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Local man fatally struck by train

BY MIKE HARTNETT & MONICA SIMMONS

News Features Editors

A Newark resident was struck and killed by a CSX train Friday night at the New London Road crossing, Newark Police said.

David M. Harman, 47, was attempting to cross the tracks after the warning gates descended. Lt. Thomas Le Min, traffic division commander for Newark Police, said.

Harman is the fourth person since September to be hit by a train within city limits.

Junior Doug Shields said he was standing on the second floor balcony of the Deer Park Tavern when the train came to a stop. He was one of the first to arrive on the scene.

Harman was unconscious and severely injured but still breathing once Shields reached him. The CSX conductor had already notified authorities, Shields said.

"I could see his chest rise and fall," he said. "When I was walking away, I looked back and could see he wasn't breathing anymore."

Shields said he was disturbed by the slow response time of authorities. He said appropriate help did not arrive on the scene for approximately 20 minutes after the conductor placed his call.

"The cop came over to us and totally disregarded the body," he said. "He was just concerned with getting us away from the tracks."

Misty Skipper, a spokeswoman for CSX, said the train was traveling from Cumberland, Md. to Philadelphia.

Approximately 15 trains pass through Newark daily, she said. The crew was



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David M. Harman, 47, was killed when he crossed railroad tracks near Deer Park Tavern Friday.

offered the opportunity to be released from duty and counseled if desired, Skipper said.

"As you can imagine, this can be very traumatic for any crew member," she said.

The incident has caused many residents to ask if some preventative measures should be taken.

Le Min said there is no possibility to re-route trains around Newark, due to its

central location between major cities such as Washington, D.C. and Boston.

"The tracks are here to stay," he said. "It's like asking someone to move I-95. It's not going to happen."

Possible solutions such as high security fencing are unsightly for residents and expensive for the city, Le Min said.

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"I think we have some of the best marked crossing in the state," he said.

"People just have to stay off the tracks."

Le Min said the train was traveling the legal speed of 40 mph and the train blew its horn well in advance.

"It's just a matter of people behaving responsibly," he said. "How many signs is it going to take for people to stop trespassing?"



Courtesy of the McGowan family
Cpl. Stephen McGowan, 26, was on duty in Iraq and about to come home.

Alumnus killed in Iraq war

BY CAIT SIMPSON

Staff Reporter

A university alumnus was killed in Iraq March 4 when a roadside bomb exploded, killing him and three others on patrol.

Cpl. Stephen McGowan, 26, was serving as a health care specialist in the 1st Infantry Battalion on a patrol mission in Ar Ramadi, Martha Rudd, public affairs officer for the U.S. Army, said.

He was supposed to leave Iraq March 22.

Abby Farris, McGowan's cousin, said he was ready to return to Newark.

"Stephen had just sent us all an e-mail saying he'd be home for Good Friday," she said.

Bobbie McGowan, his mother, was notified of her son's death by an Army representative March 4, and the family assembled in Newark the next morning, Farris said.

She stated in a press release Stephen was inspired to join the Army after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

"Stephen felt a sense of duty to serve his country in his country in the U.S. Army," she said.

Farris said, "he believed in what he was doing — he served with distinction and honor."

In addition, she said McGowan received multiple awards for his exemplary service.

He received the Purple Heart Award and will be awarded the Bronze Star posthumously, his mother said. McGowan was well known for his humanitarian work as well.

He participated in a campaign to distribute Beanie Babies to Iraqi children and acted as a pen pal to a second-grade class in Texas.

Farris said Stephen was chosen by his scouts to be their medic, which is one of the most prestigious honors for an army medical worker.

"He turned down two promotions to stay with his troops," she said. "Those promotions would have taken him out of harm's way."

McGowan was part of a battalion in Colorado but spent the majority of his service in Korea on the Demilitarized Zone, Farris said.

While in Korea, he volunteered to go to Iraq in place of his roommate, who had a family.

This is "because he felt he should go before men with wives and children," she said.

McGowan was a graduate of St. Mark's High School and Wilmington College, Farris said.

He majored in criminal justice at the university and played club rugby.

McGowan worked for W.L. Gore & Associates as a product tester when he enlisted in the Army September 2002, Farris said.

Bobbie said, "we and so many friends will miss him, but his spirit will live on in our hearts and hearts and those whose hearts he blessed."

"One of his fellow soldiers e-mailed me and said the world is a darker place without Stephen, and everyone who knew him would agree."

DNP addresses Newark parking situation

BY NATALIE TORENTINOS

Features Editor

Newark area hotel representatives met Thursday night at the Downtown Newark Partnership meeting to discuss capitalizing on university facilities to bring larger groups of visitors to downtown businesses.

The project is a joint effort among representatives from 10 Newark hotels to promote the city as a business and travel destination.

Brad Wenger, spokesman for Embassy and Homewood Suites, said the venture is an opportunity to book people in 1,000 available rooms for three or four nights at a time.

The Courtyard Newark and Embassy Suites are working on leads from the convention and visitors bureau, he said. "It has a direct impact on local merchants, with a trickle effect on restaurants and retail," Wenger said. "Obviously the city benefits from that."

Hotel managers are genuinely interested in bringing businesses to Newark as soon as possible by showing the city can be a destination as opposed to a place with hotel and conference facilities, he said.

Bill Sullivan, member of the Newark area hotels marketing team, discussed possible conference destinations.

"The Bob Carpenter Sports Convocation Center, which we're very proud and fortunate to have, has the capacity for

lots of meetings and activities," he said.

Clayton Hall is another valuable site for meetings, Sullivan said, with 40,000 square feet of space, the latest in audio and visual capabilities, a hotel on site and excellent food service.

Bob Sparker, representative of Courtyard Newark at the University of Delaware as well as the university Conference Centers, said it makes sense to focus on the conference and travel of tourism areas.

Working on this project with DNP is beneficial, he said. "Potential planners look on it as a strength if there is an objective third party source they can work with," Sparker said.

Redevelopment of the Stone Balloon property was also a topic of discussion.

Members of DNP and the community argued over whether parking would become a major problem once the condominiums are built.

Maureen Feeney-Roser, assistant planning director for DNP, said there might be at least 80 people who cannot park once the Stone Balloon's lot is developed.

"We are looking into ways to expand long-term parking," she said.

According to President David P. Roselle, there is no plan to build a garage by the Galleria, but conversations have

taken place during the past 15 years about the possibility.

Mayor Vance A. Funk III said he does not think parking will be difficult since a new parking garage is opening on Elkton Road.

"There is a surplus of spaces right now on campus, so whatever they lose in that area will not be a serious problem," he said.

However, owners of Shaggy's, a seafood restaurant opening in the space above Grotto's in May, are nervous about the parking issue, Funk said. The space has not been occupied in two years.

"Shaggy's is a 200-seat restaurant," he said. "So you have a brand new touristy restaurant which is going to need a lot of spaces."

Newark resident Albert Porach said he researched data regarding 2004's monthly revenues from parking lots in Newark.

There is a correlation between a drop of \$15,000 to \$20,000 a month in parking revenue and the university calendar, he said. Building a garage because university students would have a problem is not a valid argument.

Obtaining a private developer's estimate of the cost to build a garage on city-owned land would validate using public funds, Porach added.

Gas prices on the rise

BY KELLY PERKINS

Staff Reporter

Gasoline prices will reach a new high this spring, with a national average of \$2.15 per gallon, according to a government report March 8.

The National Energy Information Center found the average price for gas is 26.1 cents per gallon higher than last year, and 21.9 cents higher in central Atlantic states like Delaware.

A spokeswoman for the Oil Price Information Service said gasoline in Delaware currently averages \$1.94 a gallon, \$1.99 in Maryland and \$2.08 in New York.

Neil Gamson, economist for NEIC, said gas prices usually increase between April and September, the busiest driving season, because demand for fuel increases.

However, he said the increased cost of crude oil is the cause of recent rises in gas prices. In early March, crude oil was \$55 a barrel, in April it is set to cost \$53.05, an increase of \$16.39 from last year.

More than 50 percent of the price of gasoline is based on the cost of crude oil. Also included are costs for refinery processing, marketing and distribution, retail costs and taxes.

Gamson said gas prices differ

widely between states because of varying levels of state taxes.

For instance, he said New Jersey has a 10.5 cents tax on gasoline, compared to Delaware's 23 cents tax, which makes fuel more expensive in Delaware.

Sophomore Liz Morgan, who was pumping gas at the 7-Eleven gas station on East Delaware Avenue, said she is upset because she will have less spending money this summer.

"I think it's almost to the point where it's ridiculous,"

Although gas prices have spiked recently, Gamson said consumers must realize the cost of fuel is not the highest in history.

When adjusted for inflation, the highest average cost for retail gas was \$2.99 in March 1981, he said.

In 1981 OPEC's price structure collapsed, causing a drastic rise in the price of crude oil.

Gamson said the NEIC predicts prices will continue to increase slowly throughout the year.

Junior Sanchay Krishna, who was also at 7-Eleven, said he is also worried how the increased gas prices will affect his summer plans.

"The raising gas prices definitely make me think twice about going on long trips," he said.



THE REVIEW/Bob Thurlow

The women's basketball team, which lost the CAA title game Saturday to Old Dominion in overtime, 78-74, will host St. John's Thursday in the Women's National Invitational Tournament. See story, B6.



THE REVIEW/Jessica Sitkoff
"The Ice House" debuted last weekend in Pearson Hall.

Welcome to 'The Ice House'

Comedic play portrays social life at the university

BY EMILY PICILLO
Staff Reporter

A laughable cast of stereotypical college students, off-the-wall antics, troubled relationships, young love, overt sexuality and pure comedy made up the E-52 Student Theatre's weekend premiere performance of "The Ice House," a play written and directed by university students.

In front of an eager and excited crowd of approximately 120 people in Pearson Hall, "The Ice House" told the story of the fictitious fourth oldest bar on Main Street, whose owner has permanently closed its door to students.

The manager, Omar, played by junior Scott Courlander, decides to open one last time, but a night full of mishaps ensues, which includes the disappearance of the bar's entire stock of beer.

Writer and graduate student Darrell Louder said while he has dabbled in screen-writing, "The Ice House" is his first full length theatre production.

He said experiences he encountered as a college student served as inspiration for the play. "A lot of the characters were based on myself

or people in my life," Louder said. "It is a farce on college life."

Co-director Todd Blass said there are references in the play that university students will particularly understand and enjoy.

"They are really going to feel a part of it," he said. "It is full of surprises and it is hysterical."

Characters such as Katie, the bubbly and rather ditzy cheerleader; the tough football player, Shelton; Andy and Porter, two young guys looking to pick up chicks; Trish, the underage flirt; and Tig, the sarcastic yet witty wise guy, continually derived laughter from the audience.

"The Ice House" offered up many comical instances of issues common to college students.

"You lie to them, that's how you get chicks," said the character of Andy, played by Louder. "It makes them think you're a good listener or something."

"What is it with men?" said Elise, played by senior Marion Aitchison. "If they're not arguing or fighting, they're sleeping."

Sophomore Chip Scott said the play exceeded his expectations.

"I was not keen on the idea of the show, but they blew me away, they were very good," he said.

Bob Davis, parent of a university student, said he found the play to be both professional and entertaining.

His wife, Patty, said the play was unique. "They are a very talented group, and as an ensemble they work well together," she said.

The couple said they did not feel the play was strictly meant for a young audience.

Senior Seth Kirschner, who played the character Tig, said the cast members know each other well and can play off one another easily.

"Working with such amazing people just lightens the mood for any play," he said.

Courlander said the play went better than he could have imagined.

"It was scary in a lot of ways because we were working without a safety net, and because the script was brand new, we were constantly changing things and seeing what worked and what did not," he said. "But it came together."

Blass said he did not know what to expect from directing an original play.

"I hope people are willing to take a chance with it and come out and see something that has never been done before," he said.

Louder said he was impressed with the final outcome of the play.

"Being on stage, I could not help but smile on every line, every joke that hit the way it was supposed to hit, he said. "It just felt so good."

Performances will also be held this Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Event serves up cash for charity

BY KATHLEEN COLLINS
Staff Reporter

The Delaware chapter of Easter Seals held a three-day volleyball tournament Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Carpenter Sports Building and raised more than \$200,000 to benefit the disabled.

One-hundred and fifty teams of between six and 10 players ranging from high school students to adults filled the gyms with friendly competition, hoping to bring home a prize.

Verna Hensley, spokeswoman for the organization, said the Computer Aid Incorporated/Easter Seals Volleyball challenge is the largest annual fundraising event for the non-profit organization.

Easter Seals is a service organization that offers support to the disabled and their families. This was the 24th year of the volleyball tournament.

The event raises money for the organization and funding for people who cannot afford services or access to assistance technologies, Hensley said.

"It's a great event to hold around this time every year," she said. "It really helps us get out of the winter doldrums, and to have people get exercise and make a difference in others' lives."

Twenty-five high school teams from across the state participated in the event to raise money

and receive volunteer service hours for graduation. While the tournament is an established event, participation of Delaware high schools during high school night was added a few years ago, Hensley said.

"Trading Spaces" activities were set up for high school students, she said. The activities place students in a position simulating challenges encountered from disabilities.

One station simulated an environmental control unit, which allows people with limited motor movements such as brain or spinal injuries to turn on lights, the radio or other electronic equipment with a remote control.

Another station displayed special silverware and tools that ease difficulties for people with decreased hand mobility.

Holly Titus, volunteer coordinator for Easter Seals, said the volleyball tournament is a big undertaking, but they are fortunate to have the support of the university and a committee made of corporate sponsors.

There were approximately 125 volunteers working over the three days, including members from the Gamma Sigma Sigma sorority.

"The Easter Seals and university Greek life have a long history together," she said. "The fraternities or sororities that volunteer



THE REVIEW/Mary Beth Wilde
Teams competed in a three-day volleyball tournament that raised more than \$200,000 for Easter Seals.

with us alternate over the years, but we've worked with Gamma Sigma Sigma for a long time."

The hectic event needs all the volunteers it can get, Titus said. The tournament is made up of 19 mini events, and there are constantly new groups coming and going.

"It is really a revolving door of activity, a big cycle," she said.

Freshman Kristin Gallagher, a pledge of Gamma Sigma Sigma sorority, said the tournament was a great experience for everyone involved. She was unaware of what Easter Seals did until a friend told her, but was happy to help, especially because she is involved with a similar group at home.

"I've been running around, seeing everything that's going on," Gallagher said. "It's been a really interesting and fun time. My favorite activities were the Trading Spaces stations."

Tournament participant Karin Elterich, from MBNA Support

Services, said her department has competed in the Easter Seals event for the past three years. Support Services is a department that manages developmentally disabled adults, such as those with Downes Syndrome or autism.

"Every year we get about 15 people together to come out and raise money," she said. "We raise about \$1,200 a year. We enjoy doing it because a lot of our representatives are supported by the Easter Seals."

The event is a lot of fun, Elterich said, and in addition to doing a good deed for the Easter Seals, it is a moral booster for the staff.

"The competition is great, and when our team played itself, we got to be more aggressive," she said. "We weren't afraid to spike the ball so much with our own people. We also go out to the Deer Park together as a group at the end of the night."

UD business school ranks 85th in world

BY AMELIA LUCHEY
Staff Reporter

The university's Alfred Lerner College of Business and Economics was ranked in the top 100 business schools in the world according to a study released by the School of Management at the University of Texas at Dallas in February.

John Sawyer, professor and chairman of the department of business administration, said the schools were ranked on the basis of the research productivity of their faculty members.

The study tracked publications of faculty members in 22 leading academic journals since 1990. The schools then were ranked based on the number of publications of faculty members between 2000 and 2004, stated in a press release by UTD.

Lerner College ranked 78th in North America, and 85th in the world.

Diane Ferry, business administration professor said this ranking is impressive because there are thousands of business colleges in North America.

"Lerner College is ranked so highly because we have outstanding faculty who are contributing to their respective fields of study by publishing in the top academic journals," she said.

Since the university's status is based on a scholarly reputation, this study is important, Sawyer said.

"This study shows that in terms of scholarly productivity, we are among the top in the world," he said.

Ferry said faculty at the university cover a wide range of genres, and therefore journals, in their research.

"We have faculty members in every area who publish articles and are trying to get into the top journals," she said. "The study means we are being very successful."

UTD said the study is more than just a ranking of business schools, and is meant to be of use to business school administrators and faculty members in measuring their productivity.

Ferry said any enhancement of Lerner College's reputation will affect a number of different areas.

"It will be a snowball

effect," she said.

Sawyer said the study also benefits students because the status of the university represents the status of its graduates.

The study provides a point of reference for comparison for the business schools in the study, UTD said.

Ferry said the study will help to set up a target for schools to aim toward.

"Schools will begin to compete to make it on the list and those on the list now will try to climb it," she said.

The research professors help maintain current knowledge in their field, Sawyer said, and if professors were not active in the scholarly field, then they would not be able to provide students with current information.

The faculty of Lerner College spends a good deal of time doing research, he said. Professors are sent abroad to conferences to see what others in their field are doing.

"You have to see what others are doing to stay cutting edge yourself," Sawyer said.

UTD said the study's findings were important because research is what provides students with the most advanced educational experience.

The study was conducted to address the aspect of research and its importance in the work of establishments of higher education, the press release stated.

Ferry said there have been improvements in the university and in Lerner College recently that have helped to improve the college's scholarly productivity.

"We have received support in the last several years from MBNA and other donors," she said. "Lerner College has enjoyed resources to support research."

Sawyer said the study is a big deal because it is recognition for efforts being put forth, which usually go unnoticed.

"We have always been a good business school," he said. "We are working on steady, continuous improvement by creating new knowledge through research."

Ferry said the study is important to Lerner College.

"From any perspective it helps the college to maintain and build its reputation," she said.

New e-mail system provides faster service

BY CHRIS CECCHETTO
Staff Reporter

The university recently converted to an anti-virus and spam filtering e-mail system to reduce the overwhelming amount of junk mail that floods many accounts on the network.

Dan Grim, director of IT-Services, said the new system, Mirapoint, is easier and more efficient than the former Webmail system.

IT-Services is continually addressing the problem of junk mail, he said, and Mirapoint reduces the overwhelming amount of junk mail on the network.

"The old mail system was having difficulty keeping up with the ever increasing volume of e-mail," Grim said.

The new system gives users much more storage for e-mail and improved performance.

"We had been getting lots of complaints of sluggish performance of Webmail and slow delivery times for many e-mails," he said.

Mirapoint has been in testing since last summer, Grim said.

All students have been moved to the new system, and IT-Services is now transferring staff and faculty accounts.

Grim said he expects everyone at the university to be using the new system by the end of the semester.

Sophomore Aimee McCormick said she is thrilled the university made the switch, especially because Mirapoint is faster, appears to be user-friendly and makes it easier to identify junk mail.

"They definitely moved to a faster server," she said. "The new e-mail system is easier to use for non-computer-related majors."

Grim said users will still be able to access their e-mail accounts through pro-

grams like Microsoft Outlook, but Mirapoint makes Web-based e-mail simple.

"We believe that most students are already familiar with Web-based e-mail systems like Hotmail and that they will find that interface most familiar," Grim said.

Mirapoint, although an improvement from the old system, has received a few complaints.

"The only complaints I've heard about the new system are about missing e-mail folders and these are not really missing," Grim said.

Another problem encountered by some users who were sent instructions to begin using Webmail Direct but are still using the old Webmail system is that they can still see their Inbox, but they do not see any of their e-mail folders, he said.

"That is easily rectified by starting to use Webmail Direct," Grim said.

Police Reports

LOCK YOUR DOORS

A computer was removed from Ivy Hall Apartments early Saturday morning, Newark Police said.

Between approximately 1:30 and 3:15 a.m. a Dell laptop computer was removed from a man's unlocked apartment, Linda Burns, police spokeswoman said.

The man had left his apartment to go next door, and when he returned to his apartment he noticed his computer was missing.

The man said there had been a large group of people in his building because of a party.

The cost of the laptop was estimated at \$900. There are no suspects at this time.

BRAWL AT IVY

Two men engaged in a fight in the courtyard of Ivy Hall Apartments early Saturday morning, Burns said.

At 2 a.m. Saturday while driving around the apartments on patrol, officers noticed a large crowd gathered in the middle of the courtyard.

When the officers approached the crowd they saw a man with a bloody nose and a cut on the back of his head.

The man told police he was punched by a man he did not know, Burns said, causing him to fall on his head.

Someone at the scene informed police who the other man was, but they could not find him in the vicinity.

The man was taken to Christiana Hospital where he was treated for his injuries and released, Burns said. He decided not to press

charges.

FIRE IN THE TREES

Pine trees in the Marrow Court Apartments located on Aylesboro Road were set on fire Sunday night, Burns said.

At approximately 6:30 p.m. three trees in the side yard of the apartment complex were set on fire.

After police arrived at the scene, a man said he had seen young men standing in the area of the burning, Burns said.

After the fire was put out, what appeared to be a campsite was found under the trees.

No damage was done to surrounding apartments, Burns said, and there are no suspects at this time.

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Locks of Love charity helps boost self-esteem

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A few years ago junior Denise Murray was in a hospital suffering from a condition called Burkitt's lymphoma, a rare condition occurring during adolescence.

Burkitt's lymphoma is a condition that attacks the body's immune system and in its most advanced stage, affects the body's vital organs.

Treatment for lymphoma can also cause hair loss.

Murray, now recovering from the disease, has planned a Locks of Love event scheduled March 17 in the Trabant University Center.

The Locks of Love organization is a non-profit group that provides hairpieces to children suffering from diseases resulting in hair loss.

Locks of Love volunteer coordinator, Jackie

Kepka, said Madonna Coffman, whose daughter suffered from alopecia areata and lost her hair at an early age, founded the organization in 1997.

Alopecia areata, a skin disease, that affects 4.7 million Americans, results in hair loss during adolescence, she said.

Murray said she requested an application from the national Locks of Love organization to hold the event at the university.

Kepka said Locks of Love accepts hair at least 10 inches in length to make wigs for those with chronic illnesses. Hair less than 10 inches is also accepted and will be sold to fund the Locks of Love programs. The only hair not accepted is bleached hair.

"We don't accept it because the cleanser we use disintegrates the hair," Kepka said. "We do accept all dyed hair because the cleanser will

return the hair to its natural color."

Murray said local salons have helped to provide hairstylists for the event. Both Rumor's and Platinum Salon and Spa plan to send volunteers.

Platinum Salon hairstylist J.L. Kaczmarczk said, "everyone here knows someone who has been touched by a grave illness."

Platinum Salon gives discounts to the customers who come in and donate year-round, she said.

Platinum manager Ashley Stoneman said the store submits 10 ponytails per month.

"We charge for the blow-dry but we offer a free haircut and wash for those who come in and donate," she said.

The Schilling Douglas School of Hair Design also plans to send volunteers to the event.

Owner Victor David said the school has been

participating in the program for several years.

"We do it for those kids who are suffering so much," he said.

Kepka said the organization receives more than 3,000 packages of hair each week from across the country.

"Our job is to help the children restore self-esteem and confidence," she said.

Fifty participants have already signed up to get their hair cut and Murray expects anywhere between 50 and 150 more students to donate.

This is the first year for this program but Murray said she expects it to become an annual event.

"We realize that college students don't have a lot of money," she said. "So we don't ask for it, we are asking for something that will grow back."

EDucate for a Cure holds fundraiser at Cold Stone

BY BETH ANDERSON

Staff Reporter

EDucate for a Cure, a new Registered Student

Organization, held a fundraiser at Cold Stone Creamery on East Main Street Thursday evening for cancer research in memory of former university student Erin Donnelly.

Junior Emily Morse said Donnelly died of cancer in October. Morse was a friend of Donnelly's and is also a member of EDucate for a Cure.

Junior Dave Sherman, president of EDucate for a Cure, said Donnelly had to leave the university during her sophomore year because of her illness.

"All she really wanted was an education," he said.

Sherman said Donnelly was a strong person. While she was sick, he said Donnelly visited children with cancer at St. Barnabas Hospital in New Jersey.

Morse said Donnelly's life and death inspired her friends to form EDucate for a Cure to raise

money and awareness.

The new organization will be working with the biology department to raise money for cancer research at the university, she said.

Morse said the group hopes to start a scholarship in her name. The scholarship would help fund students' work involving cancer research.

In addition to research, the group said they would like to donate to St. Barnabas Hospital.

Members of the group acted as Cold Stone Creamery employees Thursday from 5 to 9 p.m. by scooping and serving ice cream to customers. Twenty percent of the proceeds gathered from selling ice cream went to charity.

They began training roughly 90 minutes before the event, Sherman said.

Other members handed out fliers at the front door, such as junior Tom Pepe.

Pepe said raising money for cancer research is important.

"It's gotten to the point

where everybody knows somebody who has cancer," he said.

Sophomore Meagan Coats said she heard about the fundraiser through her sorority.

She said she feels it is important to donate to cancer

research.

"A lot of people already have cancer," she said. "It's important to get more information for a cure."

Morse said the turnout was good.



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Editorial

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Trains

A pedestrian was killed attempting to cross in front of a train Friday night.

According to Newark Police, the collision occurred on the CSX railroad tracks at the New London Road crossing, adjacent to Deer Park Tavern.

The 47-year-old man was walking to his car on the other side of the tracks.

This is the straw that broke the camel's back, or at least it should be.

Before this academic year, the last death from a train accident in Newark was in 1999. There have been two deaths and two injuries since September.

Staff Editorial

Someone needs to take action, be it the city or university, or preferably both.

Part of Newark's job, as the local government, is to do everything in its power to protect its citizens.

Newark's place on CSX's Boston to Washington, D.C. travel corridor is one of the most congested. The university has railroad tracks running through it, and its students have been hit and killed by CSX trains. It has a duty to address this issue.

The Review encourages the city

and university to come together with knowledgeable architects and engineers to design walkways, trestles or any other protective measure.

The police claim fenced-in areas would be an "eyesore" that community members who live near the tracks would not appreciate.

These things would be installed to save lives, which is more important than making Newark beautiful.

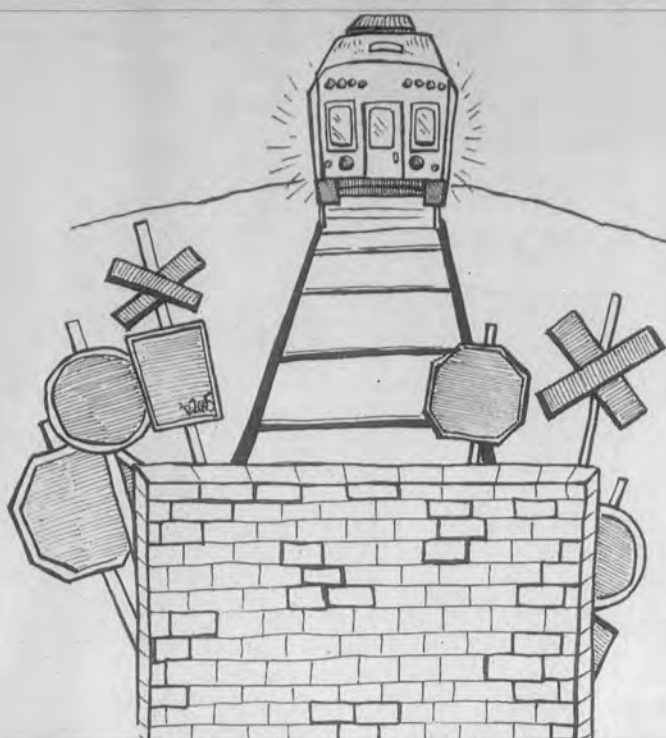
It must be acknowledged that the university, city and CSX built an expensive wall behind the Carpenter Sports Building in hopes of preventing accidents, but this is not enough.

Nor are the many warning signs that surround the train crossings.

In all fairness, the tracks were here first, and have been for more than 100 years. They are not going anywhere, and it is unlikely they could be diverted either.

The Review suggests stationing Newark Police officers at the train crossings where accidents have previously happened, specifically on Friday and Saturday nights.

And most importantly, students and residents alike need to be aware, at all times. Take responsibility for yourself and stay off the tracks.



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Letters to the Editor

Student appreciates column about Italian agent's death

Thank you for writing the piece that appeared in Friday's Review. I am Italian and I followed the Giuliana Sgrena's misadventure until the end in the Italian news on the Internet. I find Nicola Calipari's death absolutely senseless and I am grateful to you for your comments.

Maria Capursi
Graduate Student

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Students should follow Social Security reform



Greg Price
Greg's Grips

For a while now I have put off writing an editorial. I was waiting for just the right topic to rip to shreds and have no remorse about it. Luckily, we have President George W. Bush.

Since Bush began his second term, the majority of his efforts have been strongly domestic. He appointed a new ambassador to the United Nations, promoted a member of the Environmental Protection Agency in the hopes of passing the Clear Skies bill and of course Social Security reform.

Bush began a nonstop tour similar to Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus. He visited New Hampshire and North Carolina, to name a few states.

The message was simple: Social Security will be flat broke and we must do something now to prevent future fallout. The answer, according to Bush, is personal retirement accounts.

In 2018, Social Security will be writing out more checks to beneficiaries than the annual amount they take from each worker's paycheck. Bush got these numbers from the Social Security Administration. An agency that, surprisingly, had a high-ranking official agree to tour the country encouraging people to choose personal retirement accounts.

On top of this, the Republican Party even hired a 9-year-old presidential history buff, who appeared on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno several times to tour the country on his spring break spewing misinformation about Social Security's "bankruptcy."

Let me pick off each of these issues one by one.

Besides touring the country at the Republican Party's request, the SSA does have other responsibilities, namely predicting the health of the



THE REVIEW/Kristin Margiotta

U.S. economy 75 years in advance.

They calculate this ridiculous number to make sure that future generations will not be stuck with the expensive price tag of fixing the system if it does fail.

What Bush will not say to people is that the SSA is required to make three different assessments. Bush chose the assessment with the scariest statistics.

Not to mention that 75 years is a long time, and I am not about to believe a man who also says Iraq had weapons of mass destruction and that U.S. troops would be in and out of Iraq.

Furthermore, personal retirement accounts are a horrible idea. Bush wants a portion of the Social Security Tax to be placed into personal

accounts, and once there, a diverse number of stocks and bonds. Sounds like a great "ownership society" right?

Wrong. The system leaves citizens money subject to the stock market, one of the most unpredictable institutions.

Another problem is accountability. U.S. citizens have the right to elect a new leader if the incumbent does not meet their requirements. Now say a company goes bankrupt, or cooks the books like Enron. Millions of people would lose their money.

Yet, citizens could do nothing about the company's leadership or even question their business practices if they succeed. Americans barely pay attention to their local politicians, let alone read the business page to see if their stocks did well.

Hiring a 9-year-old to tour the country is just plain slimy. Bush and his cronies are preying on some good-hearted people, who would genuinely listen to a child's point of view.

All of this might sound boring, or students might just ask how can this affect their lives. The fact is, if this system fails, assuming it gets passed in the next year and half or so, the college students of today will pay for it. Just like they will pay for the war in Iraq.

There is a very good reason for why Bush tours the country promoting the reform. He knows congressmen will not support any bill if it affects their chance to stay in office, not matter how much "political capital" he gained in the last election.

Keep that in mind next time you hear anything about Social Security reform. It can and will affect you.

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Middle East is focus of U.S. foreign policy, university needs to offer Arabic

Nathan Fields

Guest Columnist

According to the Department of Foreign Languages and Literature's Web site, one of its primary goals is to prepare students for careers in international relations.

In some ways, the department has done a good job in this area. But, overall, because of an excessive Euro-centricism, its performance has been incomplete at best.

This spring the department will offer 37 sections of French, 33 Of Italian, 14 of German and 115 of Spanish. Most of its study abroad programs are to places such as France, Spain, Italy and Germany. Such a focus might have been justified in the 1950s and 1960s, when Europe was at the front line of Cold War

However, in 2005, it is not strategically important enough to validate the overwhelming emphasis it receives from the FLTL. Furthermore, since all transnational diplomacy and business in the European Union is conducted in English, any American can easily get by with their native tongue if they have to travel there.

On the other hand, the Middle East is clearly the most important region for U.S. foreign policy. From a strictly short-term military perspective, the United States must develop more Arabic speakers. Intelligence from the Middle East region has been limited because of the lack of people with the ability to communicate in the native languages. In Iraq, the military has to rely on native Iraqis to translate, who do not share the same dedication to the mission and are susceptible to blackmail and infiltration from the resistance. If each Army unit had sufficient American Arabic speakers, they would be able to do a better job

of rooting out insurgents.

Winning the long-term war of ideologies requires as much cross cultural interaction between Arabs and Americans as possible. Throughout the Middle East region, negative stereotypes about the United States persist because in most cases, there is no one there to refute them. Young Americans traveling to Arab states and forming friendships and bonds is critical to breaking down the perceptions of the United States that play into the hands of terrorist recruiters. The vast majority of Arabs like Americans and would be honored to host them as students. Obviously, certain places such as Iraq might be too dangerous, but countries such as Morocco, Egypt, Jordan and Tunisia are perfect.

Yet, seven semesters after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, FLTL still does not offer one class of Arabic or one study abroad program in an Arab country. Nothing justifies this disgraceful imbalance. At a large university like ours, bureaucracy can sometimes

slow things down, but that is an excuse that might have worked in the spring of 2003, not 2005. Finding qualified teachers is probably not easy, but it is not as if they can not be recruited from the Middle East to come to the university. If the department can find enough teachers in Chinese and Hebrew they can certainly do the same for Arabic.

The FLTL has to prioritize its resources. The Romance languages should not be ignored, but America's strategic needs have to be taken into account. Western Europe clearly deserves less emphasis than the Middle East and North Africa. Studying any language is better than studying none, but nothing justifies offering 199 sections of Western European languages and zero of Arabic or Farsi.

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University group offers relief

BY MIKE HARTNETT
News Features Editor

Silence smothered the vacant field, except for the distant sound of waves crashing on the shore. The loud motor of an emerging van awakens the sleepy, shattered village. Joe Trainor climbs out onto the crunchy soil, 9,000 miles away from his Main Street office. The Sri Lankan villagers huddle around Trainor and his traveling companions, gazing at them like they landed from outer space.

The villagers stumble over debris as they walk across the soil with their new foreign friends. Trainor listens to villagers explain what this defeated terrain used to look like.

"This was a market," he says. "There were homes, and people and lives. You look around and you realize that you are standing on what used to be a village."

Memories are all that remain of many Sri Lankan villages. They could not shield themselves from the Indian Ocean tsunami that wiped out South Asia Dec. 26.

Three weeks after the devastating incident, Trainor and two other members of the university's Disaster Research Center traveled to affected villages in India and Sri Lanka. The four-member team, including James Kendra, a University of North Texas professor and former postdoctoral fellow at DRC, engaged in a two-week field research expedition to study disaster preparedness, response and recovery.

The team slowly navigated through each country, visiting fishing and farming villages to research why certain communities responded faster than others in the rebuilding effort.

On a cool January morning, Trainor and his colleagues rise before dawn in a hotel room in Chennai, a city in India. They climb into a Toyota SUV and head down the highway toward Pondicherry, a major coastal city. Pondicherry is typical by Indian standards — small storefronts, dirt roads and no skyscrapers.

"If you want to use a restroom, you have to find

the one or two in the city," Trainor says.

On the way to the city, the team stops at local fishing villages hugging the coastline. Fishermen were most affected by the tsunami, he says, because of their intimate connection with the ocean.

"The sea is their livelihood to the point where it is almost worshipped like a God in certain locations," he explains.

"They talk to the ocean."

The tsunami changed perceptions of the possibilities the ocean can create, Trainor says, but this will not stop fishermen from maintaining their livelihood.

"It's your life trade," he says. "You can't just turn your back on it."

James Kendra, the fourth member of the team, says a universal complaint in the fishing communities was a demand for boats, nets and motors. The villagers said if they had these items, they would be able to make significant advances in their recovery. As of last month, Kendra says the villagers were still waiting for the majority of these supplies to arrive.

"There was a lot of skepticism in terms of when they would be able to have their boats again," he says. In both countries, most villages were only separated by half-mile stretches of coconut trees and beaches, but there could be a huge difference in the degree of damage the tsunami caused and the speed of the recovery effort, Trainor says.

"One village may have a temporary shelter and they'd be working and redeveloping," he says. "You go to the next village, and they'd be just starting to rebuild and put shelters in."

In India, temporary shelters, or refugee camps, have been built away from the ghostly villages, Trainor says. In Sri Lanka, shelters were built right on the spot where homes were washed away.

The amount of influence residents have in choosing where they can relocate varies by village, he says. Some were being forced to relocate to a specific location.

Relocation has sparked a debate over property

rights, Trainor explains, because in most cases, residents owned the land where their homes were destroyed.

"So can the government decide two or three years from now to allow other people to live there?" he says. "There is a lot of uncertainty."

Uncertainty plagued the research team during a two-week planning process prior to the trip. The hotel in Chennai where the team was planning to reside would be deep in the heart of territory controlled by the Tamil Tigers, a radical Sri Lankan political party.

"Depending on who you talk to, they are either terrorists or a revolutionary government," Trainor says.

The International Center for Ethnic and Conflict Studies, one of the research team's contacts, placed a phone call to the Tamil Tigers and the Sri Lankan government to request permission to conduct research, he says. The Tigers, who have their own education, policing and court system, approved the team's request.

With the difficult part of the planning process over, Trainor says the team worked on establishing contacts, obtaining visas and receiving vaccinations for typhoid, flu, hepatitis A and B and meningitis.

Differences between western and South Asian culture were evident from the beginning of the trip. Trainor left unnecessary items like his earring back in Delaware, because they are unacceptable in their society. He didn't forget the essentials, including the ability to act like a kid again.

"If you went outside of hotels, you ate with your hands because there are no utensils," he says.

Language barriers are eased with the help of local academics who traveled with the team the entire trip and provided translation, Trainor explains. Each day the team visited villages and spent approximately two to four hours at each community, walking through town with the residents and listening to them tell their stories.

"The people would just gravitate to us," he

recalls.

Havdán Rodríguez, director of the DRC and member of the expedition, says the image of a mother wandering around a community with pictures of family members is an enduring memory from the trip.

"We met about two or three people that would show us a picture of their wife or kid who had perished," Rodríguez recalls.

Fishermen and farmers are not the only people whose livelihoods took a major blow when the tsunami struck, he says.

On the way back to Pondicherry one afternoon, Rodríguez remembers encountering a group of women and men sitting in the middle of the road, blocking traffic on both sides. This scene would have been commonplace in Sri Lanka, where residents are angry because the government has not made a concerted effort in organizing relief aid, Rodríguez says.

"We got out of the vehicles and talked to them," he says. "They were protesting because the government had not provided for them."

The loophole in India's otherwise strong relief aid system was being played out right before the team's eyes. The protestors were agricultural laborers, who did not fall into either category of fishermen or farmer. They work for farmers, but they don't own any land, he explains. When the farmland was washed away, these people lost their jobs and did not receive aid.

Luckily, there may be a happy ending to this battle.

"After several hours of discussion, the government indicated they would seriously consider their request," Rodríguez says.

The research team, like many aid organizations working in these shattered communities, seems to be the bridge in a wide gap between residents and the outside world. Each team member recalls how eager and delighted the villagers were for the opportunity

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THE REVIEW/Jessica Sitkoff

FUNKtion: It's all in the bag

BY CHRISTOPHER MOORE
Managing Mosaic Editor

Priscilla Kavanaugh prims herself as The Review's photo editor, Jessica Sitkoff, circles the table strewn with colorfully spectacular handbags.

"Does my hair look okay?" she asks, amid the glow of a camera's flash.

Beside her, in striking blue, sits her partner in business, and close personal friend, Melissa Marbo.

"You look fantastic," Marbo quips.

These aren't the typical university seniors — they are handbag designers, and the bags they've been creating since January are, to say the least, impressive.

Marbo and Kavanaugh, both 21, are fashion design and merchandising majors, and from their current line, their sense of execution seems effortless.

A mix of casual totes and sassy wristlets, the FUNKtion line for spring is a colorful ensemble of brights and basics paired with coordinating stripes, polka dots and patterns. The name itself describes both the collection and Marbo and Kavanaugh's theory on bag design.

"We went for something that would be part funky and part functional," Marbo says. "The bags are custom-made so we have the freedom to stretch what we see as traditional."

The birth of FUNKtion, however, isn't as spectacular as the collection itself.

"Basically we had our final design class and we were freaking out," Marbo says. "So it started out as a joke but we came up with an accessory line."

"One thing led to another and we started creating patterns for bags." Creating a company, Kavanaugh adds, seemed a better alternative than looking for a "real job."

Choosing colors for spring requires both women to utilize their fashion insight to predict which shades compliment the styles they've created.

"Everything was done in advance," Marbo says. "We based it on research we found of what would be in style."

She also watches award shows, like "The Academy Awards," to see what the stars wear, a usual indicator of where styles may be going.

"I love Marc Jacobs," she says. "His designs aren't so far over the edge, but they always have a twist."

Marbo also finds influence in London designer Lulu Guinness, whose bags are known for brightly tailored designs and functionality — something both women appreciate.

Kavanaugh, a Wilmington native, says bags by Coach and Lilly Pulitzer provide an ample amount of influence in their own personal creative department.

While each bag has flourishes of these influences, the bags are fresh and original — the perfect complement to Marbo and Kavanaugh's creative tastes.

In their last semesters, they are finding the perfect balance between constructing and marketing their lines and accomplishing the simple task of maintaining their studies.

"I set up blocks of time in the morning and afternoon to sew," Kavanaugh says. "It's all about time management."

Marbo says it's starting to become difficult, though.

"You get a couple less hours of sleep every night as a design major,"

she says, "but you get used to that."

Though they haven't seen their bags on campus yet, they hope to attract attention from fashion-savvy female students when they take over a kiosk in Trabant on March 22.

"We have had bag parties that have been pretty successful," Kavanaugh says. "We have sold everything from a wristlet to a teenager to a bag for an 80-year-old."

FUNKtion bags are also now available in Bloom on Main Street. Owner Mimi Sullivan-Sparks says picking up the unique line for her own unique store was a no-brainer.

"They are so great," Sullivan-Sparks says. "We have them prominently highlighted in the store."

She plans to move some of the bags to the store's display window for summer, taking advantage of the colorful stripes to enhance other merchandise and attract passers-by.

"The line is well merchandised," she says. "Both girls are just delightful to work with."

Part of being successful as a designer is knowing how to spot the next trend.

"We chose a lot of pinks, blues and greens — nothing obnoxious," Kavanaugh says.

"For fall, greens are going to stay around, especially muted shades." Beyond the color palate of autumn, post-college life seems to be brimming with possibilities for both women.

Marbo, whose family lives in Bucks County, Pa., says if she doesn't continue designing bags, she would like to pursue a job involving computer design.

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A strong debut from Amos Lee

"Amos Lee"
Amos Lee
Blue Note Records
Rating: ★★☆☆



While the majority of Philadelphia radio guides keg party mixes, 88.5 XPN rekindles sparks lit by legends and spotlights rising talent often smothered by overproduced clones.

Amos Lee's affecting voice premiered on the station's "Philly Local" segment, a showcase of artists in love with their hometown, but desperate to bust its boundaries.

That's just what Lee did. In less than 10 years, the puppy-dog-cut musician went from playing sets after work to opening for Grammy-goddess

Norah Jones.

His first single, "In the Arms of a Woman," rolled through airwaves more than a year ago and hit me with awe. For months, it remained the song by the guy with the weird name. While Lee searched for a record company that wouldn't press him into an MTV-friendly mold, he opted for random radio appearances and live shows.

Lee eventually settled at Blue Note Records, the company linked to Ella Fitzgerald, the Reverend Al Green and Van Morrison.

When he finally released the album March 1, I anxiously slipped it into my CD player and pushed play. Within the first few seconds, I made up my mind: I can't like this album.

In the opening track, "Keep it Loose Keep it Tight," Norah Jones' enchanting piano-playing makes the song seem more "Come Away With Me" than "Amos Lee." That's not what I waited months for.

Although the pianist's support adds credibility to Lee's first album, her celebrity takes away from the easygoing nature that makes him so genuine.

The more I listen to the album in its entirety, the more accepting I become of the first track as one aspect of a more impressive whole.

Lee limboes between soul and

folk, producing a laidback but punchy sound comparable to Ben Harper and Keb' Mo'.

It carries something stronger than music made by other sensitive, male singers — something beyond guest appearances from Jones and bassist Lee Alexander. The album is gentle, without being sickeningly sweet.

Lee's voice carries the easygoing spirit of James Taylor and the emotional tone of his Blue Note label-mates.

As a songwriter, he keeps it simple and honest.

His music is the result of an early submergence in a flood of legends from Johnny Cash and Ella Fitzgerald, and the influence of his experience at University of South Carolina. In his Blue Note bio, Lee attributes his sincerity to the influence of his honest college buddies.

After graduation, he returned home to teach elementary school. Before long, he quit teaching to bartend at Philly's cozy Tin Angel, a position allowing him to write songs and meet the right people.

"Dreamin'" follows the typical struggling musician formula:

"Now everybody wanna treat me like a housefly; / Turn me around and tell me to shoo; / Tell me keep on dreamin' / That's just what I'm gonna do."

The 6-foot-2-inch bartender didn't have to dream for long. With the attention of XPN and a solid fan-base, he started selling out shows and EPs, earning the attention of prominent recording companies.

Although first-time producer Alexander snuck some seasoned performers into the mix, he didn't snip Lee's Philly ties. "Give it Up" is less forced than the more contemplative pieces like the album's weighty heartache song, "Colors."

"Give it Up" sounds more like a front-porch jam than sultry soul, blending Devin Greenwood's Hammond B3, Chris Thomas' bass and the backup vocals of Fred Berman and Adam Levy.

Musical accompaniment, though diverse and beautiful, plays second to Lee's voice through all 35 minutes. There are no solos or standouts, besides Jones, and it's done like that for a reason: Lee doesn't need much.

With one tour behind him, a current opening act for Bob Dylan and Merle Haggard and celebrity backing, Lee's in the position to sell more than a few albums.

I guess XPN was right again.

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New Releases to Check Out

"Sing Other People," Angels of Light
"Atom Bomb," The Blind Boys of Alabama
"Human After All," Daft Punk
"Everything's OK," Al Green
"Directo," Sex Museum
"Nightlife," Paul Taylor
"Marion McPartland's Piano Jazz," Steely Dan
"Chain Letter," Brooke Valentine
"NASCAR in 3D," Original Soundtrack

The Gist of It

★★★★ Lee Press-On
★★★★ Bruce Lee
★★★ Sara Lee
★★ Lee Jeans
★ Robert E. Lee

Miss Argentina
"Yes I Am No You Can't"
Self-released
Rating: ★★☆☆

There's always something intriguing about a woman who plays guitar and sings, and in the case of Philadelphia's Miss Argentina, front woman Mercedes (formerly of Long Beach, Calif., band Havalina Rail Co.) has some serious magnetism. Her flexible, provocative voice complements the duel guitar and bass of the debut, "Yes I Am No You Can't."

As far as comparisons go, if the Pretenders were a bit more punk, they might sound similar to Miss Argentina. While both bands are backed by guys, it's the women up front who seem to turn heads. The cover art on "Yes I Am No You Can't" says a lot, as it features a stand-alone, three-color image of Mercedes' face.

A few spins of the disc will have listeners humming the hooks to songs such as "No One

Will Know" and "Playboy," the latter being one of the album's standout tracks.

Aside from turning out some serious rock tracks, Miss Argentina displays a comedic side on "Vanity," a sarcastic song with lyrics that point to an over-confident gal:

"Hey everybody look at me / Aren't I what you came to see? / I'm lookin' so pretty / The hottest thing in this whole city / I can do anything, that's a fact / I'm loaded and fully stacked / I'm the new rising star / And look, I even play guitar."

Funny thing is, even though the lyrics on the track seem plastic and over-indulgent, they are prophetic because they describe what listeners are already thinking, but Miss Argentina does the favor of saying it first.

Miss Argentina also wants its audience to get up and dance, and with tracks such as "It's All Over" and "Dance With Me," it's seemingly impossible not to.



The Philly area is definitely in need of a new rock goddess, as it hasn't had much along the lines of long-running, female-fueled rock since bands such as Undergirl came into existence 10 years ago. The invitation seems open when Mercedes sings:

"It's alright, I don't bite / Except at night / Come and dance with me."

For the love of music, please take Miss Argentina up on the offer. It's a win-win situation.

—Callye Morrissey

"Frances The Mute"
The Mars Volta
Universal
Rating: ★★☆☆1/2

For second albums, avid listeners are under the impression second releases pale in comparison to artists' first. Where the first is groundbreaking and innovative, the second duplicates success with the same results but lacks the full emotion and intelligence that went into the first. This dilemma is known as the "sophomore slump."

The Mars Volta second release, "Frances The Mute" does not follow this musical faux pas. The album, following 2003's "De-Loused in the Comatorium" is an expansion of sound and creativity. Where the rocking "De-Loused" was a concept album about the ambitions of a departed friend of the band, "Frances" eases back to reveal the melody and heart of the band. As a result, the album comes to be a great step in modern progressive rock.

The reason for such designation lies in the instrumentation of the album. The band, comprised of

two individuals with some occasional help, sounds full and indulged in the arts of psychedelic, jazz and classical. As a result, "Frances the Mute" comes off as the re-incarnation of Traffic, Rush or Yes.

Regarding story structure and plot, the record contains a continuous flow never sounding calculated or placed. This is a great accomplishment for The Mars Volta early in its career. Some progressive rock albums push story over music, but those albums decrease in pace, making them damaged as a whole.

The album is a great introduction to those unaware of progressive rock. Featuring amazing song structure, "Frances The Mute" still holds concept but is organized for the compact disc era.

Confronting the issue of the old progressive rocker, the band gives the ability to hear separate pieces of the epics like grooves on vinyl. Still, "Frances The Mute" should be listened to multiple times to understand the plot.

With the original progressive



rock harbingers past their prime, The Mars Volta clearly opens the door for a new era in a declining genre. Fans of progressive rock will find a sense of freshness behind this record.

There is no doubt about it, The Mars Volta have done something right. Out of the constant noise and nonsense of current pop and rock music, the band has created a piece of work that is both raw but accessible and longwinded but smooth. The listener can wait in anticipation of what The Mars Volta will do and release next.

—Keegan Maguigan

Price of Fame

Bruce Willis has apparently pulled a Demi. The New York Post's Page Six reports that Willis "got it on" with multi-faceted, and overly tanned, teen sensation Lindsay Lohan. The two were seen cavorting at the post-premier-party for Willis' new film "Hostage." No word yet on whether Demi will try to trump him and hook-up with Aaron Carter.

Pop crooner Rod Stewart is reportedly now engaged to girlfriend Penny Lancaster. The middle-aged icon, whose career renaissance was further enhanced by his first ever Grammy win last month, has been dating Miss Lancaster for three years.

"Fat Actress" star Kirstie Alley has lost 22 pounds in 11 weeks. According to Star Magazine, the voluptuous comedienne wowed those around her at a Showtime party in her honor.

Pop tart Britney Spears tells Allure she has "let herself go" since marrying her former dancer Kevin Federline. She tells the magazine how proud she is of her husband who is reportedly record-

ing his first album with former mulleted crooner Michael Bolton.

Backstreet Boy Nick Carter found himself in the backseat after being arrested for driving under the influence. The 25-year-old singer, who will join the rest of his boy band posse next month for a club tour, released a statement saying he "deeply regrets" the incident.

Aussie diva Kylie Minogue may need to invest in a leash for her beau, film star Olivier Martinez. Star Magazine reports the French actor was spotted having a laugh-filled lunch with an unidentified blonde in West Hollywood last week. Minogue, who was in London at the time, has reportedly had issues with Martinez's roaming eyes on a number of occasions.

Former "King of Pop" Michael Jackson escaped jail and a six-digit fine when he finally showed up for court hours after he was expected. The child-loving singer was reportedly in the hospital, which would explain his need to wear his pajama bottoms to court.

—Christopher Moore

horoscopes

Taurus

(April 21 – May 21)

It's time to start thinking about a new look. Go beyond colors and fashion and design your own style. Your creative mind may influence others to do the same.

Gemini

(May 21 – June 21)

Your career goals are fuzzy at the moment and it's starting to bother you. You are a big dreamer and you have the ability to grasp anything imaginable.

Cancer

(June 21 – July 22)

Being a naturally strong and stable person, people tend to count on you. It's time to be a little selfish and work on your own interests. Tell everyone else to go fly a kite.

Leo

(July 23 – Aug. 21)

You've got a bad case of cabin fever. Instead of moping around the house or work place, not getting anything done, drain your bank account. Might as well make some use of those extra funds you've been saving.

Virgo

(Aug. 22 – Sept. 23)

If you are having problems at home, try ignoring them. If they go away, they were never really problems to begin with. If they remain, it will be something you will have to take care of.

Libra

(Sept. 24 – Oct. 23)

A loved one is starting to get under your skin on a daily basis. If you continue to let them do so without saying anything, it may be the end of something great. Speak your mind.

Scorpio

(Oct. 24 – Nov. 22)

Stop being so concerned about financial difficulties. Everything will work out in the end. Remember, money isn't everything, and money certainly can't buy happiness.

Sagittarius

(Nov. 23 – Dec. 22)

A new opportunity will soon present itself, requiring a lot of your time. You will question yourself about it but don't worry too much. You will be able to handle it.

Capricorn

(Dec. 23 – Jan. 20)

It's time to let go of old grudges and move on with your life. You are an adult so start acting like one. There is no point in dwelling on trivial things in the past.

Aquarius

(Jan. 21 – Feb. 19)

Life isn't Burger King. You can't always have things your way. Sometimes you will need to bend for others and step out of the spotlight once in a while.

Pisces

(Feb. 20 – March 20)

It's time to step up and make some decisions that will affect your future in the workplace. Don't hesitate to jump on anything beneficial to you. It's OK to put yourself first sometimes.

Aries

(March 21 – April 20)

Old friends and loved ones will be coming back into your life soon. You may have changed over the years, but your old self won't have a hard time re-surfacing.

—Brian Downey

feature forum

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It has come down to this once again. You've exhausted all other resources. There is no way around the inevitable. Somewhere, buried deep within the University of Delaware's Web site, is the information you require.

Your mission, should you choose to accept, is to utilize the university's search option and isolate all information relevant to your needs. Where others have failed, you will succeed — or at least you hope.

Anyone who has attempted to do a quick search for anything on the university's Web site knows doing so is mission impossible. The only thing missing is Tom Cruise standing at your side, wielding a mouse and keyboard, grinning at the screen.

"We just rolled up a snowball and threw it into Hell. Now we'll see if it has a chance."

That Cruise-ism pretty much sums up my feelings when I'm forced to use the university's search feature. It's always a hassle to find what you are

UD site, 'Mission Impossible'

looking for and most of the time you never end up finding anything relative.

Let's say you weren't familiar with the school and wanted to get some information really quick, such as, "Who is the president of the university?" You've attempted to navigate through the Web site to find who the president is but your skills in Web surfing are lacking. Seeing the search option on the front page, you think you have found salvation.

You type "President of University of Delaware" in the box and wait for the query to appear. Only when it does, it seems as if you ran the back of your hand across the keyboard to make a strand of illegible words, because the results shown have absolutely nothing to do with what was searched.

The first hit, with a whopping 64 percent relevance, takes you to the UD Physics and Astronomy Web site, or more precisely, the page with Krzysztof Szalewicz's credentials. I'm pretty sure I searched for the president of the University of Delaware, not the credentials of a physics professor.

But alas, there is always the second hit that came up and it also has a 64 percent relevance. Lies the answer you are in search of lies somewhere within this page and some freak Internet search

bug just happened to make it the second hit instead of the first.

Sorry to get your hopes up, but this page has as much to do with the president of the university as I do with launching space shuttles. You are taken to an article on the Alumni and University Relations Web site about someone receiving the University of Delaware Medal of Distinction.

However, we are clever college students now, and we don't give up until after a decisive third try. The third hit has the word "staff" in the URL, which boasts more than the other sites could offer. But once again, you are destined for disappointment.

At least this page offers some information on the university's staff. Maybe you could call one of them and find out who the president is. You may find like a weirdo but at least you will get what you want without cursing at a computer screen for its inability to perform a simple task.

To play fair, I even tried to search something that would be really easy to find. I figured there is no way it can't find anything to do with "campus events." Lo' and behold, there was the campus events Web site, right there in front of my eyes — as the second hit. What baffles me is how the school's



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virtual campus tour's site comes up as the first hit. How is this possible?

What kind of logic is used when you click that tiny, gray search button and it begins probing the university's pages?

I guess I can't complain since it did find what I was looking for, but what I find amusing is when I Googled

"University of Delaware Campus Events," the event page came up as the first hit. Google for the win.

If only the school's search engine could be powered by Google. Then students like me wouldn't have to keep littering Hell with snowballs and Cruise-isms.

A Whole New You: The lazy man's diet

BY ANDREW AMSLER
Managing News Editor

There are some words in the English language that make me cringe. "Sobriety" and "large needles" are a couple, but one truly frightens me: "D-I-E-T."

It's not that I am unhealthy. Well, maybe I am, but dieting seems a little extreme for my tastes. So when I decided to diet for a week I did what naturally came to mind. I crammed a lifetime of beer drinking and D.P. Dough eating into one night. It was a mess, but I had to prepare myself for the week ahead.

The night before the diet started I felt like a nun about to take her vow of celibacy. Of course, I wasn't committing myself to a lifetime of chastity and poverty, but a diet is a big step for me.

The first thing I learned about dieting is to be reasonable. For instance, going from late night bingeing to anorexia simply will not work. So, I adopted the lazy man's diet.

Basically, the idea is to do as little work with as little stress on my body as possible, while being healthy. You might be asking yourself, why diet at all? But just bear with me.

The first day of dieting was a little rough. Granola and yogurt for breakfast, a colorful salad for lunch (I heard color in fruits and vegetables means they are healthy) and another salad for dinner. Honestly, the granola tasted like cardboard and the salads had a rubbery consistency to them. This was not going to be easy.

To accompany this I exercised throughout the day, 100 sit-ups and 50 pushups three times a day. This was a normal routine for me in high school so I figured it would be a piece of cake.

A word to the wise: we are getting older and things that seem easy are not so simple any longer. To put it bluntly, I felt like hell the next day. Between the pains of an empty stomach and the contracting of muscles that have not been used in years, I was a mess.

"Maybe this lazy man's diet is not going to be so easy," I thought. Despite the hardships, I was determined to tough it out. After a couple of days, drinking water and eating light became somewhat routine.

Each morning, I woke up and exercised, ate my granola surprise and went to class. I found it was much easier to think of it not as an option but an essential part of my day, and it also became clear I was more awake and together throughout the day. But the routine I had built up for

three days came crashing down Friday.

Weekdays were one thing, but weekends are another story altogether.

Let me clarify something. I am a good student. I bust my butt during the week for one reason: the weekends are my time to go crazy and forget the long days and hundreds of pages of reading in a matter of hours.

However, being healthy and going crazy aren't like bread and butter. The freshman 30 isn't a product of overeating; it's the result of drinking too much beer — way too much beer. The 30-pack is a wonderful invention, but it has definitely turned my freshman 15 into a freshman 30.

When I realized I would have to stay kind of sober (also on the list of words that make me cringe) I almost called the diet off completely. The week I chose to diet happened to be a particularly stressful and mind-boggling one, but I had come this far so quitting was out of the picture.

While all of my friends were doing a power hour, I was sipping a vodka and cranberry (remember I said kind of sober). I only had two drinks the entire night, but I forgot I was dieting.

If you are going to drink while dieting, always eat right before you drink or else you will turn into a three-beer-queer. And the hangover is not so fun either.

Fortunately, I lived to tell the story and I hadn't entirely ruined the diet. So, I continued with my routine. However, I made a few alterations.

Instead of eating only salads, I would eat something tastefully healthy for dinner on odd days. I found that spinach and whole-wheat pasta is actually doable. And I also allowed myself to have an occasional snack of raisins or cottage cheese. It sounds terrible, but if I can do it, anyone can.

One week after the actual "diet week" I am still eating salads regularly. At first I was adamantly against it, but now I kind of like eating healthy. For one, I feel better throughout the day and I also enjoy having a routine to follow.

I found it was not some major change in my actions that would miraculously shed the pounds, but a change in attitude that made dieting possible.



THE REVIEW/Larry Boyer

Got cigs?

Shorter smokes

for shorter breaks



THE REVIEW/Dan Egan

BY JIA DIN

Student Affairs Editor

Nerves? Anxious? Perhaps a cigarette break is in order. Can't finish a cigarette in the three minutes allotted for break? Don't want to waste cash by throwing away half-smoked cigarettes? What a predicament indeed.

In an effort to calm the average cigarette smoker's anxiety about wasting a whole cigarette due to time constraints during break time, tobacco companies such as Philip Morris released a new type of short cigarette.

Jeanana Lloyd, sales manager for Philip Morris, says Marlboro 72s are geared toward busy, business-oriented people who don't have enough time to smoke a full-size cigarette.

"After doing a lot of studies, the company was finding that people were frustrated because they couldn't finish a whole cigarette on their breaks and had to throw them away," she says.

The 72s are marketed toward current smokers who work in busy environments, such as restaurants or offices, she says.

The shorter cigarettes are 72 millimeters long as opposed to regular sized 85 millimeters and take less time to smoke.

Smokers in Delaware and New York are limited as to where they can smoke. Having to leave the building presents a problem, especially in the winter when people have to stand outside to finish a cigarette, Lloyd says.

After test marketing the product in 2003, Philip Morris introduced Marlboro 72s in regular box, lights and menthol to retail stores in January of 2005.

The new brand has been slow to catch on.

"The results are mixed. The idea hasn't exactly taken off yet, but there is a chance it will," Lloyd says.

Most people have reservations about the cost. The new cigarette costs approximately the same price as regular sized ones, she says, which causes people to think they are paying the same amount for less.

The actual amount of tobacco within the cigarette is about the same, Lloyd says.

"People have this perception that there is much less tobacco in the shorter cigarettes," she says. "But really, the filter is longer and there is only slightly less tobacco."

Lloyd says people buy 100-millimeter cigarettes for the same price as the regular size 85-millimeter version. These contain approximately the same amount of tobacco as well, but give the perception there is more because they are longer.

"It's a lot about how the consumer feels and what he perceives," she says. "Older people prefer the longer 100s because they feel they're getting more for their money. With the 72s, some people might like the perception that they are smoking less."

Ricky Singh, manager of the 7-Eleven on Red Mill Road in Newark, says her store started selling Marlboro 72s last month and the response has been moderate.

"A lot of people still don't know about them. It's a learning process," she says. "I'm sure after more marketing it will do better."

Singh says the idea behind the shorter cigarettes is good because companies realized they were wasting tobacco. If consumers don't have time to smoke the entire cigarette in one break, then the cigarette does not need to be as long, she says.

Other companies, such as RJ Reynolds, sell short non-filter cigarettes, but these are marketed toward older consumers, Lloyd says. They are not marketed because of their shorter smoking time.

Lloyd says the primary target for the 72s is not college students because college students generally have a lot of free time to finish their cigarette.

Lloyd says Philip-Morris will be reducing the cost of 72s in April because people are not trying them due to the price. The short cigarettes pose the same health risks as any other cigarette, she says.

Junior Judah Sekscinski, a smoker, says the idea of buying a short cigarette is absurd.

"It seems like such a waste of money," he says. "They're being sold at the same price, but they're smaller."

Sekscinski says people with less time to break may appreciate them.

"I don't think they'll ever really catch on. I know I didn't like them when I tried them. You just feel stupid when you're smoking them because it's so small."

Products enable laziness

BY CHRISTINA OCCHIPINTI

Staff Reporter

A Maytag employee was entertaining guests in his game room and decided it would be nice if he had his own personal vending machine to supply his guests with drinks and snacks. The employee took his idea and came up with the Skybox Vendor, a vending machine for the home, says Lisa Heeke, head of customer service relations at Maytag.

We have all had those moments when being glued to the couch takes on new meaning — when mind and body aren't working together. No matter how much you want to get up, the willpower to move is overcome by laziness.

Today's society is all about convenience and the ability to make life easier and easier. Everyone would love to make some aspect of their life easier, but where does convenience stop and laziness begin? Some companies are introducing products that not only make life more convenient, but may also promote laziness.

The personal vending machine holds cans, glass or plastic bottles and has storage for dry food.

The Skybox Vendor is aimed at sports-minded males. Maytag has captured the attention of America's sports fanatics by including side panels that allow the owner to display his pride for his favorite professional team.

Heeke says the product will increase the owner's "cool factor."

"The Skybox is meant to be a cool new product that gives men certain bragging rights because they can show off their team pride," she says.

Heeke says the product has been very successful and claims it doesn't enable people to succumb to being lazy.

"No, I don't think the Skybox Vendor promotes laziness because you still have to get up, walk over to the machine, and press a button to get your drink," Heeke says.

Experts are worried about how the new convenience products affect our lifestyles.

Michael Peterson, assistant professor of health and exercise science at the university, says while convenience is a good thing, the level of convenience may be damaging.

"I would agree with the companies that these products are convenient," Peterson says, "but [I'm not sure] if they promote a healthy lifestyle. They create the mindset that you don't have to be

active."

The gray area that distinguishes convenience from laziness might find its edge with food delivery, a common practice at the university.

Local food establishments, such as Paradise Pizza and DP Dough, are popular food choices for students because they offer delivery.

Yasser Daoud, owner of Paradise Pizza, says the pizzeria actually finds pick-up orders to be more popular than delivery, but weather plays a significant role in the amount of deliveries.

While some people say Paradise Pizza will include cigarettes with food orders upon request, Daoud clarifies they do not.

"No, we don't deliver cigarettes with food orders," says Daoud. "But, we have had a lot of people ask."

While Daoud likes college students, in general, he believes they love being catered to.

"College students are lazy, but they are all cool. I was one of them at one point. It's just the way it is."

DP Dough is also a popular food choice for university students. DP Dough employee Corey Hill says delivery accounts are a large part of the business' income.

"I would say approximately 65 percent of all orders are delivered and 35 percent of all orders are picked up," he says.

Calzones aren't the only food students want delivered. Salads and ice cream are also very popular, he says.

"We sell about 25 to 30 salads on a typical day. Half of all those orders are delivered," Hill says.

"Sometimes people call up and order just ice cream. Most of our ice cream sales are delivered."

Hill attributes the popularity of food delivery to drinking.

"Most people could come pick up their food," Hill says. "I blame it on late-night orders because people have been drinking and don't really want to walk here."

It's obvious convenience is something important to most people, but keeping an active lifestyle should be more important.

Peterson recommends the consumers of convenience products maintain some type of physical activity.

"You have two arms and two legs. Use them. Don't sit around and let machines do things for you," he says. "Get up and do something, even something mundane, like washing the dishes or vacuuming."

Students design future plans

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"I'd really like to be a designer," she says, "and maybe also open my own business one day."

Though she and Kavanaugh clearly enjoy the work they do, Marbo admits sewing for the rest of her life would be "horrible."

One look at the bags, though, and one can tell the amount of time and energy that is put into the design and creative aspects.

"The lining around the handles has to be hand sewn," Kavanaugh says sighing.

Like Marbo, Kavanaugh is simply focusing on the moment, though she understands the reality of post-collegiate life.

"If this could pay the bills I would love to continue doing it," she says.

"We really do work well together," Marbo adds.

Both are prepared to focus on the future and use their individual and collective skills to forge their own paths.

"We could come back to this after we have some experience," Kavanaugh says.

Marbo, perking up at her partner's comment, adds, with sly grin, "and then we can be on 'Oprah.'"



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Melissa Marbo (left) and Priscilla Kavanaugh (right) show off their new spring line for their label FUNKtion.

Tsunami relief brings healing to Indian Ocean countries

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to voice their anguish and concerns.

"They welcomed us into every single place with open arms, at every village," he says with smile.

After touring a demolished village, the team was getting ready to leave when residents called them over to a thatched hut and sat them down, Trainor recalls. They brought over a bag and handed each of them a soda, insisting they drink it.

"It would be the equivalent of buying each of us a bottle of champagne," he says. "You've just been through a place where people's lives have been decimated, people's homes have been destroyed, they have little to nothing, and they offer probably one of the best things they could offer in normal circumstances, let alone now."

In another village, Rodriguez remembers some of the villagers asking the team to sit with them down by the water. As they rested on the remains of battered blue fishing boats, two men climbed up the trees and knocked coconuts down to pour them coconut water.

As he looks back on the trip, Trainor says it greatly changed his perspective and outlook on life.

"It makes the tough day at the office seem like a ridiculous statement," he says with a grin. "It sounds cliché, but you come to an appreciation of home, of the things you take for granted every day. The ability to walk into any restaurant on Main Street and know that you are going to get a clean, safe sanitary meal; it's not the case here," he says bluntly.

One of Trainor's most vivid memories is an Indian community where the residents were fascinated by his digital camera and wanted a picture of him and the other team members.

"So I said come down to the water with us," he says. "And they said 'No,' but we insisted they come down. When we got down to the water, the people said it was the first time they've been down to the water since it happened."

"It's part of the healing process. People will return the water."



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Baseball wants to step up its offense

BY CHRISTINE PASKA
Staff Reporter

The Delaware baseball team hopes to get its offense going and pick up wins, as it takes on LaSalle today at 2:30 and University of Maryland-Baltimore County Wed. at 2:30 p.m. at Bob Hannah Stadium.

"We want to make sure that offensively we are doing well," said head coach Jim Sherman. "Right now our strength has been our pitching."

Stony Brook snapped the Hens four-game winning streak as they defeated Delaware in both games of a double header Saturday. In the third match of the weekend, the Hens rallied in the eighth inning to pick up the 7-5 victory. The Hens improved to 6-6 after the win over Stony Brook.

The last match-up between Delaware and LaSalle was in 2003, where the Hens routed the Explorers 6-3 at the Liberty Bell Classic in Philadelphia.

In Wednesday's game against UMBC, Delaware looks to avenge last season's 6-7 loss. In last year's contest the Hens had the tying and winning run on base, but the Retrievers' relief pitcher struck out the

Delaware batter and held on for the win.

Sherman said the goal of the week is to record wins, and the team needs to focus on doing a better job offensively.

"We are getting very good pitching and defense right now, so we just need to do better offensively," Sherman said. "I think if we do a better job offensively we will have a good week."

Sherman said in order to get where the team wants to be, the middle of the line-up needs to get their job done. He said guys like senior captain and outfielder Dave Harden, senior infielder Brock Donovan, sophomore outfielder Bryan Hagerich and junior catcher Brian Valichka need to step up.

"We want to play with consistency," Sherman said. "That is in all parts of the game. And to be sound fundamentally with hitting, pitching, defense and base running. We want to be real sound by the time we get to conference play."

With both games being non-conference and in the middle of the week, Sherman said none of the teams are going to show their strongest pitching, so the Hens need to be

prepared and come out strong.

The Explorers have been unable to win this season, and UMBC picked up its first win of the season against Canisius on March 12.

After finishing the weekend 1-2 against Stony Brook, the Hens need to pick up wins this week against the non-conference opponents. Sherman said that the main focus of the games before conference play is to record the wins and give the team the confidence they need.

"Wins are good for the momentum and for the psyche of the kids, so it is very important to win," Sherman said. "It is important to win in a series of games. When you are at home it is even more important to win them all."

As the Hens use the next two weeks to prepare for conference play, they have one ultimate goal in mind.

"We want to win the conference championship," Sherman said. "That is flat out simple. We made it to the conference championship and lost last year. It was kind of bittersweet, so we want to get back and win it this time."



THE REVIEW/Dan Egan

Senior hurler Scott Rambo delivers a pitch during Sunday's 7-5 victory over Stony Brook.



THE REVIEW/Meaghan Jones

The softball team split its afternoon doubleheader against Cornell on Sunday. The Hens are now 5-8 on the season and will travel to Pennsylvania on Wednesday.

Sloat pitches shutout

BY LAUREN ZANE
Art Editor

The softball team split its doubleheader against Cornell Sunday afternoon taking the second game 5-0 after dropping the first game 4-3.

Having been down 4-0 in the first game of the doubleheader against the Big Red, the Hens found their momentum and scored 3 runs, but came up short.

Cornell (3-4) jumped out to an early lead by scoring two runs in the first inning. The Big Red continued their lead with a run in the third and fifth inning making it 4-0.

With strong determination Delaware rallied in the bottom of the sixth with three runs to pull within one.

They were determined not to lose the next one.

The Hens drive after the first game's loss helped boost their confidence resulting in a 5-0 shutout.

"I'm very pleased with their performance," said head coach B.J.

Ferguson. "Cornell challenged us with their pitching and it just took some time for our hitters to get their timing down."

Delaware started off the second game right with four runs in the first inning.

"The team just got more comfortable at the end of the first game," Ferguson said. "They didn't stop fighting and just became hungrier to win."

Cornell's junior pitcher Whitney Smith was pulled out of the game after allowing seven hits, giving the ball back to freshman Jenn Meunier. Meunier pitched the first game, striking out the first two batters in the last inning, clinching Cornell's 4-3 win.

Delaware sealed the deal with its final run in the third.

Assistant coach Lisa Myers was relieved that the team finally stepped up and took control of the game.

"The first game we kept hitting to the defensive players,"

Myers said. "We finally became more comfortable in the box and in the end, had better hits."

The pitchers were a key factor in the results of the games. Smith took the loss for the Big Red as she allowed five runs, three earned, on eight hits in 2.1 innings of work.

Starting sophomore pitcher Carolyn Sloat threw her first shutout of the season in the second game by scattering six hits and walking just one while striking out four batters.

Sloat was very pleased with her teammates and how they pulled together to clinch the second game.

"We really started to get into the game and we hit more," Sloat said. "Cornell was a very good team and it just took a while for our momentum to get going and once it did, we took control of the game."

Delaware returns to action on Wednesday when the Hens travel to Pennsylvania for a 2 p.m. doubleheader with the Quakers.

UD loses CAA title

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scored 13 of her 19 points from the free throw line. But the Lady Monarchs' stifling defense held Malcom without a field goal for the entire second half and overtime.

Both players were named to the All-tournament team after the game.

Smith used her explosive first step to get inside and make big plays all game long. She finished with 18 points, eight rebounds, four steals and three assists.

"For the most part, we did what we were supposed to do," Malcom said. "They were doubling me, so we looked for Tiff [Young] and she had a great game. Tyresa got to the rim. There are a lot of good things we can take from this game, even though we lost."

But if the Hens had the opportunity, there are a lot of things they would love to get a second chance at. Delaware shot only four for seven from the foul line in overtime as Young, Smith and Malcom each missed a free throw in the extra session.

The Hens only drained one field goal in overtime and they could not find a consistent go-to player like Old Dominion had in Grant.

Even with the Hens dominant inside game no one was able to provide a descent threat from the outside. Delaware managed only one three pointer throughout the entire game on six attempts.

"You can look at our perimeter game all you want, but we had looks on the block that we didn't finish," Martin said. "We shot ourselves in the foot. We had the looks that we needed to have. Making free throws and finishing inside have been our

strengths all year, but we came up a little bit short today, that's the bottom line."

Delaware started strong, shooting 48 percent from the field in the first half. The Hens opened up their biggest lead of the game at the 6:42 mark with an 11-point advantage and finished the half with a 35-28 lead.

The Hens continued to hold onto the lead throughout the second half, leading by as many as eight points on six different instances. But one could sense throughout the entire game that Old Dominion would not fade away without one last push at overcoming the deficit.

Delaware led 58-50 with 6:53 when Old Dominion turned it on. The Lady Monarchs went on an 8-0 run to tie the game at 58 with five minutes remaining. It was the first tie since the opening minutes.

The final five minutes of regulation featured high intensity and emotion from both sides. The 2,010 spectators did not sit down for the remainder of the game as the lead flip-flop back and forth.

Grant scored the Lady Monarchs' final ten points of regulation, including a pull up jumper with 13 seconds remaining, to tie the game at 68.

Martin called a timeout for Delaware with eight seconds left and hopes of drawing up the winning play.

Delaware inbounded the ball to Smith at the top of the key. But she faced a fierce triple team from Old Dominion and was unable to pass the ball or get a shot off. The game advanced to overtime with all of the momentum in Old Dominion's favor.

With Delaware down by two and seven seconds remaining in the extra session, the Hens were

clinging to a last second miracle. Smith poked the ball away from Old Dominion to create the turnover and senior forward Julie Sailer picked up the loose ball.

With no timeouts remaining, Sailer hoped to dribble up court and set up the last play. But Grant came from behind and swiped the ball away from Sailer, picked up the rock and put in the layup to seal the victory.

The Hens were coming off an exciting 62-57 semifinal victory over James Madison on Friday. Malcom finished with a game high 22 points and eight rebounds and Young added an impressive double-double off the bench with 18 points and 12 rebounds.

They combined for 40 of the Hens 62 points, which proved to be a blessing as well as a curse in disguise.

The rest of the team finished with only 22 points on six for 28 shooting from the field. The disastrous 21 percent shooting from the rest of the team proved costly.

Old Dominion exploited Delaware's lack of scoring threats as they tried to take the ball out of Malcom's hands and make other players beat them. She attempted only seven field goals all game, well below her season average of 13 field goal attempts this season.

Following Saturday's CAA championship loss, the Hens have earned a bid to the Women's National Invitational Tournament. Delaware will host a first round battle against St. Johns at the Bob Carpenter Center.

Tip-off for the first round of the WNIT is set for Thursday at 7 p.m.

Hens can't stop Grant

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tying basket. "They had Shareese and we didn't," said Delaware head coach Tina Martin. "That's the bottom line. She played great. She hit some tough shots and created space for herself, even with two or three people on her. She played like the MVP of the conference tournament."

Most uncanny was Grant's ability to create her own shot, and then knock it down every time she needed to — something the Hens just simply weren't able to do. In crunch time, Delaware had to rely on forcing the ball inside, and hoping to score on lay-ups, second-chance points, or to draw enough contact for a foul call. The strategy worked just enough, but cracks in the wall began to form late in the game, when the Hens missed many

of those opportunities.

"We had looks that we didn't finish. We had our opportunities," Martin said. "My players played their hearts out, we just came up short. It's very disappointing."

"We had looks on the block that we didn't finish, we had opportunities that we rushed. We missed free throws and we are a very good free throw shooting team. We had the looks that we needed to have. Making free throws and finishing inside have been our strengths all year, but we came up a little bit short today. We shot ourselves in the foot."

That was all Old Dominion would need. That drop of blood from a missed free throw or botched rebound. Minutes later, they were champs once again.



THE REVIEW/Bob Thurlow

The women's basketball team will host St. John's on Thursday night in the first round of the WNIT.

The Review's experts pick the NCAA tournament

T. Parsons R. McFadden B. Thurlow

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Kentucky	UConn	Wake Forest
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Delaware gets 7-5 victory

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Stony Brook called another meeting to bring in relief pitcher Brian Murtagh to face Davison, but the first-base umpire waved off the conference. According to Sherman, the rules do not permit a team to meet at the mound in the same inning, against the same batter.

Restivo was forced back to the mound to pitch against Davison, who then hit a long fly ball over the rightfielder's head at the 330-foot mark.

"They're a good team," Sherman said. "We were just a

little fortunate today."

Senior right-hander and co-captain Scott Rambo gave the Hens a solid seven-inning effort with four strikeouts and only giving up six hits, two earned runs and no walks.

The visitors took advantage of Rambo's absence in the eighth inning and chipped away at the three-run deficit. The first three batters hit for a home run, a single and an RBI double off of sophomore reliever Mitch Heckert. Kerfoot had trouble with the next three batters, giving up two runs and hitting left fielder Peter Milani with a pitch.

Sherman questioned the hit-batsman ruling after no call was immediately made and the umpires convened to discuss it. After Milani took first base, Kerfoot said he regained his focus and settled down.

He ended the inning on a race to cover for freshman first baseman Adam Tsakonas who relayed Kerfoot the ball for the out.

Sherman feels the win was just what the team needed after their two previous losses on the weekend.

"It was just what the doctor ordered."

Commentary

RAVI GUPTA



Get off the wagon

We are now three weeks (nineteen days to be exact, but who's counting?) away from opening day, perhaps the greatest day of the year. You get back from class, and what's on? They're playing (somewhat) meaningful baseball for the first time in five months. Peter Gammons is conducting his expert analysis, and the "web-gems" are rollin'.

Unfortunately, the excitement for the upcoming season has been drowned in the scandals surrounding Jose Canseco and the steroids issue. The "dark-side" has just claimed Mark McGwire (a shocker) and now our national pastime heroes are beginning to drop in face-value like Chris Webber after every game he plays.

Nonetheless, in the midst of all this hoopla surrounding the scandals, I wanted to remind the fans of another grave problem in sports today that has gone overlooked this off-season; that being the issue of front-runners. It's one thing to hear a knowledgeable Yankees fan rant on about how George stacked the line-up this year, but it's completely different when it's coming from some chump, not even from New York, who knows nothing about baseball, but figures he can't go wrong with hitching his wagon to the Yankees' emblem. Well you can go wrong, so get off the wagon and pick a team with your heart, not your head.

That being said, I urge all the fans out there to reconsider why they like the team they do, and if that reason has to do with a winning percentage, then it's time to step back and realize the sin you are committing. Take a look at your hometown team, and have pride in them no matter what their situation.

However, in cases such as New York where there is more than one professional team, I also consider it unacceptable if you simply jump on the Yankees bandwagon because they are (and it pains me to say this) the superior team in the state at the present moment.

Across town, however, the Mets are doing great things too and deserve the recognition, not only from New Yorkers, but the entire country. I may be biased, and I may be taking advantage of this column, but the Mets have put together a great team this year, and people ought to know why this is a team to be afraid of.

First, they are poised for the playoffs this year. After wallowing in playoff-less baseball for the past four seasons, they are due.

Furthermore, the Mets have acquired the messiah, the next best thing since the iPod, Carlos Beltran. Beltran has Mets fans even talking trash to the Yankees and Red Sox fans. We have finally been able to yell something more than "You suck!" since they finally got the prized possession out there. Sure they might have over-paid (7 years, \$119 million), but at least they beat out the "evil empire."

For those of you who have been living under a rock, Beltran is the ultimate five-tool player. A gem from the Kansas City Royals system, Beltran has the power and speed to be a 40-40, dare I say 50-50, guy. His defense is impeccable, and he's a smart player.

Before Beltran came Pedro Martinez and before Pedro came Omar Minaya, the genius general manager running this rebirth process. Martinez is making his way down from Beantown, trading in one squad of Yankee-haters for another. Unless the Mets cure of taking stellar players and reducing them to rookie-like, bringers-of-the-boos continues, Martinez should flourish. Pitchers always have the advantage when entering a new league, and Shea Stadium is strictly a pitcher's park.

The Mets have it all (not really, but I like to think so) and should make a run to win the NL East. The Braves are their only real competition as the Marlins and Nationals are still a few years away from any major success, and the Phillies ... well, that's a whole other debate that will one day end up on "Unsolved Mysteries."

However, any true Mets fan knows deep in their heart that no matter how much the owners spend on the team, all the big-money players will probably find some way to get injured or go into season-long slumps. I guess that's the one thing I can relate with Philly fans, unbridled enthusiasm followed by unmatched contempt and pain caused by the ones that we love so much. That's what the front-runners miss out on, they don't understand that it's the bad times that make the good times so much better. That's why you need to watch sports with your heart, and be proud of your team no matter much they disappoint you, year after year ... after year.

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Hens defeated, WNIT-bound



Members of the women's basketball team watch their NCAA tournament hopes fade away Sunday evening at the Trabant University Center.

Women fall to ODU in OT, 78-74

BY STEVE RUSSOLILLO

FAIRFAX, Va. — With their sights set on rewriting the record books, the women's basketball team came up just short of knocking off the perennial champions, Old Dominion. The Hens fell on Saturday in the Colonial Athletic Association championship game to the Lady Monarchs 78-74 at the Patriot Center in an extremely exciting but ultimately disappointing overtime battle.

"I thought we played a great game," said ninth-year Delaware head coach Tina Martin. "Obviously when you lose in overtime to the 13-time defending champion, it's a great game. My kids played their hearts out, but we just came up short. It's very disappointing."

Senior guard Shareese Grant of Old Dominion was certainly the difference maker between the two evenly matched squads. She scored a career-high 35 points in dominating fashion, shooting 15 for 19 from the floor.

Grant stepped up to the challenge when Old Dominion needed her most. She scored 23 points over the last 10 and a half minutes of regulation and overtime to secure her third consecutive CAA tournament Most Outstanding Player award.



Sophomore guard Tyresa Smith takes the ball up the floor in Saturday's 78-74 loss to Old Dominion. She notched 18 points and eight rebounds.

Shareese Grant was the difference maker," said Martin — the CAA Coach of the Year. "They had Shareese and we didn't; that's the bottom line. She hit some tough shots and created space for herself, even with two or three people on her."

Delaware had previously defeated Old Dominion twice this season, including a 73-70 road victory on Jan. 9. The Hens became the first CAA team since 1991 to beat Old Dominion on its home court. But all of that didn't matter in the end. The victory the Hens really wanted eluded them and Old Dominion walked

away with their 14th consecutive CAA title.

Delaware stuck within its game plan Saturday and focused on its low post threats throughout the game. Senior forwards Tiffany Young and Tiara Malcom stepped up to provide tremendous options inside and sophomore guard Tyresa Smith provided the Hens with a solid option off the dribble.

Young, an all-CAA team selection, finished with a career-high 23 points and nine rebounds in 37 minutes of the bench. Malcom, the CAA Player of the Year,

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Grant's 35 leads ODU to victory

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FAIRFAX, Va. — With the game clock showing less than two minutes, Shareese Grant began navigating the Patriot Center court with the stealth of a tiger shark: there was blood in the water and she was going in for the kill.

At the moment, it seemed inconsequential that Delaware held an eight-point lead just four minutes earlier; had played the frontrunner essentially all afternoon; had beaten the Lady Monarchs twice during the regular season; and yes, even had the better team on the floor for the CAA Women's basketball championship.

The Hens were rushing their lay-ups, missing their free throws and tight-arming their passes. It was crunch time, and Grant con-

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TICKET INFO

Tickets for Thursday night's women's National Invitational Tournament basketball game against St. John's go on sale today at 10 a.m. Prices are \$9 for adults, \$6 for students and children. The first 100 UD students will not be charged for admission. Bob Carpenter Center Doors will open at 5:30 p.m.

BY ANDREW KINCH

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With runners at the corners and two outs in the bottom of the ninth, sophomore reliever Chad Kerfoot made Stony Brook first baseman Nick Theoharis to lineout to center-field, picking up a 7-5 win for the Delaware baseball team Sunday at Bob Hannah Stadium.

After dropping both games of Saturday's doubleheader with the Seawolves by scores of 5-3 and 8-0 respectively, the Hens (6-6) were happy to get a win before going into a stretch of three games over four days, starting with today's 2:30 p.m. game against La Salle.

"The win gives us a little momentum going into that game," said Delaware head coach Jim Sherman.

Notched at five runs apiece in the bottom of the eighth, the Hens went ahead on a RBI single from senior second baseman Brock Donovan that scored junior right field-

Delaware snubbed by committee

BY BOB THURLOW

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The ghostly light from a small TV lit all 50 faces in a small room of the Trabant University Center as they crept closer and closer to the set as the seconds ticked off the clock in the Big XII Conference Championship game on ESPN Sunday night.

The only thing missing was Tom Petty singing, "The waiting is the hardest part."

Unfortunately for the women's basketball team, the hardest part came after the wait when the Hens found out they would not receive an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament after falling short the day before to Old Dominion in Fairfax, Va. While the Hens posted one of the top records in the country (25-5), the selection committee chose bubble schools from bigger conferences over the Colonial Athletic Association's mid-major juggernaut.

"Two teams deserve to go from this league," said head coach Tina Martin. "This league is that good and

it's a shame that it hasn't happened in 12 years."

Instead, Delaware accepted a bid to play in the Women's National Invitational Tournament in which it will be one of the favorites. The Women's NIT is set up similarly to the NCAA Tournament as it is single elimination, but in the NIT a team hosts as opposed to playing at a neutral site. Fortunately, the Hens will host St. John's Thursday night.

"It [will] be really special to play at home," said CAA Player of the Year Tiara Malcom. "We have the capability to go in there and compete and win a game. We know we have a chance to make history as a team and this is a special team."

The Red Storm (19-10) enter Newark led by sophomores Kia Wright who averages 14.7 points per game and Angela Clark who averages 11.6 points and 8.4 rebounds per game, but will face a tough battle against the balanced attack of the Hens, led by senior forwards Tiffany Young and Malcom.

Through its balanced offense and strong team play, Delaware has posted the second-most wins in the history of the women's basketball program, and are only one shy of the all-time record.

"We had a great year, it's a break here and a break there, that's the nature of sports ... we just have to keep our heads up," Martin said. "No men or women's program has ever won a postseason game here. So let's try to go get one."

The closest either team has come to a postseason victory was six points when the men fell short to Louisville 76-70 in the 1993 NCAA Tournament.

This team, Martin said, has a great chance to break the streak, and while the room was filled with a feeling of disappointment after the brackets were finalized, Martin remained calm.

"Keep your heads up," she said. "We still got work to do."

Baseball evens record with victory

er and co-captain Dave Harden. Two batters later, Harden scored the insurance run off of a single by freshman left fielder Dan Richardson.

Delaware's bats came alive with two-run home runs from junior catcher Brian Valichka (first inning) and junior shortstop Todd Davison (sixth inning). Valichka's blast to left field came with Davison on base to begin the day's scoring with a 2-0 advantage for the Hens. Davison's shot broke a 2-2 tie in the sixth inning at the end of a strange chain of events.

After freshman centerfielder Brandon Menchaca led off the inning with a walk, Stony Brook head coach Matt Senk called a meeting at the mound. When the meeting ended, Stony Brook left-hander Matt Restivo threw to first base to hold Menchaca, but the ball got by Theoharis, allowing Menchaca to reach third base.

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Freshman Brandon Menchaca is batting .241 with two home runs and six RBIs in nine games this season.

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