven, etc., depending on their interests, and still work within the cat-

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AP, IB build 'academic muscles'

By MARY E. PETZAK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

THE International Baccalaureate program is still two years away even if approved.

But Christina District administrators are not waiting to implement some of its principles.

Students entering ninth grade this year in all District high schools must earn one credit in a Senior Project and one credit in Community Service in order to graduate.

According to the District, the Senior Project is independent

research and writing in the area of their choice.

Advanced Placement courses, taken by students already planning for college in past years, were extended in no uncertain terms to many more high schoolers in 2004-05.

At Newark High School, administrators and teachers targeted parents and students who they believed would succeed in AP course.

"We had 603 students sit for AP exams this year," said first-year principal Emmanuel Caulk. "In 2003-04, Newark had about 300 students sit for the AP exams."

Newark also added to its AP subjects and plans to add more in 2005. Assistant principal David Jezyk said that NHS offers more AP courses than any other school in Delaware and they are adding human geography in 2005-06. "The numbers sitting for exams also increased because the District paid for students to take the AP exams this year," Jezyk said in an earlier interview.

According to school superintendent Joseph Wise, Christiana High School set a record for students who sat for the AP exams in 2005: 73 last year compared to

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New alternative school for Christina?

By MARY E. PETZAK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

SOMEONE has discussed locating a new alternative school in the Christina District, but an administration spokesperson insists it is not definite and not the topic of any District meetings in the near future. And a former school site in Bear has not been designated as the school's location, either.

The Eden Support Services Center in Bear was emptied of students in 1999 after development surrounding the intersection of Routes 40 and 7 made access to the site way too unsafe for school buses and other school-related traffic.

The District moved Leasure Elementary School a mile away to its new site off Church Road and the vacant building left behind became District offices under a new name.

At least one person, who does not want to be identified, recently commented on possible changes there. "I heard a rumor that the District is going to change Eden Center back to a school," said this person. Supporting this hypothesis was a list posted on the District's Web site on Aug. 10. Entitled "Christina School District Table of Organization," the list included a line for "Pending Approval - Eden Behavioral School."

Wendy Lapham, District manager of communications

and public information, said the Webmaster posted the line of information in error. "There has been absolutely no talks with the school board or anyone about putting a school there," Lapham said last week. "We would need to get approval to do that and we haven't any plans to do so at this time."

Lapham went on to say that there are plans, with no particular timeline or site, to establish an alternative school setting for District high school students with behavior problems who are currently referred to contracted services. "We're just trying to plan ahead," Lapham said. "We want to have a school setting within the District for students who currently go to contracted services like New Beginnings."

At the Aug. 9 School Board meeting, school superintendent Dr. Joseph Wise introduced Jonathan Brice as the new executive director for alternative programs and non-traditional schools. During discussion of outside contracts for 2005-06 services to severely disruptive students, Wise commented, "We really want to have these services done in-house. Next year we will get the full bang for our buck with Dr. Brice here."

As of June, the District was taking disruptive students in grades 1-12 out of regular classrooms and sending them to the Douglass Alternative School

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Kenya and Delaware become unexpected neighbors

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

CHRIS Wamala is building a bridge between Newark and Kenya; not a brick and mortar viaduct, but one that links the spirit of two communities and strengthens relationships. He calls his bridge SMP - Social Mobilization Progress. It's a small group dedicated to empowering the growing populations of African immigrants who have made Delaware their home.

Wamala hopes to give a voice to African natives by banding together and supporting each other.

"In Delaware, people are very busy," Wamala said. "People have to earn a liv-

ing and raise their children and every hour counts. This is a very, very fast-paced country. It's overwhelming for people coming straight from Africa."

The group offers everything from business advice to financial support to volunteer opportunities. The group is based on the idea that these elements are crucial to building a support center.

"We have created a very strong sense of community here," Wamala said. "We had to, because if we don't didn't that, then we could never keep our sanity. Many immigrants from Africa work low paying jobs and feel forced to work 24 hours a day. This mindset creates a lot of stress and leaves people asking, 'What can

I do?'"

One solution SMP advocates in taking an active role in the Newark community.

"There is no way that you can appreciate a community that you aren't a part of," Wamala said. "We want the young people to feel a part of the community. The only way to do that is to get involved and do some community work."

So the fledgling group, which has been together for about a year, finds ways to put its members to work locally. One of their pet projects is assisting with the annual flea market fundraiser at the Newark Senior Center. Last year, SMP volunteers helped box items that did not sell at the week-

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Members of SMP's Community Outreach and Afterschool Program sing the "Star Spangled Banner" at a recent event.

In Our Schools

EDUCATION NEWS FOR NEWARK FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS

NOTE PAD

Public invited to Groves graduation

COMMENCEMENT ceremonies for students in the Groves Diploma-At-A-Distance Class of 2005 will be held Sunday, Sept. 11, at 2 p.m. The public is welcome at the event in the Schwartz Center for the Arts, State Street, Dover. For info about the Distance program, call Harry Davies at 1-888-321-GRAD or visit www.jhgroves.org/daad.

Update on student scheduling problems

The Delaware Department of Education is experiencing difficulties with the student database program used by several school districts, including Christina. This has affected the ability to enter student data, modify student schedules and track attendance. Christina administrators are working with the DOE to resolve these issues as quickly as possible.

When teachers and students clash

The beginning of a new school year comes with anxiety and pressures that sometimes create a rift between a student and a teacher. Parents should listen to their child but approach such cases cautiously to avoid making things worse, said Charles Mac Arthur, professor of education at the University of Delaware.

Christina School Board meeting Sept. 13 at Bayard

The Christina District School Board holds its next regular meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 13, at Bayard School in Wilmington. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. and anyone is welcome to attend.

Meeting of PTA Council

Region III PTA Council members will meet on Sept. 15 in the Staff Development Room at Gauger-Cobb Middle School in Newark from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Agenda items include PTA budgets, audits and fundraisers and the IRS. All Christina District schools are in Region III.

Students 'dressed for success'

Some first day jitters as 200 students arrive

By MARY E. PETZAK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

FROM the very beginning, students at Sarah Pyle Academy for Academic Intensity in Wilmington wore a complete uniform to school. "Everyone was fitted last week," said headmaster Lavina Smith on Tuesday. "The only part missing on some is the navy tie that snaps under the girls' collars. They're coming this week."

Smith and her staff also sported the uniforms of navy blazers with emblems, collared shirts with ties, and khaki pants or skirts. Some students arriving the first day were shy about their attire, carrying coats and sans ties as they walked up to the door. However, Smith and her assistants made sure they all entered de rigueur. "We want the students' to fully experience everything at Pyle, including uniforms, from the very beginning," Smith said.

The Christina School Board approved creation of the Academy in March. Expressly not an alternative school, Pyle Academy is



PHOTO BY MARY E. PETZAK

Principal Lavina Smith (in skirt), school administrators and teachers as well as students entering Sarah Pyle Academy for the first time wore uniforms of navy blazers and khaki pants or skirts.

described as a non-traditional high school option.

The name on the building is still Sarah Pyle School, but an added banner proclaims it's new mission of "Academic Intensity." In line with school superintendent Joseph Wise's Performance Targets, it's designed to accelerate achievement for students who have been unsuccessful in their regular high school.

Students at Pyle follow a standard curriculum for graduation

but electives take the form of service learning, job internships and/or additional academic courses and combine school-to-work and school-to-college requirements.

Sharon Denney, Pyle's manager of program operations, and job coordinator Robert Anderson will assist students in fulfilling the requirements for career development and job training. A system of on-going and end-of-course assessments will provide data for

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Pyle Academy a 'program' in 2005-06, a school next year

SARAH Pyle Academy is operating as a program in 2005-06 and graduating students will receive diplomas from their regular school. Beginning in the 2006-2007 school year, the Academy is expected to be a school and students will receive diplomas from the Academy.

Christina School District will provide transportation to students. There is no on-site parking provided for students.

The total cost to establish the Academy was estimated at \$4,757,000. Of this total, approximately \$2,756,000 is for reoccurring operational costs while the remainder is for curriculum and instructional supplies, furniture, fixtures, equipment and facility upgrades and contingencies.

Inquiries about admission to the Academy should be directed to Lavina Smith, Headmaster, 552-2692 or smithl@christina.k12.de.us.

Downes students find 'Safe Routes To School'

By MARY E. PETZAK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

A little-mentioned piece of the recently approved federal transportation monies for state highway projects provided funding for each state's "Safe Routes to Schools" program. According to Delaware Department of Transportation planner Joseph Cantalupo this money cannot be used until the state reviews the funding and determines what strings are attached. "If it requires state matching funds, then we cannot implement it right now," Cantalupo said.

However, DelDOT already started piloting the transportation program in 2004. "Four schools in Delaware were provided money to develop 'Safe Routes to School' programs," said WILMAPCO (Wilmington Area Planning Council) outreach manager Alison Burris. "Downes Elementary School in Newark is the only one in Christina School District at present."

Each selected school received

"a little bit" of state funding through DelDOT for construction, paint, signs and/or consulting related to their program. "The program must encourage kids to walk and bike to school," said Burris, a former Downes parent. "Downes has an extremely active group of parents, teachers and administrators working to make [walking to school] safer and more fun for the students."

Starting Monday, Aug. 28, the Downes team had signs directing parents where to park, people directing traffic, and handouts explaining the program. "Over the next few weeks, each child's punch card will indicate how often that child walks or bikes to school," said Burris. "We'll award prizes at the October Walk-to-School event."

Students who live more than a mile from the school, making it difficult to walk each day, can earn punches in their cards by participating in a "trek" around a mile-marked path in the school gym.

Downes' team hopes they will be able to expand the program.



PHOTO BY MARY E. PETZAK

Congestion around Downes Elementary School is one reason state and local administrators are encouraging students to walk and bike to school.

"I've talked with Paul Pomeroy [Newark city councilmember] about using some of the money to make the trails behind the school like the one leading to Rahway Park more attractive," Burris said. "We'd also like to reconfigure the entrances to the school for better access for buses and cars - it's pretty crowded now."

Cantalupo said the state iden-

tified elementary and middle schools throughout Delaware that might have transportation issues. "Some schools we contacted were not interested because they had other projects going on or no resources or parents who could work on this," Cantalupo said. "It's possible we could involve more schools in the future."

PTA asking for three hours a year

More parents need to step up

By MARY E. PETZAK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

IT'S a different society than when we were children. Both parents have to work and are too tired to go back out to meetings when they get home. Parents are already involved with their child's band or athletic activities.

There are all kinds of reasons. But, whatever the reason, more and more parents are not involved in their child's education at the district, school or community level.

"I couldn't get any parents to help me get the PTA mailing out this week," said Bonnie Mucha, Delaware PTA Region III vice-president and mother of Christina District students. "All they have

to do is sit at home in front of the TV at night and stuff envelopes, but they won't even do that. Parent involvement, especially at the high school level, is abysmal."

One of the more disheartening examples of parental disinterest came last Spring. A high school principal asked an auditorium full of parents at an awards program to stay and hear about changes coming at that school in 2005-06. "No one stayed," Mucha said. "It was sad."

Mucha, together with Delaware PTA president Charles Mullin (a Bear resident and former Christina District School Board member), and Mindy Cox, president of the Region III PTA Council, try to be all things to local PTAs as they prepare to start a new school year. "By 'we,' I mean Bonnie and the secretary and treasurer of Region III Council and all the presidents of the PTAs in Christina schools,"

explained Cox. "But it usually comes down to just Bonnie and I when there's work to be done."

Mullin helps because he lives locally and has longtime ties to the District, but he's responsible for the entire state and every PTA "unit" in every school in Delaware's 19 school districts.

This year, Cox and Mucha are doing more than ever. "We're partnering with booster clubs in the high schools, because they already have involved parents," Cox said. "And we're making a real effort to get into as many schools as possible and assist PTAs that are struggling."

In the beginning-of-the-year packets sent to every school's PTA, the regional officers are also inviting parents to sign on for Three For Me, a national program that asks parents to volunteer just three hours a year in their children's school.

"But you have to identify choices for them," Mucha said.



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The Christina District School Board honored 2004-05 PTA leaders.

"People are more likely to volunteer if you offer a specific and limited choice to them."

Mucha and Cox said some PTAs do better than others at engaging parents. "A PTA meeting is not where PTA business should be done," Cox said. "That should be done in committee and the meeting for parents should be 15 minutes of business and the rest a program about issues interesting to the parents in that school."

The subject of each PTA program is up to each school's PTA leaders. "They need to have their finger on the pulse of what parents want to know in their school," Cox said. "Is it bullying or DSTP tests or something else? Bring in the person from the community or District that can tell them about whatever it is."

In addition to parent engagement, Mucha and Cox would like to have more teachers and school administrators involved in PTA. "Although some schools have teachers on the PTA board, a lot of principals do not see the value of PTA," Cox said. "They think we're just for fundraising."

And even in schools that appreciate the help from their PTA members, the attitude of some school staffs and the lack

of concrete signs of appreciation can turn off parents the first time they enter the school. "I asked a principal, 'How are you showing your school volunteers that you value them?'" said Mucha. "He doesn't have to do it himself - he has enough people on staff to do it - and it doesn't have to be a big deal. Some schools have year-end programs to thank the parents and volunteers who helped that year. That's important."

Mullin added. "I can vouch for the poor attitudes shown by front office personnel in some schools," he said. "We want to know why our students do not act better, or at least courteously, and right in front of them we have these poor role models."

Cox said if parents don't feel welcome as soon as they enter a school, they are unlikely to return. "And they are not going to come in at all if they have to take a lot of grief from some staff member on the phone before that."

The Region III officers are feeling a little unappreciated themselves these days. "We wanted to move out of the tiny office we had over a store adjacent to a tattoo parlor," Cox said. "Dr. Wise (District school superintendent)

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Jobs, careers ultimate goal

► PYLE, from 4

the development of Academic Success Plans for each student.

This week, the school welcomed approximately 200 regular education and special education students from the district's three traditional high schools. Students were referred for admission by their feeder high school, but attending the Academy is not mandatory. "Each student and his or her parent/guardian was required to sign an Educational Agreement stating their commitment to the academic, behavior, dress, and attendance expectations for enrollment at the Academy," explained Smith.

Once the student's application was received, an admissions committee made up of Smith,

Denney, other school personnel and a District Administrator reviewed the student's application and made a determination for admission.

Despite the demanding entrance process, some high schoolers were as uncomfortable as any of their peers when the first morning arrived. One student slowly passed the school and then perched on a nearby wall as the clock ticked toward 8:30. Waiting staff on the school steps quickly rounded him up and adjusted his blazer before ushering him through the door.

Another student, beautifully groomed and uniformed, tried to hide her face when the staff indicated the presence of a reporter outside the school. No, she was not embarrassed to be going to Pyle. "I just don't like having my



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School superintendent Joseph Wise and assistant superintendent David Sundstrom (both in shirtsleeves) visited Sarah Pyle Academy on the first day of school.

picture taken," she said, smiling nevertheless.

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GUEST COLUMN

Mother's love of music became mine

By JAMES FARNY

NEWARK POST COLUMNIST

MY father and mother met when he was first violinist and concertmaster in the Allentown Symphony Orchestra and she was a guest pianist. They had three things in common; they both had Swiss parents, lived in Allentown and taught music. I was the fourth.

My father had been struck by a trolley car while riding a bicycle and, although he survived the accident, the injuries shortened his life. My mother lived until she was 105. For many years, she was a piano teacher, organist, choir director and member of the music club.

With two parents as musicians, I should have excelled in music, right? Wrong.

Heredity is complex. I understood and loved music but lacked the aptitude to read it easily and the finger dexterity to play the piano. I did not understand why I had to work harder with poorer results than other pupils do.



Farny

One summer, a vacation club supervisor asked for a volunteer to play a hymn at each Saturday meeting. My friends "volunteered" me. The selected hymn was difficult and terrifying to me.

Each week the supervisor asked me if I was ready to play. After a few weeks, he stopped asking. My mother mercifully allowed me to stop taking piano lessons.

Years later I learned that I had other abilities. I could compose music, which is creative, but, for me, less demanding than reading notes. The piano became my friend.

My earliest memories are hearing mother practicing on the piano.

As a graduate of the Julliard School of Music, she was familiar with music ranging from early classical to the latest avant-garde. I heard beautiful compositions for the first time when she played them. When I asked what she was playing, among her replies were Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata," Falla's "La Vida Breve" and Stravinsky's "Petrouchka."

I listened when she played Handel's "Messiah" for a large chorus each year, and later sang in her junior and senior

"...Years later I learned that I had other abilities. I could compose music, which is creative, but, for me, less demanding than reading notes."

choirs.

Mother gave me 11 cents each week for the Saturday matinee at the local theater.

The show included an episode of a dramatic serial with the hero in mortal danger at the end of the episode and with a miraculous escape the following week.

The sound track included dramatic music to match the action. Remembering the music, I later identified passages from Beethoven's "Pastoral Symphony," Wagner's "Rienzi Overture" and Liszt's "Les Preludes."

Recently I began to collect music on CDs.

At the top of my list was "La Vida Breve," by Spanish composer Manuel de Falla. The music store had it, and to my surprise, I learned that the work is a complete opera, and that the orchestral composition I was looking for is the interlude between acts one and two.

That evening I played the CD and listened patiently through the first act of the opera, waiting for the orchestral interlude.

I sensed it coming, even before the first note. Suddenly it began, and I jumped up in a state of rapture. I was the 5-year-old boy listening to his mother play it on the piano. I was the conductor summoning each instrument in a sequence of cumulative harmonies and melodies. My excitement escalated at the onset of Flamenco music with foot stamping, tap-dancing and clicking of castanets.

At the end of the opera, I stood up and exclaimed so that my deceased mother might hear me, "Mother, I love you. How lucky I am. Dear Lord, thank you for giving me Elsa Guyer Farny as my mother."

Now as I look back on her life and my childhood, I know that she left behind a legacy.

Now her love of music is my own.

OUT OF THE ATTIC



This week, "Out of the Attic" continues a months-long series of photographs taken in the early 1950s of all buildings on Main Street in the downtown area. This treasure trove of nostalgia is borrowed from archives in the City of Newark municipal building. Few details were discovered with the color slides but they were believed to have been taken by Leo Laskaris in 1954. According to Bob Thomas, president of the Newark Historical Society, 63 E. Main St., shown here, was built around 1850 and is one of the oldest structures on Main Street. Many long-term residents refer to it at the Odd Fellows Building (International Order of Odd Fellows). It also is identified with the Newark Camera Shop, which continues to be located with a recently remodeled façade. Readers with details about the buildings in this series are asked to the newspaper staff. Readers who have a historic photo and would like to share it with other readers are invited to loan their photos for reprinting in this space. Special care will be taken. For information, call the Newark Post, weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 737-0724.

PAGES FROM THE PAST

News as it appeared in the Newark Post through the years

■ Sept. 4, 1930 Many cars inspected

During the sixth week of the safety campaign under the auspices of the Secretary of State in cooperation with the Delaware Safety Council, 14,081 additional cars were approved and received the official red windshield sticker.

This brings the total number of inspected and passed cars up to 47,746, or 1 percent of the total registered in this state. This is 10 percent more than was inspected in 1929 and is believed to be the largest percentage ever inspected in a State

campaign.

Every effort will be made to reach the operators of the cars not at present accounted for. A reasonable assumption is

that these cars are in the worst operating condition and constitute the greatest highway menace from a physical point of view.

New buildings ready

When the Delaware schools open for the new term this week and next, there will be six new buildings placed in operation throughout the State while two other buildings will have new annexes placed in service for the time.

There are two of the new buildings located in each of the three counties while both new annexes are located in Kent



"Pages From The Past" is compiled from early editions of the Newark Post and its forerunners by staffers. Efforts are made to retain original headlines and style.

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Investigators believe gambling debts led to problems

► UP FRONT, from 1

Curtis said the former Newarker was held on a record-setting \$30 million bail – possibly the highest level in Wisconsin history – because investigators considered him a flight risk. His parents were wealthy residents of Taiwan and he left Wisconsin shortly after the murders to visit with his parents, who were in New York. He was arrested there and extradited to Dane County, where he was confined until the suicide. To the end, he maintained his innocence.

Early in police contact with Wu, the former NHS thespian said he had racked up \$15,000 in gambling obligations. According to the July 2003 charging documents, Wu told authorities he enjoyed gambling but had given it up after losing \$15,000 between April and June 2003 because he feared his parents would find out

about his gambling addiction. Bank records also showed he withdrew more than \$72,000 from his account between December 2002 and June 9, 2003.

Some believe that it was the disgrace he had caused his family, not the impending trial, that led Wu to take his own life.

Gambling apparently was Wu's downfall and it stretched back to his high school days and penny poker games in his Newark home. The little contact Wu had with his Newark friends sheds light on his increasing interest in gambling.

Six months before the murders, Wu returned to Newark, where he had reportedly lived with an aunt and uncle while attending school here. He told friends he had vacationed in Las Vegas and lost money – thousands of dollars – playing blackjack.

Months later, he told friends he was counting cards on visits to

Indian casinos. **Wu in the 2002 NHS yearbook.**

Then he told friends he was involved in off-shore, high-stakes sports betting.

The criminal complaint against Wu is filled with gambling associations. Wu had been helped by Jason McGuigan, 28, with placing bets with an off-shore gambling company in the Bahamas. Wu told police he met McGuigan about two months before the murders and McGuigan advised Wu about wagers, including one that earned the former Newark resident \$17,000 just days before the homicides.

The criminal complaint says that Wu often stayed at McGuigan's home in Verona, where his and two other bloody corpses were discovered on June 26, 2003. Wu told police he

knew McGuigan kept a 9 mm Glock handgun in his Cadillac Escalade.

The Glock, which has not been recovered, is believed to be the murder weapon.

One witness told investigators that on June 21 Wu thanked McGuigan for the tip that earned him the big payout. The witness said McGuigan "high-fived" Wu, then pulled out a gun and ordered Wu to keep his mouth shut.

Another witness said she saw McGuigan point his gun at Wu in a "gangster style" fashion.

A third witness said that on the day before the bodies were discovered McGuigan said that Wu "was going to get what was coming to him."

Two summers ago, Wu's friends were shocked at the news out of Wisconsin and told me they could not believe that their friend, Mark, as he was known here, could kill anyone in cold blood. He was described as smart and quiet among the masses, but

laid back and even lazy by close friends who said he often talked of easy money.

Wu's 11th grade honors social studies teacher at Newark High School reacted to Wu's arrest as "stunned. That's completely out of character for the kid I knew."

Shortly after his arrest in New York, Wu made several calls to one of his high school buddies in Newark, seeking help with locating an attorney. He told his friend that the arrest was a "misunderstanding" growing out of Wu's relationship with McGuigan.

In the 2002 edition of "Krawen," the Newark High yearbook, Wu is pictured as a member of the school's National Honor Society chapter, a singer in the chorale, a designer on the website team, a player for the drama club, a member of the NHS Business Professionals of America, and a counselor on the school's conflict mediators team.

Below his senior picture, Wu's ambition is listed as "become what I want to be."

■ The writer, publisher of this and three other newspapers headquartered in Newark, has been a community journalist for more than three decades. He came to Newark in 1992.

2000: Durangos return

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County.

Of the new buildings the largest is the Alfred I du Pont School in the city of Wilmington. The other building in New Castle County is a grammar school at Minquale.

■ Sept. 3, 1980

Police discover lab

Newark Police have discovered a large drug-manufacturing laboratory believed to have been operated by a former Du Pont Company employee at the Villa Belmont apartment complex.

Acting on a tip from a landlady, police searched an apartment and seized a mixed quantity of what they believe to be methamphetamine with a street value of from \$20,000 to \$30,000.

Robert Bouldin, a special agent for Enforcement Administration, said the suspect is also thought to have operated a clandestine at a Du Pont facility in Beaumont, Texas. Officials discovered the lab and called the local police.

County raises sewer charge

In a parallel move to the county's 1975 sewer user charge, an increased system connection fee plan will go into effect June 30, 1911.

The ordinance adopted by County Council last week raises the charge for sewer system connection in specific situations. It is described by the County Public Works Department as "an attempt to recapture investment monies."

Homeowners have until June

30, 1981 to take advantage of the current county rates. According to an extensive analysis of the current system, the average charge for sewer connection is \$750, or 10 percent of the actual cost.

■ Sept. 1, 2000

Durangos return to Newark

The arrival of 28 proud Dodge Durango owners at Newark's DaimlerChrysler plant – the only Durango assembly plant in the world – marked the end of a cross-country road trip that began one month ago.

The Durango Rally Across Greater America began in Pismo Beach, Calif. on Aug. 3. More than 100 Durango owners from all over the country joined their fellow enthusiasts in driving their beloved SUVs to various locations around the United States.

City joins project

The city of Newark may soon be joining other municipalities in a venture to secure reasonably priced electric power during peak usage hours.

A motion for the city to provide up to \$4 million in startup money for the construction and operation of a centrally located electric generating plant was approved unanimously by Newark City Council at its regular meeting on Aug. 28.

Total project cost of the plant, which would be built in the Smyrna area, is around \$22 million, which if approved by other municipalities, would be funded by bond issues to be repaid over a 20-year period.

Tobacco Prevention & Control Mini-Grants Available

Community-based organizations and nonprofit organizations in Delaware are eligible to apply for funding for programs that address at least one of the following goals of *A Plan for a Tobacco-Free Delaware*:

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OUTLOOK

Tackling teen stress

By SORCHA WOOL

SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

EVERYONE experiences anxiety about starting something new. Teens are no exception. Despite their seemingly cavalier attitudes, teens often feel unsure and apprehensive about new situations—even the start of a new school year. Add to this the pressures put upon them by television commercials promoting “cool” school attire or Hollywood’s unrealistic depiction of high school in which all teens are beautiful, confident and popular.

Back-to-school anxiety can result in some stressful adjustments. For teens and preteens, each new school year brings typical worries. Will I have friends? Will someone make fun of my clothes? Am I smart enough to do the advanced coursework? The pressure to fit in and do well can be agonizing.

Dr. Caulk, principal of Newark High School, says, “One of the best strategies to reduce a teen’s back-to-school anxiety is encouraging him or her to maintain a positive attitude toward school and life.” He adds that his best advice for freshmen making the transition into high school is “to keep an open mind about learning and to be open to new challenges and experiences.”

Parents can help tame those back-to-school jitters with preparatory guidance:

Every teen needs to be a part of something, feel as though she or he belongs. Encourage your teen to get involved in extracurricular activities based on her/his skills, abilities and interests. This way your teen will meet others with the same interests—a clear basis for any friendship.

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‘Outlook’ is a weekly feature prepared by the New Castle County Cooperative Extension Service

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

THIS Friday, the Blue Hen Lanes will unveil its new look to Newark. There will be new seating, tiling, monitors and carpeting. The ball-return system is new. So are the banners hanging above the pins.

Despite all of the changes, there are some things that will always remain the same: Monday night will always be a great night for leagues. Saturday mornings will always hold at least one preteen’s birthday party. And it seems like Julie, Keith, John and Nancy will always be around with their smiling faces. The core of the staff at Blue Hens hasn’t changed much in the past two decades. Julie Keppel runs the social events. Keith Beaudean makes sure that everything moves smoothly. John Blankenhorn and Nancy McElwee guard the lounge from minors and pour beer for the 21-plus crowd. It’s been this way for 20 years.

“We’re like a family around here,” said Keppel, who has worked at Blue Hen Lanes since 1978.

The bowling alley is one of the few constants in the ever-changing Newark Shopping Center. Over the years, its neighbors have moved in and out. Anchor stores like Woolworth’s and the Newark Department Store have long since disappeared. Yet, Blue Hen Lanes has been one of the few staples in the shopping center.

“We survived where others didn’t partly because we’re community based,” Keppel said. Blue Hen Lanes’ workers pride themselves on their fundraisers and involvement in Newark.

They’ve collected canned goods for the Newark Area Welfare Committee, donated lane time to local schools and raised money for the Food Bank of Delaware. Their newest philanthropic endeavor raises money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Yet, there is more than just the Good Samaritan practices that makes Blue Hen Lanes a favorite with city residents. It has become a home to some of the city’s most famous faces. Long-time Blue Hens bowling league participant George Thurgood took over the lanes one evening in the early ‘80s. He invited some of his closest friends to come out for the Bowling Ball, a night of formal attire, music and bowling.

“It was quite a night,” Keppel recalled. “Men wore tuxedos and Converse and women wore ball gowns and bowling shoes. It was amazing.”

Thurgood is not the only celebrity Blue Hen Lanes can boast about. Edgar Jones, a forward center in the NBA from 1981 through 1986, is a regular. At 6’ 10” he’s hard to miss as he lines up his shot, but these days his throw is headed for 10 pins and not an 18” rim.

A quick look around the bowling alley shows that Jones and Thurgood aren’t the only stars. The lounge is dressed in photographs and memorabilia from current and past regulars. A Polaroid of the regular college crowd catches students posing with their favorite bar tender. A snapshot of someone’s grandson is tacked into a bulletin board. A plank from the old lanes, which were replaced last year, has been cleaned up and signed in countless different



Stephenson and Keppel show off the bowling alley’s new face.

Sharpie shared by the league bowlers.

“There is something about the atmosphere and the people,” Freeda Stephenson, general manager, said. “It just gets into your spirit.”

Beaudean, mechanical operation supervisor, agreed with Stephenson.

“There have been so many things that have happened here over the years,” he said.

“It’s the little things that happen night after night. There’s always something. There’s always someone who has just bowled a perfect game, or is celebrating a birthday party. I think it’s the size of the center. It’s not so big that you don’t get to know everyone.”

In fact, most of the bowlers do know each other. Keppel estimates that up to 300 of the league bowlers have played together for 20 years or more.

“We’re like a family here,” she said. “It’s all about the people who come and bowl.”

Some things will never change.



Help Newark stay green; adopt a park

By STEF GORDON

SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

DO you have two green thumbs or just plain like the environment? Does seeing litter in a park make you cringe? Then the Adopt-A-Park/Stream Program may be for you.

The City of Newark's Conservation Advisory Commission and Parks and Recreation Department offer the opportunity for local family, civic, social or school groups to have direct stewardship of park or stream areas.

"It's been very successful," said Charlie Emerson of the Parks

and Recreation Department. "We currently have eight groups that have adopted park areas. We have a full time and seasonal park maintenance staff, but we can't be everywhere all the time. This program helps with ensuring our parks stay clean."

Groups must pick up litter at their designated area at least once per month. Other care options are available, such as the opportunity for stream bank erosion protection or horticultural plantings.

"We've had no problems to date of hearing of a group not take care of their designated area. It's really been great," Emerson added.

The program is year round, but Emerson noted that there may be a possibility of a couple fraternities joining seasonally. There is a wide variety of participants in the program, including cub packs, a scout troop, families and the Newark Center for Creative Learning.

"This type of program is very common across the country. Ours took off nicely, and to date we've received another half dozen or so inquiries into adopting an area."

On the state level there is a similar Adopt-A-Highway program and has a new Adopt-A-Trail program.

There is no fee required for participation in the program, and trash bags are provided.

For more information contact Charlie Emerson at 366-7060 or Kent Philipp of the CAC at 737-4797.

Reducing teen back-to-school anxiety

► OUTLOOK, from 8

What they wear and how they look is very important to high-school students. Competition for brand-name clothing vs. generic can put undue pressure on your teen's experience. Stress the need for your teen to keep perspective on what is really important. Make sure he understands that not every family can afford designer clothes. Discuss the advantages to having an individual style.

Harassment, taunting and bullying by other students is a social nightmare for teens. Discuss this negative group mentality with your teen, and encourage her to come to you in the event she is a target.

The pressure to establish a good scholastic record to get into college puts excessive strain on

teens-mentally and physically. Late nights studying lead to lack of sleep, which intensifies the problem. Academic competition becomes stiffer and courses more demanding. Assure your teen that everyone learns in his own way. Encourage him to tell you if he feels overwhelmed. Tell him that you will do whatever it takes to help him succeed.

Peer pressure to smoke, drink alcohol and use drugs is strong among teens and preteens. Remind your teen of your position on this issue, and discuss options for saying no if pressured. Good child-parent communication is critical. Self-confidence is the best defense, so help your teen see her good points and encourage activities that develop strong self-esteem.

UDBG Friends to highlight rare, unusual foliage plants

FLOWERS come and go, but the leaves of variegated plants provide constant interest in the landscape," says Kate Murray, sale coordinator for the Fall Florabundance Plant Sale, sponsored by University of Delaware Botanic Gardens Friends. "Colorful foliage punches up the typical green of a garden with plants in a range of colors from cream, yellow and gold to pale green, purple and pink."

A wide variety of fantastic foliage plants will be on sale at this year's annual fall sale to be held Saturday, Sept. 10, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. behind Townsend Hall on South College Avenue in Newark. The more than 180 plant varieties will include some of the rarer and more unusual selections, not readily available in the local garden marketplace.

For the shade garden, the plant topping the list is *Helleborus argutifolius* 'Janet Starns', a unique form of hellebore; each leaflet is speckled white and a light-pink background appears on new growth. In late winter, the clumps are topped with 20-

inch spikes of light green flowers. There's also a stunning lungwort called *Pulmonaria* 'Majeste', which produces shiny silver leaves surrounded by slight-green veining.

"For the shade gardener, we have a miniature green dragon known as *Pinellia cordata*, which displays cyclamen-type leaves and a dwarf version of Jack in the Pulpit's flower," Murray says, as well as a Chinese ginger, *Asarum splendens*, which sports dark-green leaves heavily adorned with silver blotches."

A Japanese forest grass with the tongue-twister name of *Hakonechloa macra* 'Aureola' will also be for sale. This grass produces brilliant yellow leaves striped with green on arching stems. *Hosta* 'On Stage', which displays large yellow leaves with two toned irregular green margins that streak the midrib, also will be available.

"For gardeners in need of sun-loving plants, we will have *Coreopsis* 'Tequila Sunrise' with its narrow green leaves edged in gold and non-stop yellow flowers," says Murray, "as well as *Ajuga reptans* 'Golden Glow', which has green and creamy-yel-

low leaves topped with a bluish-purple late-spring flower."

For vertical interest in the sun garden, Murray recommends a variegated feather reed grass called *Calamagrostis acutiflora* 'Avalanche'. Four feet tall, this spectacular grass features a wide, white band down the center of the blade. Also in the sale is *Symphytum grandiflorum* 'Goldsmith', a compact variegated comfrey topped with pale pink tubular flowers and *Hieracium maculatum* 'Leopard' or spotted hawkweed, which forms a low mound of blue green leaves flecked with rich maroon-purple daisy-like flowers on tall stems.

For the indoor garden, there is *Tolmiea menziesii* 'Taft's Gold', commonly called piggyback plant. It has light green leaves with creamy gold blotches and forms new small plants at the top of mature leaves.

A complete list is available on the UDBG web site at <http://ag.udel.edu/organizations/udbgfriends/plantsale/info.htm>. Quantities are limited and prices vary, so come early for the best selection.



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EXHIBIT 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. 6 - 8 p.m. Tuesday. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. fourth Saturday of the month. Runs till Sept. 2. Showcasing the male form. The Elkton Arts Center, 135 E. Main St., Elkton. Info., 410-392-5740.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE COLLECTION 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Runs through September 5. An exhibit that celebrates a collection of American literature. \$8 adults, \$5 seniors, students, children 6-12. Free for members and children under 6.

Brandywine River Museum, Route 1, Chadds Ford. Info., 610-388-2700 or visit www.brandywinemuseum.org.

EXHIBIT 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Runs through July 31, 2006.

"Centuries of Progress: American World's Fairs, 1853-1982." \$5 adults, \$2 children 6-14, free under 6. Hagley Museum and Library, Route 141, Wilmington. Info., 658-2400.

BIG BALL MARATHON 6 p.m. Also on September 3. Any baseball team welcome. Pig roast and lots of food will take place as well as many on-stage performances. Silver Lake Park, E. Cochran and S. Catherine Streets, Middletown. Info., 378-1716.

HAWK COUNT 1 - 3 p.m. Runs through November 18. Watch as hawks travel between their breeding grounds and their winter residences. White Clay Creek State Park, 425 Wedgewood Rd., Newark. Info., 398-6900.

SATURDAY

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LECTURE 4 p.m. "Asymmetric C-C and C-O bond forming reactions," by Patrick Walsh. 210 Brown Lab, on the green of Newark UD campus. Info., 831-1247.

MUSICAL THEATER PERFORMANCE 7:30 p.m. Groovelily will perform. \$14 adults, \$6 ages 16-20, \$2 6-15, free under 6. Open Air Theater, Longwood Gardens, Route 1, Kennett Square. Info., 610-388-1000 or visit www.longwoodgardens.org.

CRAFT SHOW 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Crafts and new and used items will be for sale. Rent space for vendors is \$12. Silver Lake Park, E. Cochran and S. Catherine Streets, Middletown. Info., 378-1716.



GALLERY TOURS 1 - 3 p.m. Runs Thursday through Sunday till September 30. Victoria Wyeth, Daughter of Andrew Wyeth, will guide tours through the work of her father and uncle Jamie Wyeth. \$8 for adults, \$5 for seniors, students and children 6-12. Free to children under 6 and Conservancy members. Brandywine River Museum, Route 1, Chadds Ford. Info., 610-388-2700 or visit www.brandywinemuseum.org.

HIKING THE PENNDEL TRAIL 9 a.m. Take a hike on the longest

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trail in the park. Parking Lot 1, White Clay Creek State Preserve, Landenberg, Pa. Info., 610-274-2471.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 4

HIKE BOUNDARY LINE TRAIL 11 a.m. Hike this trail and see its unique features. Park Office Parking Lot, White Clay Creek State Preserve, Landenberg, Pa. Info., 610-274-2471.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 7

INTRODUCTORY CLASS 5:30 p.m. If you are over 50, try a free Tai Chi or Yoga class. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 737-2336.

FOLK DANCING 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. With Jerry Schiffer. \$4. Arden Gild Hall, 2406 Granby Rd. Info., 478-7257.

LECTURE 4 p.m. "Proteins and Materials in the Solid State," by Tatyana Polenova. 205 Gore Hall, on the green of Newark UD campus. Info., 831-1247.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 8

MUSIC ON MAIN IN ELKTON 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Runs till September 15. The Piner Family will perform gospel music. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy a evening of great entertainment. Food available. Elkton Chamber and Alliance, Main and North Streets, Elkton. Info., 410-398-5076.

KNITTING BASICS 7 p.m. Learn knitting techniques from an expert. The Bear Library, Governor's Square Shopping Center. Info., 838-3300.

BOOSTING YOUR BRAIN POWER 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Helping older adults understand how to keep their minds healthy and active. Free. The Riverfront, Wilmington. Info., 651-3460.

LECTURE 12:30 - 1:20 p.m. "Tenochtitlan: Revisiting a Splendorous City," as part of the Area Studies Program. 103 Sharp Lab, on the green of Newark UD campus. Info., 831-1247.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 2

STRENGTH TRAINING 9 - 10 a.m. Mondays; 6:45 - 7:45 p.m. Tues. and Thurs.; 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. Wed. and Fri. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 737-2336.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 3

MEN'S BREAKFAST 7:30 a.m. \$5 donation goes to missions. Greater Grace Church, 750 Otts Chapel Rd. Info., 738-1530.

KARAOKE 8 p.m. - midnight. The American Legion of Elkton, 129 W. Main St. Info., 410-398-9720.

CHRISTIAN MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION 8:30 a.m. Denny's on Route 13. Info., 838-6458.

MONDAY, SEPT. 5

MHA DEPRESSION SUPPORT GROUP 7 - 9 p.m. Support group sponsored by Mental Health Association in Delaware. Free. To protect privacy of members, meeting locations provided only with registration. Info., 765-9740.

SIMPLY JAZZERCISE 5:30 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 737-2336.

GUARDIANS' SUPPORT 6 - 8 p.m. Meeting for grandparents and all those

raising others' children. Children & Families First, 62 N. Chapel St. Info., 658-5177, ext. 260.

NEWARK ROTARY CLUB 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. The Holiday Inn, Route 273. Info., 453-8853.

NCCO STROKE CLUB Noon. Mondays. The Jewish Community Center, Talleyville. Info., 324-4444.

SCOTTISH DANCING 7:30 p.m. St. Thomas Episcopal Church, S. College Avenue. Info., 368-2318.

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TUESDAY, SEPT. 6

COPING WITH LIFE & MS 4 - 5:30 p.m. A support group. St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 1314 Foulk Rd. Info., 479-5080.

NEWARK DELTONES 7:45 p.m. For men who like to sing. New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 East Main St. Info., 368-3052.

DIVORCECARE 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Support group meeting. Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 308 Possum Park Rd. Info., 737-7239.

SWEET ADELINES 8 - 10 p.m. Singing group. Listeners and new members welcome. New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St. Info., 731-5981.

MEETINGS

SCRAPBOOKING 7 - 9 p.m. Nursery, \$2 per child. Glasgow Reformed Presbyterian Church, Summit Bridge Road, Glasgow. Info., 834-GRPC.

MS SUPPORT 4 - 6 p.m. MS Society Headquarters, 2 Mill Rd., Wilmington. Info., 655-5610.

MOMS CLUB/NEWARK 9:30 a.m. New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St. Info., 834-1505.

STAMP GROUP 1 p.m. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 737-2336.

NEWARK LIONS 6:30 p.m. Lions meeting with program. Holiday Inn, Route 273 and I-95, Newark. Info., 731-1972.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP 7 p.m. Liberty Baptist Church, Red Lion Road, Bear. Info., 838-2060.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 7

CONSTITUENT BREAKFAST 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Terry Schooley will attend to field questions and concerns. Eagle Diner, Elkton Road. Info., 577-8476.

SPINAL CORD INJURY SUPPORT GROUP 5 - 7 p.m. Meetings feature speakers and topics of interest to people with spinal cord injuries, as well as the

opportunity to speak with therapists and social workers. Wilmington Hospital, Floor 6, OT Gym. Info., 428-6669.

DIVORCECARE 7 p.m. Separated/divorced people meet. Praise Assembly, 1421 Old Baltimore Pike. Info., 737-5040.

GRIEFSHARE 7 p.m. Seminar and support group for those who have lost someone close to them. Praise Assembly, 1421 Old Baltimore Pike. Info., 737-5040.

PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP 6:30 p.m. Meeting for men who are survivors of and newly diagnosed with prostate cancer. The American Cancer Society Office, 92 Reads Way, Suite 205, New Castle. Info., 234-4227.

LA LECHE LEAGUE 9:45 a.m. Meeting and discussion on breast-feeding and mothering. The Bible Fellowship Church, Newark. Info., 838-9444.

FAMILY CIRCLES 5:30 p.m. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 658-5177.

MOMS CLUB/BEAR 9:30 a.m. 345 School Bell Rd., Bear. Info., 832-2604.

AT HOME MOTHERS

CONNECTION 7:30 p.m. Meeting for moms only. St. Barnabas Church, Duncan Road. Info., 610-274-2165.

BINGO 12:45 p.m. Lunch available for \$2.25 a platter at 11:45 a.m. Newark

Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 737-2336.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 8

STORYTIME 10:30 a.m. Animal stories read by a lively storyteller near the Otter exhibit at Brandywine Zoo. Info., 571-7747.

WOMEN'S DEPRESSION 7 - 9 p.m. Support group sponsored by Mental Health Association in Delaware. Free. To protect privacy of members, meeting locations provided only with registration. Info., 765-9740.

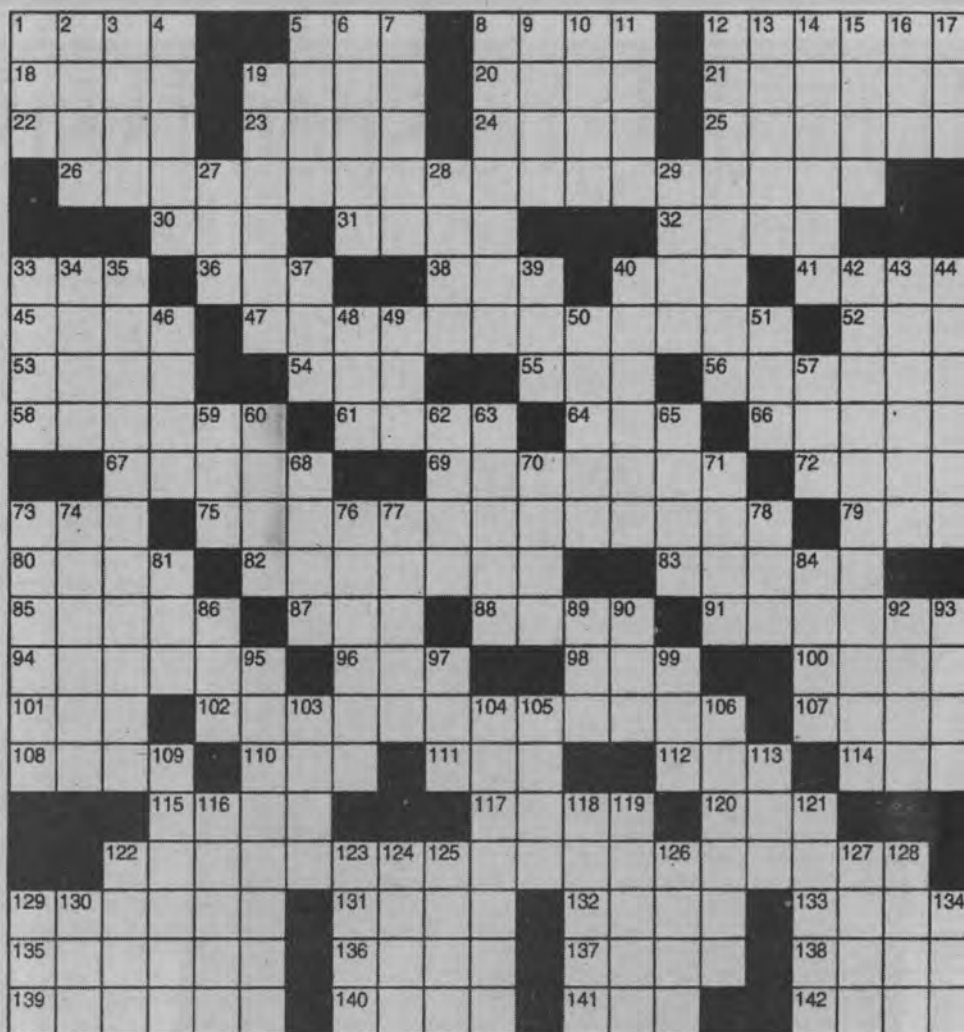
NAMI-DE 7:30 p.m. Support group meeting for family members of persons living with mental illness. St. James Episcopal Church, Kirkwood Highway. Info., 427-0787.

EVENING YOGA 6:15 p.m. Class to encourage relaxation and improve strength, balance, and peace of mind. \$15 per month. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 737-2336.

BLUEGRASS/OLDTIME JAM 7:30 - 10 p.m. Any skill level welcome. Bring your own instrument. St. Thomas Episcopal Church, S. College Avenue. **NEWCOMERS WELCOME CLUB** 10 a.m. For new residents in the area. Membership is open to all women who would like to meet new people with similar interests. PAL Center, Hockessin. Info., 449-0992 or 733-0834.

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Record turnout marks research symposium

MORE than 200 students, faculty and family members gathered in McKinly Laboratory in Newark recently for the University of Delaware's fifth annual Summer Research Symposium for undergraduates from the Colleges of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Arts and Sciences, Engineering, Marine Studies and Health and Nursing Sciences.

During the symposium, which opened with a plenary lecture on "Getting Graphic About the Science of Fat," by Dennis Liu, senior program officer at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, a record 97 students gave talks and displayed posters on topics ranging from "Visualizing Breast Cancer Metastasis Using a New In Vivo Chick Embryo Model System," to "Evidence for

Hyal3 as a Murine Reproductive Hyaluronidase."

"If you can meet the challenge of explaining science to an audience that doesn't have the background, that's a true accomplishment," Liu said after his lecture. "Dumbing it down doesn't work; you need to appeal to their curiosity and show them how research is relevant. You can do that even for more difficult topics. Undergraduate research is really a keystone. It's important in training the next generation of scientists. The program here at UD is really a paragon. It's a great program."

The symposium was part of three-day "Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences in View" sessions and one of several end-of-

summer undergraduate research presentations sponsored by organizations that provide summer research scholarships in life sciences for undergraduate students.

The symposium and the summer enrichment program, conceived by David Usher, associate professor of biological sciences and assistant director of the HHMI program, is designed to enhance scholarship-funded laboratory research conducted during the summer by undergraduate students in biological sciences, chemistry and biochemistry, medical technology, physical therapy, animal and plant sciences, and chemical engineering.

The enrichment program includes a series of speakers who bring their insights about the

world of scientific research to students during their summer stay on campus.

Volunteers help out at Newark center

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end-long fundraiser and shipped them off to a community group that helps impoverished families in Appalachia.

"They were really helpful," said Jean Williams from the Newark Senior Center. "It's great because the things we haven't sold goes on to help another group, and they were part of that."

Use money for programs, not rent

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dent) said he would love to have us at the Eden Support Services Center, so we moved here."

Four months later, assistant superintendent Jeffrey Edmison told the PTA to move out by Dec. 31. "We don't know why and have not been able to talk to Dr. Wise," said Cox. "We don't know

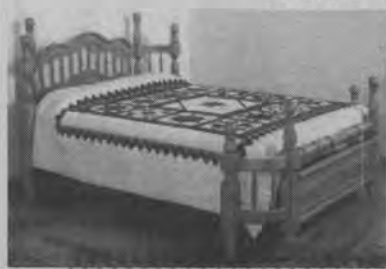
where we're going and need an office that does not cost a lot."

Mullin emphasized that a low-cost option is essential. "PTA wants to use our funds for programs that benefit students and their parents, not on rent," he said.

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How did you spend your summer vacation?

12-YEAR-OLD MICHAEL VALANIA, OF NEWARK, SPENDS 56 DAYS ON THE ROAD IN QUEST OF TITLE

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

A 12-year-old Michael Valania heads back to school this week, he will have one heck of a summer story to tell his classmates. He didn't spend a few weeks laying around at the beach. And he definitely didn't have time to waste playing Xbox. You can forget a lame tale of visiting relatives or going to the zoo. No, this summer, Valania did much more than that. He traveled around the country and earned the title as second in the nation in three different wrestling events.

For 56 days, Valania toured the United States with 17 other members of the Ohio All-Star Wrestling Team. This Newark resident was chosen from a list of other young wrestlers from across the East Coast to spend the summer training, competing and seeing the sights.

The trip wound the group from Ohio to New York and Vancouver to Denver and Las Vegas, among many other cities. It culminated with a national tournament in Santa Fe. There, the boys competed in the three wrestling styles — Greco-Roman,

freestyle and folkstyle. Each form has its own nuances. Greco-Roman is a tango where the dancers are only allowed to make above-the-waist moves. Its international counterpart, freestyle, includes legs as fair game. Folkstyle, the medium high schools use, is similar to freestyle, but has different strategies and scoring methods.

All summer long, the boys practiced each of the three styles for the Santa Fe tournament. It was there that Valania shone. He took home silver medals in each of the styles in his age and weight class.

While Valania is proud of his chrome-colored prizes, they are not what he will remember years from now.

"Winning is fun," he said. "But hanging out with all of your friends is the best part. You spend so much time together, especially at the tournaments. It's just really fun."

The trip was definitely not all fun and no work.

On a typical day, the group would wake around 8 a.m., spend the morning at whatever tourist attraction was in the town of the day, run or hike in the afternoon, and finally settle down for a fast-food dinner in their passenger vans as they headed off to another locale. The days were long and the workouts were demanding.

"I'm probably in the best shape of my life," the 12-

year-old said. "We just did so much. There were three-mile runs and seven-mile hikes up mountains."

The worst part was the pushups.

"We had to do them as punishment," he said. "By the end, you would know when you had to do them. You would ask how many you had to do and then just do them."

While he said that he didn't have to do too many as punishment, Valania could do 100 pushups without a second thought. "At the end, 100 was easy," he said. "But anything more after that was trouble."

The trip, and all of its pushups, has become a revered wrestling tradition. Only a handful of Delaware wrestlers have been chosen to join the team. The list of past participants is like a Who's Who of high school wrestling. Connor McDonald, a wrestler at Sussex Central, won the Beast of the East 2004 — an elite wrestling tournament. Before him, Sheldon Thomas went on to become a four-time state champion at St. Mark's High School, from 1989 to 1992. He is one of only six wrestlers to accomplish such a feat in 56 years.

Will Valania follow their footsteps?

"Aw, I don't know," he said. "We'll see."



Michael Valania, right, met his wrestling hero, Rulon Gardner, during his 56-day trek across country. Gardner is well known for his defeat of Alexander Karelin in the 2000 Summer Olympics. Karelin had been undefeated for 13 years. Four years later, Gardner went on to win a bronze medal after losing a toe to frostbite.



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Friends and artists juror Newark show

THE therapeutic magic of friendship and art forms the foundation for the "exhibit within an exhibit" at the "Bits and Pieces" show at the Newark Arts Alliance. Work by Rowena Macleod and Dianne Goodell will be featured among the collage and assemblage pieces submitted by area artists. The two are also the jurors for the show.

The drop-off date for work for this show is Sunday, Sept. 4, from noon to 4 p.m. Each artist may submit up to three pieces. There is a \$5 per piece jurying fee.

An opening reception will be held Friday, Sept. 9, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the NAA building, 100 Elkton Road, Newark. The show runs through Oct. 8.

Macleod, a long-time collage artist, says the medium "mirrors life. Both [life and collage] represent the seemingly disconnected pieces of existence which are combined holistically in unexpected, intuitive ways.

"As I assemble the elements

do and see." She also credits her students at Delaware Technical Community College, where she has taught ethics, community, and diversity. "They taught me how to be culturally intelligent. I listened to them and dived in." What she learned from her Asian, Native American, and Latino students is reflected in her work.

Macleod, who formerly taught art at Newark Charter School, has taken a position as elementary art teacher at Wilmington Friends School.

If you go...

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Work by Rowena Macleod (left) and Dianne Doodell (above) will be featured at the Newark Arts Alliance this month.



in a collage, I often gain insights relating to life's seemingly chaotic events, helping me to achieve a sense of symmetry and harmony." Human figures "convey my perception of the delicate balance inherent in the diverse range of human relationships."

One of those relationships inspired goodell to take her collage work seriously. While she was recovering from back surgery, Macleod stopped by, saw a piece she created, and encouraged her to continue.

Art proved to be therapeutic as she dealt with pain and inactivity. She now has 50 "children," as she refers to her artwork.

"Rowena is my mentor," goodell says. "She taught me to

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Sports

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Hens get another transfer QB

By **MARTY VALANIA**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Don't look now, but the University of Delaware football team got another transfer quarterback from a big-time Division I-A program.

Andy Hall, Sonny Riccio and now Joe Flacco. Flacco is a sophomore from Audobon, N.J., who transferred to Delaware from the University of Pittsburgh.

Flacco is 6-6, 220 pounds and will have two years of eligibility to use up. Pitt coach

Dave Wannstedt, however, would not release Flacco from his scholarship.

Flacco played in three games last year for the Panthers, completing just one of four passes.

It should be interesting to see how he can learn the offense and if he can be a contributor next season when he becomes eligible.



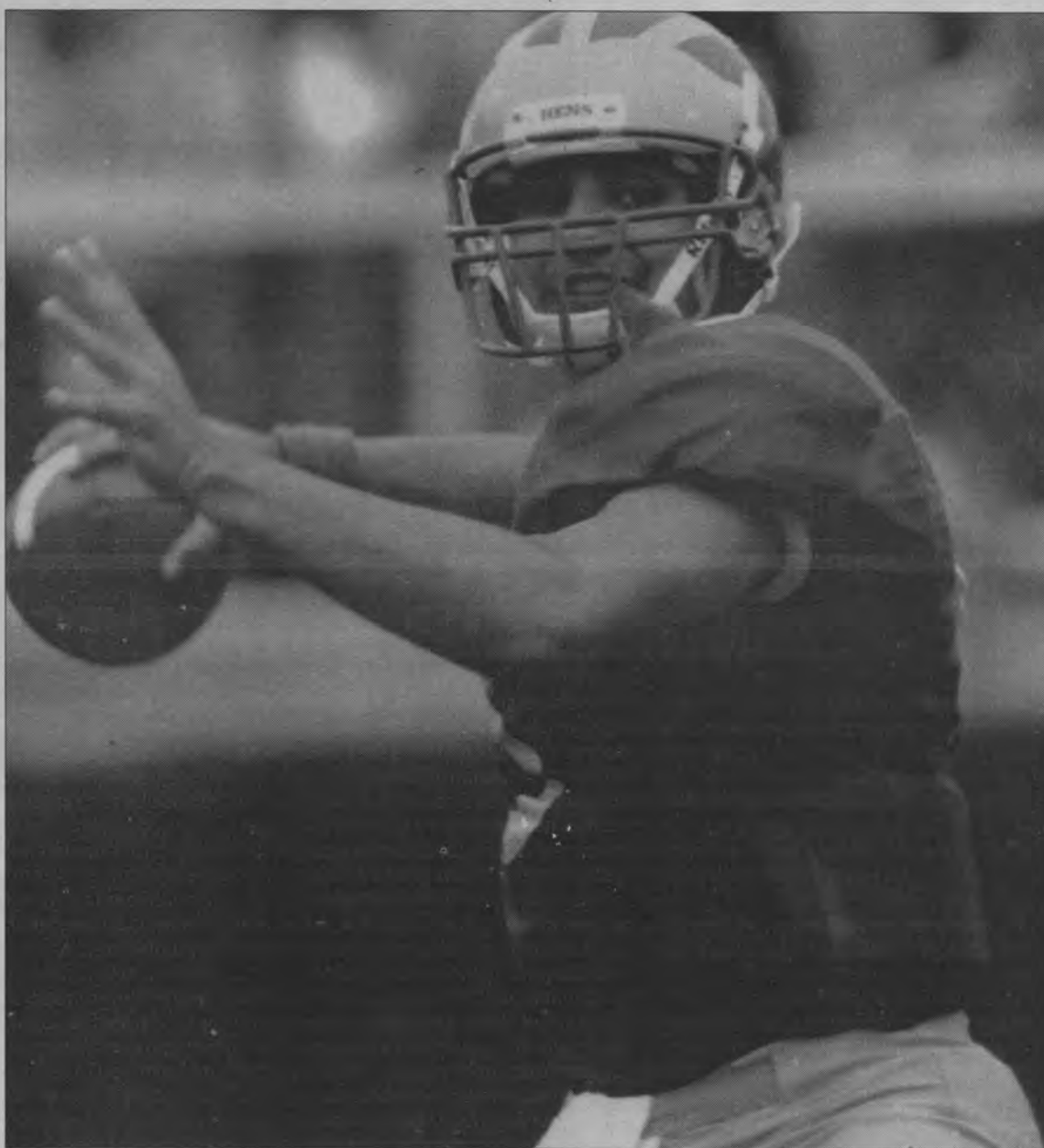
Valania

Little League roundup

The Little League World Series championship game Sunday was one of the best ever. The Hawaiian all-stars rallied for three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to send the game into extra innings. Once there, Hawaii won the game with a line-drive home run. Anybody that followed the regionals and World Series over the last few weeks, was caught up in this World Series.

I heard a lot of people bashing the concept of having the Little League World Series on television. After seeing the games on TV and being there in person, it's hard for me to believe that this experience is a far more positive than negative one for all these kids.

Hens working towards Lehigh



Quarterback Sonny Riccio will be one of the keys to the Blue Hen offense this season. Delaware opens its season Sept. 10 against Lehigh.

Keeler happy with offense

The University of Delaware offense, spearheaded by quarterback Sonny Riccio, wide receiver Joe Bleymaier, and running back Danny Jones, excelled Wednesday afternoon as the Blue Hen football team took part in its first scrimmage of the pre-season.

Delaware, which began practice Aug. 14, scrimmaged for nearly 90 minutes and took part in over 60 plays in sunny Delaware Stadium before a crowd of nearly 300 fans. The season opener is set for Sept. 10 vs. Lehigh at Delaware Stadium at 7 p.m.

"We were pleased," said Delaware fourth-year head coach K.C. Keeler, who led his team to a 9-4 mark and a berth in the NCAA I-AA quarterfinals a year ago after capturing the NCAA I-AA title in 2003. "We definitely took a step in the right direction and got some things done. We'll be anxious to watch the tapes. It was good to get the kids in the stadium and put them in some game conditions. We were pleased with the intensity and our offense looked good." Riccio, who started all 13 games a year ago, took part in over 30 plays during the scrimmage and was impressive, firing scoring passes from 20 and 40 yards to fellow senior Joe Bleymaier. Junior backup Ryan Carty took approximately 20 snaps while sophomore Jarrod Moyer saw about 15 snaps and completed a 23-yard touchdown pass to red-

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Local players will help lead Wesley

By **JOE BACKER**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

There's another college football team in Delaware that has a great opportunity to have a highly successful season in 2005. The Wesley College Wolverines are coming off a fine 8-2 season in 2004 and with a stable of returning players, look to repeat or exceed last year's achievements, especially in the Division III's Atlantic Central Football

Conference. Coach Mike Drass said there's plenty to be optimistic about this year's squad. The high-powered offense is led by junior quarterback Chris Warrick, who's thrown for more than 3500 yards and 30 touchdowns in two seasons. The ground attack is led by senior Kevin Nelson, from Delcastle High School, who despite standing only 5-ft, 3-inches, ran for 1,579 yards last year, and averaged 6.5 yards per carry.

Joining Nelson in the backfield are senior fullback Warren Sharper and the fleet-footed Larry Beavers who scored on a 92 yard TD run in a scrimmage game last week against George Mason College. Another standout on offense is ACFC "Rookie of the Year" Jon Lanouette, a 2004 graduate of Newark High School. In 2004, Lanouette grabbed 46 passes for 764 yards and 5 touchdowns. St. Mark's grad Mike Lemon will finish out his senior year as a

tight end, after several years as backup quarterback. The Wolverines will be getting more help from Newark area players including freshman offensive lineman John Senkus and defensive back Chet Turner, both from Newark High, and freshman safety Brian Taylor from Glasgow High. Sophomore Matt Backer, from St. Mark's, will serve in a backup role as place kicker and punter for senior PK Chris Carlton.

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St. Mark's begins first year under new coach

Spartans will sport young team in Wilson's first season

By JOE BACKER

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

A young and fairly inexperienced team will take the field for Saint Mark's in 2005 with a brand new head coach. John Wilson takes over for Vinnie Scott, who retired last spring after a dozen years with the Spartans, and after forty years in the coaching ranks. Wilson has the difficult task of taking over a team that finished 3-7 in 2004, and putting together a tough, competitive squad with

little varsity experience. "We have a lot of young guys who will be starting varsity for the first time," said Wilson. "There's only three or four guys returning on offense including junior quarterback Scott Wallace and senior running back Tim Widdoes as the only experienced skill guys," he said. The Spartans will also be counting on senior Paker Larson to carry the football. Larson played primarily on defense last year, but will see a significant role on offense this year. Two new comers will play at the wide receiver position this year, senior Chris Grimes and sophomore Jamie Hagan. Wilson said the pair had good workouts over the summer, and have continued to work hard with the pads on, and under game situations.

Wilson said he's looking at a handful of players to take over the tight end position including Desmond Wynn and Sam Russell. Up front, the offense line will feature Dan DiStephano, Jamie Otlowski, Andrew Kruzienski, as well as T.J. Burgos, Andrew Buffington and Alex Snyder. Wilson said he expects to throw the ball a lot with the strong-armed Wallace at quarterback. "We need to be balanced this season. One of our staples this year will be play-action, but we have to establish the running game," said Wilson. "Every team talks about it, but we must do a good job of getting our backs to run the football, and then use Wallace to balance the attack and keep opposing defenses off-balance," he said.

This year's defense appears to be on the small size, but Wilson said the players are working very hard on their technique, quickness and one intangible aspect, desire. The Defensive line features Snyder, Buffington, Burgos, and Desmond Wynn, who's now 6-feet, 7-inches and weighs about 230 lbs. The linebacking corps includes Widdoes, Greg Phillips, and Phil Hurst, while the secondary is anchored by Larson, but also has two new players, Brian Hinderer and Jeff Kazmarczk. Wilson said the young secondary players will have to grow up in a hurry in order to keep teams out of the end zone. This year's schedule includes Flight A opponents William Penn, Newark, and Christiana. The list also features Division II

Concord, as well as rivals St. Elizabeth and Salesianum. The Spartans will also battle West Chester Henderson, and Academy Park (Pa). Wilson said he's optimistic about the season because the Spartans have a lot of new talent overall. "But we're not sure how they will shape up for that first game," he said. "We are going to get better, the coaching staff expects them to get better, now it's just a matter of how soon or how late they improve as a team," said Wilson. The Spartans open the season Saturday, September 10 on the road, against Flight A opponent, The Charter School of Wilmington.

Wesley expects another strong season

► WESLEY, from 14

McKean and junior punter Jake Reuter.

The defense will be anchored by sophomore lineman Bryan Robinson, a former Delaware All-Stater, who played at Caesar Rodney, and senior Anthony

Johnson.

The Wolverines will have to replace Rocky Meyers in the secondary. Meyers was a four-year starter, who last season won the Gagliardi Trophy, which goes to the best player in Division III football.

Wesley opens the season on the road this Saturday, September

3rd, against DePauw University in Indiana, and Averett College in Virginia, September 10th. The home opener is Saturday, September 17th against Buffalo State University (N.Y.). The Wolverines key game this season is against AFCF rival Salisbury University, on Saturday, October 29th at Wolverine Stadium in

Freshman has big scrimmage

► HENS, from 14

shirt freshman Aaron Love, who caught a tipped ball and raced into the end zone. Freshman Danny Jones enjoyed a big day in the Blue Hen backfield, racing 50 yards up the mid-

dle for one touchdown and later scoring on a 19-yard run. Junior Niquan Lee also put in some impressive runs for the Blue Hens. Freshman kicker Zach Hobby converted on all four of his extra point attempts and hit a 42-yard field goal to highlight the special teams play.

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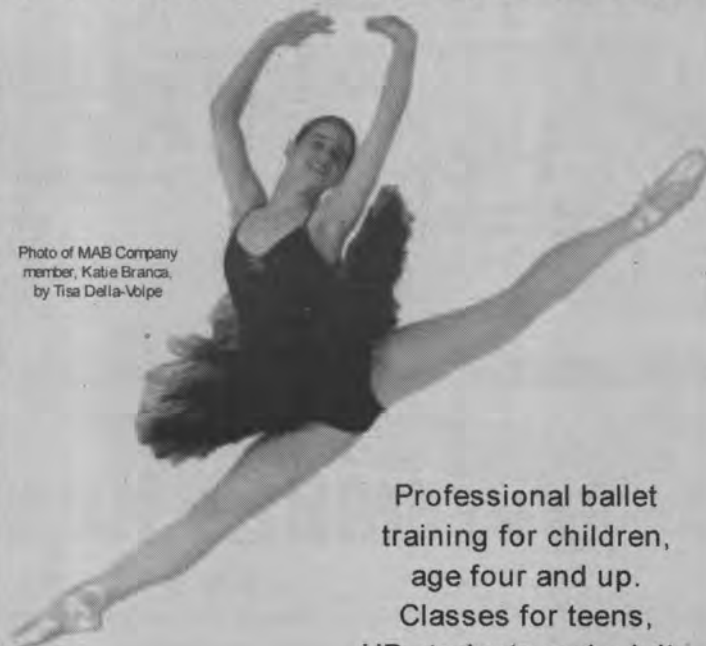
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Landlords try new approach

► LANDLORDS, from 1

ing measures that really hurt the landlords," Harvey said. "It was almost as if people stopped blaming tenants and started blaming the landlords."

Rental permit fees soared. Laws were passed that evicted renters in seven days and limited who could live where.

Before long, the group mobilized to protect its members. Within its first six years, NLA had successfully sued the City of Newark for violating their rights.

On June 13, 2003, the Honorable John W. Noble ruled that several city-wide regulations were in violation of the Delaware Fair Housing Act.

After nearly another year of litigation, Noble awarded the group \$170,000. This is believed to be the first financial award ever made under the Delaware Fair Housing Act.

Yet, the victory was empty.

The same tenant problems persisted. Binge drinking hadn't died out. Neither had the vandalism, noise or police complaints tied to rental properties.

"After six years of legal battles, everyone was left drained," Harvey said. "It had really taken on a life of its own. It just sucked the energy out of everything and everyone. When I think about the

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It is time to try a different approach. The atmosphere has changed.”

BRUCE HARVEY

things we could have done had we been in cooperation instead of fighting – to me it's six years wasted."

Since that realization, NLA switched its focus. Glenn Schmalhofer, newly elected vice president of the Landlord Association, said that the group voted in new leadership and swore off legal action. The hope is that by putting a positive spin on the group, they will be able to achieve more.

"My platform is that landlords and residents have been pitted against each other and that shouldn't be the case," Schmalhofer said. "I have the same problems that the neighbors have. We should work together on solving them."

The group has been encouraged by changes in the city gov-

ernment, too.

"It is time to try a different approach," Harvey said. "The atmosphere has changed. There is a new mayor in office who is really pushing the idea that we're all in this together. That's inspiring. His efforts have been a big influence."

Mayor Vance Funk, who was elected two years ago, replaced six-year incumbent Hal Godwin. Funk has spoken highly of the internal changes in the Landlord Association.

"They've gone from being confrontational to cooperative," Funk said, who first noticed the change at April's Town Conversation held by the Town and Gown Committee.

Instead of avoiding Town and Gown, as the group had done for years, the Landlord Association donated food and helped with cleanup duties.

"They made a big effort to be part of that," Funk said. "They came to it as a group and bought refreshments. It seemed like from that time on it was a new group."

Funk said that he hopes the open communication will grow, because he sees it as important to the city's future.

"My whole theory is that if you have people communicating, a lot of your problems go away," he said. "That's just natural. You don't foster communication by running to a newspaper every time something is wrong."

It remains to be seen if NLA will be more effective with a new attitude.

But one thing is for sure – the group is going to try.



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY SCOTT MCALLISTER

Bruce Harvey, a local landlord, has just been elected president of the Newark Landlord's Association. The new presence on the board marks a change for the group, which had become notorious for lawsuits and controversy. NLA has a new focus – working with other members of the community for change. Here, Harvey stands in front of a rental property.

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Marvin Edward Collins, World War II veteran

Newark resident Marvin Edward Collins, 86, formerly of Penns Grove, N.J., died on Monday, Aug. 22, 2005.

Born in Carneys Point, N.J. on May 20, 1919, Mr. Collins was the son of the late George Henry Collins and Ada Elizabeth Foreacker Collins.

A decorated U.S. Army veteran of World War II, he served as a staff sergeant and squad leader in the European Theatre.

He enjoyed a 40-year career with the DuPont Company and retired as a supervisor in the pipefitting department in 1981.

He was a member of Post 3420 Veterans of Foreign Wars, the

■ *Local obituaries are posted each week on the Newark Post web site. The web address appears at the top of every right-hand page. Obituaries of the following persons will be posted this week on the web:*

Nora Cantara
Marvin Edward Collins
Verna Maxwell
Ahmad Haider
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Marcus Gravely
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John Robinson
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Linda Moore
Mavis Russell

Disabled American Veterans, and the Ex-POWs.

His wife, Frieda M. Fahrner Collins, died in 1994. He is survived by their daughter, Sharon E. Snyder and her husband, Harry, of Warren, Pa.; a brother, Harvey B. Collins, of Atlanta, Texas; a sister, Marie Byer, of Elizabethtown, Pa.; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

A committal service was to be held on Friday, Aug. 26 in the chapel of the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Disabled American Veterans (DAV), PO Box 14301, Cincinnati, Ohio 45250.

Charles Jackson, 67, drainage superintendent

Charles Irvin Jackson, 67, of Newark, died on Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2005.

Mr. Jackson was born in Newark to the late Willis A. and Elizabeth D. Jackson.

He attended Newark High School, and was the superintendent of drainage for New Castle County before retiring in June of 2000. He then worked part-time for the Conservation District of the State of Delaware.

He is survived by his wife, Dolores M. Newton; daughter, Deborah L. Dennany and her husband, Dr. R.L., III, of Brazil, Ind.; son, James C. Kindbeiter and his wife, Joyce, of Middletown; sister, Sally E. Jackson, of New Castle; two brothers, Willis A. Jackson and his wife, Elaine, of Lepsic, Del. and David A. Jackson and his wife, Sharon, of Middletown; two granddaughters and several nephews.

A Life Celebration was to be on Sunday, Aug. 28 at the Beeson Funeral Home. Interment was to be in All Saints Cemetery on Monday.

Verna Maxwell, 99

Verna E. Maxwell, 99, of Lewes, formerly of Newark, died on Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2005.

Born in Newark to the late Annie

and William Bland, Mrs. Maxwell attended local schools except for a year spent at Northfield Seminary in Massachusetts. She worked as a court stenographer for the law firm of Reese Hitchens. She was a member of Newark United Methodist Church in Newark.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul; and her son-in-law, John. She is survived by her daughter, Carolyn Garwood, of Lewes; a granddaughter, Anne E. Spoor, and her husband, Scott; and two great-granddaughters, all of Newark. She is also survived by her brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Betty and Joseph Maxwell; as well as a host of nieces and nephews.

A life celebration was to be on Saturday, Aug. 27 at Newark United Methodist Church. Burial was to be private.

Charitable contributions in her

memory may be made to Delaware Hospice; or Newark United Methodist Church, c/o the R.T. Foard & Jones Funeral Home, 122 West Main St., Newark, Del. 19711.

John Robinson, served in Navy during WWII

Newark resident John E. Robinson, Jr., 82, died on Friday, Aug. 26, 2005.

Mr. Robinson was born in Wilmington on Sep. 28, 1922, son of the late John E. Robinson, Sr. and Mary E. Hayes Robinson, and was a graduate of P.S. DuPont High School.

He attended the Wharton School of Business in Philadelphia and proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He was employed by Hamilton Printing and Kaumagraph Printing in

Wilmington.

He later accepted a printing position with the DuPont Company, where he worked for 23 years until his retirement in 1985.

He is survived by his wife, Beatrice S. Titter Robinson; two daughters, Janet Harbaugh and husband, Bob, of Newark, and Linda Hardesty and husband, Rich, of Woodridge, Ill.; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was to be held on Thursday, Sep. 1 at the Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home.

Interment was to follow in Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Delaware Humane Association, 701 A Street, Wilmington, Del., 19801.

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Moving around in Christina

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in Wilmington. "The District decided to make Douglass a K-8 school," Lapham said last week. "The high school students who were there have returned to their regular high schools or have been transferred to contracted services."

Lapham did not indicate when the grade configuration was changed at Douglass. Teachers interviewed in June about programs at Douglass were expecting high school students to return there for 2005-06.

The Route 7 site is a very happening place even if the District is not eyeing it for student learning. During an interview at the Eden Center in August, the president of the Region III PTA Council said her organization had been encouraged to relocate there in March by school superintendent Wise. This summer, she received a letter from the District informing the PTA that they had to

vacate the space by Dec. 31. (See story this issue, page 5).

Meanwhile, the District's new head of nutrition services stated that his department would be moving from Gauger-Cobbs Middle School to the Eden Services Support Center sometime in the new school year.

Lapham said she was unaware of the plans for the nutrition offices, but the PTA staff had to move because "we need that space for education purposes."

Lapham added that some plans for use of space throughout the District were being rethought as a result of moving the administrative offices from Main Street in Newark to Drew Educational Support Center in Wilmington last year. "Originally, the District was going to use all of Drew-Pyle for the administrative offices," Lapham said. "But then we decided to open Sarah Pyle Academy. So some offices have to go elsewhere that cannot fit in Drew."

On Campus

NEWS FOR NEWARK FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE

BRIEFLY

Debate on abortion set at UD Sept. 15

TWO pre-eminent scholars will debate whether abortion should be re-criminalized at 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 15, in Mitchell Hall, The Green, on the University of Delaware's Newark campus.

Eileen McDonagh, professor of political science at Northeastern University, will argue against the re-criminalization of abortion, taking a position that goes beyond the legal basis of *Roe v. Wade* (right to privacy) to advocate a right to consent. McDonagh, who recently served as a visiting fellow at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University, is the author of *Breaking the Abortion Deadlock: From Choice to Consent*.

Katherin Rogers, UD associate professor of philosophy, will argue in favor of the re-criminalization of abortion. Rogers is the author of *Perfect Being Theology*.

The debate, "Should Abortion Be Re-criminalized?" is part of the Great Debate Series, sponsored by the Delaware Interdisciplinary Ethics Program. A reception will follow the debate, which is free and open to the public.

"The possible re-criminalization of abortion is an enormously difficult ethical issue," Frederick Adams, chairperson of the Delaware Interdisciplinary Ethics Program and of UD's Department of Philosophy, said. "We believe that presenting a solidly reasoned debate by two pre-eminent scholars will provide useful insights for both students and members of the community."

Students from all Delaware colleges are invited to further analyze the issues raised in the debate through an essay contest with \$1,200 in prize money. Contestants should defend an informed point of view on the debate topic in a typed, double-spaced essay, up to 10 pages in length. Contest entry forms will be available at the debate.

For more information visit www.dbi.udel.edu/ethics.

Class of 2009 breaks records

IF you find someone named Jessica or Michael who has a grade-point average (GPA) of 3.52 or higher, made 1200 or more on their SATs and are involved in sports and/or community service, that student will most likely be part of the record-breaking 3,536 students that make up the University of Delaware's Class of 2009. More than 500 entering freshmen have GPAs of 4.00 or above, 200 scored over 1400 on their SATs, and two had perfect SAT scores.

"Average SAT scores and the number of students with grade point averages of 4.00 or higher coming to the University of

Delaware as freshman this fall have reached new levels," according to Lou Hirsh, UD admissions director. "This is the first year that the average entering freshman at UD has SATs above 1200."

Delawareans make up one-third of the entering class on the Newark campus. Another 314 freshmen from Delaware are enrolling at the University's Dover, Georgetown and Wilmington Academic Centers, mostly in UD's Associate in Arts Program, which was inaugurated in fall 2004.

The new students come from 35 U.S. states, including Alaska and Hawaii, and nine for-

eign countries, with 1,125 from Delaware, followed by New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York and Maryland.

Once again, the largest number of freshmen, 1,279, are enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences (with 569 undeclared majors), 478 in the Alfred Lerner College of Business and Economics, 347 in the College of Engineering, 337 in the College of Human Services, Education and Public Policy, 327 in the College of Health Sciences and 113 in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

A higher proportion than ever before are part of minor-

ity groups--more than 15 percent--with the largest increase in Hispanic students.

More than half of the Class of 2009 participated in volunteer or community service and in sports before coming to UD.

Jessica and Michael are the most popular male and female names coming to campus this fall. There are 78 Jessicas, beating out Lauren by 10 and trouncing former favorite, Jennifer, by 27. Michael and Matthew tied last year, but this year, 102 freshmen are named Michael and 79 are Matthews. There are 14 pairs of twins enrolled.

New 500-bed residence hall opens

GEORGE Read Hall, the University of Delaware's new, state-of-the-art residential facility has been completed on schedule, and students have moved in.

The 500-bed unit is the first of the three new Georgian-style residence halls on the Laird Campus that will replace the motel-style Pencader complex.

The new horseshoe-shaped building with north and south wings, features resident rooms with semi-private baths, floor lounges and resident assistant rooms. The ground floor includes exquisitely furnished lounges, laundry room, apartments for two hall directors (one in each wing) and an apartment for the Laird Campus Complex coordinator.

The LIFE (Learning Integrated Freshman Experience) program's living and learning offices will be located in the new building. The two other 250-bed buildings are scheduled for completion in August 2006. Altogether the new buildings will encompass approximately 313,000 gross square feet.

"This is a large and very bold project. It is designed to make more convenient and pleasurable the experiences of all of the students who reside on the Laird campus and others who visit that part of the campus," UD President David P. Roselle said.

"George Read Hall is the first, and, with approximately 500 beds, the largest of three new dormitories that are being added to the Laird Campus," Roselle said. "When completed, all 15 of the Pencader buildings will



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have been removed, there will be playing fields and courts at the site and there will be a pedestrian bridge from the Laird Campus to Ray Street.

"The new complex will have approximately 1,000 beds, compared to the 750 Pencader beds. The exterior of George Read Hall embodies architectural features of the buildings on the Green. The interior is also attractive, with many amenities and with provision for LIFE, the largest of the University of Delaware's freshman year experience programs," Roselle said.

The Laird Campus project also includes a new walkway



and footbridge between the Ray Street and Laird complexes, and the sidewalks on the east side of North College Avenue are to be widened. Much of the structure for the footbridge is being installed this summer with completion scheduled for next summer.

The George Read Complex will house freshman students and upperclass George Read mentors in double- and single-room suites. Two small groups of upperclass spaces will be available.

The new building, which is 10-minute walk from the Trabant University Center, features off-white walls, vinyl tile floors in residents' rooms, carpeting in halls and lounges, window shades and laundry facilities. It also has individual heat and air conditioning controls in each room, lounges for each cluster of 32 beds and a large public lounge in

each wing. The complex will be served by shuttle buses to classes every 15 minutes.

Access to living space in both the north and south wings of the building is limited to residents only, while the complex coord-

See READ HALL 19

Early Learning Center enriches studies

THE University of Delaware Early Learning Center has carved out an important niche nationally as a functioning laboratory for the study of infants, toddlers and preschoolers, and in the future may well serve as a model for other institutions of higher education to follow.

UD's James C. "Cole" Galloway, assistant professor of physical therapy and academic adviser to the department's Pediatric Rehabilitation Clinic, said he believes his doctoral course in pediatrics serves as a case in point.

"It is not unusual to have a pediatrics course in clinical cur-

riculums such as physical therapy," Galloway said. "What is different is housing a pediatrics course in a working child care center, and in a child care center that has been built with education in mind."

The UD Early Learning Center is fully equipped with the latest in technology and observation areas that provide views of the 22 working classrooms. And, in just one year of operation, it also has developed an exceptionally positive atmosphere in which collaborative efforts among children, parents, administrators, students and professors are embraced.

The center provides a special

look at the issue because the children who attend represent a broad cross section of the community and not just the financial or educational elite. It also serves an important function as a central repository of information and dialogue for all professionals interested in child welfare.

The center is "taking education in child-related services to a new level," Galloway said. Instead of talking about development in a lecture hall, he said faculty can take students to observe the development "of 20 infants, 20 toddlers and 20 preschoolers." Instead of a PowerPoint presen-

tation on pediatric rehabilitation of children with special needs, UD students interact directly with pediatric clinical specialists, such as Megan Schaefer, the associate director of the Pediatric Rehabilitation Clinic, which is housed within the center.



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James Galloway (kneeling), assistant professor of physical therapy, observes the interactions among doctoral students Stephanie Ciervo (left) and Sean Umstead (second from left) with Early Learning Center infant teacher Becky Brown (holding baby Nevan) and Megan Schaefer, the associate director of UD's Pediatric Rehabilitation Clinic, which is housed within the center.

Complex completed

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dinator's office, complex community council office and the complex lounge on the ground floor of the north building is open

to all George Read Hall residents. Pencader students will be issued a separate access card and also will have access to common spaces in the new complex.



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Following a short investigation, Anthony M. Chopko, 34, of Newark, was taken into custody. He was issued a felony driving while intoxicated charge because it was his fourth DUI arrest, police said.

Vandals strike

Graffiti was spray-painted on the rear and side walls of the Newark Camera Shop, 63 E. Main St., police were told at 10:35 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 26.

The day before Newark police were called to Shamrock Printing Co., 261 E. Main St., where graffiti had been painted.

The operators of Margherita Pizza, 134 E. Main St., told Newark police on Wednesday, Aug. 28, at 5 p.m., that someone had painted graffiti on a bathroom door.

On Tuesday, Aug. 23, at 7:14 p.m., police were told that vandals had sprayed graffiti on a residence at 5 North St.

Someone used a white marker to draw on the rear door of the Newark Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St., police were told on Monday, Aug. 22, at 10:04 a.m.

Multiple charges

Newark police said Travis Schweitzer, 38, of Newark was charged with several violations after he was observed by an officer driving a 1991 Mercury on South College Avenue.

During an investigation, police learned the car displayed expired tags.

Schweitzer was charged with driving while suspended, no insur-

ance and possession of a fictitious license plate. The car was towed and Schweitzer was released pending court appearances, police said.

BB shooting spree

Two men were charged with disorderly conduct after Newark police investigated a report that the pair were shooting each other with BB guns as they moved about College Square at 12:52 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 23.

Nickolas A. Hostens, 24, of Rolling Meadows, Ill., and John M. Babbitt, 22, of Thousand Oaks, Calif., were charged and released pending court appearances.

Knocked unconscious

A 20-year-old Bear man told Newark police that he was attacked from behind with enough force to knock him unconscious.

The attack took place at Kershaw Commons on Kershaw Street at 2:11 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 21.

The victim's jaw was broken and suffered concussions, police said.

Other incidents

■ A mountain bike valued at \$500 was removed from an apartment at 620 Lehigh Road, police were told on Friday, Aug. 26, at 12:24 p.m.

■ Matthew G. Lancaster, 20, of Broomall, Pa., was charged with disorderly conduct on Thursday, Aug. 25, at 12:15 a.m. after an unknown object was thrown at a residence at 65 E. Cleveland Ave. He was released pending a court appearance.

■ Police said Jane E. Campagna, 39, of Newark, was charged with offensive touching during a domestic incident at 11 Ritter Lane on

Thursday, Aug. 25, at 6:28 p.m. Campagna was released on \$50 bond ending a court appearance.

■ A man in his 30s picked up a bottle of rum inside 896 Liquors, 1017 S. College Ave., on Thursday, Aug. 25, at 10:40 a.m., and walked out the store telling the cashier "I'm not paying today."

■ William E. Booker, 43, of Newark, was charged with displaying a fictitious tag, driving an unregistered motor vehicle, driving while suspended and no insurance after police stopped a 1990 Toyota in the 100 block Madison Drive on Thursday, Aug. 25, at 10:28 a.m. Booker was released pending court appearances.

■ Residents of a home in the unit block Choate Street told Newark police on Wednesday, Aug. 24, at 10:40 a.m. that someone had broken a window of a rear door. Nothing was reported missing from the home but blood was found on the door.

■ A black male in his 20s used counterfeit money to purchase a \$200 money order at Pathmark, 100 College Square, on Tuesday, Aug. 23, at 6:03 p.m.

■ A white male broke the window on the Newark Newsstand, 70 E. Main St., on Saturday, Aug. 20, at 10:02 p.m.

Vehicles targeted

Newark police reported that thieves and vandals targeted a number of vehicles here recently. Some of the reports include:

The windshield of a 1998 Subaru parked at 85 E. Park Place was shattered by a blunt instrument, police were told on Sunday, Aug. 28, at 5:06 p.m. Damage was estimated to be \$150;

Vandals shattered the side win-

dow of a 2004 Toyota parked at 19 Prospect Ave., police were told at 12:52 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 28;

A DVD player was stolen and headliner damaged when thieves broke into a truck on the Porter Chevrolet lot, 414 E. Cleveland Ave., police were told on Friday, Aug. 26, at 2:40 p.m. The loss was estimated to be \$2,250;

A car stereo, backpack and text books were stolen from a 1999 Jeep Wrangler parked outside TGIFriday's, 650 S. College Ave., police were told on Friday, Aug. 26, at 2:05 a.m. The passenger side door had been forced open;

Stereo units were stolen from two cars parked in the auto body lot at Porter Chevrolet, 414 E. Cleveland Ave., police were told on Wednesday, Aug. 24, at 7:52 a.m.;

A radio and car stereo were removed from two vehicles parked on the lot of Toyota World, 1344 Marrows Road, police were told on Wednesday, Aug. 24, at 7:03 a.m.; and

A stereo unit was removed from an Acura parked at 31 Thorn Lane, police were told on Wednesday, Aug. 24, at 6:08 a.m. A window had been shattered.

Alcohol, noise law violations listed

Officers of the Newark Police Department have stepped-up enforcement of alcohol-related and noise laws following the return of University of Delaware students. Some charges grew out of "Cops In Shops" details when plainclothes officers go inside liquor establishments.

Some of the recent arrests include:

Warren W. Mayberry, 19, of Annandale, Va., underage consumption of alcohol, on Monday, Aug. 29, at 3:23 a.m., at 400 Wollaston Ave., Building K;

Brian Louis, 19, of West Chester, Pa., underage consumption of alcohol, on Monday, Aug. 29, at 1:26 a.m., at Ivy Hall apartments, 400 Wollaston Ave.;

A 16-year-old William Penn High School student, driving under the influence of alcohol and underage consumption, on Sunday, Aug. 28, at 2:55 a.m., during a traffic stop at 235 E. Delaware Ave.;

Monika Mickute, 21, of Elkton, Md., noise law violation, on Saturday, Aug. 27, at 11:45 p.m., at 32 Julie

Lane;

Roberto Testa, 20, of Wilmington, noise law violation, on Friday, Aug. 26, at 11:15 p.m., at 16 N. Chapel St.;

Joshua E. Quillen, 24, of Wilmington, possession of an open container of alcohol, on Saturday, Aug. 27, at 12:02 a.m., at East Cleveland Avenue and North Chapel Street;

Robert M. Pacicco, of Newark, maintaining a disorderly premise, on Friday, Aug. 26, at 2:50 a.m., after police observed a crowd of 40 to 50 people in the parking lot at 12 Wrightstowne Lane;

Eric McBride, 19, of Wilmington, underage consumption of alcohol, on Friday, Aug. 26, at 2:13 a.m., at 400 Wollaston Ave., Ivy Hall apartments;

Entzminger Charles Reese, 20, and **Jeffrey Carr**, 20, both of Newark, each charged with underage consumption of alcohol and a noise law violation, on Friday, Aug. 26, at 1:16 a.m., at 29 E. Cleveland Ave.;

Daniel James Fay, 22, and **Jonathan C. Tilton**, 23, both of Wilmington, each charged with possession of an open container of alcohol, on Thursday, Aug. 25, at 11:50 p.m., at 400 Wollaston Ave., Ivy Hall apartments;

A 16-year-old Elkton, Md., youth, disorderly conduct and underage consumption, on Saturday, Aug. 20, at 1:32 a.m., after police saw a person urinating in public at East Main and Choate streets;

Nicole L. Walsh, 19, of Massapequa, N.Y., underage possession of alcohol and possession of an open container of alcohol, and **Sara C. Volkert**, 20, of Bloomfield, N.J., underage possession of alcohol, possession of an open container of alcohol, possession of a fictitious driver license and littering, on Thursday, Aug. 25, at 1:32 a.m., in the 100 block New London Road;


Erick T. Cruz, 18, of Bordentown, N.J., noise law violation, on Wednesday, Aug. 24, at 1:28 a.m., at 400 Wollaston Ave., Ivy Hall apartments;

Mark W. Mastrandea, 19, of Newark, noise law violation, on Wednesday, Aug. 24, at 1:05 a.m., at 3 Annabelle St.; and

Charles E. Minnich, 18, underage consumption of alcohol, and **Shona D. Haynes**, 20, underage possession of alcohol, both of Elkton, Md., on Wednesday, Aug. 17, at 11:16 p.m., on Rt. 4 in Newark.

Police said all defendants were released pending court appearances.

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IB program coming to Glasgow High in 2007

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egories and courses," Ueltzhoffer explained. "There are lots of choices."

Students must study both humanities' courses and the sciences, and the subjects are studied concurrently. "The science-oriented student is challenged to learn a foreign language and the natural linguist becomes familiar with laboratory procedures," said one published report on the program.

Languages involve an oral assessment with the teacher. "The recording is sent to the International Baccalaureate Organization for grading," Ueltzhoffer said.

In addition to the coursework, there are three other elements necessary to complete the program. "Theory of Knowledge" is a required interdisciplinary

study that encourages students to appreciate other cultural perspectives while examining the biases inherent in all learning.

The "Creativity, Action, Service" element requires students to share their talents with others. "Ideally this is a project that combines all three parts of the element," Ueltzhoffer said. "Activities involving sports, the arts and/or community service can fulfill this requirement."

The final element is a 4,000-word essay in one of 60 subjects. The IBO recommends each student spend 40 hours of private study and writing time on this essay. There is also an essay question on the assessment tests, all of which are graded by the IBO.

"The IB program is very strong

in writing," said Ueltzhoffer. "It focuses on producing graduates who can write well and speak well and who have a love of learning and knowledge."

GHS is currently in the applicant stage to become an IB school. "We have about 15 teachers at present who are interested in training for this program," Ueltzhoffer said. "Two teachers went for training this summer and we hope to have the majority of needed teachers trained by the end of 2005."

GHS and the District will spend the remainder of 2005 and early 2006 on the application process. "It's due in Spring 2006," Ueltzhoffer said. "We are looking at Fall 2007 to have first 11th graders take IB courses."

During the interim, teachers will have to plan what the courses will cover (there are no standard texts) and meet with IBO reviewers during an on-site visit. "We won't know until Spring 2007 if we are authorized to have an IB program," Ueltzhoffer said. "But we'll start talking to ninth graders about it this year and teachers also will identify students who would benefit when the program starts in 2007."

In the future, middle school students who might enter the IB program will be encouraged to take "pre" courses, such as language I, and math I and II. "Ninth and 10th graders would take all the basic high school courses like driver ed, phys ed, etc., to be as prepared as possible

to move into the IB curriculum," said Ueltzhoffer.

Almost 80 percent of students worldwide who attempt to get the IB diploma are successful. "Colleges also want to know what IB courses you took," Ueltzhoffer said, "and it makes a difference if you did more or less in a given subject area."

As of June, there were more than 1,500 schools around the world offering IB programs. "Some people are concerned about school initiatives being fads in education," Ueltzhoffer said, "but this has been around since 1968."

For more information, visit www.ibo.org.

Rates rise

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cent on July 21, raising the rate from 9 cents per kilowatt to 9.5 cents. For the average home, that meant a \$4.70 change on the monthly bill.

While the initial change was less than the suggested rate by DEMEC, the city anticipated making monthly adjustments to adapt to changing costs.

On Aug. 29, the city did that for the first time in history. While the city has always had the power to adjust rates on a monthly basis, it never had. The newest adjustment was a 1.3 percent increase. That tacked an additional \$1.41 onto the average homeowner's monthly bill.

Residents can expect those rates to continue to change over the next months. George Sarris, director of finance for the city, said that rates could continue to climb over the next year.

"Theoretically, it could increase by 20 percent or more," he said. "But it all depends on our costs."

Homeowners can do a number of things to make their electric bill less expensive. According to the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy a few changes can reduce energy consumption by up to 50 percent.

A good way to decrease consumption is to ensure that the home is properly insulated. Keep in mind that only 20 percent of homes built before 1980 were well insulated. Replacing incandescent bulbs with fluorescent ones will also help save money and can last six times longer than regular bulbs. For more energy-saving tips, check out www.eere.energy.gov/consumerinfo/ener

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this year's 220. "That's the most who ever sat for AP exams at the school in a year," commented Wise at this year's graduation.

At GHS, administrator Constance Jones said 209 students sat for AP exams in 2005 compared to 101 in 2004. "It's hard to believe it doubled," she said.

Area high schoolers benefit in other ways when more students sit for AP tests and obtain IB diplomas. More colleges and universities extend more post-graduate opportunities and the prestige associated with national ranking is also helpful.

Newsweek magazine (and other publications) presents its list of "America's Best High Schools" each May. According

to Newsweek, public schools appearing on this list are ranked according to the ratio of the number of Advanced Placement and/or International Baccalaureate tests taken by all students at the school in a given year, divided by the total number of graduating seniors in that year. In 2005, the only Delaware high school making the list was Red Clay School District's A.I. DuPont (403 out of 1000) in Greenville. A.I. was also ranked on Newsweek's 2003 list.

Some parents, however, feel the advanced coursework does not give their children an edge. Kari Gulbranson, whose children attend Newark High School, complained about AP courses to the School Board on Aug. 9. "The college credits my daughter received (on entering college) are not related to the AP courses she took in high school," Gulbranson

said. "These courses are supposed to be college learning in high school."

Gulbranson also questioned how many students sitting for the exams are actually "passing" the exams?

According to Newsweek, schools with IB and AP coursework have wrestled with these issues for years. Those who

favor the AP courses claim "the tests have an incorruptible high standard, since a teacher cannot dumb down the final exams..." Newsweek's study also concluded that lack of AP and IB courses in high school is the reason "so many students who start college find they do not have the academic muscles to survive and get a post-secondary degree."

Offerings, numbers taking AP exams up dramatically

Trash collection changes detailed

Officials of the Public Works Department of the City of Newark have announced refuse collection changes as a result of the upcoming Labor Day holiday.

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