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Newark High School student fatally shot at party

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A 17-year-old female Newark High School student was shot and killed Saturday at a small party in George Read Village on Thompson Circle, Newark Police said.

The male suspect, 23, of Chester, Pa., aimed a pistol at a male resident, but misfired and shot Diana F. Hechter in the chest shortly before 2 a.m., Capt. William Nefosky said.

The suspect was angry because the man was dating a woman he had dated previously, he said.

He pointed the pistol at his intended victim, but the man backed away as the suspect fired, Nefosky said. The shot

struck Hechter, who was standing near the intended victim.

A female resident, a university student, was a friend of Hechter's, Simpson said, and called 911 after the shot was fired.

Hechter was transported to Christiana Hospital, he said, where she died soon thereafter.

The suspect fled the scene after stealing a black Pontiac Sunfire from the intended victim, Nefosky said, and the car has since been recovered in Chester, Pa.

Police are still searching for the suspect.

Newark Police have obtained warrants for first-degree murder, possession of a firearm during the commission of a

felony, possession of a firearm by a prohibited person and felony theft.

Cpl. Tracy Simpson of Newark Police said it is probable the suspect is still in or around Chester.

"I'm sure it won't be too long before he's captured," she said.

Newark Police sent out bulletins to other police agencies with the suspect's description and picture, Simpson said.

Officials held a press conference in front of the main entrance to Newark High School Monday to address the shooting.

Freeman-Williams, director of secondary education, said the Christiana School District was deeply saddened by this tragedy.

Because the shooting is still a police matter, he said, the school is not at liberty to comment on the investigation.

Principal Florence Rieman said Hechter was a model student and was well liked by her peers.

She said she could not comment if it was normal for Hechter, or any student, to have been at a party at that hour.

Her death is a severe loss to the community, Rieman said.

"Students are saddened by the loss," she said, "and faculty and staff are working hard in hand."

Rieman said extra counselors would be provided to help students cope with this tragedy.

Hechter was a senior set to graduate

soon and played field hockey and lacrosse, she said. She was also a distinguished artist who won an award for her work.

Hechter won a field hockey scholarship, Rieman said, and was planning to attend college after she graduated in June. At the school's jazz and art festival Monday night, a table was devoted to the display of her artwork.

Rieman said she could not recollect if any student from Newark High School has ever been killed from a shooting.

Students are working to coordinate a candlelight vigil in Hechter's memoriam, she said.

Speaker recalls her role in landmark school integration

BY KELLY MCHUGH
Staff Reporter

One of the nine black students chosen to integrate Central High School in Little Rock, Ark., in 1957 had no idea she would be participating in one of the most significant and volatile racial conflicts in U.S. history.

Minnijean Brown Trickey recounted her experiences as one of the "Little Rock Nine" to approximately 150 people in a speech Thursday night.

She said the nine inadvertently made history when they volunteered to transfer from their all-black high school to the all-white Central High School in order to comply with the Supreme Court's order to integrate schools.

"I was that stupid," she said. "I was one of those people who signed my name."

Trickey said although she expected the white students would have stereotypes about black students, she never expected the conflict that ensued when she and the eight other black students enrolled.

On the first day of school, when mobs of angry parents blocked her entrance, Trickey said she realized she had stepped into the center of a constitutional crisis and was shocked by what the protesters were saying to her.

"I didn't dare turn around," she said. "I hadn't heard a lot of those words before."

President Dwight Eisenhower eventually ordered the National Guard to intervene, but Trickey said this did little to change the attitudes of white students.

In addition, there was national scrutiny of the black students' actions, as their daily experiences were chronicled on evening news broadcasts across the United States.

She said it was a surprise to most

Americans to see her and her fellow black classmates acting civilized and dignified on TV everyday, and believed it helped shatter stereotypes.

"The only black child Americans had ever seen was Buckwheat," she said.

Trickey said despite their restrained behavior, very few students or teachers did anything to help her and her eight black friends acclimate.

"There was no way of telling who was opposed and who wasn't because everyone was hiding."

She said most people at the school behaved as if she did not exist, but some physically and verbally harassed her. Each black student was assigned a Guard member to accompany him or her during the school day for protection.

"I loved my guard," she said. "People tended not to spit on me as much when he was with me."

Trickey's decision to enroll in Central High School affected the rest of her family, she said.

The school board published the names and addresses of the nine black students in the local newspaper, triggering harassment of her family after school hours.

Her house was constantly vandalized, and her father, who was a landscaper, stopped receiving job offers from white clients.

Trickey said she hid the daily harassment from her mother, including an incident when someone urinated in her locker.

She dreaded the day when her mother was called into school and discovered the hostile environment.

"I told her not to go in there because I didn't want her to be hurt like that," Trickey said.

One day, after incessant physical



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Minnijean Brown Trickey, one of the nine students who took part in the landmark integration of a Little Rock, Ark., high school in 1957, recalls her experience with segregation.

and verbal harassment, Trickey struck back.

When she was in the lunch line, a group of male students taunted her with racial slurs, she said. She snapped and flung her entire lunch tray, including a bowl of chili, onto the boys.

"The workers, who were all black, got up and clapped," she said. "There were about five guys covered with chili."

The chili incident, along with a verbal altercation after a female student threw a purse full of combination locks at her, led to Trickey's expulsion from Central High.

She said she knew it was inevitable that she would be kicked out.

"They kept calling me 'volatile' after the chili incident," she said.

Trickey went on to earn a master's degree as a social worker and held a position in the Department of Interior during the Clinton administration. She still resides in Little Rock and remains friends with the rest of the "Little Rock Nine."

Despite how far she has come, she said she is still shaken by her experience at Central High School and wor-

ries that time has made people forget the sordid history of segregation.

"It can never be said that the story is exaggerated," she said.

Sandra Brooks, a teacher at Bancroft Academy in Wilmington, said she brought three of her students to hear Trickey to teach them about the history of segregation and also how to deal with conflict in school.

"I want to help them understand how to resolve issues, and that you can make it and be successful," she said.

Brooks said she identified with Trickey's story and recalled going to an all-white school in Delaware and feeling like an outsider.

Ron Whittington, special assistant to the dean of the College of Human Services, Education and Public Policy, said he attended because he viewed Trickey as an icon in the struggle for racial equality.

He was in second grade in a newly desegregated school at the same time the "Little Rock Nine" were entering Central High School.

"I remember watching her every day," he said. "I think of her as a hero."

Creek water tainted

BY KATHRYN DRESHER
Staff Reporter

Recent discoveries of high levels of bacteria originating from human sewage found in Pike Creek have caused alarm and a need for new updated sewer systems.

The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control performed DNA testing on creek water to determine whether the bacteria was coming from humans or animals.

Sam Myoda, an engineer for Watershed Assessment, a section of the Division of Water Resources for DNREC, said 11 samples of the water were taken over a period of five days.

Samples were taken from Pike Creek and others were taken from a control creek, he said. The samples were then tested and compared in the laboratory.

"Twenty-seven percent of the bacteria from Pike Creek was from human sewage sources," Myoda said, "and the control creek had less than 2 percent of human sewage."

Creek water is monitored on a regular basis, but the DNA testing was taking it a step further, he said. Pike Creek was targeted because it was thought that local sewer systems were affecting the water.

Allen Muller, executive director of Green Delaware, said the sewer system problem is just one example of how Delaware does not protect its water quality.

"It has been known for a long time that the primitive sewer systems need to change," he said. "The government has not taken steps to improve it."

Many houses in the past have dumped sewage into a hole in the ground, which then trickles into streams, Muller said.

"DNREC made an issue about the problem years ago but citizens complained about the costs to fix the problem," he said. "The government needs to take a stand and require the current system to be fixed."

The traditional way to fix the problem is by installing a central sewer system, Muller said, although it is not clear who would have to pay for the new system.

"More than 80 percent of the surface water in Delaware is not up to government level of cleanliness," he said. "It's a given that the water is dirty."

Gerald Kauffman, director of Watershed Policy at the university, said there are several standards Delaware has for water cleanliness.

There are sewer systems around the state, along with waste water treatment systems, he said.

"Bacteria is usually controlled by these systems, but there is no waste water treatments at Pike Creek," Kauffman said. "Instead there are old septic tanks and cesspools that were built before water regulations were set."

Two hundred milligrams of bacteria per liter of water is the state limit for recreational creeks, he said.

"The percentage of human waste in Pike Creek is very high for the water," Kauffman said. "The way to fix it is to put in new sewer systems."

Since Pike Creek flows into White Clay Creek, which is used by United Water Delaware, he said, areas that get water from that company are getting some of their drinking water from Pike Creek.

"Impurities are removed and chlorine is used to kill bacteria so it can be used as drinking water," Kauffman said. "Other states have the same problem, and they are fixing it by putting in the new sewer systems."

Muller said many places have similar water problems, but Delaware is worse off than most.

New undergraduate requirements set

BY JAMIE EDMONDS
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The Faculty Senate approved several changes in the undergraduate requirements that will affect first year students beginning in 2005 at its May 3 meeting.

Beginning in the fall, incoming freshman will be required to participate in at least one First Year Experience and will be required to take at least three credits of Discovery-based or Experiential Learning.

The First Year Experience includes many different components: students will have the options of the Learning Integrated Freshman Experience, the Pathways to Discovery program, a first year seminar or a University Honors Program Colloquium.

LIFE is a program in which freshmen form a small learning community and share classes as well as a residence hall. There are usually 16 students involved in one LIFE cluster who all have access to a mentor.

The Pathways to Discovery program includes courses that are thematic and integrative for first-year students, designed to introduce freshmen to the academic resources of the university.

Discovery-based or Experiential Learning can include, but are not limited to, independent studies, internships and study abroad.

Thomas Leitch, English professor and chairman of the Undergraduate Studies Committee within the Faculty Senate, said the committee's underlying

goal was to allow students to be more independent and involved in their own learning.

"People tend to come to college and look for specialization within their major," he said. "We thought it would be a good idea to balance those goals as well as promoting a more general education."

Leitch said the most promising place to enhance these goals is with freshmen.

"We want first-year students to take a little bit more initiative to teach themselves," he said. "They will have a link to the real world and will be, in essence, teaching themselves."

The committee also made recommendations for all departments to develop capstone courses, which would provide juniors and seniors a retrospective look on their major and what they have learned as undergraduates.

Martha Corothers, faculty director for the Center for Teaching Effectiveness and the General Education Initiative, is a part of the ad hoc General Education Committee.

Corothers said the committee, a subcommittee of the Faculty Senate, had been researching data of the LIFE and Pathways programs since Fall 2000.

In Fall 2003, the committee provided a report to the Undergraduate Studies Committee, which drafted the resolutions on undergraduate requirements that the Faculty Senate voted on earlier this month.

"The report provided a great deal of background

information as well as assessment information and recommendations for the Undergraduate Studies Committee."

Harry Shipman, physics and astronomy professor and a member of the General Education Committee, said there is a national movement for institutions to provide this type of learning for its students.

"Smaller colleges have been providing this type of learning for many years," he said. "There are larger institutions that claim to offer this type of experience for first-year students, but we want to do it here at Delaware and do it right."

The core courses offered at most universities do not give students a sense of how their discipline fits into the real world, he said. An ideal Pathways course could lead to several different educational and career options for students in the future.

Shipman said the General Education Committee, which is now a permanent committee within the Faculty Senate, wants to provide a way to try to connect students with the institution.

"The committee should be able to make this operation real by 2005," he said.

Avon Abraham, chairman of the General Education Committee, said it is important to create a unique experience for freshmen at this university.

"These programs will make the transition into college more manageable, both socially and academically, for first-year students," he said.

Iraq troops will stay until '05

BY CARSON WALKER

Staff Reporter

The Defense Department announced plans last Tuesday to keep 135,000 troops in Iraq through 2005.

Trent Duffy, deputy White House press secretary, said the 135,000 troops are a sign of the president's determination to win the war in Iraq and secure peace and freedom for the Iraqi people.

"Iraq is the central front in a war on terror and we can't afford to fail," he said. "To do so would turn Iraq back into a training ground for terrorists and killers," he said.

Margaret Aiken, press secretary for Sen. Joseph R. Biden Jr., D-Del., the ranking minority member on the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said the senator has felt more troops were needed on the ground in Iraq.

"[Biden's] hope was that President Bush would make more attempts to get international troops in Iraq," she said.

Biden is hesitant to say whether the increase of troops will hurt the president's bid for reelection, Aiken said.

"Sen. Biden is reluctant to make any political judgments," she said. "This isn't

political, we need to do this, and whatever happens should happen for the good of the country."

Aiken said the senator believes the solution to resolve the conflict depends on the aid of the other countries in the coalition.

"The senator thinks that if we can pull more of the international community in it will benefit the U.S. in the long run," she said. "It will benefit the U.S. as far as it will help to take the U.S. face off the conflict."

Duffy said the president is already working alongside a large part of the international community in fighting the war.

"The president, Tony Blair and coalition forces, which include 33 other countries around the world, are united to make sure we continue our mission," he said. "It is essential that we prevail."

Daniel Green, political science professor, said he was not surprised at the Pentagon's announcement.

"We are setting up 14 permanent bases more or less in Iraq," he said, "so the American presence is a long term one."

The impact of the war is being felt financially, Green said.

"[The president] just put in a budget request for another \$25 billion," he said. "I heard they would ask for another \$50 billion for next year. The numbers keep climbing."

Aiken said the senator is calling for more financial support for the war in Iraq.

"The president didn't put any money into the 2005 budget for Iraq," she said. "Sen. Biden has said all along we need a lot more money to sustain troops. It is disingenuous for the president not to put any money in his budget for the war in Iraq."

Green said it was still unclear whether more fighting will break out with the impending June 30 deadline to transfer sovereignty back to the Iraqis.

"It is hard to say if fighting will increase," he said. "It could happen, depending on what happens with Falluja and Najaf."

Green said he believes the United States is doing a decent job in Iraq.

"We are doing not too shabby of a job controlling the country and getting to the June 30 deadline," he said.

More war funding requested

BY MONICA SIMMONS

Staff Reporter

The Bush administration asked Congress Wednesday for an additional \$25 billion to assist troops in Iraq and Afghanistan through 2004.

Trent Duffy, deputy White House press secretary, said the decision marks a reversal for President George W. Bush, who originally planned to put off requests for more money until after the November elections.

"While we do not know the precise costs for military operations next year," he said, "we must ensure there is ample funding and resources for our troops who continue to face increased demands abroad."

If approved, the money will act as a contingency fund to add to the more than \$400 billion already sought for mili-

tary uses worldwide, Duffy said. The \$25 billion is approximately half of what will be needed in 2005.

"The president feels this additional funding is absolutely necessary to keep up with our commitments in Iraq," he said.

The funding will be filtered through the regular budget, Duffy said, and therefore will not be available for use until after Oct. 1.

Lawrence DiRita, spokesman for the Defense Department, said although there have been several unexpected reversals of policy, the changes are necessary to ensure success in Iraq.

"Insurgencies surrounding the cities Najaf and Falluja emphasized the danger of this war was underestimated," he said. "This is just one precautionary measure we are taking

to ensure protection of our troops."

"The change of policies is sending shockwaves through Congress but we feel they will approve whatever is necessary to ensure the safety of our troops."

Rep. David R. Obey, D-Wis., said many members of Congress feel it was fiscally irresponsible that the president failed to assign exact values to the costs of the war.

"It represents another effort to conceal the full costs of meeting the challenge in Iraq until after the election," he said.

Congress should withhold approval of the request until a detailed plan of Iraq funding is disclosed, Obey said.

Jano Cabrera, spokesman for the Democratic National Committee, said some

Congressional members feel the request was ill timed.

The request was made one day after Bush announced his decision to increase military coverage, he said, and amidst the revelation of possible abuse cases among Iraqi prisoners.

"President Bush's credibility has plummeted dramatically in the past week," Cabrera said. "Many people feel this is the last straw."

A major complaint with the Bush administration among Democratic Party members is the lack of fiscal transparency, he said, especially concerning the war.

"Where is all this money going?" Cabrera said. "We must re-evaluate our role in Iraq or our leaders will continue to drain our already diminishing resources."

Endangered list called to be expanded

BY GRETA KNAPP

Staff Reporter

Eleven prominent scientists and celebrities, such as Jane Goodall and Martin Sheen, joined three environmental organizations last Tuesday in signing a petition to the Bush administration asking for the addition of 225 plants and animals to the endangered species list.

The species, all of which have already been determined by the Fish and Wildlife Service to be in danger of extinction, are currently on the "candidate list," which identifies species at risk that do not receive the full protection the endangered species list offers.

Twenty-eight percent of the species, including the bog asphodel and Hirst's panic grass, both found in Delaware, have been on the candidate list since 1975 but have yet to be recognized as endangered.

Brian Nowicki, conservation biologist for the Center for Biological Diversity, which organized the petition, said 26 species have become extinct while on the candidate list.

"As a candidate, all that says is that they have identified the species needs protection," he said. "So basically if they decide to wait-list it, the population can decline, habitats can be lost and we can lose species, as we have actually seen in several cases."

Nowicki said the current Bush administration has listed 31 species on the endangered species list so far, as opposed to that of the former President George H.W. Bush, who added 234, and former President Bill Clinton, who listed 521.

Part of the problem, he said, is that the administration has not requested enough funding from Congress.

When the president and Department of the Interior Secretary Gale Norton submitted their desired budget to Congress in 2004, they only asked for \$12 million, Nowicki said. This is a significantly lower amount than the FWS determined would be necessary to adequately run the department.

Nowicki said Congress appropriated the full amount and appeared willing to offer more, but Norton refused to accept additional funding.

"The bottom line appears to be that they are deliberately under-funding the listing budget so they don't have to provide what the species need," he said. "It appears to be politics trumping not only what the law says but definitely what these species need."

Betsy Lordan, public affairs specialist for the FWS, said Norton never refused funds and the Bush administration has actually increased funding from \$12.1 million last year to \$17.2 million this year.

The funds given to the department must be split between eight separate agencies within the Department of the Interior, she said, and giving more money to the FWS alone would be unreasonable.

"When you're talking about the reality of the budget process, the fact is, sure we'd love the money and the secretary would love to give us the money," she said, "but we can't shut down the National Park Service."

Nowicki said that in 2003 the FWS

stated that \$153 million, spread over five years, would be enough to move all the species currently on the candidate list to the endangered species list, as well as provide protection for habitats.

The petitioners are only asking the Bush administration to step up to the level previous presidents have met in implementing the Endangered Species Act, Nowicki said.

"This is not controversial and not really up for much discussion, as far as what's needed," he said. "Let's get [the Fish and Wildlife Service] the money, stop the political play and let them do the work."

Hugh Vickery, spokesman for the Interior Department, said in a statement that lawsuits, court orders and petitions like that of the Center for Biological Diversity often have little effect on policy and only clogs the system and creates unnecessary court expenses.

It is because of this "flood of lawsuits," Vickery said, that the Fish and Wildlife Service has been unable to maintain the same number of listings as previous years.

"This has diverted staff and resources from the listing of new species," he said.

The petition and other efforts made by the CBD are not guided by realistic financial expectations, Vickery said.

"CBD's answer is to call for \$153 million for the listing budget, more than a 10-fold increase," he said. "This is a massive increase that no administration or Congress has ever supported."



BUSH DEFENDS RUMSFELD AGAINST CALLS FOR RESIGNATION

WASHINGTON — More photographic evidence surfaced Sunday graphically depicting U.S. soldiers abusing Iraqi detainees at Abu Ghraib prison, as Democrats continued their calls for Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld to resign amid the widening scandal.

The Pentagon will give Congress hundreds of photographs and other digital images of the prisoner abuse this week, Sen. John W. Warner, D-Va., chairman of the Armed Services Committee, said. They include one published Sunday by The New Yorker magazine, showing a naked Iraqi prisoner against the door of a prison cell, covering before two dogs held by U.S. soldiers.

Warner, appearing on NBC's "Meet the Press," said that the material was classified and that he did not know whether the images would be released publicly. Several lawmakers, including some Republicans, urged the Pentagon to disclose them immediately.

The Bush administration is working to quiet Democrats' calls for the resignation of Rumsfeld, who expressed apologies Friday before Congress.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., asked Rumsfeld pointedly during last week's hearings whether he could continue to be an effective Defense secretary. Graham said Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press" that the Pentagon should release the pictures quickly to show its willingness to be open about the abuses.

Lawmakers gave Rumsfeld credit for apologizing, but several, including some Republicans, said his job was far from secure.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., complained that Rumsfeld was unable during his testimony Friday to answer "perhaps the fundamental aspect of this, and that is, what was the chain of command?"

CHECHEN PRESIDENT ASSASSINATED IN EXPLOSION

MOSCOW — Chechen President Akhmad Kadyrov, the former Islamic cleric who was the Kremlin's hope for ending nearly a decade of war in the breakaway republic, was assassinated Sunday in a bomb blast that ripped through a crowded military parade in the Chechen capital of Grozny.

The explosion killed Kadyrov almost instantly and threw into question the only plan Russia has mustered to quell a violent rebellion in the country.

At least seven other people were killed, including state council leader Khasayn Isayev, the third-most powerful politician in Chechnya, and a Reuters journalist covering the event. Lt. General Valery Baranov, Russia's top military commander in the region, was among 50 others injured by the blast.

Authorities said a 152 mm artillery shell was placed directly beneath the seating area where Kadyrov and other dignitaries sat for Victory Day, which commemorates the Nazi defeat in World War II. The area had been swept for hazards by a six-member security team shortly before the celebration.

"The security at the stadium was very serious," Chechen Information Minister Taus Dzhabrailov, who received minor injuries in the blast, said in a telephone interview from Grozny. "The security service and Kadyrov's personal guards were taking care of that."

"Specialists are telling us that the shells were hidden in the concrete a long time ago," Dzhabrailov said.

A second artillery shell planted nearby apparently failed to detonate, and authorities said a third explosive device, fashioned out of a bottle, appeared to blow up just after the initial explosion.

Kadyrov, who was sitting in the top row of the stands, slumped forward.

Before Sunday's attack, Kadyrov had survived more than a dozen assassination attempts.

FIRST ABUSE COURT-MARTIAL ISSUED

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Army officials announced Sunday that they would convene the first court-martial in what could be a string of public military trials in the abuse of Iraqi detainees at the Abu Ghraib prison.

Spec. Jeremy C. Sivits is scheduled to be court-martialed May 19 in Baghdad. He is one of seven reservists from the 372nd Military Police Company based near Cumberland, Md., who are charged in the scandal.

Sivits faces charges that include conspiracy to maltreat detainees, dereliction of duty for failing to protect detainees from abuse and cruelty and mistreatment of detainees.

Army commanders have said Sivits might have taken some of the photographs that have shocked the world and damaged U.S. credibility in stabilizing and bringing democratic reforms to the volatile country.

Sivits declined to comment Sunday. His father, Daniel, told The Baltimore Sun that the Army had trained his son to repair vehicles, not guard prisoners, and that he was unprepared for working at a military prison camp during a war.

"Why was a mechanic allowed to handle prisoners?" Daniel Sivits asked plaintively. "Where was their training? Who was their supervisor? Where was the leadership?"

Article 32 hearings, the military equivalent of a grand jury proceeding, have been completed for at least three of the soldiers charged in the abuse, which occurred between October and December last year at the prison west of Baghdad, but no recommendations for further courts-martial have been made.

Officials would not answer why Sivits was the first soldier chosen to be court-martialed.

Sivits faces what is called a special court-martial. If convicted, a judge could throw Sivits out of the Army and place a "bad conduct discharge" on his permanent file.

Under a special court-martial, the judge can impose a sentence no greater than one year in prison, a reduction in rank of one grade — in this case to private first class — a reduction of pay for two months and a fine.

Because the penalties are less than those of a general court-martial, which depending on the offense can carry sentences of life in prison and even death, Sivits did not undergo the Article 32 preliminary hearing.

Instead, Lt. Gen. Thomas F. Metz, the second-in-charge of military operations in Iraq who is reviewing all the prisoner abuse cases, referred Sivits to a special court-martial based on an army investigative report.

Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt, the top military spokesman in Iraq, told reporters Sunday that there are three investigations under way into the abuse. One involves the potential criminal acts of the soldiers; another is examining their commanders; and the third is looking into the role that military intelligence officers played in setting standards for interrogations that could have prompted the abuse.

Kimmitt said that he does not expect the case to grow far beyond the seven soldiers already implicated. Six additional soldiers already have been reprimanded but do not face criminal charges.

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

THREE-DAY FORECAST



TUESDAY

Storms likely, highs in the 80s



WEDNESDAY

Partly cloudy, highs in the 80s



THURSDAY

Partly cloudy, highs in the 80s

— courtesy of the National Weather Service

Police Reports

STUDENT INJURED AND ROBBED

Two unknown people injured a university student and removed an undisclosed amount of money at approximately 2:30 a.m. Saturday on East Delaware Avenue, Newark Police said.

Cpl. Tracy Simpson said the student was walking home on East Delaware Avenue when the two men approached him and demanded money.

The men then struck the student in the head with a glass bottle, she said, removed money and fled in an unknown direction.

The victim sustained a large laceration to his head, Simpson said, and was treated at the Newark Emergency Center and released.

The case is still under investigation and there are no suspects at this time, she said.

TWO UNIVERSITY COURTYARD APARTMENTS ROBBED

An unknown person entered two University Courtyard apartments on Scholar Drive and removed property between approximately 12:30 a.m. and 2:00 a.m. Thursday, Simpson said.

The person entered two apartments through the windows and removed approximately \$150 worth of DVDs from the first residence, she said, and approximately \$1,050 worth of jewelry, cameras, a DVD player and picture frame from the second

apartment.

The resident of the second apartment looked out his window and saw a man in an alcove near the window who fled toward the parking lot, Simpson said.

The resident tried to locate the man, she said, but instead found some of the removed property from the first apartment scattered on the ground.

There are no suspects at this time, Simpson said.

— Megan Sullivan

Marijuana use rising within last decade

BY SARA HASYN

Staff Reporter

Dependency and abuse among marijuana smokers has increased in the past 10 years, according to a study by the National Institute on Drug Abuse and the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

Wilson Compton, director of the division of epidemiological services and prevention research at the NIDA, which conducted the study, said 2.2 million people suffered from abuse and dependency problems associated with marijuana in 1992, and the number rose to 3 million in 2002.

"We found a whole lot more people suffered from abuse and dependency problems with marijuana than we expected," he said.

The study was conducted over two periods of time, Compton said, first from 1991 to 1992 and again from 2001 to 2002. Approximately 40,000 people participated in each study.

Ann Bradley, a press representative for the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, said the proportion of marijuana users remains constant at approximately 4 percent of the adult population.

It is important to realize the prevalence of mental disease associated with marijuana abuse is on the rise, she said. "The results of the study indicate we missed an epidemic," Bradley said.

The survey is groundbreaking because it is the first measurement of the mental health disorders associated with marijuana abuse and dependency,

she said.

The American Psychiatric Association designed the criteria for the survey, Bradley said. The diagnostic criteria did not change over the time the two studies were conducted.

"What is revolutionary is that we were able to see this phenomena over time," she said.

Wilson said he would like to see the attention of physicians drawn to this problem.

The study is making people aware of the danger of marijuana and the harmful effects it can have on its users, he said.

Lana Harrison, sociology professor and university drug expert, said she does not fully agree that the number of those abusing marijuana has increased.

The increase in treatment of marijuana abusers can be attributed to the criminal justice system, she said. Now many people are sentenced to rehabilitative treatment instead of serving jail time.

There has also been an increase in the number of urine tests conducted recently, she said. Marijuana can be detected in urine for up to 30 days after use.

Harrison said marijuana use was at its low point in 1992 during the first study. The study never accounts for the increase in users after 1992 because researchers claim its use has remained steady.

Harrison said she believes marijuana is the most widely used illicit drug. "There are more opportunities for

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The poll, which was conducted for the Associated Press by Ipsos Public Affairs, sheds light on Americans' feelings about the correlation between school integration and the quality of education received by black, white and Hispanic students.

According to the poll, only 50 percent of those surveyed believe that white students' educations have been improved.

The poll also stated that while three-fourths of whites believe that integration has benefited the educations of black students, only approximately half of blacks felt that way.

Raffel said there are several factors causing this split in beliefs about public education.

"I think the major thing is that the life experiences of minorities are quite different than those of majorities," he said. "Another reason is that it is clear that there is a major gap in achievement between white and black and Hispanic students. The results, at least, are unequal."

Rossell said standardized tests are written in such a way that not all students can perform well. She believes this kind of testing is a factor in the imbalance of educational quality across races.

She said even if a student ranks below average, it does not mean the student performed poorly.

"It is as if they took half of the Olympic athletes and said they are doing terrible because they are ranking at the average or below," she said.

Raffel is skeptical on the authenticity of the results. Although the poll stated that 83 percent of Americans prefer that their children attend racially mixed schools.

"I wonder to what extent these answers are based on social acceptability," he said. "People don't want to seem racist or sound racist."

In the Spotlight
RISA COHN

A model student

Senior Risa Cohn is already intimately familiar with the hectic world of event planning. The Long Island, N.Y., native started getting involved in planning events when she became the lead intern of public relations for the Jewish Heritage Program her sophomore year.

"I was given the empowerment," she said. "They assured me, 'You can do this.'"

Although Cohn said she was surprised when she was nominated for the position of social chairwoman of her sorority, she is now glad to have accepted the position.

"I think I found my niche doing this," she said.

Cohn is graduating in the spring with a degree from the College of Human Services, Education and Public Policy with a specialization in the Material World of Architecture and Dress.

In order to fulfill a service-learning requirement for her major, Cohn applied for an internship online, which could relate to her concentration.

Based on her experience with event planning, the position of assistant events coordinator was created for Cohn at the STEEL Model and Talent Agency in Bear.

"The first day I went to the agency I thought I was going to be surrounded by Victoria's Secret models," she said.

Cohn said she learned that not all models fit common-



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place stereotypes.

Models range from chubby toddlers to elderly women who work for HBO, she said.

Cohn's primary task for her internship this semester was to plan a fashion show to increase awareness about the agency.

The event, which will be held at Glasgow High School, will showcase some student models and is geared toward college students and the Newark community.

Cohn said she is in charge of the entire show, from hosting and planning to networking and designing.

"I've literally taken on every aspect of the show," she

said. "I'm under a lot of pressure. I'm an army of one."

Cohn said she would encourage students to attend the show on May 21, especially if they are interested in breaking into the fashion industry.

"It's a great way for students to network," she said. "A lot of professionals are going to show up."

Cohn is also currently writing a book to be used specifically by the agency about the intricacies of makeup.

"Right now," she said, "I'm dabbling."

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Photographers explore the power of images

BY ANDY FRANKUM

Staff Reporter

Artists, journalists and writers are the only ones in our society that explain us to ourselves, Jonathon Blair, a photographer for "National Geographic" magazine, said to approximately 100 people Friday.

The presentation, titled "Inside the Yellow Border: The Art of National Geographic," consisted of two speakers.

Blair's most recent work covered the shipwreck and artifact recovery of the S.S. Republic.

Bert Fox, a National Geographic photography editor, sorts through thousands of photographs for each story to find the right ones to be published.

Both men spoke about the process of being a photographer and critiquing or editing photos.

Fox spoke mostly about how to develop criticism with photography and also explained the process it takes to get the location, stories and pictures found in each National Geographic issue.

Fox said the process is a long one.

First, the photographers must research the area to make sure it is safe, he said. Next, they travel abroad to take the actual photographs. The last

step in the process is editing, which entails sorting through thousands of photographs.

Fox said photojournalism consists of pictures that can give ideas to the viewer.

The two presenters also spoke on the difficult process of becoming a professional photographer for National Geographic.

Blair said he was a radio actor and park ranger before he became a photographer for the magazine.

Fox said he worked as a writer before he got his job as a photography editor.

Blair gave some encouraging words for students who are searching for a job in any field, not just photography.

"You undergraduates sometimes feel a little seasick about what you are going to do and how you're going to get there," he said. "But, don't panic. Listen to your thoughts and go where your feelings are the strongest and go where you feel passion."

Much of the presentation consisted of clips from the many assignments that Blair and Fox had worked on in the past, including photographs from their story covering the S.S. Republic, and many photographs of a story involving the climbing of Mt. Everest.

Blair's slide show of his past work consisted of everything from the glaciers of the North Pole to Italians covering themselves with mud in the morning.

For each picture, Blair gave his own critique and background story on how the photo was taken.

Sherry Wiernik, a first year graduate student and photographer, said she enjoyed the fact that the two men were not biased toward their photographs.

"It was my favorite when the photographers were critical of their own work," she said.

The photography program at the university sponsored the presentation.

Priscilla Smith, art professor, said this was the first time National Geographic has ever come to the university.

She said this presentation could reach out to more than just art students since it contained so many beautiful photos and stories.

"It is very exciting for us to share this with the community," she said.

Students crowd R-Series for indie bands

BY JENN GUGLIELMINO

Staff Reporter

Indie rock bands Straylight Run and Nightmare of You performed for approximately 450 students Thursday night in the Scrounge at the final R-Series concert of the semester.

The Student Centers Programming Advisory Board sponsored the concert.

Senior Dan Langley, SCPAB's vice president for major events, said many student requests prompted the organization's middle agent to contact Straylight Run. The band agreed to take a break from recording their album to perform at the university.

Langley said Straylight Run asked Nightmare of You to accompany them as its opening act.

Nightmare of You, which formed in January, warmed up the crowd with songs such as "Yuengling" and "No Uniform is Gonna Keep You Warm."

Brandon Reilly, lead vocalist and guitarist, joked with the audience between songs.

"So, what's everyone's major?" he said.

Sophomore Kelly Reilly said she came out to her first R-Series event Thursday night, anxious to see both bands.

"This is my second time seeing Nightmare of You," she said. "I can't help but be amazed at their talent and group compatibility, especially for such a new band."

Following Nightmare of You's set was a brief comical presentation from the Tom Martin

Social Club.

Tom Martin, a personal friend of Straylight Run's front man and guitarist John Nolan, encouraged the audience to throw dimes on stage whenever he used the word "anarchy" during his performance. Students happily obliged, pelting the musician and the stage with 10-cent pieces.

Straylight Run took the stage next, performing old songs such as "A Slow Descent" along with newer recordings such as "Dignity and Money." John Nolan routinely switched to the keyboard, letting his sister Michelle Nolan play guitar and sing.

Straylight Run closed out its set by performing a fan-favorite, "Existentialism on Prom Night."

Freshman Frank Molfetta said he thought Straylight Run put on an amazing show.

"I've seen them a few times," he said, "and they get better every time."

Both bands include former members from popular punk bands. John Nolan and Shaun Cooper, bassist of Straylight Run, are former members of Taking Back Sunday. Straylight Run drummer, Will Noon, is a former member of Breaking Pangea.

Nightmare of You includes former Movie Life members Phil Navetta and Brandon Reilly.

"I was extremely pleased with the turnout," John Nolan said. "It was way more than I had expected, and we had a great time on stage."



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More than 450 students squeezed into the Scrounge Thursday night to hear Straylight Run and Nightmare of You perform at the semester's last R-Series event sponsored by SCPAB.

Canadian comedian cracks up Scrounge audience

BY ADRIAN MARTIN

Staff Reporter

Comedian Elvira Kurt entertained and advised an audience of approximately 100 people Friday night in the Scrounge at a free event sponsored by Haven and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Community Office.

Among some of Kurt's most laughable advice was likening college to playtime.

"What you have here is socially-sanctioned playtime, so sleep with anything that moves."

Kurt's opening act was Innocence Bellow, a university alumna who stunned the audience with her emotionally charged and politically conscious poetry.

Bellow said she was called at the last minute and was asked to stall because Kurt was running late.

"I didn't know what to do," she said with a laugh. "I've never been given unlimited time before with my

poetry."

Once Kurt arrived almost an hour and a half late, she got up on stage dressed in a black T-shirt and sweat pants. She appeared physically exhausted from her traveling ordeal, but turned it into a joke.

"I would have been here sooner, but I got an anal probe at the airport," she said, which caused an immediate explosion of laughter from the audience.

Kurt began her material with her unique views of college life. She sarcastically referred to bookstore employees as "neo-fascists" who love to play mind games with freshmen trying to sell books back.

"Well, this book is in excellent condition, here's a quarter," Kurt said with an evil grin.

The crowd enjoyed her act most when she spoke in a muffled tone and then immediately went into bursts of verbal outrage.

During her rant about the ridiculousness of technology, Kurt innocently asked why the toothbrush had been modified so much over the last several years.

"It's stick bristles, leave it alone!" she screamed without warning.

Kurt waited until the end of her set to perform her most recognizable material from her two specials on Comedy Central, which included her life as a lesbian and her Hungarian mother.

She explained that her native Toronto beat out San Francisco as the gay capital of North America.

"If ever there was an International Gay-Off, Toronto would win," she said.

As Kurt described her somewhat-strained relationship with her mother, she effortlessly switched back and forth between her mother's Hungarian accent and her own Canadian dialect.

To close the show, Kurt decided to make fun of her home country.

"You think of Canadians as your

retarded cousins," she said.

Kurt has spent most of her time touring both the United States and Canada doing stand-up. Aside from her work on Comedy Central, she has also appeared on HBO and won Best Female Comic at the 2001 Canadian Comedy Awards.

Even with all of her national exposure, Kurt said she loves performing on college campuses in front of small crowds.

"I am a performing monkey," she said.

Kurt said she thought the show went well and felt the audience was receptive. She said she attributed her 10 minutes of improvisation at the beginning of her set to the audience.

"When I go off on tangents, that shows how comfortable I am," she said.

Sophomore Carrie Bookman said she enjoyed the performance and was happy she had heard about it.

"Like eight people walked up to me

and asked, 'Are you going to the show?'" she said.

Jeanine Johnson said she made the trip down from Bluebell, Pa., to visit friends and see Kurt.

"I was in tears over some of the gay stuff," she said.

Senior Sasha Gamburg, president of Haven, said she originally asked the Student Centers Programming Advisory Board if they would bring Kurt to the campus, but they were already booked for the year. They suggested that she get Kurt herself.

"I realized I could use my power to my advantage," she said.

Gamburg, a long-time fan of Kurt's, said she thought the show was a great success.

"Hopefully Haven will invite her back," she said.

Final Fiesta celebrates with Mexican culture

BY MARIANA SALEM

Staff Reporter

Students were rewarded with a Mexican-style festival featuring food, music and free giveaways at the Student Centers Programming Advisory Board's Final Fiesta in the Trabant University Center Friday afternoon.

With the chosen Cinco de Mayo theme, Trabant looked like a vibrant fiesta as SCPAB members adorned with sombreros volunteered behind the line of tables that included fun-filled activities, such as caricatures, mocktails and plenty of free Mexican food.

Junior Kaitlin Hoffman, vice president of variety events, said the Final Fling is a traditional end of the year event organized by SCPAB.

"With Cinco de Mayo that just passed, we thought the theme would be one that many would enjoy," she said. "It gives it a party atmosphere."

Hoffman, along with six other committee members, brainstormed the activities for the event.

"We also consulted with HOLA members to make sure the event had a traditional Mexican feel," she said.

Despite the event having to be held indoors due to bad weather, Hoffman said there was a lot of positive feedback throughout the afternoon.

The Final Fiesta had plenty of free giveaways, including gift certificates from D.P. Dough, Coldstone Creamery and Bert's Music on East Main Street. Students also had the chance to win \$30 by guessing how many beans were in a jar.

Jazz-infused music filled the Trabant halls with the sounds of the Baltimore-based band Black-Eyed Susan. The self-described jazz, funk and rock and roll group said they found the event to be a perfect way to connect with a college crowd.

Band member Aaron Levy said the event was a great way to break into the college music scene.

"We've gotten good reception so far," he said.

Students showed their artistic side as they decorated mar-

garita-style fiesta glasses.

One of the most popular events included the body painting and balloon art of Lester and Susan McNeely. The husband and wife team, from Oak Park, Ill., have participated in the event for the last eight years.

"College students are even more enthusiastic than kids," Lester McNeely said.

Students eagerly lined up for Lester McNeely's creations that ranged from wild balloon hats to a palm tree with a monkey.

Sophomore Brian Sackey said he was happy with his balloon hat.

"I'll be wearing my hat throughout the day," he said.

Freshman Nicole Eryan, decorated in glittery body paint, said the Final Fling brought out the inner child in her.

"It's a good feeling," she said. "You should never let a thing like that go."

For many students passing through Trabant, the event caught them by surprise.

Freshman Erica Mongelli said she thought it was just

another day until she stepped through the doors of Trabant.

"Walking into Trabant was like walking around in a circus," she said.

Junior Justin Sager, a SCPAB member, said this was

one of the best Final Fling events he has attended.

"The theme this year you can tell makes people happy," he said.

Nancy Benderoth, staff assistant at Trabant for activities

and programming, said it is important to have such activities planned for students.

"It's the final event before exams," she said, "and it's a good way to mellow them out."

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Marijuana use rising within last decade

BY SARA HASYN

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Dependency and abuse among marijuana smokers has increased in the past 10 years, according to a study by the National Institute on Drug Abuse and the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

Wilson Compton, director of the division of epidemiological services and prevention research at the NIDA, which conducted the study, said 2.2 million people suffered from abuse and dependency problems associated with marijuana in 1992, and the number rose to 3 million in 2002.

"We found a whole lot more people suffered from abuse and dependency problems with marijuana than we expected," he said.

The study was conducted over two periods of time, Compton said, first from 1991 to 1992 and again from 2001 to 2002. Approximately 40,000 people participated in each study.

Ann Bradley, a press representative for the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, said the proportion of marijuana users remains constant at approximately 4 percent of the adult population.

It is important to realize the prevalence of mental disease associated with marijuana abuse is on the rise, she said.

"The results of the study indicate we missed an epidemic," Bradley said.

The survey is groundbreaking because it is the first measurement of the mental health disorders associated with marijuana abuse and dependency,

she said.

The American Psychiatric Association designed the criteria for the survey, Bradley said. The diagnostic criteria did not change over the time the two studies were conducted.

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The study is making people aware of the danger of marijuana and the harmful effects it can have on its users, he said.

Lana Harrison, sociology professor and university drug expert, said she does not fully agree that the number of those abusing marijuana has increased.

The increase in treatment of marijuana abusers can be attributed to the criminal justice system, she said. Now many people are sentenced to rehabilitative treatment instead of serving jail time.

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because of the lack of available space in neighborhood schools. Students in the Christina district must relocate to other schools because there are 3,000 more students than available seats.

When Delaware was relieved of its integration court order in 1995, many parents expected every child to go to the closest school to their neighborhoods, including high school and junior high school, Reed said. The judge, however, did not redefine the boundaries of the school system, resulting in an overwhelming number of students in the Christina district.

"Christina school district doesn't have a high school or a junior high school in Wilmington, so we had no choice but to bring the students out," he said. "That's where the 3,000 number comes from."

The poll, which was conducted for the Associated Press by Ipsos Public Affairs, sheds light on Americans' feelings about the correlation between school integration and the quality of education received by black, white and Hispanic students.

According to the poll, only 50 percent of those surveyed believe that white students' educations have been improved.

The poll also stated that while three-fourths of whites believe that integration has benefited the educations of black students, only approximately half of blacks felt that way.

Raffel said there are several factors causing this split in beliefs about public education.

"I think the major thing is that the life experiences of minorities are quite different than those of majorities," he said. "Another reason is that it is clear that there is a major gap in achievement between white and black and Hispanic students. The results, at least, are unequal."

Rossell said standardized tests are written in such a way that not all students can perform well. She believes this kind of testing is a factor in the imbalance of educational quality across races.

She said even if a student ranks below average, it does not mean the student performed poorly.

"It is as if they took half of the Olympic athletes and said they are doing terrible because they are ranking at the average or below," she said.

Raffel is skeptical on the authenticity of the results. Although the poll stated that 83 percent of Americans prefer that their children attend racially mixed schools.

"I wonder to what extent these answers are based on social acceptability," he said. "People don't want to seem racist or sound racist."

In the Spotlight
RISA COHN

A model student

Senior Risa Cohn is already intimately familiar with the hectic world of event planning.

The Long Island, N.Y., native started getting involved in planning events when she became the lead intern of public relations for the Jewish Heritage Program her sophomore year.

"I was given the empowerment," she said. "They assured me, 'You can do this.'"

Although Cohn said she was surprised when she was nominated for the position of social chairwoman of her sorority, she is now glad to have accepted the position.

"I think I found my niche doing this," she said.

Cohn is graduating in the spring with a degree from the College of Human Services, Education and Public Policy with a specialization in the Material World of Architecture and Dress.

In order to fulfill a service-learning requirement for her major, Cohn applied for an internship online, which could relate to her concentration.

Based on her experience with event planning, the position of assistant events coordinator was created for Cohn at the STEEL Model and Talent Agency in Bear.

"The first day I went to the agency I thought I was going to be surrounded by Victoria's Secret models," she said.

Cohn said she learned that not all models fit common-



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place stereotypes.

Models range from chubby toddlers to elderly women who work for HBO, she said.

Cohn's primary task for her internship this semester was to plan a fashion show to increase awareness about the agency.

The event, which will be held at Glasgow High School, will showcase some student models and is geared toward college students and the Newark community.

Cohn said she is in charge of the entire show, from hosting and planning to networking and designing.

"I've literally taken on every aspect of the show," she

said. "I'm under a lot of pressure. I'm an army of one."

Cohn said she would encourage students to attend the show on May 21, especially if they are interested in breaking into the fashion industry.

"It's a great way for students to network," she said. "A lot of professionals are going to show up."

Cohn is also currently writing a book to be used specifically by the agency about the intricacies of makeup.

"Right now," she said, "I'm dabbling."

— Christina Hernandez

Photographers explore the power of images

BY ANDY FRANKUM

Staff Reporter

Artists, journalists and writers are the only ones in our society that explain us to ourselves, Jonathon Blair, a photographer for "National Geographic" magazine, said to approximately 100 people Friday.

The presentation, titled "Inside the Yellow Border: The Art of National Geographic," consisted of two speakers.

Blair's most recent work covered the shipwreck and artifact recovery of the S.S. Republic.

Bert Fox, a National Geographic photography editor, sorts through thousands of photographs for each story to find the right ones to be published.

Both men spoke about the process of being a photographer and critiquing or editing photos.

Fox spoke mostly about how to develop criticism with photography and also explained the process it takes to get the location, stories and pictures found in each National Geographic issue.

Fox said the process is a long one.

First, the photographers must research the area to make sure it is safe, he said. Next, they travel abroad to take the actual photographs. The last

step in the process is editing, which entails sorting through thousands of photographs.

Fox said photojournalism consists of pictures that can give ideas to the viewer.

The two presenters also spoke on the difficult process of becoming a professional photographer for National Geographic.

Blair said he was a radio actor and park ranger before he became a photographer for the magazine.

Fox said he worked as a writer before he got his job as a photography editor.

Blair gave some encouraging words for students who are searching for a job in any field, not just photography.

"You undergraduates sometimes feel a little seasick about what you are going to do and how you're going to get there," he said. "But, don't panic. Listen to your thoughts and go where your feelings are the strongest and go where you feel passion."

Much of the presentation consisted of clips from the many assignments that Blair and Fox had worked on in the past, including photographs from their story covering the S.S. Republic, and many photographs of a story involving the climbing of Mt. Everest.

Blair's slide show of his past work consisted of everything from the glaciers of the North Pole to Italians covering themselves with mud in the morning.

For each picture, Blair gave his own critique and background story on how the photo was taken.

Sherry Wiernik, a first year graduate student and photographer, said she enjoyed the fact that the two men were not biased toward their photographs.

"It was my favorite when the photographers were critical of their own work," she said.

The photography program at the university sponsored the presentation.

Priscilla Smith, art professor, said this was the first time National Geographic has ever come to the university.

She said this presentation could reach out to more than just art students since it contained so many beautiful photos and stories.

"It is very exciting for us to share this with the community," she said.

Students crowd R-Series for indie bands

BY JENN GUGLIELMINO

Staff Reporter

Indie rock bands Straylight Run and Nightmare of You performed for approximately 450 students Thursday night in the Scrounge at the final R-Series concert of the semester.

The Student Centers Programming Advisory Board sponsored the concert.

Senior Dan Langley, SCPAB's vice president for major events, said many student requests prompted the organization's middle agent to contact Straylight Run. The band agreed to take a break from recording their album to perform at the university.

Langley said Straylight Run asked Nightmare of You to accompany them as its opening act.

Nightmare of You, which formed in January, warmed up the crowd with songs such as "Yuengling" and "No Uniform is Gonna Keep You Warm."

Brandon Reilly, lead vocalist and guitarist, joked with the audience between songs.

"So, what's everyone's major?" he said.

Sophomore Kelly Reilly said she came out to her first R-Series event Thursday night, anxious to see both bands.

"This is my second time seeing Nightmare of You," she said. "I can't help but be amazed at their talent and group compatibility, especially for such a new band."

Following Nightmare of You's set was a brief comical presentation from the Tom Martin

Social Club.

Tom Martin, a personal friend of Straylight Run's front man and guitarist John Nolan, encouraged the audience to throw dimes on stage whenever he used the word "anarchy" during his performance. Students happily obliged, pelting the musician and the stage with 10-cent pieces.

Straylight Run took the stage next, performing old songs such as "A Slow Descent" along with newer recordings such as "Dignity and Money." John Nolan routinely switched to the keyboard, letting his sister Michelle Nolan play guitar and sing.

Straylight Run closed out its set by performing a fan-favorite, "Existentialism on Prom Night."

Freshman Frank Molfetta said he thought Straylight Run put on an amazing show.

"I've seen them a few times," he said, "and they get better every time."

Both bands include former members from popular punk bands. John Nolan and Shaun Cooper, bassist of Straylight Run, are former members of Taking Back Sunday. Straylight Run drummer, Will Noon, is a former member of Breaking Pangea.

Nightmare of You includes former Movie Life members Phil Navetta and Brandon Reilly.

"I was extremely pleased with the turnout," John Nolan said. "It was way more than I had expected, and we had a great time on stage."



THE REVIEW/Jessica Duome

More than 450 students squeezed into the Scrounge Thursday night to hear Straylight Run and Nightmare of You perform at the semester's last R-Series event sponsored by SCPAB.

Canadian comedian cracks up Scrounge audience

BY ADRIAN MARTIN

Staff Reporter

Comedian Elvira Kurt entertained and advised an audience of approximately 100 people Friday night in the Scrounge at a free event sponsored by Haven and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Community Office.

Among some of Kurt's most laughable advice was likening college to playtime.

"What you have here is socially-sanctioned playtime, so sleep with anything that moves."

Kurt's opening act was Innocence Bellow, a university alumna who stunned the audience with her emotionally charged and politically conscious poetry.

Bellow said she was called at the last minute and was asked to stall because Kurt was running late.

"I didn't know what to do," she said with a laugh. "I've never been given unlimited time before with my

poetry."

Once Kurt arrived almost an hour and a half late, she got up on stage dressed in a black T-shirt and sweat pants. She appeared physically exhausted from her traveling ordeal, but turned it into a joke.

"I would have been here sooner, but I got an anal probe at the airport," she said, which caused an immediate explosion of laughter from the audience.

Kurt began her material with her unique views of college life. She sarcastically referred to bookstore employees as "neo-fascists" who love to play mind games with freshmen trying to sell books back.

"Well, this book is in excellent condition, here's a quarter," Kurt said with an evil grin.

The crowd enjoyed her act most when she spoke in a muffled tone and then immediately went into bursts of verbal outrage.

During her rant about the ridiculousness of technology, Kurt innocently asked why the toothbrush had been modified so much over the last several years.

"It's stick bristles, leave it alone!" she screamed without warning.

Kurt waited until the end of her set to perform her most recognizable material from her two specials on Comedy Central, which included her life as a lesbian and her Hungarian mother.

She explained that her native Toronto beat out San Francisco as the gay capital of North America.

"If ever there was an International Gay-Off, Toronto would win," she said.

As Kurt described her somewhat-strained relationship with her mother, she effortlessly switched back and forth between her mother's Hungarian accent and her own Canadian dialect.

To close the show, Kurt decided to make fun of her home country.

"You think of Canadians as your

retarded cousins," she said.

Kurt has spent most of her time touring both the United States and Canada doing stand-up. Aside from her work on Comedy Central, she has also appeared on HBO and won Best Female Comic at the 2001 Canadian Comedy Awards.

Even with all of her national exposure, Kurt said she loves performing on college campuses in front of small crowds.

"I am a performing monkey," she said.

Kurt said she thought the show went well and felt the audience was receptive. She said she attributed her 10 minutes of improvisation at the beginning of her set to the audience.

"When I go off on tangents, that shows how comfortable I am," she said.

Sophomore Carrie Bookman said she enjoyed the performance and was happy she had heard about it.

"Like eight people walked up to me

and asked, 'Are you going to the show?'" she said.

Jeanine Johnson said she made the trip down from Bluebell, Pa., to visit friends and see Kurt.

"I was in tears over some of the gay stuff," she said.

Senior Sasha Gamburg, president of Haven, said she originally asked the Student Centers Programming Advisory Board if they would bring Kurt to the campus, but they were already booked for the year. They suggested that she get Kurt herself.

"I realized I could use my power to my advantage," she said.

Gamburg, a long-time fan of Kurt's, said she thought the show was a great success.

"Hopefully Haven will invite her back," she said.

Final Fiesta celebrates with Mexican culture

BY MARIANA SALEM

Staff Reporter

Students were rewarded with a Mexican-style festival featuring food, music and free giveaways at the Student Centers Programming Advisory Board's Final Fiesta in the Trabant University Center Friday afternoon.

With the chosen Cinco de Mayo theme, Trabant looked like a vibrant fiesta as SCPAB members adorned with sombreros volunteered behind the line of tables that included fun-filled activities, such as caricatures, mocktails and plenty of free Mexican food.

Junior Kaitlin Hoffman, vice president of variety events, said the Final Fling is a traditional end of the year event organized by SCPAB.

"With Cinco de Mayo that just passed, we thought the theme would be one that many would enjoy," she said. "It gives it a party atmosphere."

Hoffman, along with six other committee members, brainstormed the activities for the event.

"We also consulted with HOLA members to make sure the event had a traditional Mexican feel," she said.

Despite the event having to be held indoors due to bad weather, Hoffman said there was a lot of positive feedback throughout the afternoon.

The Final Fiesta had plenty of free giveaways, including gift certificates from D.P. Dough, Coldstone Creamery and Bert's Music on East Main Street. Students also had the chance to win \$30 by guessing how many beans were in a jar.

Jazz-infused music filled the Trabant halls with the sounds of the Baltimore-based band Black-Eyed Susan. The self-described jazz, funk and rock and roll group said they found the event to be a perfect way to connect with a college crowd.

Band member Aaron Levy said the event was a great way to break into the college music scene.

"We've gotten good reception so far," he said.

Students showed their artistic side as they decorated mar-

garita-style fiesta glasses.

One of the most popular events included the body painting and balloon art of Lester and Susan McNeely. The husband and wife team, from Oak Park, Ill., have participated in the event for the last eight years.

"College students are even more enthusiastic than kids," Lester McNeely said.

Students eagerly lined up for Lester McNeely's creations that ranged from wild balloon hats to a palm tree with a monkey.

Sophomore Brian Sackey said he was happy with his balloon hat.

"I'll be wearing my hat throughout the day," he said.

Freshman Nicole Eryan, decorated in glittery body paint, said the Final Fling brought out the inner child in her.

"It's a good feeling," she said. "You should never let a thing like that go."

For many students passing through Trabant, the event caught them by surprise.

Freshman Erica Mongelli said she thought it was just

another day until she stepped through the doors of Trabant.

"Walking into Trabant was like walking around in a circus," she said.

Junior Justin Sager, a SCPAB member, said this was

one of the best Final Fling events he has attended.

"The theme this year you can tell makes people happy," he said.

Nancy Benderoth, staff assistant at Trabant for activities

and programming, said it is important to have such activities planned for students.

"It's the final event before exams," she said, "and it's a good way to mellow them out."

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Local store program promotes fair trade

BY JIA DIN

Staff Reporter

African dancing and drumming, free food samples and a variety of fair trade crafts from around the world were part of Village Imports' celebration of World Fair Trade Day Saturday.

Carol Boncelet, owner of Village Imports, said many stores around the world also held events Saturday to promote fair trade and this is the third year her store has participated in the occasion.

"It's important to let our customers know that it's a worldwide movement and to expose fair trade products," she said. "All over the world people are doing the same kind of thing."

Fair trade respects the people who

make the products and the environment, she said. There is no child labor, sweatshops or bad environmental practices involved in fair trade.

Janet Peck, who has studied African dance extensively and teaches classes in Newark once a week, led an in-store West African dance demonstration before a crowd of approximately 45 people.

Peck and her West African dance and drum ensemble, called N'Bönyé, danced to the beats of African drums while the audience clapped along.

"These dances are very expressive," she said. "It's a nice opportunity to let one's own self be expressed through the movements."

Peck and her group performed vari-

ations of two traditional dances: an initiation dance and the dance of seduction. Audience members were encouraged to participate in learning the steps, and many had fun trying to emulate Peck's fast movements.

Senior Amanda Tuttle said it was by chance that she came to the event but was glad that she did.

She said she was glad to have participated in the quick West African dance lesson.

"I just jumped up there because I like to dance anyway," she said. "I think I'm going to check out the class because it was a lot of fun."

Attendants enjoyed free samples of fair trade coffee and chocolate from countries such as Ethiopia, Colombia

and Ecuador as they browsed the store's assortment of unique products.

World music, such as Asian, Hispanic and Brazilian songs, played in the background as attendants shopped and conversed.

Boncelet said more than 60 countries are represented as producers of the merchandise in the store. People in small villages form cooperatives and handcraft the items, which ensures a fair wage and a safe work environment.

Graduate student Liz Robinson, an employee of Village Imports, said shopping at the store in the United States can help people in undeveloped countries.

"Fair trade is a good way to improve the world just by being a conscious consumer," she said. "A lot of

people don't think about where their products are coming from and don't think about who made them."

Alessandra Bravo, a representative for Lucuma Designs, said she was very pleased with the event, as it is important to educate the community about fair trade.

Lucuma Designs aims to help artisans mainly from Peru export their products and earn better wages.

"We're trying to present an alternative model that's workable and we're hoping other people will follow and make a difference," she said. "It is possible that there can be a more just world."

E-52 hosts Monologue show

BY DAMIEN DITTBERNER

Staff Reporter

Nine students performed pieces ranging from a satire of "Little Red Riding Hood" to scenes from movies and plays at E-52's second Monologue Competition Friday night in Bacchus Theater.

Senior Daniel Krause, who tied for second place, performed an original piece for the approximately 20 students in attendance.

"Imagine your heartbeat," he said. "Listen to it. It's a good sound. Soothing, rhythmic."

The piece was about his grandfather's death, which happened a week after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

Krause said he wrote the monologue over the summer "for the heck of it" and decided to perform it only after informally polling those in attendance.

Junior Andrew Mitchell, publicity chair for E-52 and organizer and moderator of the event, said the competition was open to everyone.

While many who attended were not E-52 members, he said most of the performers were part of the student theatre organization.

Senior Aladrian Crowder, who won the competition, said it was his first time competing in an event such as the monologues. She reprised her role from E-52's fall performance of "Titus Andronicus."

"I just decided to do it off the top of my

head," she said. "I still remember it from last year."

Sophomore Jess Chauvin said it was her first time acting in two years, and since E-52 was done with its shows for the year, this would be her first and last opportunity to perform this semester.

She said after switching from a theater major to hotel and restaurant institutional management, she had not performed and missed it.

"Usually you go from waitress to actor," Chauvin said, "but I went the other way."

She performed a scene from "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington," using props to mimic the letters actor James Stewart tossed around in a rage in the film.

Chauvin said she chose to perform the scene because the movie is one of her favorites.

"Every time I see that film it moves me," she said. "James Stewart should have won an Oscar — he was robbed."

Sophomore Michele Sloan said she attended to support a friend and had a great time.

"It was fun," she said. "It was something different."

Allan Carlsen, theater professor, judged the performances and said he imagined he was a director of a play or movie that might see 400 tryouts in a day.

"I asked myself, 'How did it strike me?'" he said. "We all want to be blown out of our seats. I was looking for a complete performance piece."

Components of a complete performance include how well the students used their voices and bodies as instruments to convey the qualities of the character and the piece they were performing, Carlsen said.

Mitchell said the competition, which was last held in fall 2002, was put on in the hope of drawing more students who like to act.

"E-52 likes to do smaller scale things to give people the chance to perform," he said.

The competition is also a great place for those who already perform to further showcase their talents, Mitchell said.

"This allows people to practice and heighten their experience," he said.

Mitchell said he hopes to turn the Monologue Competition into an annual event with many more performers and publicity.

"This is actually the fifth time we've tried to do it this year," he said.

Prizes for those who placed were copies of Mitchell himself enjoyed and wanted others to have a chance to read, he said. Crowder's first place prize was "A Dream of Passion" by Lee Strasberg.



THE REVIEW/Sara Streeter

Visitors examine artwork for sale at the Newark Arts Alliance's annual spring fundraiser.

NAA sponsors annual auction

BY SARA STREETER

Staff Reporter

At the Newark Arts Alliance third annual auction and gala Friday night, approximately 165 Newark residents had an opportunity to buy a variety of artwork and support the non-profit organization.

"Brush with Fame: Tempt Your Palette," held at the Newark Country Club, was the NAA's biggest fundraiser of the year.

Terri Gillespie, public relations coordinator for the NAA, said the event has grown bigger each year and this year raised approximately \$23,500.

At \$25 a ticket, the event drew artists, writers and other supporters of the local organization, she said.

"It's a nice, classy event people can get dressed up for," Gillespie said. "They can socialize and buy some great art."

The money will be used to fund operation costs, programs and projects for the NAA's new location in the Grainery Station on Elkton Road, she said.

The event's theme changes each year, she said, and this year's title "Tempt Your Palette" encouraged people to feed their appetite for art.

Gillespie said the theme also tied in with the delicious buffet at the gala.

Upon entering, guests received a long paintbrush with a colorful bow tied around it. Guests then used the paintbrush to bid on items in the live auction. Gillespie said the unique tradition was carried over from the NAA's first auction.

The band Swing Samba Soul performed for guests as they placed bids on items.

The event also featured a silent auction, which included approximately 100 donated items, from artwork to art services and merchant baskets.

The artwork included paintings, mosaics, painted silk, jewelry, photographs and many other mediums.

The auction consisted of baskets such as "Bee My Honey," in which the bidder received a two-hour bee-keeping lesson and jar of honey. Another basket, "Queer Eye for the Newark Guy," included a haircut, tan and gym mem-

bership.

Gillespie said the auction had a great deal to offer bidders.

"The more times you walk around the room, the more you see," she said.

Bidders also had the opportunity to mingle with celebrity guests. Delaware's poet Laureate, Fleda Brown, and the university's head football coach, K.C. Keeler, both spoke.

Keeler said he and his family are interested in art and were impressed with the organization's programs and goals.

"There's a mission they want to accomplish," he said.

Auctioneer Jeffrey Seemans warmed up the crowd for the live auction with several university items, including a championship football signed by Keeler at the event.

The football was later auctioned off at a price of \$300.

Gillespie said the event offered everything from the art of painting to the art of football.

Most of the live auction items were art, such as "Klondike Kate's," a mixed media piece created by Pam Bounds-Seemans.

She said many of her pieces have been of Newark landmarks, and this work was the largest Klondike Kate's piece she has ever painted.

Being one of the NAA's earliest members, Bounds-Seemans said she participates regularly in the group's auctions.

In last year's auction, one of her pieces sold for \$300, she said.

"I'm usually the aggressive artist," Bounds-Seemans said. "I look the guests in the eye."

Graduate student JoAnn Balingit, a member of the NAA, said when she joined the group she was impressed that it included writers.

"It's a very active organization," she said. "It's a group of people who work to keep the arts in view."

Balingit said she was moved by the amount of donated work at the event and was especially interested in the beautiful jewelry.

"I can't quite take it all in," she said.

DRDC steals spotlight at Mitchell

BY TIM PARSONS

Staff Reporter

In a flurry of bright lights and colorful costumes, the Delaware Repertoire Dance Company held its annual spring concert Friday and Saturday night in front of a packed house at Mitchell Hall.

This year's event was titled "Express Yourself" and covered a broad range of dances, including hip-hop, ballet and tap.

The show opened with a piece called "September '99," which had a late 1980s feel with bright colors and upbeat dancing. One of the dancers even had a Skip-It tethered to her ankle.

Some of the men in the DRDC performed to the song "Stayin' Alive" by the Bee Gees, which included an artistic fight scene to end the piece.

All the dances were not upbeat and fast-paced, as some ballet pieces were incorporated to slow down the tempo and change the pace of the show.

Amid screams of "I love Kellie!" and "Yeah, Nicole!" the dancers performed to contemporary songs such as "Milkshake" by Kelis, "Baby Boy" by Scott Storch, LLC and Beyonce Knowles and "I'm Lovin' It" by Justin Timberlake.

The show also included older songs such as "Sparkling Diamonds" by Leo Robin and Jule Styne, "Big Spender" by Douglas

Besterman and Ralph Burns and "Motown Philly" by Boyz II Men.

The Y-Chromes performed twice and sang "You're a God" by Vertical Horizon and "One Week" by The Barenaked Ladies.

This year's senior dance was a mix of music from Madonna, including "Vogue," "Like a Virgin" and "Express Yourself."

Senior Jessica McClellan, a member of DRDC, said the "Express Yourself" theme was chosen by seniors as a tribute to Madonna.

She said the dancers put a tremendous amount of work into preparing for the show.

"We started rehearsals at the beginning of the semester," McClellan said. "The week before the show, we put in so many more hours than normal."

She said she was pleased with how the shows turned out over the weekend.

"I thought it was really awesome," McClellan said. "All of the girls looked great in the dances and the crowd really got into it."

She said she always gets excited to perform.

"Getting up to perform for everyone is a great feeling because we get to show off all our hard work," McClellan said.

Sophomore Pat Sims said he was glad he went to see the show.

"The girls were beautiful and danced well," he said. "That and the Y-Chromes and their hilarious antics were well worth it."

Junior Kyle Zeller said he also enjoyed the show.

"I thought it was really well done," he said. "I loved 'Unfaithful,' the second ballet piece, and I thought 'Baby Boy' and 'Milkshake' were good too."

McClellan said this event is the only show the DRDC holds all year, but the dancers participate in events with other campus groups as well. The DRDC will be performing next weekend at the Golden Blues' spring concert.

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Requirements

Undergraduates will now have a few more requirements to fulfill before they can get their diploma.

The Faculty Senate voted to change undergraduate requirements at its meeting last week.

One new provision calls for all first-year students to participate in either the LIFE program, a Pathways To Discovery interdisciplinary thematic course, a first year seminar or Honors Program colloquium.

Another requirement will ensure that all undergraduates entering in fall 2005 or later must take a three-credit internship, service learning course, independent study, research program or Study Abroad program.

The first provision may not seem to be quite overbearing, but the second carries much more potential to overburden students.

The Review feels that students already face problems trying to get the courses they need to graduate. Academic departments are having difficulty getting professors to teach classes. How can the university add more requirements when these issues are still unsolved?

Students are already rewarded for participation in community service, internship and research programs. But this participation should not be forced upon all undergraduates.

Internships can be difficult to get and Study Abroad is a costly undertaking. In addition, many majors have such rigid schedules that more requirements may force these students to stay an extra semester.

It is unrealistic and unfair to impose these new requirements on all students.

Review This:

New undergraduate requirements are an unnecessary and impractical burden on students.

Pike Creek

High levels of human waste and bacteria were found in Pike Creek after recent testing by the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control.

In fact, 27 percent of the bacteria tested from the creek was from human sewage sources.

It cannot be expected that surface water will have no contamination, but this is an alarming amount, especially considering Pike Creek flows into White Clay Creek, which is used for drinking water.

Septic tanks and cesspools around Pike Creek have not been renovated to adhere to govern-

ment standards established for Delaware water cleanliness.

Whether this is a residential problem, or one that requires governmental intervention, this issue needs an immediate solution.

If changes were made to the septic systems once the new standards were set, this contamination could have been prevented.

The public needs to be notified about the contamination and actions need to be taken to rectify the current situation and prevent future contamination of Delaware water.

Review This:

The high level of waste in Pike Creek is a disturbing problem that needs immediate attention.

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Letters to the Editor

Editorial oversimplified issue of military draft

"Military draft uncertain, but scary prospect" (Joey Cardella, May 7 issue of The Review) is a poorly researched, misleading and sensationalist column. Mr. Cardella claims that the Bush Administration has plans to begin additional wars and toward that end, "they" plan to institute a draft proved by a pair of bills in Congress that would require two years of service, mandatory for all Americans ages 18 to 26.

Although represented as the work of the White House (separation of powers anyone?) the writer is referring to Senator Hollings' Senate Bill 89 and Representative Rangel's House Resolution 163. These men are Democrats, mind you- hardly "Bush and his cronies" as implied. Far from intending to make it easier for the president to start wars, Rangel is a Korean War veteran who instituted that legislation for precisely the opposite reason. He stated that decision-makers considering going to war "would be better influ-

enced against it if they had kids that would be placed in harm's way." Of course, neither bill has any chance of passing; both have already been pigeonholed.

Why? Even leaving aside the political repercussions of doing so, reinstituting a draft is a practical impossibility in the modern age. Soldier training is a long process these days; depending on the service and occupational specialty, a draftee's enlistment period would be half or completely over by the time training was complete. Even leaving aside the issue of how inefficient a return on training that would be, those training centers simply could not handle an influx of millions more recruits. There are about three million men and women in the U.S. military already, and roughly 15-20 million eligible for the draft. It costs tens of thousands of dollars to train a single soldier. In addition to that, where would the billions of dollars per month to feed, clothe, house, equip, and pay millions of new draftees come from?

Mr. Cardella's comparisons between the war in Iraq and Vietnam are equally unconvincing. Compare the number of combat deaths in Vietnam (47,414) and Iraq (550).

The cost in American lives in Iraq is about 1.1 percent the death toll in Vietnam. And no, Cardella's statement that Iraq has caused "more military casualties than all the years since the end of Vietnam" is not accurate either. Sadly, during that interim, a significant number of American soldiers lost their lives in smaller scale conflicts and peacekeeping operations. Combat deaths in Lebanon, Panama, Somalia, Haiti, Persian Gulf I, and Afghanistan together number about 565.

I agree with Mr. Cardella that the American people should not take the prospect of fighting further wars lightly, nor blindly support the president in such endeavors. But I cannot condone the irresponsible appeal to readers' fears for personal safety that he makes. For the past 30 years and for the foreseeable future, it is America's professional, volunteer soldiers who have and will bear the burden of defending America and its interests abroad.

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Gas prices and tempers escalate



Tom Monaghan
Random Complaints

What the hell is nine tenths of a cent, anyway?

Who do you think you are fooling, Exxon? Not me, I assure you! Capitalist pigs!

I'm sorry to vent on you like that, but I am still reeling from paying \$1.91 and nine tenths of a cent for a single gallon of gasoline.

Ah, the harbinger of summer. What goes better with warm weather than astronomical gas prices?

I'll tell you what — freaking anything.

With the average price for a gallon of gas in the United States hovering at approximately \$1.93, fuel costs are becoming more of a burden for American families.

Thankfully, the lowest price for gas can be found in Bordentown, N.J. where you don't even have to get out of your car to have some underemployed peon fill your tank at \$1.61 a gallon.

It is just too bad one actually has to go to Jersey to take advantage of this deal.

The highest prices can be found, surprise surprise, in California, where a Bridgeport station has actually convinced people to pay a little over three dollars for one pathetic, measly gallon of gasoline.

Of course, as shocking as these prices are, most of the world pays much more for their petroleum fixes.

Throughout most of Europe, prices can soar well over \$5 (U.S.) a gallon. Rest assured, they have a hearty laugh whenever they hear of stupid Americans crying because they have to pay almost \$2.

The reason that gas prices have soared recently is because, well ... I don't know.

Prices for gas are dictated by the price of a barrel of crude oil. This price, by and large, is dictated by the 11 states that comprise the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

This cabal is known by the initialization OPEC, but if you really needed me to tell you that, you should probably stop reading, because this will all be way over your head.

Although many other countries, including Russia, export oil to the world market, OPEC provides for more than 40 percent of all exported oil. This may seem like a lot, but OPEC countries have almost 70 percent of the world's known oil.

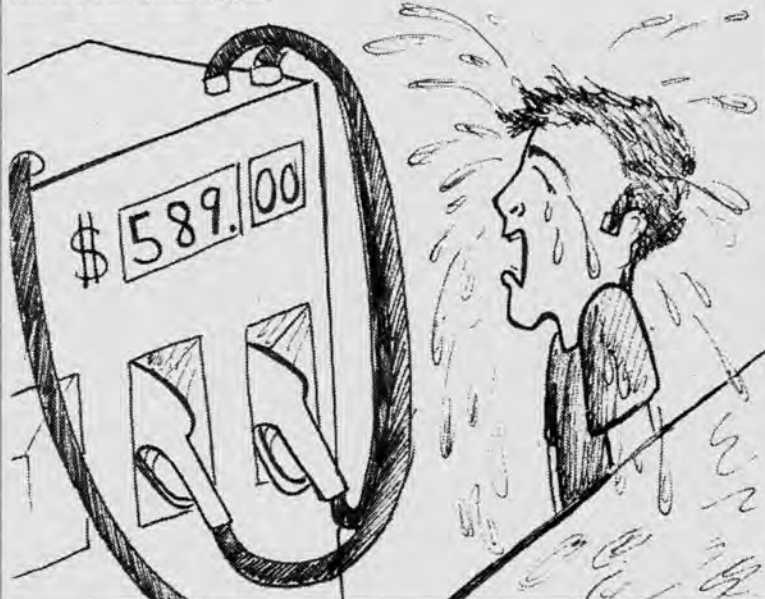
This discrepancy means that OPEC countries purposely limit the amount of oil they extract and export to ensure that they can keep supply slightly lower than demand and therefore justify continually raising prices.

You've got to love capitalism.

The countries that comprise OPEC are a motley assortment of Arab dictatorships (and Venezuela, who somehow fell into the wrong crowd), most of which are either puppets supported by the United States or rabidly anti-American fanatics.

A big player on the OPEC scene, Saudi Arabia somehow fits into both of these categories. Their ambassador to the United States, Prince Bandar, was given access to the war plans for the invasion of Iraq and was informed about the decision to go to war before our Secretary of State, Colin Powell.

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The Saudi government has also refused to stop its citizens from financing international terrorist activities, most of which are aimed at either the United States or Israel.

Need I even say anything about the most famous Saudi family, the bin Ladens?

Even if I don't, I am anyway, just so I can bring it all back to Bush.

The bin Ladens, some of the richest Saudis (and that is saying a lot) were some of the principal investors in the Carlyle Group, a multi-billion dollar company run by Washington insiders whose offices are situated on Pennsylvania Avenue between the White House and the Capital Building.

The bin Ladens liquidated their holdings in the group after coming under attack from people who pointed out that they stood to make a fortune off the "war on terror" that their son started.

Actually, to be more specific, they stood to make a fortune off of the war on terror started by the son of another key member of the Carlyle Group, George Herbert Walker Bush.

How does this all relate to gas prices? Well, people respond to money more than anything. President George W. Bush wants to continue to wage the war on terror, the war on despotism and the war on Islam because it will make his dad and his Saudi friends a whole lot of money.

The mounting U.S. deaths have made the war in Iraq increasingly unpopular, and with an election coming up, the powers that be need a way to grab votes without actually changing their policies.

Enter the Saudis, who cut a deal with George W. Bush to increase oil production in the fall to drop prices at the pump and allow Bush to get the credit for it.

Don't be fooled. When gas prices inevitably drop in the fall, don't thank Bush. Use the lower prices to soak his effigy that much more.

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What would James Madison say about a day of prayer?



Mike Fox
Will Write For Food

Me: President James Madison, Father of the Constitution, sir, would you support Congress passing a federal law mandating an annual National

Day of Prayer on the first Thursday of May as it has?

Madison: "They seem to imply and certainly nourish the idea of a national religion."

Me: But Congress isn't forcing anyone to participate, and it is a nondenominational exercise, is it not?

Madison: "Altho' recommendations only, they imply a religious agency, making no part of the trust delegated to political rulers."

Me: Can't Congress encourage Americans to exercise their faiths?

Madison: "Governments ought not to interpose in relation to those subjects to their authority but in cases where they can do it with effect. An advisory government is a contradiction in terms."

Me: But why not unite the nation spiritually as a patriotic exercise?

Madison: "The idea also of a union of all to form one nation under one government in acts of devotion to the God of all is an imposing idea. But reason and the principles of the Christian religion require that all the individuals composing a nation even of the same precise creed and wished to unite in a universal act of religion at the same time, the union ought to be effected thro' the intervention of their religious not of their political representatives."

Me: Even if the National Day of Prayer celebrations are mostly Christian, that's the majority religion, isn't it?

Madison: "In a nation composed of various sects, some alienated widely from others, and where no agreement could take place thro' the former, the interposition of the latter is doubly wrong."

Me: What if it was simply the president making a proclamation with no legislative codification?

Madison: "Religious proclamations by the Executive recommending thanksgivings and fasts are shoots from the same root with the legislative acts reviewed."

Me: Isn't a National Day of Prayer something that can unite the two parties?

Madison: "Candid or incautious politicians will not always disown such views. In truth it is difficult to frame such a religious Proclamation generally suggested by a political State of things, without referring to them in terms having some bearing on party questions."

Me: But isn't instilling spirituality going to inadvertently offend a small few?

Madison: "To say that his religious principles are obnoxious or that his sect is small, is to lift the evil at once and exhibit in its naked deformity the doctrine that religious truth is to be tested by numbers or that the major sects have a right to govern the minor."

Me: Mr. Madison, the National Day of Prayer can merely be a reaffirmation of America's spiritual heritage, can't it?

Madison: "The idea just as it related to the Jewish nation under a theocracy, having been improperly adopted by so many nations which have embraced Christianity, is too apt to lurk in the bosoms even of Americans, who in general are aware of the distinction between religious and political societies."

Me: In a representative republic such as the United States, Congress is merely adopting laws in accordance of what its constituents want, right?

Madison: "They cannot form an ecclesiastical Assembly, Convocation, Council, or Synod, and as such issue decrees injunctions addressed to the faith or the Consciences of the people. In their individual capacities, as distinct from their official station, they might unite recommendations of any sort whatever, in the same manner as any other individuals might do."

Me: Religious groups have the right to petition Congress just as much as everyone else, correct?

Madison: "Strongly guarded as is the separation between Religion and Government in the Constitution of the United States the danger of encroachment by Ecclesiastical Bodies, may be illustrated by precedents already furnished in their short history."

Me: Then again, Congress has had its own publicly subsidized chaplains since your day, right? That can't also be unconstitutional.

Madison: "The establishment of the chaplainship to Congress is a palpable violation of equal rights, as well as of Constitutional principles. If Religion consist in voluntary acts of individuals, singly, or voluntarily associated, and it be proper that public functionaries, as well as their Constituents should discharge their religious duties, let them like their Constituents, do it at their own expense."

Me: Well then, Mr. Madison, how do you interpret the Constitution's promise of religious freedom?

Madison: "The Constitution of the U.S. forbids everything like an establishment of a national religion."

— As written in James Madison's "Memoranda," ca. 1817-1832

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Ralph Nader, it's time to step down



Camille Clowery
WTF?!

Two's company, three's a crowd. And in this election

campaign, Ralph Nader is one candidate too many.

Don't me wrong; I'm no Nader hater. I have nothing against Ralph Nader. I think he's a great guy. Like many Democrats and Independents, he disagrees with Bush's policies and the direction this country is taking under Bush's leadership.

This is why he is running for president, but this is also why he should bow out and give the Democratic candidate John Kerry a better shot at winning the election.

Third parties, like the Green Party, provide voters with an alternative, and the freedom to vote for these parties is important to the democratic process.

But does anyone really think Nader has a chance of winning?

If so, I have a bridge I can sell you.

I'm saying this at the risk of getting jumped

by the Campus Greens on my way to class, but I think those who support Nader would also agree that the main priority this election is to oust Bush.

Nader, like any other third party candidate, has no chance in hell of winning.

Although he has every right to join Bush and Kerry on the ticket, Nader, like many past third party candidates, elicits votes from those who would otherwise choose the Democratic candidate.

To put it more simply, Nader hurts Kerry's chances of winning. That's serious when the direction of our country is at stake, and this is why Nader should step down.

A Gallup poll released May 6 lists Bush and Kerry in a dead heat at 47 percent each and Nader at 3 percent.

You do the math. Three percent seems like a tiny number, but in such a tight race Nader could make the difference in whether Bush wins or loses.

The 1992 election is one example of how third party candidates can impact an election. Although the Independent candidate Ross Perot did not win any electoral votes, he won 19 percent of the popular vote, a significant percentage for a third party candidate.

Let's face it. Is anyone really that enthralled

with the democratic candidate John Kerry?

If you're like me, you may like Kerry's proposals, but you like him even more and will vote for him in November for one very simple reason. He's not Bush.

This election is especially polarizing and comes down to one simple choice: you're either pro-Bush or anti-Bush.

There's much more at stake in this election than in 2000 when Nader ran because many people, myself included, are unhappy with the direction this country is taking.

Not only will the results impact our wallets, employment and education, but the outcome will affect the ongoing war in Iraq and the U.S. role in international affairs.

This is why Nader should bow out, let the two viable candidates tear at each other's throats and allow Kerry to have the best shot possible at garnering votes.

Nader's campaign Web site states, "To say someone is a 'spoiler' is to relegate all third-party and independent candidates to second class citizenship. America does not belong to two parties."

No, I don't think third parties are the devil. They do have play a certain role in the election process by shedding light on issues that might otherwise remain in the background.

But whether you like it or not, the U.S. political system favors two major political parties, and therefore two serious candidates.

In a country dominated by middle-of-the-road voters, third parties simply lack the momentum to produce credible candidates.

It's time to stop beating around the bush (pun intended) and get to the real point: voting for Nader is effectively throwing your vote away.

You, with the hemp necklace and "Love animals don't eat them" bumper sticker: If you really care about the outcome of this election, put down your "Vote Nader" sign and use your vote to throw Bush off his high horse.

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Best of Newark



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Best date: Bowling

If garlic breath, inflated menu prices and awkward silences don't sound like the epitome of first date heaven to you, then a night of bowling might be right up your alley.

Brunswick Blue Hen Lanes, tucked away in the 'bowl'els of Newark Shopping Center, is just one of the many first date options within walking distance of the university and yet it offers so much more than the typical restaurant or movie theater.

It's got big balls, little balls and all the ball sizes in between. It's got a snack shop where you can feed your appetite with some chicken fingers or pizza and a bar where you can quench your thirst with a frosty beer or five. It's even got a DJ and karaoke on some nights. And who can forget College Night every Wednesday — just show your ID and bowl all night for \$6.99. Talk about a deal.

Bowling may not be the most glamorous date, but it ensures the best chances of having a good time as opposed to a trendy restaurant or crappy action movie. Forget constantly trying to think of things to say and worrying about how you look and sound — the butterflies in your stomach will disappear with the physical activity. Yes, unless you are a professional, you will look like a complete idiot while bowling. And that's precisely the beauty of it. Your clumsy efforts and incredible lack of skill will provide endless topics of

conversation. Nothing breaks the ice better than a good laugh.

Guys, do not be afraid of losing to a girl. If your ego can't handle the burn of getting a 70 while she bowls a 170, then you have some serious growing up to do. Plus, losing is better than it sounds. Her merciless teasing is really flirting in disguise. If you can learn to laugh at yourself and take the taunting without breaking a sweat, she'll see how self-assured you really are. And you'll be necking on the walk home before you know it.

Girls, do not be afraid of a little physical activity. So you have to exchange your three-inch heels for a pair of sexy pre-worn bowling shoes and the equally sexy aroma that comes with them. So you have to risk breaking a nail by picking up and throwing a ball down a lane. So you may get a little flustered and a few hairs may fall out of place. But, guys appreciate a girl who is up for anything, including getting a little dirty. If you can go with the flow and have a good time no matter the situation, he will surely take notice. It will prove that you are not one of those girls who is only impressed by an expensive and extravagant evening. A second date will be sure to follow.

— Erin Fogg

Best parking: Nowhere

Students looking for a safe place to park their car for free and dodge the wrath of public safety should instead be looking for a bike or maybe a nice scooter.

While some think they can understand the ways of public safety and their ticketing methods, they really can't.

Public Safety has been known to pop up out of holes in the ground armed with plenty of those little white envelopes at all hours and in any and every parking lot.

Somehow, they already know exactly where illegally parked cars will be before the driver can even take the keys out of the ignition.

Dishing out the \$300 to \$500 for a parking permit still cannot stop the attack of white envelopes on a car.

Almost all student parking permits are only good for one lot. Even after paying hundreds of dollars to park, if a student parks anywhere other than the one assigned a \$20 or more ticket will still be waiting.

Just when people think they can out-smart those crafty little public safety devils by "accidentally misplacing" one of those un-paid white envelopes. They cannot.

If tickets are not paid on time, an added charge will be tacked on to the original ticket, to completely end any chance of students ever eating or going to the bar again.

Plans to completely boycott these tickets and just hide in the nearest bush anytime you see those sneaky white trucks coming also will not work. If all fees are not paid to public safety by the end of four years, you cannot graduate.

Actually, at last year's graduation ceremony it was rumored that there was a public safety attack on students with outstanding parking fees. Apparently a white truck pulled up and tarred and "white enveloped" a number of people. They threw the students into the back of the truck and drove them out of the stadium, never to be seen again.

So basically the best place to park without getting caught is nowhere.

Some may cackle when seeing people cruising through Newark on a scooter or roller skates instead of their BMW. But hey, at least these people can still eat and go to the bar.

— Leah Conway



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Best sex spot: White Clay Creek

Sick of staring up at that Britney Spears poster hanging over his ceiling? Is her roommate "sexiling" you? Has WD40 not made the bed stop squeaking?

Scraping together the loose change to visit White Clay Creek State Park, located just off of New London Road, may be the best couple bucks you will ever spend in college.

Skip the bird watching and the disc golf and go straight to the sex. With its 3,384 acres, privacy is assured and the possibilities are endless.

A picnic basket (watch out for Yogi) and a blanket are all that is needed to make this sexual excursion a success, although bug spray and a compass may not hurt.

It's perfect for the busy couple who doesn't have time to recycle or plant crab grass but still wants to get back to nature while also spicing up their sex lives.

The Lifecourse Fitness Trail, outfitted with various work-out stations equipped with apparatuses to help stay physically fit, is perfect for the sexually outgoing duo. Try

incorporating them into your sexual triathlon and impress a passing mountain biker or two.

With picnic tables, rocks, grass and even tree branches to chose from, going back to that twin bed may seem lame, especially since a more captive audience would be hard to find. Feel like a star in a naughty Disney movie, as all the wild animals gather 'round for a peek. Afterward, cool off in the creek while you skinny-dip and give the local fishermen a thrill.

As squirrels scramble to find the last of the nuts they hid over the winter, you too can get in touch with your inner squirrel. Just be sure to watch out for curious children wandering off from their family barbecue at the park's pavilion. Also beware of stray bullets during hunting season. Then there is poison ivy — you'll want to watch out for that, too.

Whatever you do, don't light any candles in hopes of adding ambiance or romance. After all, it would be pretty embarrassing to be caught in the buff by Smokey the Bear.

— Jocelyn Jones

Best dessert: Bings Bakery

At one end of Main Street sits a quiet establishment, a fixture of the Newark community for more than 50 years.

Walking into Bings Bakery, the combination of sugar, flour and shortening create a delectable aroma while the inviting glass cases filled with cakes, torts, cupcakes and pies line the perimeter of the shop.

Many businesses on Main Street come, go and relocate, but Bings has been a mainstay since 1946.

"We make the best product we know how," says Mrs. Selena Bing, owner of the bakery, "and use the best ingredients, too."

Mrs. Bing and her husband met while they were schoolteachers near Altoona, Pa. Her husband, who had a trade in baking, decided to give the bakery business a try. Together, they left the teaching profession and opened Bings Bakery in Newark.

Known for their torts, the bakery offers a dozen different varieties while their petit-fours are a popular seller as well. Mrs. Bing insists on using the best flour, shortening and butter to create a taste unique to the bakery, whose three bakers come in at 3 a.m. to mix, pour and mold their treats.

The cake bakers are a separate staff that come in at 7 a.m. to begin the baking process. The final product is a display of chocolate cake with frosting perfectly decorated around the edges, cupcakes not too small, not too big and a large, round vanilla cake with gooey frosting urging to be eaten.

If a springtime sugary treat, a birthday cake specially made for a roommate or a cookie to sweet-talk your professor before grades are posted is needed, head down Main Street to the best place in Newark to get dessert.

— Katie Grasso



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Best coffee shop: Brew Ha Ha!

With the variety of coffee shops, cafés and restaurants to choose from on Main Street, it's sometimes hard to decide where to go to get a good cup of joe.

Students looking for an assortment of coffee, espresso and chai tea, along with tasty bagels, pastries and homemade sandwiches should go to Brew Ha Ha! in the Main Street Galleria if they want a quick coffee without a long wait.

The small espresso café offers a cozy indoor atmosphere, which is great for catching up with friends or sprawling out on a corner table for a last minute study session. Customers who want a breath of fresh air can sit on the patio and enjoy their favorite treats.

Aside from the first-rate coffee and scrumptious food, Brew Ha Ha! is staffed with polite and kind employees who make drinks quickly, adding to the pleasant atmosphere and bring meaning to the phrase "service with a smile."

Ryan Ellis, an employee at Brew Ha Ha!, says people like the quaint little café because of the great location, staff, food and outdoor seating.

"The food is great and people come back because of the friendly staff," he says, "and they also like to sit on the deck on a nice day."

— Brook Patterson

Best place to take your parents: Iron Hill Brewery



THE REVIEW/Tarra Avis

So your parents are in town. Hey, it's not such a bad thing. They care about you enough to drive the distance to Newark, so it is your duty to show them a good time while they are here.

So put your name on the waiting list at Iron Hill Brewery for the perfect place to take parents.

Dinner on Main Street is a great way to take full advantage of their visit — not only can you benefit from a great meal, but a meal provides parents and their darling child the opportunity to catch up over delicious appetizers, soups, salads and main courses.

Those over 21 might even be able to sucker parents into buying them a few of Iron Hill's original brews.

Overall, Iron Hill wins our vote because of the many benefits it offers the student during a parental visit. Dodge the possibility of seeing that obnoxious kid from the night before and the inevitable "How you feelin' today?" while at one of the more student-populated dinner spots. Convince them your time at the university is spent at places like Iron Hill, munching on Sourdough Bruschetta and Coconut Shrimp instead of stumbling from a damp basement keg party to scarf down a piece of pizza at Margherita's.

Most importantly, always reap the benefits of a parent-paid check. Let's get real: There is no other time, besides maybe Valentine's Day or a fancy date (like we have them), when you will be able to order an appetizer, salad and Petite Filet Mignon with buttery mashed potatoes, sautéed haricots vert, carrots and hazelnuts in a Madeira demi-glace for \$18.50.

Suggest that you all share an appetizer and please, please, please order a large House Nachos. Iron Hill might not offer a Nacho Night special, but the cravings they create could make a hungry student do just about anything.

Try the pan-seared chicken breasts topped with light but plump onion rings or salmon. If at the brewery on Sunday, parents will appreciate the prime rib special.

The best way to help your parents understand your need to order an abundance of food from the sometimes pricey Iron Hill Brewery and Restaurant is through subliminal messaging. Casually mention there is no food in your house but a jar of Jif and a box of Froot Loops and that you haven't had a balanced meal — something other than greasy take-out — since you were home last.

"No, Mom, I'm fine. I just am feeling a little weak. I'm gonna go grab a few packets of Saltines from The Scrounge before I go out tonight."

Any parent loving enough to come visit will appreciate your low-cost living while in school.

OK, a dinner at Iron Hill isn't only a selfish thing. Parents will love the fun but tasteful atmosphere, pleasant and knowledgeable wait staff and tasty food.

Beer-enthusiast dads will enjoy the waiters and waitresses' ability to suggest different brews along with each dish, and let's face it, beyond the mouth-watering dishes, your Mom will be happy enough to be seeing your smiling face.

— Lindsay Hicks



THE REVIEW/Mike Fox

Best relocation: DP Dough

It's mug night at Stone Balloon, '80s night at Klondike Kate's or you're a helpless freshman unable to find a fun party. You're hungry and in desperate need of some midnight munchies. Thankfully, there's good ol' DP Dough a short walk away at its new home on East Main Street, this year's best relocation of a Newark business.

The snack shack's former location on North Chapel Street was too distant and tiny for the typical weekend wanderer. Now settled in Main Street Plaza, those tasty \$5.50 calzones are closer than ever, especially for those who live off Main Street.

Walking into the smoky, boisterous DP Dough store instead of delivery means a free soda and no delivery tip. No doubt business is booming with the calzone zone's new location.

For customers unimpressed with what is offered on the regular menu, creating your personalized calzone, called a Construction "Zone," is just the key. One tasty calzone includes pepperoni, sausage, mozzarella and hamburger (comprised of cheddar and ground beef).

Granted, other late-night eateries are nearby, awaiting the endless parade of revelers or zombified crowds, but DP Dough, emphasis on the dough, can fill up an empty stomach and soak up the alcohol with that greasy goodness. The new location has helped the franchise to branch out into salads and chicken entrees. But for most, only the original product will do.

Health-conscious fitness freaks probably shudder at the thought of a meaty, greasy, doughy calzone, but sometimes you've just gotta spoil yourself. DP Dough regulars probably salivate just by walking by the building with bright red lettering and the cartoon delivery guy, and they think about their own habitual topping-filled treat. Thanks to its new location, all roads lead to DP Dough.

— Mike Fox



THE REVIEW/Tarra Avis

Best pizza: Peace a Pizza

We are not sorry they are open.

No matter what the florescent sign adorning the glass facade of Peace a Pizza tries to tell us, we think it is the best pizza in Newark.

Across from the galleria on Main Street, the five-year-old restaurant wins the competitive award on the pizza parlor-heavy street for its delicious pies, chill environment and unique delivery truck.

With a menu featuring offbeat flavors that sound like an order from a diner, each slice eats like a meal. From the barbecue chicken to the baked ziti pizza, each scrumptious bite begs for another. Be careful, though, the overstuffed slices have a tendency to get a little messy.

Chocolate chip cookies are also available for those with a sweet tooth. Whether by the slice or a whole pie, which can feed a small college student for days, the tasty treat is worth walking to the end of Main Street where Peace a Pizza goes head to head with another chain pizza shop.

For people who live in Newark, Peace a Pizza has gone from a junior high school hangout to a high school hangout and now to a college hangout. Ceramic tiles on the tables inside the establishment show the logos of local high schools as well as that of the university.

A mural on the wall shows a protest.

One sign reads, "Make pizza, not war."

Although the restaurant gets crowded, especially on the weekend, it never feels like it because of the quality pizza. The staff is friendly and attentive and the all-you-can-drink sodas cannot be beat.

The delivery van with the pizza on top announces to the world, or the town at least, that someone is getting a hot fresh pizza delivered. Jealous passers-by see the van and think about the pizza. We know we do.

— Benjamin Andersen



THE REVIEW/Tarra Avis

Best service: Cold Stone Creamery

Cold Stone Creamery opened its doors Feb. 6 and began giving first day patrons free samples of the unique blends of ice cream — and customers have been hooked ever since.

The spacious, clean, black and cherry parlor greets customers as they enter the Main Street ice cream parlor.

Those unfamiliar with the process at Cold Stone quickly learn the secret to making the delicious frozen treat: Employees mix treats like brownies, nuts and cheesecake into the ice cream on a chilled granite stone, which is kept at 6 degrees.

Owner Lisa Kopolovic says customers can mix in any ingredient to make a unique indul-

gence, such as nuts, candy fruit, brownies and sponge cake.

If a customer desires to tip their exemplary service after tasting their personal creation, all employees sing a variety of songs, such as "I've been working on a Cold Stone," or "Cold Stone Family," which follows the tune of the Addams Family theme.

Employees don't have a set song list. Kopolovic explains, they just start singing and go with the flow. She says she has even started a contest for employees to make up their own songs.

Kopolovic says weekend nights are busiest when as many as 10 employees work to keep the

lines moving smoothly — a line almost to the sidewalk serves as evidence that business has surpassed expectations.

People enjoy their experience at Cold Stone because of its friendly atmosphere and the endless amounts of ice cream creations a customer can make. Though the lines might spill out onto Main Street on some weekend nights, it is well worth the wait.

Friendly employees move the salivating masses along quickly as they dream about their own creation or favorites like the Cocoa Banana Cabana, which combines banana ice cream, yellow cake, banana, fudge and whipped topping.

— Ryan Mignone

Best place to eat when the bars close: Margheritas

Blurred vision, slurred speech, walking in a "straight" line — to most college students, these signs of having a bit too much to drink are all too familiar. And what is one of the most frustrating characteristics of all? Those notorious alcohol-induced hunger pains that grumble and grumble as the night progresses into dawn.

After a long night of overpriced mixed drinks at the bar, red cups filled with keg beer from house parties or cheap vodka in a water bottle (a leftover from pregameing at home), those grumbles are the worst. They cannot be avoided and serve as constant reminders that all you want is fooodood.

But never fear, Margherita's Pizza is here. Located on East Main Street, and offering a variety of traditional Italian dishes, side orders and of course, their infamous pizza, it is truly the best place in Newark to cure the rumbling in a drunken tummy.

Selling entire pies or single slices, Margherita's pizzas range from plain, Sicilian and pepperoni to gourmet options, such as barbecue chicken, fresh mozzarella and buffalo chicken. Prices range from \$1.50 to \$2.50 per slice.

The gigantic slices are warmed in a huge oven after each order, tenderly reminiscent of a true New York City pizzeria. And coming from a voice of experience, the pizza's just as good.

A more devoted eater can order traditional Italian dinners, like baked ziti and calzones, or many different kinds of hot and cold subs,

starting at \$5. And if all this doesn't subside your hunger, a variety of side orders, like mozzarella sticks and French fries, are also available.

Enzo Della-Monica, who manages the restaurant when his brother, Rico, is absent, says he does not mind the herd of university students that pile in on the weekends.

"We don't mind at all," he says with a sly smile. "We're here to sell pizza."

He also adds that there is rarely any trouble from intoxicated students in the restaurant.

"If we do have any problems, we try to calm them down," he says, with an air of dismissive nonchalance. "Usually, we never have any problems."

Della-Monica says his brother has owned Margherita's for approximately 13 years. They have been making pizzas for more than 20 years, something that has now become "easy after so long."

He adds that they make their own pizza dough and use "good, expensive sauce" on each pizza.

And once the hunger subsides and you still want to keep that buzz going strong, they've also got beer, and plenty of it. Margherita's offers \$2 draft and \$7 pitchers of Budweiser, Bud Light and Michelob.

After a long night of drinking, what else do you need?

— Erin Biles



THE REVIEW/Katie Grassano

Best salon: Platinum Salon

The unassuming gray and blue two-story building nestled next to the animatedly decorated facade of Switch and the hurried traffic of East Delaware Avenue does nothing to draw customers inside.

But anyone with enough gusto to walk up the steps and turn the tarnished brass doorknob will enter a sanctuary of sights, smells and sounds, making Platinum Salon a veritable oasis on the rundown section of Haines Street.

The old house, transformed into a multi-purpose salon, has a comforting appeal and a knowledgeable staff that makes any experience at Platinum a pleasure.

In a recent visit, Ashley, my stylist, told me she doesn't just specialize in the pampering

of women, but men too, as I soon learn as she works on my hair like a surgeon with her tools.

As I sat through my hair experience, soothed by the easy listening music flowing out of the speakers, I move from the hair chair to the shampooing station where Ashley's fingers massage my scalp and eliminated all of my concerns about with a guy getting his hair done in a salon.

When my cut is finished, I moved over the maroon carpet toward the door and stop to pay for my new hairdo, and I am shocked to learn it's only \$16 dollars to have a new look, a big bonus for penny-pinching college students, and the other services offered by the salon are also reasonably priced.

Aside from hair care, which includes cuts and coloring, Ashley says Platinum also offers manicures, pedicures, massages and nail care, but they don't mess with acrylics, so bring your own nails.

With most salons in the area charging an arm and a leg to work on your hands and feet, the prices at Platinum are complete deals and the service is impeccable.

For men and women, the experiences at Platinum are worth taking the trip to the out-of-the-way section of Haines Street.

Just don't ask if they do men's haircuts: They'll laugh at you.

— Bob Thurlow



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Best off-campus housing: Pomeroy

Finding a great and cheap apartment in Newark isn't always easy. For one, there's the competition from every other college kid looking for housing. For another, who wants to pay incredibly high rent to share a campus apartment?

On the other hand, there's Jeff Lang's development group that is dedicated to constructing and maintaining buildings, apartments and other housing in Newark.

Lang Development Group recently built the new apartments called Pomeroy Station on East Main Street, right behind Bike Line and The Ski Bum.

Lang's vision for these apartments was that he wanted them to look like lofts. With high ceilings, big windows and an upper living area, he certainly achieved his goal.

"Our philosophy is, the nicer you build the units, the more people like them."

"Also, I asked myself, would I want to live in these apartments?"

Lang hasn't always lived in Newark. He went up to New York City, where he gained valuable experience.

But his roots were here. When he returned, he dedicated himself to investing in the welfare of Newark.

His plan for the university town was to make smaller units where parking would be minimized.

"When there are retail shops, and then apartments above them, you need



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less parking because you don't have to drive to the store. The things you need are right there," Lang explains.

That was the idea behind Pomeroy Station. With retail shops like Ski Bum below, and two parking spaces per unit, the kids are generally happy.

Lindsey Baker has lived at Pomeroy

Station since it's inception this year.

"The apartments are great. The rooms are really big and we just have a lot of space. Also, you can't beat the location," she says.

Stumbling back from the bar is not a problem for the residents of Pomeroy, as Klondike Kate's is two minutes away

and Deer Park is only a 10 minute walk.

This is the second time Lang has been honored for his architecture. He won a Best Apartments from the Review for the Courtyards Apartments and also helped to renovate the new Kappa Alpha house.

— Allison Clair

Best dorm: Dickinson

It is not the most beautiful of the university's buildings. The compound is merely six block-shaped brick buildings, adorned with the letters A through F.

The windows are small and the air circulation is limited. During the warm months at the beginning and end of the school year, the simple task of breathing through the thick heat becomes difficult.

Inside, the rooms are minuscule square boxes that must fit two inhabitants who basically sleep on top of one another.

Why would any student want to live in these conditions? Because the Dickinson dorms are a hotbox of fun, the best housing this campus has to offer.

All six of the buildings are packed bottom to top with nothing but freshmen. If that's not enough, these eager young college-goers get to live just feet away from the opposite sex. That's right, fathers cry when they hear that the Dickinson dorms are coed by room.

With only one resident assistant and easy access bathrooms, these dorms are primed for all the 18-year-old imagination has to offer.

Junior Brittany Conant says having boys right next door made her freshmen experience more enjoyable.

"The coed atmosphere caused your neighbors to be hook-up buddies and closest friends," she says.

She also says the communal lounges shared by every floor forced students to make study time and fun time.

While some people may see the distance between Dickinson and the rest of campus as a disadvantage, the relative isolation of the dorms creates a freshman family within the larger college community. It is only footsteps away from the dining hall and even more freshman in the Rodney dorms.

Conant says getting to parties from Dickinson was always a group effort.

"The train tracks made the walk to parties treacherous," she says, "but it was fun because you were with a pack of 800 other freshmen and your closest friends."

Whether a student's goal is to study, party or just have new experiences, Dickinson provides the perfect atmosphere for freshmen to make new friends and "learn the ropes" of college life.

— Erin Burke



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Best on-campus festival: Skidfest

The original festival. The fest of the fests. The best fest. How could anyone disagree with more than 1,000 students (and townies), six live bands, four disc jockeys and one very infamous Row?

And to top it all off, Skidfest raises thousands of dollars every semester for a different worthwhile cause.

While this semester Skidfest ended on a sour note after being broken up by police 90 minutes early, the party was indisputably the best of the year.

Skidfest managed to raise approximately \$8,000 for the Delaware Breast Cancer Coalition despite the early ending time.

In the past, charities like the Delaware Humane Association and the Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Co. have received Skidfest donations, as well.

Just the fact that Skidfest is a huge party and an act of service in one fun-filled concert and drink-fest is more than enough reason to dub it the Best Fest in Newark, but wait, there's more.

While some gripe at the \$5 entrance fee and "bring your own beverage" disclaimer for the event, backpacks overflowing with beer, bottles of cheap champagne and community Jell-O shots truly add a touch of charm to Skidfest that other fests noticeably lack.

Also, the fact that Skidfest is BYOB is what has allowed it to go on undisturbed by the authorities for so long.

Unlike other well-known campus fiestas, Skidfest features live music from an array of local bands for the full nine hours of the event. Between sets, disc jockeys from the area blast hits to keep energy high for the excited crowd.

While other fests do provide some musical entertainment, no other bash can boast as cohesive a line-up of talented entertainment.

This year alone, the scheduled performers at Skidfest included Diatribe, Marchitect, Brother-Sister and Lefty Gruv, among others.

Skidfest is also the most organized of the student-run fests, making it that much more enjoyable to attend.

The inhabitants of Skid Row spend months preparing the band line-up, t-shirts and backyard for the concert. They also have to get a permit from the city in order to hold the event.

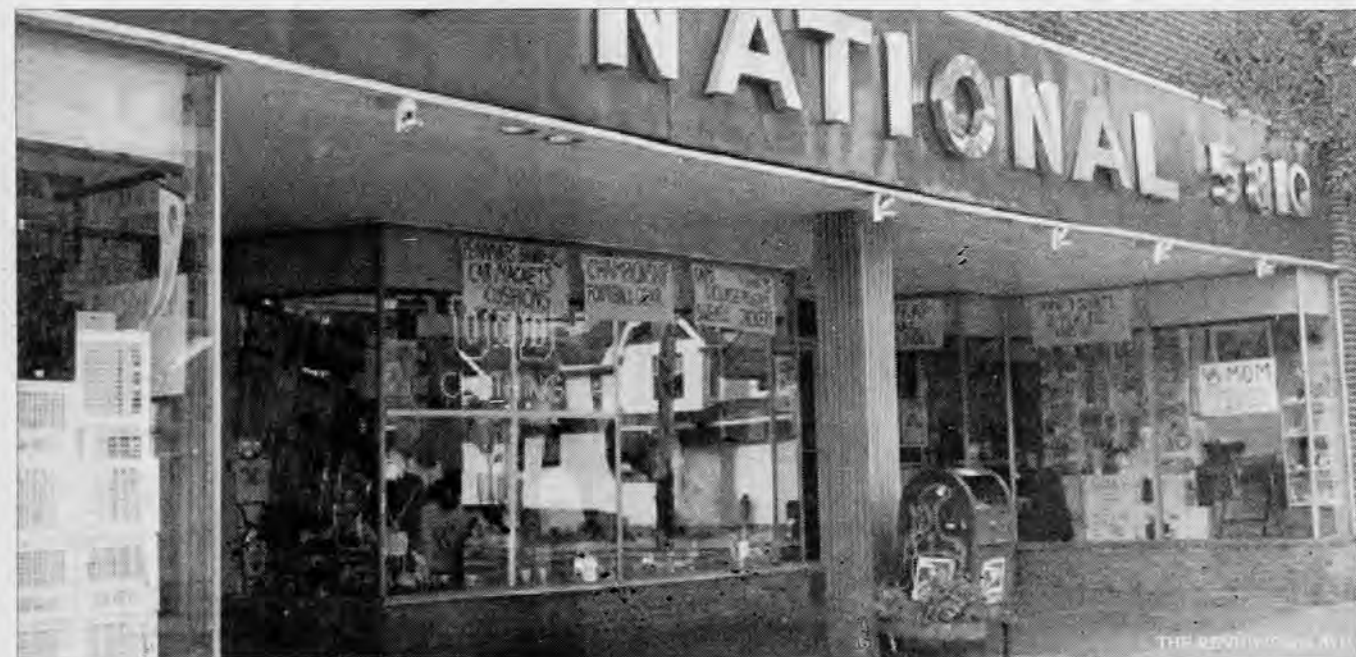
Additionally, it should be acknowledged that 35 university students actually live on the Row, and give up their houses and cleanliness for one day of drunken charity. Just the fact that this event was spawned out of the sheer goodwill of students makes it all the more meaningful, unlike some other drunk-fests.

The day after Skidfest, the backyard of the Row looks like a beer can massacre, and the people that spend the following day cleaning the mess get absolutely no monetary compensation, as the thousands of dollars earned by the crazy bash are meant for one organization alone.

Skidfest may be history thanks to the antics that caused the event to end early this semester. If not, be sure to check out what will surely be the party of the year next semester, the Best Fest in Newark.

— Tina Hernandez

Best store for a last minute gift: National 5 and 10



Forget spending hours deliberating over expensive merchandise, with everything from giant margarita glasses to slinkies, the National 5 and 10 on Main Street is the perfect place to pick up a last minute gift for that special or not-so-special someone.

The cavernous space nestled between the Newark Newsstand and Brewed Awakenings is a veritable shopper's paradise. The shelves are packed with everything a shopper could ever need or want or think they want.

Whether it is picking up a University of Delaware Football T-shirt for dad or buying a bubble set as a gag gift for a roommate, the National 5 and 10 has it, and it will not cost shoppers an arm and a leg.

The store is divided into sections such as University of Delaware merchandise, including the infamous Delaware butt shorts, cards, an old-fashioned toy counter, party supplies, home wares, et cetera., making shopping easy and convenient. If a shopper cannot find it at the National 5 and 10,

they simply are not looking hard enough.

The store truly shines with its old-fashioned toy counter. Two rows of shelves are lined with everything from marbles to small, plastic dart guns, capturing the hearts of shoppers who do not want to grow up or are reliving their childhood.

Richard Handloff, owner of the National 5 and 10, says he is happy the store is being recognized as the best place to pick up a last minute gift.

"I love it, it makes us feel like we're doing something right," he says.

Handloff says the single most popular gift item the National 5 and 10 sells is University of Delaware T-shirts.

He says he is proud of the fact that the store carries such a wide variety of merchandise, which makes it easy for shoppers to spot the perfect gift.

"When you know someone, you know what to buy them and you can find it here," Handloff says. "From inflatable palm trees to pink lawn flamingos, we've got it all."

— Melissa Brachfeld

Best venue to hear original music: East End Cafe



THE REVIEW/Katie Grasso

For fans of local original music in Newark, the number of places to catch up-and-coming bands is sparse. But amid the climate of cover-band-central, the East End Café at 270 East Main St. offers a breath of fresh air in the form of original local, and sometimes, national bands.

From indie superstars Bitch & Animal and Kid Dynamite to local favorites Apex Watson and Diatribe, the East End Café brings in the best of the bunch almost every night of the week. From bluegrass to punk, the East End has it all.

When owner Frank O'Brien bought the 17-year-old establishment in September, he faced a challenge he had never encountered before — booking bands. But he took the lead of the previous owners and trudged forward, learning new things every day.

The buzz around playing at East End is so good that O'Brien doesn't have to solicit for entertainment. He receives 30 to 40 press kits per week from bands hoping to land a date to play. Fortunately for him, bands are eager. "I don't have to call bands — they call me," he says.

Despite booking regional bands, the East End doesn't discriminate against taking in new, non-established bands. It may even be the spot for a band's first gig. "A band forms, practices like crazy, makes a demo and sends it to us," he says. O'Brien then has the job of going through all the CDs and press material to pick out the bands that will grace the stage.

The process has proven to be successful so far, and despite the popularity of cover bands in college towns, O'Brien has no plans to change the atmosphere at East End.

"Sometimes it rolls through my mind to venture in that direction, but I think there is a trend toward local original music," he says.

On that note, let the bands play on.

— Callye Morrissey

Best 24-hour: Korner Diner

During the early hours of the weekend, just as the kegs have been kicked and the red solo cups have run dry, students find themselves congregating at a tiny diner on the corner of Haines and Main Street. The Korner Diner is a favorite among the community as well as students and is this year's best 24-hour restaurant in Newark.

And for good reason, too.

Due to the diner's personality, Korner has been able to differentiate itself from the other diners located in the area.

Every day of the week promises something different.

The weeknights at the diner offer a quiet atmosphere perfect for studying. On Tuesdays, customers can enjoy live music from local bands. And during the weekend, dance parties have been known to erupt between the tables, provided students have enough

change for the jukebox.

Kazy Tauginas, an employee of the diner, says he enjoys working at the diner for the atmosphere that is often present on weekends.

"On Friday and Saturday nights, people go crazy," he says. "Everyone gets up and dances and has a blast."

The people at the diner are also a family. The owners know a lot of their customers by name, and have been known to take a few pictures of those who pass out right in the booth.

Owner Larissa Sigayeva, says students are not the only ones who enjoy the diner.

"This place is like a home," she says. "Ninety-five percent of our customers are regulars."

Sigayeva attributes the loyalty shown by the community and students to the quality of the service and the food as well as the fair prices offered daily.

Depending on your mood, there are numerous culinary selections on Korner's extensive menu. From wraps to burgers to the all-day breakfast, each meal is prepared with care and ready within minutes.

Whether you choose the diner for a lazy Sunday brunch outside on the sidewalk on a beautiful day or a late night splurge and dance party, the Korner Diner has become a welcome Newark landmark.

— Jamie Edmonds

Best supermarket: ACME



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The big red and white sign reading "ACME" beckons customers 24 hours per day to its vast facilities in Suburban Plaza off Elkton Road. Whether someone has the munchies, is ready to fire up the grill for an extended family reunion or needs to buy his or her special someone a Hello Kitty helium balloon, ACME Markets is the place to go.

With features like an in-store bakery, international deli and low prices made even lower by using the SuperCard, what else could a food fanatic ask for? Plus, the friendly atmosphere complete with bright harvest colored walls and signs make a shopping trip to the market all the more enjoyable.

In addition, the supermarket has one-hour photo service, a pharmacy, movies for rent, a Coinstar change machine and a Starbucks all on the premises. ACME provides a classic one-stop shopping experience. If Delaware allowed liquor sales in grocery stores, this place would have it all.

ACME has been a presence in Newark for more than 20 years and moved to its current location at the intersection of Elkton Road and Route 4 in 1992.

Dan Underwood, sub-manager of the local ACME, says the recognition as best supermarket in town makes the employees of ACME happy. He says it is a constant struggle to strive to be the best and to keep a good rapport with the customers.

Why is ACME ranked No. 1 in Newark?

"I would like to think it's our customer service," Underwood says.

He cites the importance of having a friendly, helpful staff on the floor as well as at the registers to assist customers and answer questions. The checkout experience is probably the most important aspect of customer service.

"That's what everyone remembers," Underwood says.

He also attributes the quality of the local ACME supermarket to the freshness of the "perimeter." This perimeter includes the bakery and the produce and dairy sections.

All this, and more, make ACME the best supermarket in Newark.

— Katie Faherty

Best bathroom: Memorial Hall

So, it's the middle of the afternoon and university students have just finished scarfing down a quick lunch in either the dining hall, Trabant or the Scrounge.

Unfortunately, cafeteria food can have the last laugh, sending students running for the closest little boys or little girls room. Some school buildings, which will remain nameless, are less inviting than others. Many of those buildings with higher quality facilities are only as appealing as those one would find at a gas station.

Do not despair fair potty squatters, for in the basement of Memorial Hall a lavatory sanctuary awaits students.

Without question, the restrooms in the basement of Memorial Hall are the very best public restrooms on campus. Those choosing to use the basement facilities will feel like royalty.

The bathrooms are spotless every day, no matter the time and the men's room alone has four stalls, four sinks and four urinals! Bad cafeteria food notwithstanding, everyone has a chance to drop their kids off at the pool at the cleanest place possible.

Not only does Memorial Hall's impeccable cleanliness make it stand out among other university bathrooms, its location also contributes to its winning status.

Memorial Hall sits right on the Green, where many students have at least one class per day. Those who do not have class in Memorial usually attend a class in the vicinity of the building, making Memorial Hall a central location for most students. Those living on East or Central Campus will pass by Memorial on their way back to their dorm and even those on West Campus will be right across the street while on their trek back. If nature calls, the premier bathroom on campus is just a minute away. Sacrifice location for quality. It will not disappoint.

— Kevin McVey



THE REVIEW/Laura Boyce



THE REVIEW/Tina Avila

Best place to suntan: Perkins Parking Garage

Sunny days make everyone desire a bronze body. So the big question is, where can you catch the rays?

Students find almost anywhere to soak up some sun, but baring skin isn't the most comfortable situation. Although some students immediately plant themselves on the beach or the Green, exposing some skin might make others a bit nervous, not to mention put them at risk of being hit with a football or Frisbee.

Searching for a spot that is private and free from flying baseballs might not be so hard. The answer might be found by looking in an unlikely place.

Although it might sound a little obscure, the top of Perkins Parking Garage is the perfect tanning bed.

With exceptionally few people who actually park on the highest level, there is no need to worry about dodging vehicles while attempting to get a nice brown tan.

If you are a little self-conscious about the way your bathing suit fits, don't fret. Privacy awaits you. No one can see you up

there, creating a vast concrete desert for the sole reason of perfecting your summer glow.

Surrounded by the black cement, the sun is drawn there anyway, so why not drop yourself right in the middle of the steaminess.

OK, so it might not be the most comfortable place to lay, so buy a beach chair at the National 5 and 10 or just double up the blankets and bring a pillow to create some cushion. It beats trying to get comfortable on the lumpy grass.

Another selling aspect is that it's exceptionally quiet there. Besides the occasional honking horn, car alarm or revving engine, it's pretty peaceful. Chirping birds serenade a relaxing sun session.

The highest level of the Perkins Parking Garage is the ideal location for tanning, so grab a book and head up the three flights of stairs to spend an afternoon soaking in the best rays in town.

— Laura Boyce

Best place to study: Outside the classroom

There's nothing quite like the feeling of waking up from a deep, tranquil sleep, only to realize in a sudden panic you have a test in less than an hour — a test you meant to study for last night, had it not been for the sweet siren song of the Main Street bars. Foregoing a shower and even a change of clothes, you grab your book bag, praying the right notebook and texts are inside, and dash off to campus.

After a quick trip to the vending machine for a soda to add that much needed burst of caffeinated energy, you plunk yourself down outside the classroom where in the next half hour you'll probably be failing another exam. Forget the library, your dorm room, one of the dozens of coffee shops in Newark, it's in the hallway, the cold sweat beading on your forehead as you scan your notes in a desperate hope that somehow you'll cram the right information into your brain that you study best.

That mix of desperation, panic and impending failure that can only be found

in the most frantic of last minute study sessions is the only true driving source for any real motivation to succeed. Not even the din of fellow classmates, a few unprepared souls like yourself, but mostly those who've studied more than enough to warrant a passing grade, can distract you from flipping through your textbook at a pace not even a speed-reader could keep up with.

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Commentary

ROB FRANCE



Spider-Man strikes out

I don't know if any of you noticed, but the world didn't stop turning last week when baseball commissioner Bud Selig announced that Spider-Man would be making an appearance on the base paths during the weekend of June 11-13.

Believe it or not, fire and brimstone did not rain down, the Four Horsemen were nowhere to be seen and the apocalypse didn't happen.

Plague, Pestilence, Famine and Death were not seen.

Those stodgy baseball traditionalists would have you think otherwise, believing that our sacred past-time should be protected, impervious to the onslaught of commercialism the rest of us deal with every day. If you don't believe it, I'm probably staring at your FCUK shirt right now proving you wrong.

Luckily, the league reneged on its deal, keeping the game as pure as driven snow.

But the thing is ... who cares? For once, I'm with Barry Bonds here, who reminded us that no matter what, it's still baseball:

"I don't care. Our job is to play ball, not to worry about what ad is on the billboard. They can have [bleepin'] dog-poo as bases so I have to step in [bleep] as far as I'm concerned. What the hell?"

In fact, mirroring my belief that if you're going to do something, you might as well go all out on it, I've come up with two suggestions of my own to help baseball really cash in.

Suggestion 1: Expansion - The Middle Earth Fellowship.

Why LOTR? Everyone loves the Lord of the Rings.

I mean, everyone.

My 70-year-old Grandma wanted to take me to see it. Think about the kind of crowd you're getting here. They'd sell out a stadium anywhere.

What's even better, they'd be good! If Lord Aragorn can kill 50 Uruk-hai's in battle, there is no way he can't hit a little round ball out of a stadium.

Legolas would probably be the best centerfielder in the game and Gimli can probably hit 50 homeruns and still have a .300 average.

Lastly, let's not forget how small a Hobbit's strike zone would be. We're talking Mini-Me sized. They'd walk more than Bonds himself. These guys would not lose. Not even to the Yankees. Unless George Steinbrenner got the ring of power, but we'd all be in serious trouble if that happened. Let's not open that can of worms. The only question mark is the pitching staff.

Suggestion 2: Creative Advertising.

What counts in advertising? Location, location, location. Bud had it right when he put the ads on the bases, but they're so small that nobody could read them anyway. There are larger, more marketable things to slap advertisements on. For example, put a Weight Watcher's sign on portly C.C. Sabathia's backside. Now there's something that the whole stadium can read clearly.

Barry Bonds has a super-sized head. Baseball can use that too. My friend 'Mos suggested that we put a Blimpie sign there. Talk about double entendres. If baseball really had its priorities straight, it may want to look into that whole head-growing thing. I don't know how much longer they're going to be able to have hats to fit that thing. That enlargement has to be from intense radiation or something. However, I digress.

The point is, advertising in baseball isn't bad provided it's done right, and that's what Bud's missing. If he really wants to make some money, he'll call me. I've got a feeling he will - my Spidey senses can feel it.

Rob France is the assistant sports editor at The Review. Send questions, comments and hair-care tips to ripord5@hotmail.com.

Playing to a higher authority

BY BOB THURLOW
Managing Sports Editor

With one swing, San Francisco Giants outfielder Barry Bonds has the ability to bring thousands of people to their feet and when he crosses the plate he makes a simple gesture - both index fingers pointed straight up - and he proceeds to his dugout.

The motion may seem insignificant to most, but actions like that are becoming more and more frequent as religion becomes more prevalent in collegiate and professional athletics.

Bonds is not alone in his displays, however, as many athletes visibly thank God after successful plays or games. Jewish baseball players like Sandy Koufax and Shawn Green have made statements by sitting out games while observing Yom Kippur and the NBA's Hakeem Olajuwon and Shareef Abdur-Rahim, both Muslim, participated in the fasting of Ramadan, which means that they don't eat or drink anything from sunrise to sunset during the middle of the season.

These actions, criticized in some circles, show how dedicated some sports figures are to religion, despite being in the religious minority in the United States.

"A person who subjugates his whole job for God ... I think it's an amazing message," said Rabbi Eliezer Sniderman, a Newark native. "If Shawn Green passes up a million dollars to sit out an important game, then it makes a student somewhere

realize he can miss his econ test for God."

Those situations are brought to the forefront of the sporting world, but many followers of Christianity have also publicly integrated religion and sports. Green Bay Packers head coach Vince Lombardi would take his team to a Catholic mass every Sunday before football games. The never-humble Deion Sanders, self-proclaimed "Prime Time," now a devout Christian, returned to baseball last year and he pointed his fingers to the sky three times during his first home run trot in three seasons. And you never fail to see a huddle of players from both teams kneeling and holding hands in prayer after an NFL game where the opponents have knocked each other silly for hours before putting aside their differences in the name of God.

Even more prevalent is the increase of "Godmercials." A decade ago viewers saw Super Bowl champions wipe the sweat from their foreheads, raise the Lombardi Trophy scream "I'm going to Disneyland," into the camera. Nowadays, the victorious players say, "I'd like to thank God" for the victory, but rarely recognize their savior for a loss.

"If religion is used as a tool to win, then I think it's not the greatest thing," said Sniderman. "If the religion is just secondary and used as a tool then it kind of demeans it. Is religion just seen as a tool to win?"

Safety Mike Adams, a former co-captain of the Delaware football team, is a religious person and follows his grandmother's advice of turning to the Bible for guidance during hard times, but he knows firsthand what can happen while trying to use religion as a

tool. In the first game of the 2003 season, Adams injured his left hip joint, benching him for the rest of the season.

"Before the game I prayed to God that no one would be injured," he said. "Usually I never pray before a game. And then I turn around and it happens to me."

In the freedom and relative tolerance of this country, these open displays are usually no more than a side note, but controversy arises when people, specifically players, are put in an uncomfortable situation, and sometimes even alienated, by the outward display of religiosity. Most sports have pious athletes, but sports such as baseball, basketball and football receive more publicity for their religious displays.

No professional team in two of those sports list religious officials such as chaplains on their official personnel sheets (with a few football teams being the exceptions), but teams frequently interact with "unofficial" figures. Minnesota Timberwolves center Ervin Johnson told the Minnesota Spokesman-Recorder he regularly attends religious meetings held by Minneapolis reverends Columbus Smith and Thomas Van Leer.

"We don't get to go to church all the time," Johnson said. "It's our time to spend with God."

But several years ago, Jeff Van Gundy, now coach of the Houston Rockets, said that mixing basketball and religion was "the worst thing to ever happen" to the NBA, citing it cut into pre-game preparations and team meetings.

Several years ago, television sports analyst Bryant Gumbel hosted a "Real Sports" special on religion in football, featuring interviews with several players, one being linebacker Michael Barrow. Early in his NFL career, Barrow was heavily criticized for his womanizing and extravagant lifestyle while playing for the Carolina Panthers, but like many professional football players, he said he "found Jesus Christ" and "became less pompous and more religious." While with the New York Giants, many of Barrow's teammates would go to his house on Saturday's for a makeshift service or deliver

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Michael decides to leave team

BY JON DEAKINS
Sports Editor

Red-shirt freshman quarterback Brad Michael has decided to leave the university at the end of the semester and transfer elsewhere in hopes of having more playing time.

After spring practice concluded, the fall camp outlook did not appear promising for the third-string quarterback, who was looking up at two established players in front of him on the depth chart.

"There are no hard feelings with me leaving," Michael said, "but I'm not the kind of person to sit in the backseat."

The North Carolina native signed with Delaware in 2002 with hopes of running the Hens' infamous "wing-T" offense under head coach "Tubby" Raymond, something he had done for two seasons at Raleigh High School.

Michael, who holds his high-school single season and career records for yards, attempts, completions and touchdown passes, also came to two Delaware summer camps during high school to enhance his "wing-T" comprehension.

When coach K.C. Keeler came in and changed the system Michael's world turned upside down.

"I was totally foreign to this offense so I knew it would be hard."

After red-shirting the 2002 season, Michael knew he had a chance to back up star quarterback Andy Hall who was coming off an injury in 2003.

In the Blue-White spring game that year, Michael thought he proved his worth, completing 7-of-11 passes for 125 yards and two touchdowns, but the coaches decided in the fall to go with fellow red-shirt freshman Ryan Carty as the back-up quarterback.

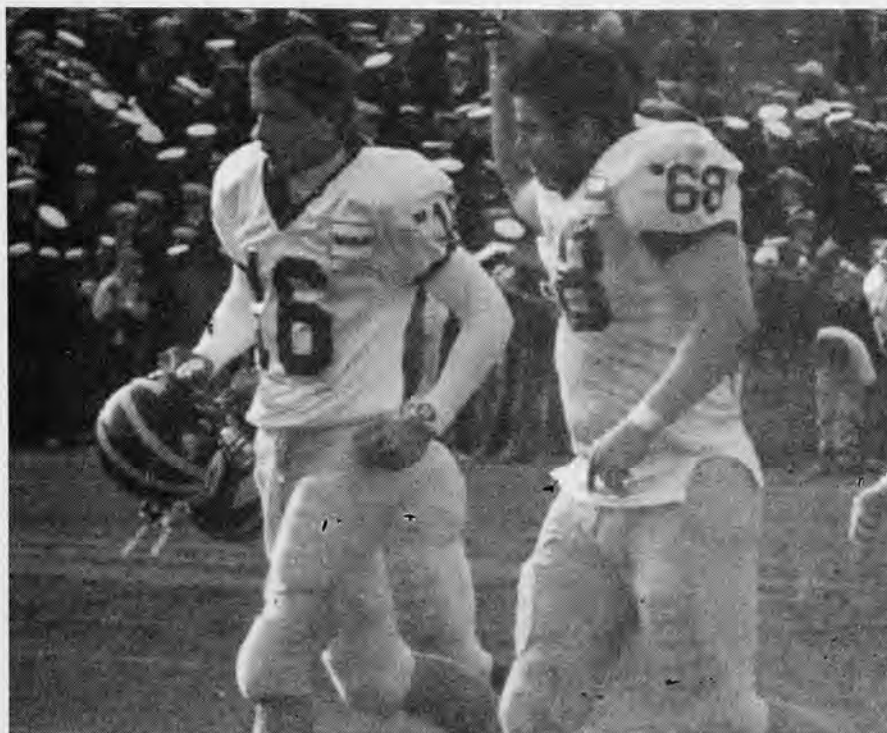
"Everyone is entitled to their opinion," Michael said, "and I didn't agree with it, but I respected it."

As the 2004 season looms, Michael realizes that there is only "one fish in the pond" when it comes to the quarterback position and with Carty ahead of him and transfer Sonny Riccio here, he felt it best to start anew.

"It's going to be tough with all of the other schools having completed their recruiting," he said. "The coaches here are really good people on and off the field though and they told me they would try and get the word out."

Michael's first preference is to play Division I-AA somewhere, a move that would cost him a year's eligibility. If that does not happen the business administration major will look toward the Division II or III level.

"The bottom line is that I just want to play football," he said.



Quarterback Brad Michael (16) trots off the field with defensive lineman Tom Parks after Delaware's 21-17 win over Navy.



Senior attackman Shannon Kron had an assist in the Hens 11-10 win over Penn State. Kron led the team in assists with 18.

Senior goodbyes Women win final game

BY TIM PARSONS
Staff Reporter

It seemed only fitting that in the seniors' final game as members of the women's lacrosse team, all four contributed with points.

Seniors Michelle Campolettano, Kristin Cavaretta and Becky Zane each scored one goal, and Shannon Kron had an assist as the Hens overcame a 5-1 deficit to knock off No. 17-ranked Penn State 11-10 in a thrilling overtime contest at Rullo Stadium on Saturday.

Campolettano scored the game-winning with 1:35 left in overtime off a feed from junior midfielder Diana Hall.

Delaware head coach Denise Wescott was ecstatic about the team's performance.

"This was the best 60 minutes I've seen the team play this year," she said. "They played hard for every single minute."

Freshman attacker Jenny Diana scored three goals and sophomore midfielder Kristin Cellucci had two goals to lead Delaware.

Delaware (6-10, 2-5 CAA) picked up their second consecutive win and beat a ranked team for the first time since an 8-7 victory over number 19 George Mason on April 11, 2002.

Penn State (6-11) jumped out to a quick lead, scoring the first three goals of the game within the first 10 minutes.

Sophomore midfielder Kristin Cellucci gave the Hens their first goal of the game a little over 10 minutes into

the game by scoring goal number 13 on the season off an assist by fellow sophomore Megan Hager.

Penn State proceeded to score the next two goals to gain a commanding 5-1 lead halfway through the first half.

But Delaware fought back with two goals in two minutes. Zane scored the first goal of the day for the seniors off a free position shot. Junior midfielder Erin Edell then scored her 22nd of the season, to cut the lead to 5-3.

At the end of the first half, the Hens were only down 6-5 after goals by Cavaretta and Diana.

Delaware opened the second half quickly as Cellucci and Diana each scored their second goals of the game and gave the Hens a 7-6 lead.

This began a flurry of five lead changes as each team scored two goals to take the lead from the other.

The Nittany Lions' leading scorer, Lori Havrilla, scored two goals in 31 seconds to regain the lead for Penn State at 8-7.

Delaware struck back with goals by Diana and junior midfielder Becky Rausa to grab back the lead at 9-8 with just under 18 minutes remaining in regulation.

Penn State tied the game at nine with 14 minutes remaining and it stayed that way to force overtime.

The Nittany Lions struck first with a goal at the 1:52 mark of the first overtime period on a goal by Shari Maslin,

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The Sports Shakedown

5/11 - 5/17



This week's male athlete to watch:

Kelly Buber - Junior DH is second on the team in batting average with .371 and RBIs with 45. He will need to continue his hot bat when the Hens battle George Washington today.



This week's female athlete to watch:

Kelley Pastic - Tied for second on the team in runs with 25 and leads the team in sacrifice hits (18) and stolen bases (4).

Notable Quotable

"If Shawn Green passes up a million dollars to sit out an important game, then it makes a student somewhere realize he can miss his econ test for God."

— Rabbi Eliezer Sneiderman

Streaking Hens face George Wash.

BY ROB MCFADDEN

Sports Editor

"Streaky" doesn't even begin to describe the up-and-down nature of this year's Delaware baseball team.

To recap: the season started with four losses in a row. That losing streak was immediately followed by a 13-game winning streak, which was in turn followed by a 10-game losing streak. Since then, the Hens have won 15 of their last 17 and nine in a row. Down, up, down, up ...

Tums, anyone?

Delaware (28-16, 10-7 CAA) returns to the friendly confines of Bob Hannah Stadium today as it hosts Atlantic 10 opponent George Washington. First pitch is set for 3 p.m.

The fourth-place Hens are coming off a three-game sweep of conference rival Hofstra, the last place team in the Colonial Athletic Association. Delaware reached double-digits in each of the three games, outscoring the Pride by a combined total of 39-7.

But the Colonials (36-14, 18-3 A-10) bring an impressive winning streak of their own into Newark, a 12-gamer, and have won 14 of their last 15. They have already clinched the A-10 West and own wins over CAA foes James Madison, Towson and George Mason, as well as an 11-2 victory over the Hens on March 30.

In that game, freshman left-hander Anthony Smith no-hit Delaware for four innings while Hens freshman right-hander Chad Kerfoot was lit up for 11 runs on 10 hits in four innings.

But that game came in the middle of the Hens' big losing streak, which happened to be the longest by a Delaware baseball team since 1913.

Statistically, George Washington and Delaware are very similar. The Colonials average 7.4 runs per game; the Hens average 7.5. George Washington has a staff ERA of 4.18; Delaware has a staff ERA of

4.82. The Hens have a slightly higher batting average (.314 - .303), while the Colonials have a slightly higher on-base percentage (.394 - .382).

Many of Delaware's wins have come against sub-par teams. Today's contest gives the Hens a chance to see how well they match up against a proven winner.

Delaware's strong point this season has undoubtedly been the middle of its lineup: senior first baseman Steve Van Note, junior right fielder Dave Harden and junior designated hitter Kelly Buber. The trio has hit for a combined batting average of .351, smoked 28 home runs and has driven in 42 percent of the team's runs (135 of 321 RBIs).

Harden is the Hens' biggest long-ball threat. As of May 2, he was tied for 22nd in the nation in home runs per game (0.33) and ranked 36th in slugging percentage (0.706). Buber, who had a 22-game hitting streak snapped last weekend, was ranked 47th in the nation with a .398 batting average. His average has since "plummeted" all the way down to .371.

Delaware's pitching has shown flashes of dominance, but inconsistency has forced the Hens to rely on their superior offense.

Junior right-hander Jarame Beaupre (5-1) has been the most consistent starter for Delaware. In nine starts and three relief appearances, he has a team-leading ERA of 2.92 and has more strikeouts (58) than hits given up (52).

Sophomore left-hander Joe Coudon (3-2, 6 SV) has assumed the role of closer and has excelled in that capacity. He has made a team-best 20 appearances, all in relief, and has an ERA of 2.93. In 30.2 innings of work he has struck out 21 batters while walking nine.

After today's clash with George Washington, Delaware faces another challenging non-conference opponent Thursday afternoon when Rutgers arrives in Newark for a 3 p.m. game.



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Senior Steve Van Note is currently third on the team with a .348 batting average and second on the team in homeruns with nine. Delaware faces George Washington at 3 p.m.

The Scarlet Knights (28-17, 13-5 BE) are currently third in the 11-team Big East. They are 3-3 against CAA opponents this year, having opened their season with three-game series with William & Mary and Old Dominion.

Three of the top five batting averages in the Big East belong to Rutgers. Junior outfielder Jeff Frazier leads the team (.385), with senior second baseman Graig Badger (.367) and junior first baseman Rich Canuso (.360) not far behind.

Though the Hens are concerned with this

week's games, George Washington and Rutgers are still non-conference opponents and the outcome of those games has no direct effect on Delaware's post-season situation.

Two series that will have an impact on the Hens are approaching fast — a three-game series at current CAA leader George Mason this weekend followed by a visit from second-place Virginia Commonwealth the following weekend.

Lacrosse defeats No. 17 Penn State

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and had a 10-9 lead at the end of the first overtime period.

The Hens, in a gritty display of determination, scored two goals in the second overtime period. Sophomore midfielder Laura Libertini scored to tie the game at 10 and Campolettano proceeded to score the game winner just 39 seconds later.

Wescott said players returning next season will have an increased sense of confidence.

"I'm glad to see us get this victory," she said. "It helps the girls believe they can beat anybody."

Delaware honored their seniors, Campolettano, Cavaretta, Kron and Zane before the start of the game.

Campolettano played in 50 career games, scoring 48 goals and 29 assists.

"Michelle is so competitive out on the field," Wescott said. "She hates to lose and she brings a lot of toughness to the field."

Cavaretta has played in 20 games and scored 4 goals and 1 assist.

"Kristin has worked harder than any other player on the team this season, and she has improved dramatically," Wescott said.

Kron played in 60 career games and scored 50 goals and 34 assists.

"Shannon has great stick handling skills and is probably the best all-around lacrosse player we have on the team," Wescott said.

Zane played in 60 career games and scored 24 goals and 15 assists.

"Becky takes care of all the players, on and off the field," Wescott said.

The Hens finished the season at 6-10 overall while going 2-5 in the CAA.

Delaware did not qualify for the CAA conference championship which was held over the weekend of April 30-May 2.

Diana led the Hens in points this season, tallying 38 goals and six assists. Kron was second with 18 goals and 18 assists for



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Sophomore attacker Megan Hager finished the season sixth on the team in points with 16 and had the third highest shooting percentage with .375.

36 points and Campolettano had 21 goals and 14 assists for 35 points.

Wescott is already getting ready for next season.

"I'm excited for next year," she said. "We'll have a better chance to win and we

have a great group of recruits coming in."

She sent out a warning to other programs around the country.

"We're on the map now. Everybody better watch out."

WATCH OUT!

REVIEW SPORTS WILL RELEASE ITS 'YEAR IN REVIEW' ISSUE, HIGHLIGHTING THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY OF DELAWARE SPORTS THIS PAST YEAR. IT WILL BE IN NEXT TUESDAY'S PAPER (MAY 18), OUR LAST ISSUE OF THE YEAR.

REVIEW SPORTS: SAVING THE BEST FOR LAST.

The Road Report

Baseball sweeps Hofstra

The Delaware baseball team put an emphatic end to its weekend sweep of CAA rival Hofstra with a 16-4 rout of the Pride on Sunday.

Junior outfielders Dave Harden and Ed McDonnell powered the Hens as each hit a home run and finished the day with four RBIs. The Hens (28-16, 10-7 CAA) extended their winning streak to nine games.

BASEBALL

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in the fifth inning to extend Delaware's lead to 8-2.

Hofstra got on the board in the second inning behind a solo home run from Mackie Root that was followed by an RBI groundout by Andrew Campana.

The Hens put the game away in the eighth inning however, as they exploded for six runs behind junior Kelly Buber's three-run home run to stretch the Hens'

lead to 15-4.

Senior transfer Jarame Beaupre picked up the win for Delaware. Beaupre is now 5-1 on the season after scattering five hits and allowing three earned runs.

Delaware dominated the three-game series against the Pride, as the Hens won Friday's matchup 12-3 and followed that performance with an 11-0 thrashing of the Pride on Saturday.

In Friday's game, the Hens were led by freshman Dan Kozek's three-run home run and Brian Hagerich's fifth home run of the season to erase an early 2-0 deficit on their way to the 12-3 victory.

Junior Scott Rambo went eight innings to pick up the win for Delaware.

On Saturday, the Hens used the long ball again as sophomore shortstop Todd Davison sparked Delaware with a three-run shot and got help from Kozek, who hit a home run in back-to-back games.

Senior pitcher Mike Mihalik reached a milestone for his career, as he tied the school record for career strikeouts with 253 on his way to earning the win.

Delaware will face George Washington today at 3 p.m.

— Compiled by Dan Montesano

Hen Peckings

In **outdoor track**, junior Casey Bennett broke her own school record in the pole vault this weekend as she jumped a height of 12-feet six-inches and took first place at the Towson Track and Field Invitational on Sunday.

Bennett was the only woman for Delaware to capture a first place title, however, Allison Behrle captured second place in the 10,000 meters and Kristin Collins placed third in the high jump.

Bennett has also qualified for the NCAA Regionals along with freshman Mandy Stille that will take place in May at the University of Florida.

On the men's side, Matt Moore took home first place in the 10,000 meters with a time of 37:42 and Mike Yost captured the first place title in the hammer with a throw of 158-10. Yost also placed third in the discus with a throw of 148-11.

Delaware also received strong performances from Jerome Holder, who placed third 110-meter hurdles and Matt Arbaugh, who placed third in the pole vault.

In **men's lacrosse**, although the Hens' season came to a disappointing end after a first round defeat to Villanova in the CAA tournament, six Delaware lacrosse players were recently recognized for the All-CAA teams.

Senior Matt Alrich was named to the first team All-CAA after leading Delaware in points this season with 46. Alrich led the CAA in points this season and was twice named CAA Player of the Week.

Freshman Alex Smith was named Co-Rookie of the Year and was named to the All-CAA second team. Smith finished second in the CAA and fifth in the nation in faceoffs won as he enjoyed one of the finest freshman campaigns in school history.

Joining Smith on the second team were freshman attackman Cam Howard, senior midfielder Ryan Metzbowler, junior goalkeeper Chris Collins and junior defenseman Ian Wright.

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Softball Home games at Delaware Softball Diamond.						
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Tennis Home matches on Field House tennis courts.						
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Home Away * Denotes Conference Game ^ at top seed						

All in the name of God

Religion plays important role in sports

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er testimonies in the locker room, much like former Packer, Panther and Philadelphia Eagle Reggie White did before becoming a preacher.

This created a conflict, however, with one of Barrow's teammates on the Giants, offensive guard Glenn Parker, a strict Agnostic.

"I was called everything from a devil worshipper to a pagan to a hedon to a witch," Parker said to Gumble on the 60-minute special. "Some was good natured, but some was not. I know no body of work other than sports where prayer by the entire working body of employees would be accepted or even expected be an event."

Gumble continued to tell of a similar situation that occurred with Willie Green, then with the Panthers, who brought some excerpts of Muslim literature including some of the Koran in for a young player who told Green he was interested in his religion.

"Everybody said, 'why are you bringing this propaganda into the locker room,'" Green told Gumble.

The questioning and insults of Green and Parker are just minor examples of what can occur when a large majority is capable of in any situation, leaving the extreme minorities feeling isolated and alienated in their workplace.

Joel Fisher, director of the Center for Sport Psychology of Philadelphia, says most negative aspects of religious sports figures does not come from the spiritual aspect, but more from how the athletes communicate their beliefs.

"I've seen it in one or two situations where the belief of the athlete was being communicated poorly to his teammates," said Fisher, who has worked with the Flyers, Phillies and 76ers. "It's delicate how you communicate that with other people. [The prob-

lems I have seen] are not the issue of the athlete having strong religious beliefs, but in the way he expressed it to other teammates, and he seemed very judgmental."

It is rare for a doctor to kneel and pray after taking your blood pressure or to see a professor point to the sky after delivering a great lecture, but many athletes make no attempt to hide their religious sentiments while working. Fisher said this is because athletes discover religion in a way most other people do not.

"Athletes come to religion in a different way than the normal people," he said. "They have to make sense of why they have that talent. It answers the question, 'why me?'"

"I believe that athletes find comfort in dealing with their disappointments through religion. I'm not saying it's a crutch — it's an insight into life."

A recent publication stated that approximately 40 percent of NFL players are Born-Again Christians, like Barrow and White, which can lead to a strong religious feeling around a team. The large portion of Born-Again's can mesh well with a coach who agrees with their theology, which is the case with the Washington Redskins this year.

Joe Gibbs, coach of the Redskins, was openly Christian, hosting chapel sessions for his teams and leading pre-game and post-game prayers with his players. While not forcing any of his players to follow his dogma, the players who decide to follow him show extreme loyalty and trust to their coach.

Washington cornerback Fred Smoot told the Washington Post he would trust his new coach more than previous coaches because he is so religious.

"I know he ain't going to lead me wrong," Smoot said. "It brings you closer. Religion is a big part of life ... [It] can bring people together as a family."



THE REVIEW/File Photo
NFL great Reggie White leads a post-game prayer among members of his former team, the Green Bay Packers, and the Tampa Bay Bucs.

Newcomer Mark Brunell also said he feels more secure with Gibbs as his head coach due to both people's strong religious feelings.

"I'm not a football player who happens to be a Christian," Brunell said to the Post. "I'm a Christian who happens to be a football player."

While Fisher could not describe any particular situations due to patient confidentiality, he said it is not uncommon at all for athletes to rely on religion.

"I've worked with a lot of athletes and it has been a very healthy anchor for them," he said, "both in the good and in the bad. I think it's given them a lot of strength and I think it allows them to keep their feet on the ground — to keep them humble in a world that doesn't treat them in a humble way."

Sneiderman agreed that it is good for athletes to have a humbling presence while performing a job that receives much praise.

"I see it as a good thing when I see a person that is so excellent at something and he is really humble about it," he said.

It is extremely uncommon to find as much open religious talk in any other line of work as in professional sports, but athletes will not shy from admitting the role religion plays in both their personal and professional lives.

"I put in my requests," Barrow said in his interview with Gumble, "and I hope God answers those requests."

While he admires the how some athletes use religion, Sneiderman finds it troubling that many rely on God as a tool.

"Sometimes it's like 'Let's sacrifice this goat so we can win the game,'" he said. "It's making God a servant to us."

"I want to win this football game, so I'm going to pray to God."



THE REVIEW/File Photo
Senior third baseman Laura Streets leads the team with a .399 batting average and three homeruns on the season.

Hens receive No. 4 seed

BY ROB MCFADDEN
Sports Editor

There were only two ways the Delaware softball team could make it into the playoffs.

1. If Drexel took two of three from Towson.
2. If UNC-Wilmington took one game from George Mason.

The problem the Hens faced is that Drexel and UNC-Wilmington are the 6th and 7th (second-to-last and last) place teams in the Colonial Athletic Association. In addition, UNC-Wilmington had not played a game in approximately two weeks.

Well chalk one up for the Seahawks, because Delaware is headed for the postseason.

Towson swept Drexel, shutting them out in all three games, but George Mason let a playoff spot slip through its fingers as UNC-Wilmington took two of three games.

The seeds are now set for the 2004 CAA Championships. No. 2 James Madison will face No. 3 Towson at noon on Thursday, and No. 1 Hofstra, the host of the tournament, will face No. 4 Delaware in the second game at 2:30.

The tournament, which will run from May 13 to 15, is double-elimination.

Last year, No. 1 seed Hofstra defeated No. 3 seed Towson in the championship game.

The Hens are a combined 6-5 this year against the other three teams and have defeated all of them at least once. Delaware is 1-2 against Hofstra, 4-1 against Towson and 1-2 against James Madison.

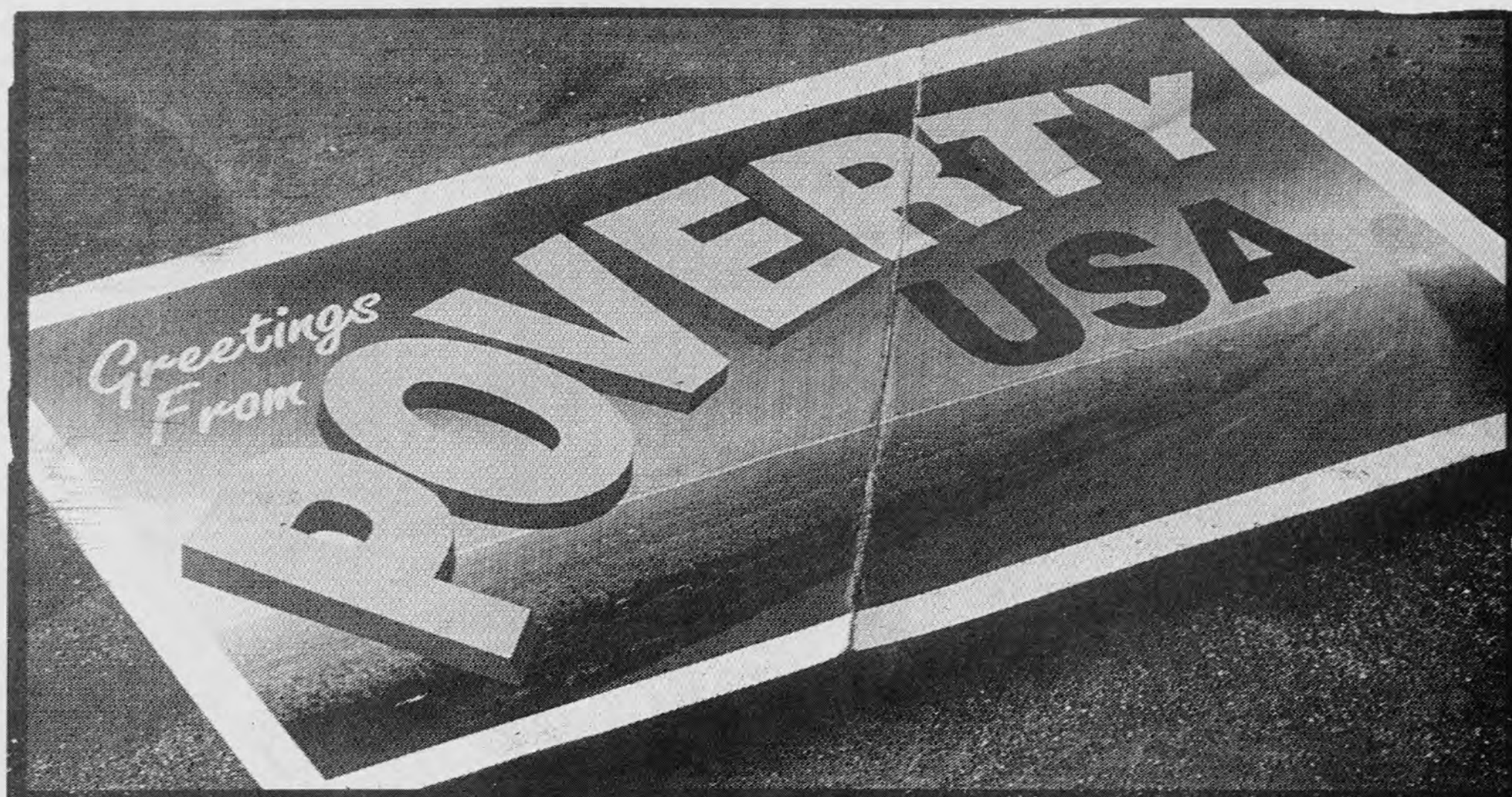
In just its third season in the conference, Delaware is looking to advance to the CAA championship for the first time. The Hens have not won a conference tournament since 1984 when it captured the East Coast Conference title.

Leading Delaware offensively is senior third baseman Laura Streets, who leads the CAA in batting average (.399), on-base percentage (.509), doubles (19) and walks (32).

The Hens' ace on the mound this season has been freshmanCarolynn Sloat (17-13, 1.31 ERA, 26 CG), who is practically a lock for CAA Rookie of the Year.



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Members of the Michigan State football participate in a post-game team prayer. Schools like MSU do not have an official chaplain listed on the team's personnel sheet, but frequently use a Christian minister for ceremonies.



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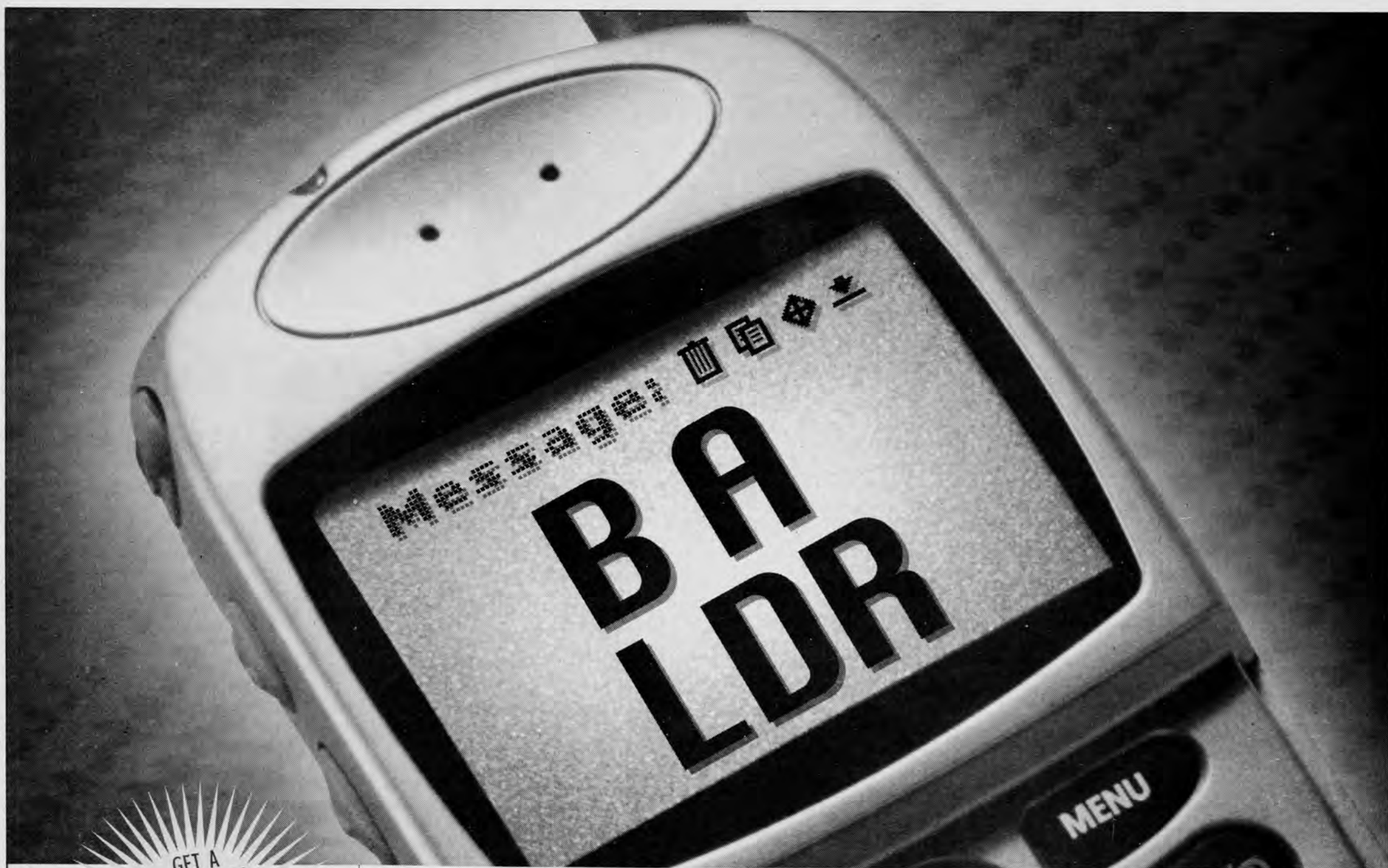
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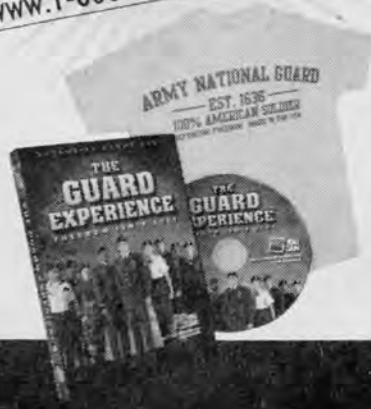
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