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Delaware senior Mike Pegues (5) weaves through Maine's defense toward the basket in Sunday's America East semi-final game. Pegues scored 32 points in the 90-73 win. Tickets for Saturday's championship game sold out in two hours. See coverage page C1.

## Beaver to run for 4th

*Beaver announces candidacy against Wampler for the city's fourth district*

BY APRIL CAPOCHINO  
City News Editor

Dan Beaver, running on a self-proclaimed "pro-student" platform, announced his candidacy for City Council Sunday night at Klondike Kate's.

Beaver, who has been a resident of Newark for 11 years, is a high school teacher in the Cecil County School District.

The 43-year-old council hopeful said he feels students have a huge impact on the city.

"They are a big part of this community, and we have worked well together for over 200 years," said Beaver, who is running against City Councilman Thomas Wampler in the fourth district. "There's no reason that can't continue."

He said he disagrees with the controversial rental cap ordinance because it discriminates against students.

"I will never understand why some people would move into a college town and try to pass laws making it illegal for students to live next door to him," he said while being met by resounding applause and whistling. "Students are basically criminals under these ordinances."

"This week I plan to introduce a cap in the city of Newark — no, not a rental cap, but a cap on the City Council term of Thomas Wampler."

Beaver, who has run against Wampler before, said he also plans to eliminate increases in rental permit fees, stop City Council from placing restrictions on property and stop council from rationing the number of rental permits issued every year.

"The city of Newark has been pouring on the vinegar



Dan Beaver's mascot holds up a campaign sign during the "pro-student" candidate's announcement Sunday night at Klondike Kate's.

lately," he said, "and punishing many innocent citizens in the process."

He said two critical issues that need to be dealt with to help citizens and students in Newark are reducing traffic flow and increasing water flow.

"We have basically less than no water," he said. "We've neglected it for so long."

He said a purification plant and the opening and cleaning of polluted wells should be considered to increase the

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## Friends, family remember freshman killed in accident

BY SUSAN STOCK  
Student Affairs Editor

Since freshman Christopher Marsh-Lawrence's death on Feb. 13, friends and family have been comforting each other and dealing with the loss of a young life.

Marsh-Lawrence was killed in an automobile accident on a ramp leading from Interstate 476 to Interstate 95 when he lost control of the car he was driving. Marsh-Lawrence was found by the county medical examiner to be intoxicated at the time of the accident, though an exact blood alcohol level has yet to be determined.

Michele Marsh, Marsh-Lawrence's mother, said he was very devoted to his friends from both his Havertown, Pa., home and the university.

"He placed real high priority on friendship and getting to know different people with different interests," she said.

In high school, Marsh said, her son was a success both in the classroom and on the football field.

She said in 1998, he received the President's Award for Educational Excellence during his senior year and also served as co-captain of the football team.



Marsh-Lawrence

"He was known among his friends and coaches for firing people up," she said. "He was as interested in the success of the team as he was in his own success."

Upon arriving at the university for Fall Semester, Marsh said, her son continued to excel academically, beginning his studies in Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Management.

"From the time he was in about eighth grade, he said he wanted to

own his own business," Marsh said. "He was pretty focused on getting his schoolwork done, and he was really excited about catering management in the spring."

Marsh-Lawrence also remained active in athletics at the university, though he did not play on any of the official university sports teams.

"He was doing a lot of pickup basketball games with his friends," Marsh said. "He just liked to be with his friends and hanging out."

Freshman Tom Cross, Marsh-Lawrence's Russell Hall C next-door neighbor, said there was a great sense of community on the floor, and Marsh-Lawrence was a big part of that atmosphere.

"If we weren't out, it was always fun to hang out together," he said. "We had tons of laughs at the dorm just sharing stories."

Marsh said one of the things that has helped the family with this difficult time is the outpouring of support and love they have received.

"Christopher touched so many people in so many ways that it's really overwhelming, considering his age," she said. "It was wonderful to

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## Researcher pleads guilty to collecting child porn

BY JOHN YOCCA  
Administrative News Editor

A former university research assistant pleaded guilty last month to a federal grand jury indictment for possessing child pornography.

Christian R. Mittermayr, a post-doctoral chemometrics researcher from Austria, will be sentenced by a federal judge on April 13 and could face a maximum of 10 years in prison.

Mittermayr originally pleaded not guilty during his arraignment in December. But according to Assistant U.S. Attorney General Edmond Falgowski, who is prosecuting the case, the accused typically enters a plea of not guilty during the arraignment.

"When a person is charged with a felony, it's routine to plead 'not guilty,'" Falgowski said. "They are entitled to know what they are charged with. That's an arraignment."

Federal agents arrested Mittermayr last October after a colleague located pornographic pictures of children on his Brown Laboratory office computer.

In an FBI affidavit, Mittermayr admitted he used his office computer, which is owned by the university, to log

onto a newsgroup that posted pornographic pictures of young children.

Mittermayr estimated in the affidavit that he downloaded several hundred pictures.

In the affidavit, Mittermayr admitted he was looking for pictures of girls who were just entering puberty. He said he tried to stop viewing the pictures but couldn't because looking at them was a compulsion.

Mittermayr's work visa expired when the university fired him. Steven Brown, chairman of chemistry and biochemistry, said Mittermayr was fired because of "reasons of performance."

Brown said there was no formal rule that Mittermayr violated. He explained that a post-doctoral researcher serves at the consent of his or her employer and it is the supervisor's discretion to terminate his employment.

Falgowski said the Department of Immigration and Naturalization Services will likely deport Mittermayr once he is sentenced in court.

Assistant Federal Defender Christopher Koyste, Mittermayr's appointed attorney, said he could not comment on the matter.



www.schoolbytes.com

## School bytes, according to web sites

BY MELISSA RICCI  
Staff Reporter

"Roses are red, violets are blue, you hate school, we do too."

That verse is what students will see when visiting www.schoolbytes.com, a new web page devoted to aiding those who can't get even past one line of literature like "Oedipus Rex."

An alternative to spending hard-earned money on Cliffs Notes, the site offers students free access to plot summaries of novels and short stories and will soon be offering pieces of term papers.

The idea of summarizing stories into nuggets of information is nothing new. However, now it is expanding on the Internet. Schoolbytes was launched just over a week ago, adding to the many anti-school web sites including www.schoolsucks.com.

Creators Mark Saldanha, a Kenishis College graduate, and Mike Burgess, a Vanderbilt University graduate, said they wanted to design a tool that didn't necessarily do homework for students but just helped them out a little bit.

"We're not promoting cheating," Saldanha said. "[The site] just gives a basic explanation of the books."

While the information on Schoolbytes has the same concept as Cliffs Notes, none of the summaries found are from the Cliffs Notes company.

"We hope to put Cliffs Notes out of business," Saldanha said.

Even before it appeared on the Internet, professors and administrators were anything but happy with the free information.

Dean of Students Timothy F. Brooks said, "It is unfortunate that they are being published on

the Internet for everyone's use."

English professor Steven Helmling also disapproved of sites similar to Schoolbytes.

"Tools like Cliffs Notes are just a substitute for the real thing," he said.

However, Saldanha said, "University bookstores are stocked with Cliffs Notes. So what's the big deal with the same thing being on the Web?"

Along with plot summaries, the site also gives what they call "points you can say in class to make it look like you really read the book."

And while many students may want to try this new shortcut in place of finishing the book, professors say, in the end, they will know whether students have done the work or not.

English professor Mark Amsler said if classes

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# Del. legislature to give free tuition

BY AARON POGUE  
Staff Reporter

Delaware high school seniors with good grades may receive free tuition at state universities and colleges, including the university, under two upcoming proposals before the state legislature.

While the bills differ in scope, both are meant to secure good students an opportunity to go to college despite their financial situation.

Based on the last six years, about 60 percent of Delaware high school graduates go on to attend college, according to Marilyn Quinn, the executive director of the Delaware Higher Education Commission.

Sen. Harris B. McDowell III, D-1st District, author of one of the upcoming proposals, said a majority of students ignore the subject of college.

"This is meant to motivate school children to go to college by removing the financial burden," he said.

McDowell's bill is the broader of the two, allowing a student to choose from any of the state's colleges and universities. If a student finishes high school with a minimum 2.5 GPA, a combined score of 900 on the SATs and a clean criminal record, the state would pick up the tab. McDowell's plan would cost between \$600,000 and \$1 million per year.

"If you are a public or private school student in Delaware, and you do your part, then you can go to school," McDowell said.

Rep. Nancy Wagner, R-31st District, is the

author of the second education bill and said she wants to attain the same goal as McDowell at a lower cost to taxpayers.

"People need more than a 12th grade education to succeed in life," Wagner said. "A degree will give them the opportunity to get a good job."

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Set to go before the House in March, Wagner's bill would allow students to earn an associate's degree from Delaware Technical Community College at the state's expense. To be eligible, students must graduate in the spring with a 3.0 GPA, meet with a Delaware Tech financial aid

officer and enroll the following semester.

Students would be expected to take advantage of all other available scholarships, after which the state would pay the remainder, Wagner said.

Unlike McDowell's proposal, Wagner's bill does not require an unblemished criminal record to be eligible.

"We're not trying to engage in social engineering," she said, "but just getting kids into college."

With Delaware Tech costing less than half of what it costs to attend other state institutions, Wagner's bill is expected to cost taxpayers between \$200,000 and \$500,000 per year — half of what McDowell's plan would cost.

Gov. Thomas R. Carper likes the idea of making college more accessible to all Delawareans, said his press secretary Sheri Woodruff. "We just want to see higher [academic] standards and to keep costs down," she said.

For McDowell, getting his fellow legislators in the House and Senate to overcome the cost involved is the biggest hurdle. Similar proposals of his were turned down in the past for such reasons.

"People have this idea that college is a sorting out of classes," McDowell said. "They say, 'I don't want to pay for those [poor] people to go to college.'"

## Shock to replace humor in new ads

BY HEATHER GARLICH  
Staff Reporter

Vince and Larry, the crash test dummies, are taking a leave of absence as a new "shocking" ad campaign for seatbelt promotion is underway.

The new ads focus on the unsuspecting and careless driver who is not in the habit of buckling up.

The amount of motorists who use seatbelts has leveled off at 68 percent, and President Bill Clinton and other supporters are pushing for an increase to 85 percent by 2000.

Cristina Capello, corporation communications assistant to the Advertising Council, said, "The crash test dummies are being replaced for shock value, as opposed to humor."

The Advertising Council is a sponsor of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, with which the council is cooperating to enforce seatbelt safety.

While Vince and Larry will still be used for children, Capello said, the targets of the new campaign will be young adults and males in their mid-30s.

Statistics by NHTSA in 1997 show that in Delaware, 49 percent of

people over the age of 5 who died in accidents were unrestrained. Fatalities of unbuckled children under the age of 5 were 67 percent.

"As of Feb. 24, 17 people have died this year in Delaware and only four were wearing seatbelts," said Andrea Duckworth, community relations officer of the Delaware Department of Highway Safety. "It is shocking to think that 82 percent who died were not wearing their seatbelts."

Duckworth said wearing a seatbelt decreases the chance of being killed in an accident by up to 50 percent.

"Children buckle up 87 percent of the time when their parent is restrained as well," she said. "However, this number drops to 24 percent when a parent is not wearing his or her seatbelt."

The campaign is intended for several specific audiences, Capello said.

One gruesome commercial titled "Cruisin,'" is targeted at a teen audience.

"Cruisin'" is a flirtatious encounter between two teen drivers," Capello said. "The accident wasn't their fault, but they weren't buckled up."

Reaction to the new ad campaigns



Internet photo from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration page  
**Vince and Larry, the crash test dummies used in various nation-wide advertising campaigns, may soon be out of work. The new advertisements will focus on the unsuspecting and careless driver who is not in the habit of buckling up.**

has been positive.

"Shock value is more effective than making a joke out of it," sophomore Kate Collins said.

Another commercial focuses on adult drivers.

The ad, entitled "Ice Cream," depicts a man going to the store to satisfy his pregnant wife's midnight craving. As he pulls out of the driveway without buckling up, he is killed in a head on collision.

The commercials do not have gore, Capello said, but the sounds

and a few sights get the message across.

"There is no blood," she said, "but you see a smashed car and a close up of the driver's expression before the crash."

Vince and Larry are known for their comic statement, "Don't be a dummy — buckle your seat belt," but the new slogan is much more blunt, Capello said.

"Didn't see that coming. No one ever does — buckle up."

## Schools continue technological advances

BY DEBORAH ROSEN  
Staff Reporter

American schools continue to advance technologically while teachers lack the knowledge to use high-tech resources efficiently, according to a recent report.

The report was released by the CEO Forum on Education and Technology, a partnership of 20 top business and education leaders. It stated that 78 percent of public schools had Internet access in 1997, up from 35 percent in 1994.

Some experts believe that although schools may be investing in computer technology, they are not investing enough in teacher preparation. CEO Forum reported that only 15 percent of teachers during their three-year study had at least nine hours of training in educational technology.

Jennifer Hogan, spokeswoman for CEO Forum, said schools made progress by getting computers into the classrooms but failed to properly train teachers.

"Some teachers don't know how to use the Internet for research or how to use graphs to keep track of grades," she said. "Most children are exposed to technology at home, but those who aren't deserve a chance to learn at school."

Wendy Madzelewski, a technology specialist for Brader Elementary School in Newark, is currently in the second year of a five-year technology literacy grant

to test how technology affects education in schools.

"The government has put a lot of money into technology advancement in schools, yet it doesn't know if [the resources] affect the outcome," she said.

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— Jennifer Hogan, spokeswoman for CEO Forum

There are 10 other schools in Delaware taking part in the technology literacy grant.

Brader administrators offer programs to help familiarize teachers with ever-changing levels of technology. Eighty-five percent participated in

workshops to learn how to use e-mail, search the World Wide Web and operate several software applications.

Madzelewski said she believes training needs to be optional.

"Teachers need to want to participate and learn," she said. "It would be a great disservice if we didn't educate our children through available technology, because technology in its own way is also a teacher."

Pat Sine, assistant director of the Delaware Center for Teacher Education's Office of Educational Technology, said the university has optional programs to help teachers with new technology.

However, she also said it is hard to keep up with training because technology is always changing.

"The technology at the university is much more complex than that in elementary, middle and high schools," Sine said. "There is not enough time and money to train teachers in [certain] areas of always-changing technology."

Sophomore elementary education major Cathlin Rozman said she believes today's technology plays a very important part in a child's education.

"Technology plays such a major role in our society," she said, adding that computer courses are mandatory for her degree. "Technology is growing so rapidly that the university accommodates us with special media classes and four computer classes."

## National News Briefs

### MAJOR CHANGES NEEDED TO REPAIR OLYMPIC REPUTATION

NEW YORK — An elite ethics panel is calling for major reforms in the Olympic movement.

The panel's chairman, Sen. George Mitchell, said the International Olympic Committee needs to make major changes to help repair the damage caused by the recent vote-buying scandal.

Mitchell said cities bidding to host the Olympics should be prohibited from giving anything of more than nominal value to IOC members. The panel also said it wants restrictions on how IOC members' travel is funded when visiting potential cities.

The Mitchell group investigated bribery allegations stemming from Salt Lake City's successful bid for the 2002 Winter Games. City officials have been accused of giving money and gifts to IOC members in exchange for their votes to allow Utah the privilege of hosting the games.

### ISRAELI PROSECUTORS WANT MARYLAND TEEN TO FACE MURDER CHARGE

JERUSALEM — Israeli prosecutors are trying again to send a Maryland teen back to the United States to face a murder charge.

Israel's attorney general has asked the Israeli Supreme Court to reconsider last week's decision in the case of 18-year-old Samuel Sheinbein. The court ruled he cannot be extradited because he also holds Israeli citizenship.

In arguments yesterday, prosecutors said the law on Israeli citizenship was designed to draw Jews to their homeland, not to establish what they called "a shelter for criminals."

Sheinbein fled to Israel in September 1997, two days after police found the burned and dismembered body of an acquaintance of his.

### IRS CAN'T KEEP TRACK OF LAST YEAR'S BUDGET

WASHINGTON — The government agency that makes Americans live in fear of an audit still isn't keeping its own books very well.

A General Accounting Office audit showed the Internal Revenue Service did a poor job tracking its \$8 billion budget last year.

The GAO said they found that the IRS can not do many of the basic accounting and record-keeping tasks that it expects tax payers to do. It also has trouble accounting for equipment — a \$3,000 printer was recently found missing.

A GAO official told a House panel that he has done dozens of audits, but this was the first time he has ever had no list of accounts payable at the year's end.

The chief financial officer of the IRS said improvement will take years and will require significant modernization.

### PREMATURE BIRTHS MAY BE DETECTED THROUGH BLOOD TEST

NEW SOUTH WALES, Australia — Before long, a simple blood test could predict premature births.

Researchers in Australia have discovered a hormone, called CRH, that triggers childbirth. They said they have proved how high levels of the hormone set off a chain reaction in the mother and fetus, triggering premature labor.

Now, the scientists at the Hunter Medical Research Institute said they will work on a blood test to tell which women could go into labor early.

Premature babies face a variety of serious problems, including everything from cerebral palsy to learning difficulties.

### MARINE PILOT NOT TO BLAME FOR CABLE CAR TRAGEDY

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. — An investigating officer said a marine pilot is not to blame for the cable car tragedy in the Italian Alps.

Instead, he is pointing the finger at the jet crew's supervisors.

Col. Thomas Blickensderfer took the stand today at the court-martial of Capt. Richard Ashby. Ashby was a the controls when his jet sliced a gondola cable last year sending 20 people plunging to their deaths.

But, Blickensderfer said squadron leadership did not give Ashby all the materials he needed for the flight. In light of that, the investigator said he believes the crew acted properly.

Ashby's lawyers wrapped up their case yesterday.

### TREATY BANS LAND MINES

GENEVA — Bells of peace and choirs are greeting an international treaty to ban land mines.

The bells and singing sounded across United Nations offices in Vienna yesterday as the treaty took effect.

More than 130 countries have signed the accord to ban production, use and stockpile of anti-personnel mines. But the United States has refused, saying it needs mines along the tense border between North and South Korea.

As a result, seats for the American delegation were empty at the start of ceremonies today in Geneva.

It is estimated tens of millions of mines are scattered across more than 60 countries worldwide.

— compiled from Associated Press wire reports by Melissa Hankins

## Campus Calendar

A public policy forum "Is Collaboration First in the First State: The Status of Conflict Resolution in Delaware" will be presented in Clayton Hall from 8:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. today.

Showing in 204 Kirkbride Hall at 7 p.m. is the film, "I, Doll: The Unauthorized Biography of America's 11 1/2" Sweetheart," as part of the Women's History/Women's Lives Series. Call 831-8474 for more information.

Women's Studies professor Suzanne Cherrin will host the lecture "Women in China" Wednesday from 12:20 to 1:10 p.m. in the Ewing Room of the Perkins Student Center. For more information call 831-8474.

The third candidate for the new College of Arts and Science dean, Stephen C. Woods, will be giving an open forum in Mitchell Hall from 3:30-5 p.m.

The Center for Black Culture is sponsoring a forum titled "African Society and Culture in the Americas." The speaker will be professor Wunyabari Maloba. Along with the speech, there will be an exhibition called, "The Wreck of the Henrietta Marie: A Slave Ship Remembered." Both will take place from 4 to 5 p.m.

The American Collegiate Hockey Association Championships will be held at 6 and 9 p.m. in the ice arenas. They will also be held at 4 and 7 Thursday night.

Sean O'Casey's "Juno and the Paycock" will be presented by the Professional Theatre Training Program in Harshorn Hall at 7:30 p.m. The play will also be showing Thursday at the same time.

— compiled by John Yocca

## Police Reports

### POLICE APPREHEND SUSPECT IN BANK ROBBERIES

A Camden, N.J. man was arrested Saturday and charged with three counts of burglary and 10 counts of theft from Sovereign Bank at 281 E. Main St., Newark Police said.

Darryl Milton, a former employee of the bank's cleaning service, was arrested following a Newark Police surveillance operation.

Police said they arrested Milton after he was observed entering the bank with a key Saturday at 2 a.m.

Milton had obtained a copy of the door key and security information which enabled him to enter the bank, police said.

The thefts began in late December and the bank has reported seven more thefts totaling more than \$19,000 since then.

### LOWER THAT MUSIC

An 18-year-old male was charged with carrying a concealed dangerous weapon, underage consumption and disorderly conduct

late Thursday night, Newark police said.

A Newark officer was responding to a noise complaint on Wilbur Street late Thursday night when he heard loud bass music coming from a blue Mazda pick-up truck.

When the officer questioned the driver in the low rider truck he was found to have consumed alcohol. The minor was searched and the officer found brass knuckles in his pocket.

### ATTENTION KMART SHOPPERS, BLUE LIGHT SPECIAL, TRASH CANS

An unknown suspect set fire to Dumpsters behind the College Square Shopping Center Kmart on Friday night. Police said the suspect used a flammable liquid to ignite the empty Dumpsters and then fled.

The Newark Fire Department reported the incident to police. An unidentified witness gave a description of the suspect and the vehicle but police said the vehicle could not be identified.

### REFRIGERATOR ON FIRE IN RAY B

A transformer in a refrigerator caught on fire Saturday afternoon in an individual room on the first floor of the Ray St. B residence hall, Newark Police said.

Police said AETNA Hook, Hose and Ladder responded to the fire, but no one was hurt in the incident.

The refrigerator was valued at \$60.

### SOMETHING WITH THE B'S...

Two windows and one bathroom mirror were damaged along with one fire extinguisher discharged between Friday night and Saturday morning in Rodney Hall B, University Police said.

Police said \$645 worth of damage and clean-up cost was accumulated on the first floor of the residence hall between 11 p.m. and 4:30 a.m.

Capt. Jim Flatley said the police have no suspects at this time.

— compiled by Jessica Cohen and April Capochino



White Clay Creek State Park Rangers block off part of the road during their search for a semi-nude man Saturday afternoon. THE REVIEW/Mike Bullard

## Police arrest pantsless man

BY APRIL CAPOCHINO  
City News Editor

A man was chased and apprehended by White Clay Creek State Park Rangers Saturday afternoon after the rangers received a call regarding an indecently exposed man in the park grounds, Newark Police said.

Newark Police Officer Mark Farrall said

Newark Police received a call from the rangers to assist in the chase.

The suspect was seen wearing a dark gray sweatshirt with a hood, sandals and dark pants, Farrall said.

He said the suspect fled on foot in White Clay Creek State Park and lost his pants and sandals after jumping into the creek. The

suspect was last seen fleeing towards North College Avenue and White Clay Drive.

New Castle County Ptl. Trinidad Navarro confirmed that after the chase, involving Delaware State Police K-9 units, a Delaware State helicopter and officers from Newark Police and University Police, the man was found and caught.

## UD-metered parking costs students more

BY JENNIFER WHITELEY  
Staff Reporter

Although many university students complain the campus parking meter rate of \$1 an hour fee is too expensive, the cost is comparable to parking elsewhere in the city according to university officials.

"I pay the meters because I don't want a ticket," sophomore Andrea Villapiano said. "But I think that the time limit is ridiculous."

Capt. James Grimes of Public Safety said the reason for the high costs is because the university's parking garages charge \$1 an hour and they want to be fair by keeping the same rates for the on-campus parking meters.

"The meters are put in for short-term parking," he said. "Someone that might need that space won't get it if we let other cars sit there all day."

The university generates about \$85,000 a year from parking meter revenue, Director of Public Safety Lawrence Thornton said.

All the money supplied from parking revenue funds is spent on improvements to the campus parking lots and transportation system, he said.

Thornton said with the university's 9,000 parking spaces, there is simply not enough room to accommodate everyone.

"It wouldn't be practical to make the meters any cheaper," he said. "If they weren't as expensive as they are, they wouldn't serve their primary purpose — which is to encourage short-term parking."

City parking meters charge 75 cents an hour for parking, said Bill Carey, assistant finance director for the

Newark Finance Department.

The city of Newark made \$381,869 last year from the 393 parking meters in the city, Carey said.

Some students say they won't have a car on campus because of the troubles with the cost of parking and trying to find parking spaces.

"I would end up parking so far away that there would be no purpose in having a car," sophomore Marci D'Errico said. "I could simply walk to class at that point."

Other students feel that the parking meters on campus are necessary and that other options are available for students who don't want to drive.

"I don't think \$1 an hour is too high," sophomore Erica Codamo said. "Why should students drive to class anyway when university transportation is available at all hours?"

Some have ideas on how the university can begin to fix the situation and reduce costs for students.

"The university shouldn't let freshmen bring cars on campus," D'Errico said. "This will leave more parking spaces for upperclassmen and then the university shouldn't have to charge as much as a deterrent to

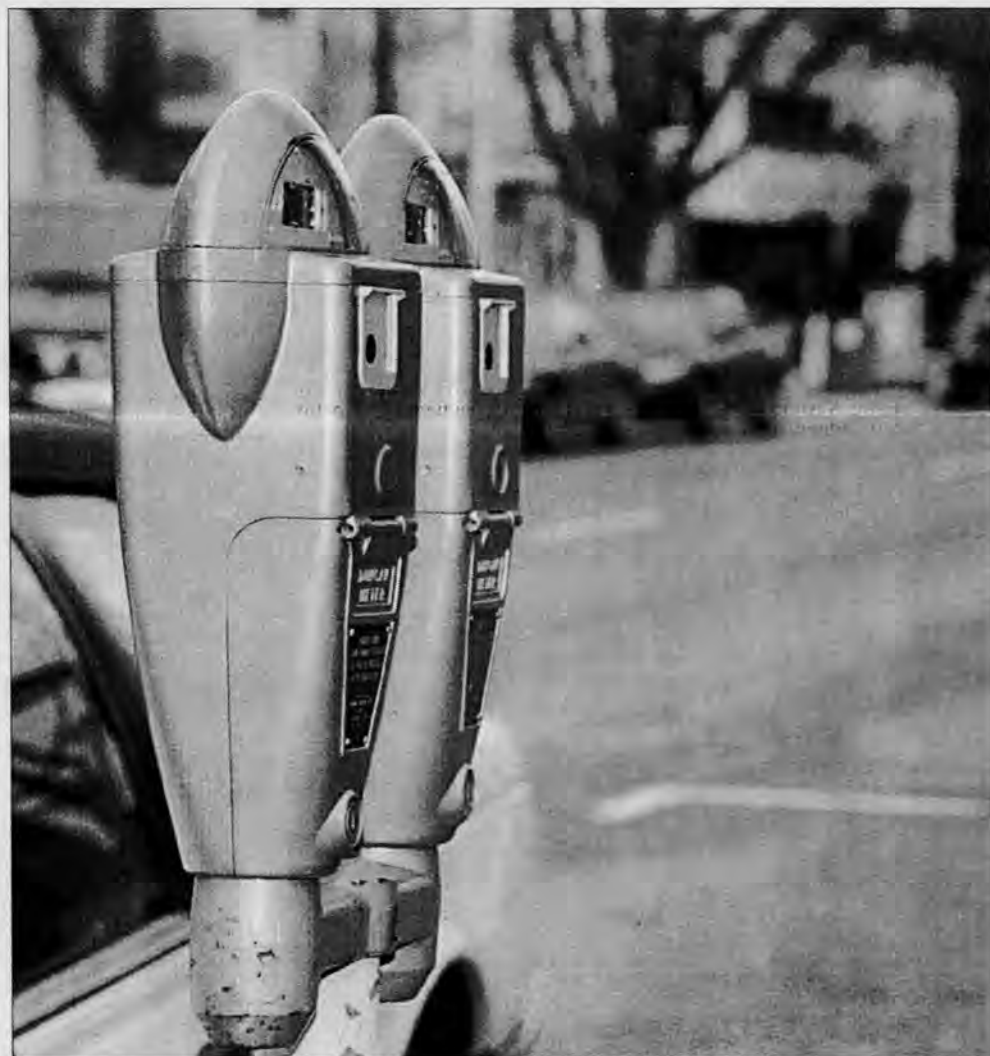
not bring a car."

But sophomore Nicole Fernandez said that university students should not have to pay the on-campus meters at all.

"If you're a student, you should be able to swipe your ID card at the meters and get free parking," she said. "Only non-students should have to pay."

**"Why should students drive to class anyway when university transportation is available at all hours?"**

—Erica Codamo, sophomore



Parking meters on Main Street and Newark are 25 cents cheaper than those parking meters run by the university. THE REVIEW/Bob Weill

## Profs believe preferences exist in admissions

BY LAUREN PELLETTREAU  
Staff Reporter

University professors believe preferences exist in the admissions and hiring practices at the university, according to a recent survey conducted by the Delaware Association of Scholars.

The key findings of the report indicate the majority of faculty members think racial, sexual and ethnic preferences do exist at the university.

DAS President Linda Gottfredson supported the report.

"This is not a survey of whether or not the preferences exist," she said. "but rather if the faculty believes they do."

However, Director of Admissions Larry Griffith disagreed with the findings.

"The survey is deeply, deeply flawed in terms of what they are reporting," Griffith said.

The DAS, a group established to enhance the quality and content of academic life, conducted the survey in order to further look into suspicions they had regarding possible administrative biases.

Gottfredson said the group is concerned with integrity, which includes fairness and non-discrimination on campus.

"The DAS is looking for clarification as to whether or not the university intends

to treat people differently," she said.

The report found more than 80 percent of the faculty believe the university grants preferences on the basis of race or gender when hiring.

Meanwhile, 72 percent of the faculty would support a ban on these hiring preferences, the report stated.

Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Science Margaret L. Andersen disagreed with the findings of the report.

"Employment practices within our college are completely within the law," she said.

The faculty response rate was not what the DAS would have hoped for. Of the 790 full-time faculty surveyed, 155 responded, which only accounts for 20 percent of the faculty.

Gottfredson said she was aware of the survey's poor response rate but was comfortable that the figures were accurate.

The DAS survey asked questions concerning preferences used in the admissions process. While 60 percent of university faculty members felt that preferences do exist in the admissions process, 68 percent supported a ban on these preferences in general, the report found.

Griffith said he was displeased with the

survey's report.

He said the report indicates 30 percent of faculty members believe formal preferences exist in the admissions process and another 30 percent believe informal preferences exist.

**"Employment practices within our college are completely within the law."**

—Margaret L. Andersen, interim dean of the College of Arts and Science

In response to these findings, Griffith said, "That does not represent 60 percent of the faculty."

"I'm encouraged that it may indeed be

a good response," she said. "It was close to the National Association of Scholars/Roper poll which had no problem with representativeness."

The Roper Center, which was established in 1947, conducts surveys in order to promote the use of public opinion in addressing social issues.

Since the DAS survey was almost identical to the Roper questionnaire sent out to 800 university workers nationwide several years ago, Gottfredson is a believer in its accuracy.

But initially, the DAS survey was conducted as a reaction to two major findings concerning the university's practices, she said.

"We wondered if the faculty supported what their union was advocating," she said. "After looking through the university's web site, it would appear that the university does offer such policies that grant preferential treatment."

Such policies include the Resources to Insure Successful Engineers program, FORTUNE 2000 and ASPIRE, which are programs designed to provide academic and career related support to minority students.

The admissions office was never contacted by the DAS and Griffith said he wondered what motives were behind the

negotiations. She said talks went smoothly and the agreement is fair for the faculty while beneficial for the university.

"Both sides were willing to come to the table in a very mature manner," Colm said. "We didn't spend time on frivolous issues, and we got down to bargaining. We're very pleased with the outcome."

There are two major changes from the previous contract. The first is an increase in sabbatical pay from 50 percent to 75 percent of normal annual salaries.

The second is more money for health insurance allotments with an increase from \$150 to \$175 each year. This includes money for physicals, eye exams or other medical appointments.

Colton said one major goal not obtained by union representatives was money for expenses such as books, computers and dues for professional organizations.

"Faculty spend a lot of money on professional expenses which come out of their own pockets," Colton said.

But overall, he said he was happy with the proposed contract.

"People bargained in good faith right away, and we moved much more quickly than normal."

## UD professors prepared to settle contracts

BY ERIC J.S. TOWNSEND  
National/State News Editor

University faculty members are scheduled to vote tomorrow and Thursday on a proposed three-year contract providing increased pay for sabbaticals and medical insurance claims.

The contract was unanimously approved ahead of schedule by a 15-member steering committee for the American Association of University Professors, but all faculty are permitted to vote this week, regardless of AAUP union membership.

If approved, the contract will go into effect July 31.

David Colton, a mathematics professor, led the four-member bargaining team representing the steering committee at negotiations. He said he became skeptical when the administration asked for bargaining to begin in December, two months earlier than the normal start time in February.

"The only reason to start early is to reach an agreement early, and I wasn't sure that was what the university wanted," Colton said. "Once it began, it became clear to me they were in good faith."

Maxine Colm, vice president for administration, was one of the university's representatives during

# UD prepares to combat extended housing

BY JENNIFER WHITELEY  
Staff Reporter

To avoid overcrowding in on-campus housing next year, the university will house only freshmen in West Campus residence halls.

The premise for this decision is to limit the number of students in extended housing, who are always freshmen, said Richard Gaw, coordinator for Housing Assignment Services.

"No one likes extended housing," Gaw said. "But admissions are high, and we need to be prepared to handle everyone."

He said he is uncertain if this will produce overcrowding in upperclassmen housing, but upperclassmen would not be put in extended housing.

Housing Assignment Services Manager Linda Carey said relocating all freshmen to West Campus would open up about 130 to 150 more residential spaces for freshmen. She said the university figured that the Rodney Complex would be the best location because it has not traditionally been an area of strong upperclassmen demand.

"We noticed that most of the upperclassmen who live in Rodney were not there by choice, but because they were not granted their first or second choice of housing," she said.

Carey said Housing is considering letting certain upperclassmen that wish to live in Rodney stay there, depending on their reasons for wanting to live there.

She said one way the university is trying to prevent overcrowding in residence halls is by becoming "really

strict" with deadlines for submitting housing forms and payments. She said everyone who applies by the deadline would be guaranteed housing.

"I've worked here since 1984, and I've never seen upperclassmen put in extended housing," Carey said. "I highly doubt it will happen now."

Students seem to have mixed reactions about the idea of converting West Campus to house exclusively freshmen.

Sophomore David Tyler lives in Rodney and said it was his third choice for housing this year. He said he thinks the university is doing freshmen a favor by not letting upperclassmen live in Rodney.

"I think it is a good idea to keep freshmen together," he said. "It's their first year here, and they need that shared experience."

Freshman Allison Willey, who also lives in Rodney, said she would not have been affected had the university made the change for this year.

"Most of the people I live with are freshmen anyway," she said. "It wouldn't really have made a difference, but I feel bad for the upperclassmen that want a single here and can't have it."

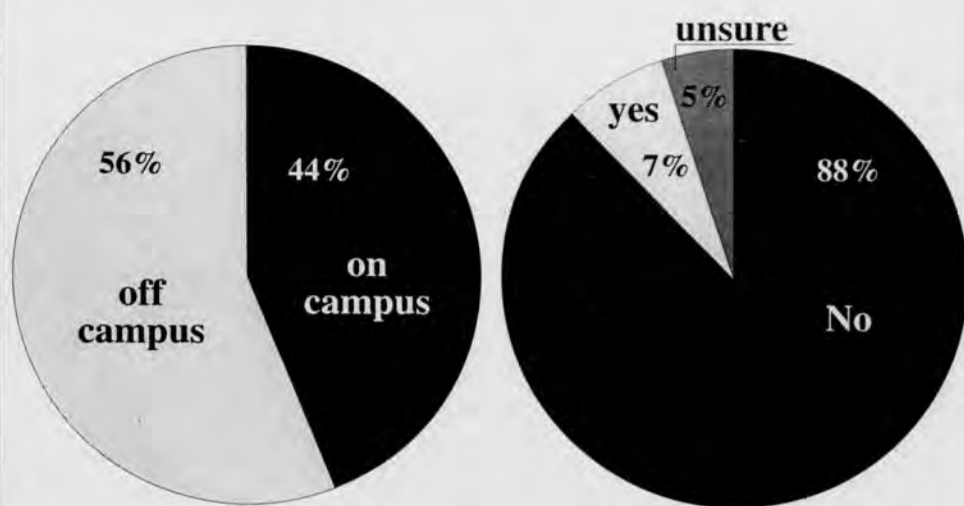
Gaw said the university wants to make things easier on students who decide to remain on campus.

"We are at the mercy of the popularity of the university, which is at an all-time high, and we are not about to tell students 'no,'" he said.

Registration for on-campus housing began Feb. 21 and will continue through March 19.

## The Review Housing Poll

110 students polled Feb. 23 to Feb. 24



Are you planning to live on or off campus?

Did the proposed rental cap affect your decision?



Dan Beaver, 43, announced his candidacy Sunday night for Newark's fourth district.

## Beaver announces his candidacy

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amount of water in the city.

"We need to consider these options before we go tampering with White Clay Creek," he said.

Besides the water issues Newark continually faces, Beaver said traffic is a significant problem in the city.

"Everyone knows that traffic and parking are huge problems for the city — except City Council," he said.

He said there are no parking spaces on Main Street for people who come to shop or dine for a few hours.

"They have to either circle the block — not more than three times, or you can be ticketed for that, just to find an on-street, non-permit parking spot," Beaver said.

He said he does not think council is working with the police department to enforce traffic laws.

"The traffic is absolutely horrendous, and it's dangerous," he said. "And with direction from City Council there could be effective law

enforcement."

He said he plans on helping to combat these issues by working with both students and residents to discuss the problems.

"I want to see a student on City Council," he said. "Right now, I do think council is anti-students."

Junior Lisa Hutton, who rents a house on Madison Avenue, said she thinks Beaver would be a dedicated spokesman for students.

"It's important for students to know what's going on and where they are going to live," she said. "Council has to stop looking at us as students but as a part of the city."

Beaver, who rents houses on South College Avenue to students, said he plans to be an active member on City Council, attending all of the workshops, working with the citizens of the community, the Delaware Undergraduate Student Council, the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council.

"Together we can get rid of a lot of these ordinances, which are driving people crazy," he said.

## Students apathetic about politics

BY CARLOS WALKUP  
Staff Reporter

With City Council elections looming on the horizon, voter turnout is as low as it has ever been. Even the impending discussion of such controversial issues as the rental cap cannot rouse university students from their political apathy.

Recent polls place the national voter attendance at less than 40 percent, according to studies made by the Washington Post Company, and turnout among college students is at about half that number.

Newark City Councilman Jerry Clifton said the voter attendance in Newark is lower than the national average, with a turnout of around 20 percent of registered voters.

He added that while there is no way to be sure how many voters are students, he has noticed many students hold an apathetic mind-set toward politics.

"I have campaigned twice, and many students really don't act like they care," Clifton said. "By and large, students don't vote, but then numbers are going down everywhere."

Jessica Urlick, a freshman, said she did not feel she would contribute much by voting.

"I'm not informed enough to vote," she said. "It's kind of embarrassing to say this, but I'm also too apathetic to do anything about it."

"If I knew things about local politics, I would vote, but I don't want to go into it not knowing what I am doing."

While many students feel that way, others, such as sophomore Shelly Beauchamp, choose not to vote because of the inconvenience.

"When I went to register, all my classmates were standing in this really long line, all excited and thinking they knew what they were doing,"

Beauchamp said. "They didn't. It was such a hassle, and it didn't seem like anything I would ever use, so I just left."

H. T. Reynolds, professor of political science and international relations, said student apathy is prompted by society.

"Younger people tend to be less integrated into their communities, and more preoccupied with their careers," he said. "They come from a generation that has been turned off to politics."

**"I'm not informed enough to vote. It's kind of embarrassing to say this, but I'm also too apathetic to do anything about it."**

— Jessica Urlick, freshman

"Our culture does not stress participatory democracy as much as it could and should. Young people are just acting according to social cues."

Junior Olivia Protheroe agreed that the political system is geared more toward older voters.

"I think the whole process is rather intimidating to younger people," she said. "They sure don't go out of their way to make students comfortable."

Some students may be pushed away from

political involvement by the questionable actions of government officials.

"Younger people look to our elected leaders to provide leadership, not just national but personal," Clifton said. "It is necessary that our incumbent officials provide that."

Many students choose not to vote because they are not Delaware residents and are unfamiliar with state politics. However, absentee ballots are available for students such as these.

"I sent in for an absentee ballot soon after coming here," said freshman Brian Melchior. "All I did was fill in a Scantron sheet stating who I wanted for governor or whatever, then sent it back."

Completing an absentee ballot was very simple, he said.

"It was not tough at all," he said. "Voting [in Newark] probably would've been more trouble."

However, for every student who takes the time to walk to a voting station or fill out an absentee ballot, there are many more who would rather save themselves the trouble.

Reynolds said inaction on the part of both students and government officials is partly to blame for the apathy.

"But I mainly blame [political] parties, the media and politicians for so trivializing issues that it's hard for anyone to stay interested," he said.

Clifton said before any progress can be made in boosting voter participation, the public must see something to be gained by political contribution.

"People don't think getting involved will help them any," he said. "Whoever is going to get involved needs to see the benefit. If you don't see value in voting, it is, in your mind, a waste of time."

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# Two students whisked to Baltimore after party

BY KYLE BELZ  
Staff Reporter

More than 150 students eager to get off campus for the weekend brought packed bags to the Trabant University Center Friday night. However, the winners of the trip didn't even bring

their toothbrushes.

Residence Life sponsored the fourth annual Suitcase Party, where each student brings a piece of luggage in hope of winning the grand prize — a trip to an undisclosed location.

The two-night trip included two

hotel rooms, \$100 in spending money and limousine services, said Julie Boswell, the co-chairperson of the Suitcase Party committee.

"We hope to provide a fun nighttime activity for students," Boswell said. "For people that choose not to drink, this provides a nice entertaining atmosphere."

Boswell said the event was financed completely by Residence Life.

As the evening began, the lights dimmed as the band, No Chaser, tuned their instruments, blackjack dealers prepared their decks and students began to appear at the door.

Approximately 150 students filtered into the room for the Mardi Gras-themed evening. The festivities included mock gambling, a mask-making contest, food provided by Dining Services and various raffle drawings for gift certificates to local businesses.

The most successful gambler received a \$50 gift certificate to Iron Hill Brewery, and the winner of the mask-making contest received a gift certificate to Rainbow Records.

Dormman Dave Deforge, a resident assistant on Ray Street, saw the party as a way to keep students out of the trouble that arises from intoxication.

"From Residence Life's point of view, this keeps kids from getting bored and tearing up things," he said.

Last year's Suitcase Party featured a staged murder mystery at the center of the evening. Deforge said Residence Life decided not to have the contest this year because it was too structured.

"Not many people got into the mystery bit," he said. "This gives people less structure — that's a problem with many university events."

Junior Tom Staada said he wanted to "check it out" instead of spending

Friday night hanging out in his South Central residence hall with friends or going to a movie.

Later in the evening, Staada said the scene had begun to wear on him.

"It was fun for about the first 10 minutes," he said. "The novelty is wearing off. I'd rather go to Atlantic City."

Staada said that the event would have held his interest longer if there had been more open seats at the blackjack tables and if cocktail waitresses were a part of the entertainment.

Freshman Tracee Sosinski said she heard of the Suitcase Party through an e-mail from her resident assistant and from posters hanging in the residence halls. Both methods helped to make her aware of the event, she said, but her friend, freshman Michael Del Sole, convinced her to go along with a group of friends.

"I told them about it," Del Sole said. "Free food was a big incentive."

Neither Del Sole nor Sosinski brought a suitcase to the party.

"I think we'll be leaving before that," Sosinski said early in the evening, referring to the raffle for the free trip.

In another corner of the room, students began to get excited as 11:30 approached. The drawing arrived on schedule as the master of ceremonies told the audience to "please try and compose yourself."

The winning ticket was selected, and Del Sole walked briskly to the front of the room. For his guest he chose Sosinski.

Apparently they had decided to stay.

Their destination turned out to be Baltimore. Sosinski and Del Sole had two rooms reserved at the Days Inn



THE REVIEW/Bob Weill

Students at Residence Life's Suitcase Party scan the food tables set up in the Trabant University Center.

Inner Harbor.

"The first thing that came to my mind-blankness and shock. I guess," Del Sole said. "We didn't even bring a bag."

Sosinski said, "I'm cracking up. I can't stop laughing."

After the two friends filled out several forms, and Del Sole's roommate brought him clothes for the weekend, they departed in a white limousine for Baltimore.

Upon returning to the university

Sunday afternoon, Del Sole commented on his trip, which included a stop at Camden Yards.

He said the weekend was enjoyable and highlighted the sports restaurant ESPN Zone as one place he particularly relished as he and Sosinski strolled around the city.

"A couple of friends drove down to meet us," he said. "ESPN Zone was too expensive, but still a lot of fun."



THE REVIEW/Bob Weill

Freshmen Tracee Sosinski and Michael Del Sole slip into a limousine outside the Trabant University Center Friday night. Sosinski and Del Sole were then whisked away to Baltimore for an all-expense paid trip sponsored by Residence Life.

# Book summaries on Internet

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are constructed in a way where there is more critical thinking involved, then students won't be able to use things like online book summaries anymore.

Although professors have been less than thrilled with Schoolbytes, student response has been positive.

Junior Adam Peltzman is not a newcomer to using such types of study guides.

"They got me through high school," he said. Another reason for students to use the site is its price. Or lack thereof.

"I'd use the site because it's free," Peltzman said.

On the other hand, senior Jess Davidson said she wouldn't use the online book summaries.

"Honestly, I'd rather read the book," she said.

Overall, the response has been one of acceptance from those who've used it, Saldanha said.

"Students love it so far," he said. "It cuts 10 percent of their workload."

Saldanha and Burgess said the site has a very interesting array of contributors, including many of their friends, who write the summaries from famous novels and short stories.

"We wrote it all ourselves from a student's perspective," Saldanha said.

All of those who supplied information to Schoolbytes, ranging from academic brains to actresses studying Shakespeare, were rewarded for their assistance in the old-fashioned college way.

"We paid them in beer for helping out," Saldanha said.

But Schoolbytes, which many might think is the easiest way of getting out of doing assignments, is not intended to be a substitute for the real thing, he said.

Saldanha, who called himself very lazy about doing work when he was in school, said, "It's a waste of a college tuition for people to rely on this for their homework."

Most students know the little blurb summarizing the novel due for their next class is not going to help them if they haven't at least

read some of the story.

Knowing that study guides such as this aren't going to get you through school, junior Wes Haigh said, "If you rely on Cliffs Notes as a study aid, then that's fine."

Brooks said, "I have always been a strong believer that students just short-change themselves when they don't read the entire book."

Burgess said he didn't use Cliffs Notes in school, but thinks they're helpful for students like engineering majors, who might not understand novels and short stories.

But having a tool like this readily available, he said many students might be tempted to close their books halfway and just click on the site to find out how the story ends.

However, professors and administrators still disapprove of using such tools, even though some say they can be helpful.

Helming said there is no question about it if a student hasn't done the reading.

"You can't fool your professor," he said.



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# California schools give teacher warranties

BY MARGARET CARLO  
Staff Reporter

A one-year warranty will be given to teachers graduating from the School of Education at California State University-Los Angeles beginning with the class of 1999.

The warranty program, initiated by the school's president, Robert Maxim, guarantees additional help from the university's professors for those first-year teachers having problems.

Kathy Cohn, associate dean in the College of Education at CSU-Los Angeles, said it is the university's responsibility to stand behind its graduates.

"We are sending a message that we are all in this together, for the long haul," she said. "A new teacher is not a finished product."

If the teacher is having difficulty, a professor from CSU will go to the troubled teacher's

school and meet with the teacher and school principal.

Dick VanDerLaan, director of employee and public information in the Long Beach Unified School District, said the more support a teacher receives, the more likely he or she is to succeed.

"The best results are when students are not plunged into a sink-or-swim situation," he said. "We don't want new teachers to be overwhelmed."

Teachers in California also seem to welcome the warranty program.

Jill Isabell, a first-year teacher of first-grade in the Long Beach Unified School District, said the program is wonderful.

Although Isabell was not a product of the warranty system, she said she feels the program will help the district in their goal of providing the best education for the district's children.

**"The best results are when students are not plunged into a sink-or-swim situation. We don't want new teachers to be overwhelmed."**

— Dick VanDerLaan, director of employee and public information in Long Beach School District

"We have been striving for a seamless education," she said. "We hope to provide an education without a whole lot of gaps — a

circular education."

Despite positive reviews of the warranty program in California, it does not look like the University of Delaware will implement such a program.

Robert Hampel, interim director for the School of Education, said he has reservations about it.

"A warranty implies the notion [teachers] are similar to a toaster, car or gadget," he said. "So much depends on the setting. Success depends a lot on where they go."

Cohn said they welcome the chance to help a district if its quality is a concern.

"If we have a struggling district, we have a responsibility to that district," she said. "It is our responsibility to point things out to them."

Cohn said the professors who participate in the program would do so on a volunteer basis

with limits on the distance they would travel.

"It would have to be within a reasonable driving distance," she said. "Most of our graduates are within a 50-mile radius."

Hampel said the university already stands behind its graduates and would be willing to offer help to those who need it.

"Graduates usually turn to a professor with a specific question," he said. "This would be done through e-mail or by phone."

"We don't lose sight of our graduates."

To ensure that type of continued dialogue with her former professors, university senior Laurie Levine said she thinks a warranty is what she would need.

"I wouldn't normally call a professor," she said. "But with the warranty I would feel more comfortable."



The clock on East Main Street recently had four new faces installed.

THE REVIEW/ Scott McAllister

## Main Street clock gets 'face' lift

BY HEATHER GARLICH  
Staff Reporter

The clock on East Main Street near the corner of Academy Street has four new faces thanks to the dedication of private citizens and organizations.

The 18-foot clock has been a fixture in Newark since 1978, and it slowed to a stop eight to 10 months ago.

Newark resident Stanley Einhorn, one of the engineers who is responsible for the clock's frequent repairs, said the motor in the clock was replaced with a synchronous motor, which determines its steady frequency.

"The switch box sends pulses each minute, which move the clock's hands," he said. "When the power goes out, it corrects itself."

The university, Newark Rotary Club, MBNA America, New York business associations and private citizens contributed to the refurbishment of the clock, which cost about \$1,200, Einhorn said.

The Downtown Newark Partnership, which consists of 13

members, played a primary role in the clock's restoration.

Maureen Feeney Roser, assistant planning director of Newark, said she is concerned with preserving the landmark.

"The clock is a part of the street people focus on," Roser said. "It is something that symbolizes Newark."

With its prime location on Main Street, the clock has been a useful tool for students to get to class on time.

"I always counted on the clock," junior Tiffany Robinson said.

The clock is also instrumental for many bar-hopping students.

"Now I can know what time it is so I don't miss last call," junior Amanda Hartung said.

The clock has been polished and its repairs have been made through the years by Einhorn, who said his only complaint was the cold weather.

"You can't do the repairs with gloved hands," he said.

Einhorn said he fixed the clock every time it was vandalized or the time needed to be set.

"Three faces were broken a few years ago. I made one and had to find the other two," he said. "I'm 77 years old, and I don't feel that I want to do it anymore."

This historical fixture of Newark was reason enough for many people to contribute to its permanence.

"We participated in its renovation

and we were pleased to do so," Roser said.

The clock is now practically indestructible, as it is constructed out of steel and a more shatter-resistant glass.

"A powerful earthquake could not stop it," Einhorn said. "You'll break your foot before you dent that clock."

## UD alumni officers appointed

BY SHAUN GALLAGHER  
Staff Reporter

Two current university staff members have been promoted to new positions within the Office of Alumni and University Relations. President David P. Roselle announced Thursday.

Robert Davis, former assistant vice president for Alumni and University Relations, was named vice president for Development and Alumni Relations; and Sharon Dorr, former assistant director for Alumni Relations, was named director for Alumni and University Relations.

Roselle made the new appointments after the resignation of former Development and Alumni Relations Vice President Marion Peavey was announced last month. Dorr said.



Robert Davis

Davis, who will assume Peavey's vacated position, said his new responsibilities will focus largely on fund-raising.

"I will be working closely with Kevin O'Brien, associate vice president for development, as we advance the university's capital campaign," Davis said.

This effort, the Campaign for Delaware, was unveiled in October 1998 and is the university's most extensive fund-raising plan ever, he said. Its main goal is to raise \$255 million for the university in the next five years.

The department hopes to receive \$50 million in contributions from the estimated 100,000 national alumni, he said.

"A secondary goal is to double the percentage of alumni who give," she said. "Currently, about

21 percent of alumni contribute to the university."

Recently graduated alumni are not the only ones targeted.

"We have alumni in prominent positions who have been out for 20 to 30 years, committing to endowing scholarships, either in their own names, or in honor of professors," he said.

"Of course, all of this has an effect on our alumni as the goals of the campaign will increase the value of their University of Delaware degree," Davis said.

Dorr said she will also be active in the university's capital campaign.

Her new position will add more academic programs, like Honors Day and the Performing Arts Series, to her previous responsibilities, which in an e-mail message she stated, centered on

"alumni club development and coordinating major alumni events on the university campus including: Homecoming, class reunions, and alumni recognition ceremonies."

She and her staff of 11 alumni associates will assist many events hosted Roselle and his wife like black-tie dinners and pre-game brunches. The department also oversaw the capital campaign kick-off in October.

Before joining the alumni office in 1994, Dorr said she served as an admissions counselor and as assistant director of University Admissions.

Davis began working at the university in 1977 as an associate director of alumni relations, he said. He has also served as dean of students at Wilmington College.



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# Addendum passed by FS for grad programs

BY LAUREN DEUTSCHMAN  
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An addendum was passed by the Faculty Senate Monday which will give graduate programs more flexibility in deciding how to use the Graduate Record Examination and Graduate Management Admission Test at the university.

After an in-depth discussion, the Faculty Senate voted on the policy. Thirty-five members were in favor, 13 against, and two abstained from voting on the resolution to change the university rule governing GRE and GMAT requirements.

John Cavanaugh, vice provost for Academic Programming and

Planning, said the new policy will go into effect for the next recruitment cycle.

Faculty Senate President Michael Keefe said, "The first resolution to the addendum will give each department the freedom to set its own GRE admission policy."

"Giving the programs this ability is simpler than petitioning the senate for making changes."

Keefe said the concern is that not all students enter graduate school right out of college. He said this condition may affect their performance on these standardized tests.

Cavanaugh said that many programs will keep the GRE

requirement for those applicants who graduated college five years ago or less.

Because of these circumstances, the addendum, which came about due to faculty request, calls for a change in the previous university-wide policy. The latter policy did not meet the needs of some graduate programs, Keefe said, adding to inefficiencies in the process.

"Studies have shown there is a weak correlation between the GMAT and GRE tests and subsequent graduate quality," he said. "I would think if you are going to use these tests for admissions you would want some correlation."

At the meeting, associate

political science professor Jane Johnson questioned the reliability of the tests.

"If the GMAT and GRE tests produce very little predictive validity, why are we using them at all?" she said.

In addition to problems stemming from poor connections, students in different departments also had different graduate needs, Keefe said.

Some candidates are applying for graduate school later in life, while others are taking the step toward a higher degree straight out of school, he said.

Martha Carothers, chair of the art department, said the addendum is

unimportant for many of the university's departments. Since art does not require GRE tests, the addendum does not affect them.

However, other university chairs are accepting of the changes the new addendum will enact.

Janice Selekmán, chair of the nursing department, said she has no objections.

"We tried to change the nursing requirement a few years ago but the university wasn't ready then," Selekmán said. "This is a terrific opportunity to re-examine the system and explore other options."

Norman Wagner, associate professor of chemical engineering, stated in an e-mail message that he

is in support of the addendum.

"I, personally, am in favor of keeping reasonable and fair standards," he said. "Clearly, our department has published standards, and until that is changed by a vote of the faculty, we will maintain those standards."

But for some disciplines, the addendum will rule out GRE requirements for good, making their admissions process distinctly unique among other programs in the university.

Two programs within the College of Human Resources, Education and Public Policy have asked for the graduate policy to be abolished.

## Students cope with loss of 'bright, smart' friend

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meet people that knew him and to hear little stories about how kind he had been.

"You don't know your children completely and then you hear all of these wonderful things."

Marsh said there were several university students and faculty members present at the funeral service.

"People were standing in the side aisles in the church," she said. "It was full of young people and they were wonderful in terms of the respect that they showed for the religious ceremony and the family."

Dean of Students Timothy F. Brooks said Residence Life transported more than 60 students

to the funeral service.

Brooks said he attended the viewing on the evening of Feb. 18 and he estimated there were 750 to 1,000 people in attendance.

"The family had set up a chronology of Christopher's life," he said. "You followed him from elementary school up to the University of Delaware — it was just beautifully done."

Cross said going to the funeral service the following day was the hardest thing he's ever been through.

"The scariest part was that a lot of the people there were kids like me who he touched," he said. "Everything about it was just so hard to believe."

Marsh said the university

community has been incredibly supportive, particularly Brooks.

"We've received beautiful letters from some of his teachers talking about his strengths," she said. "The most wonderful and remarkable thing has been that we received many letters from young people who we barely knew that reflect a lot of love for him and, by association, for us."

Marsh said the involvement of alcohol in the accident leads her to hope others will learn from her son.

"I think people need to understand that even the most wonderful, bright, smart person can make fatal errors in judgement because of alcohol," she said. "Christopher had everything going for him and he had a bright future."

"So it's tragic, and I hope that no

one would think of themselves as invulnerable when impaired."

Assistant Vice President for Student Life and Robert Wood Johnson Project Coordinator John Bishop said the Residence Life and Counseling Center staffs did an excellent job handling the situation.

He said there were counselors available to students all weekend following Marsh-Lawrence's death.

"People will react differently," Bishop said. "We will see people who are completely distraught, people who are angry and people who aren't very upset at all."

"It's up to the people here on campus to be prepared for that range of responses and help in any way we can."

Cross said the impact of Marsh-Lawrence's death has been to make the floor a closer community.

"We've been going through this together," he said. "We've talked about it and we're trying to help each other through it."

However, Cross said, the reality of the situation is just beginning to sink in.

"You're just expecting to walk in the door and he's going to be there, but it isn't going to happen," he said. "It makes you realize that you take people for granted."

Cross said Marsh-Lawrence was surrounded by people he cared about and who cared about him.

"I don't think I met a single person who could say a bad thing about him," he said. "There wasn't a single person that he wasn't willing to help."

Marsh said her son was a big fan of the Dave Matthews Band and even got to meet the group last November after a Philadelphia concert.

She said the family will keep Marsh-Lawrence's Dave Matthews Band hat and poster.

"I feel like I'm missing something now, so I'm going to be listening to their music," she said.

Marsh said Marsh-Lawrence even used a slightly modified Dave Matthews Band quote from the song "Jimi Thing" for his senior quote in the Haverford High yearbook.

She said she likes it because the quote shows him as a happy, satisfied person.

It reads: "What I need is what I've got, and what I want is all around me."

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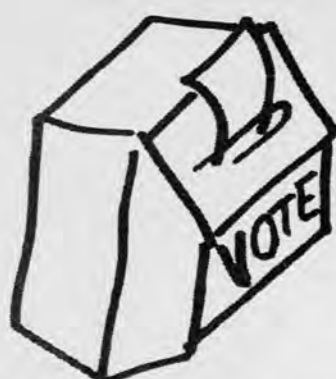
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# Editorial

## Bleeding a stone

It's nothing new — the parking meter situation in Newark is ridiculous.

Whether they live off campus or they are just looking for a closer place to park, thousands of students and Newark residents are forced to stuff quarters into meters on a daily basis.

The Review realizes the necessity of metered parking. It's just not fair to let a car remain in a sought-after Main Street parking space all day and into the night.

But it also isn't fair to charge 25 cents for 15 minutes of parking privilege.

Think about it. At \$1 per hour of parking in the average metered space, a student with a one-hour-and-15-minute class that meets three times a week could be spending \$60 per semester to park near that one class.

This does not include all the times the person drives to Main Street or to other classes or other parts of the city.

Just using a metered space a couple hours a day for four days a week adds up to about \$40 a month. It might not seem much by itself, but when added to all the other expenses people, especially students, face, \$40 can be a lot of money.

Besides the fact the meters are too expensive, drivers are still faced with the inconvenience of the system.

First, the meters in Newark only take quarters. So when pressed for time, parkers are out of luck when they find only nickels and dimes in their pockets.

Second, the meters are all cursed with time limits, which means a student with a three-hour class has to run out in the middle of a lecture to feed the machine.

Heaven help the person who is late rushing back to stuff more quarters down the slot.

If you are even a minute past the deadline, you're guaranteed to be ticketed. Like a thief lying in wait for his next victim, meter maids seem to lurk in the bushes, waiting patiently for the time to expire.

Instead of bleeding us dry, meter rates should be lowered. They are reportedly \$1 per hour to match the Trabant Center parking garage rates. But it should cost more to park inside a garage than outside on the street.

Lower the meter rates and extend the time limit.

Or at least change the meters so they accept our last dime and nickel.

**Review This:**  
To change unfair metering practices in Newark, rates should be lowered and time limits should be increased.



THE REVIEW / Selena Kang

## Letters to the Editor

### Drunk driving law is about lessening traffic

This letter concerns the columns, titled "New NYC law confiscates drunk drivers' cars," written by Liz Johnson and Brian Callaway in Issue 35.

I'm from the upper-eastside of Manhattan. While I respect the opinions of both columnists concerning the new law enabling the seizure of vehicles from drunk drivers, I must say that both writers have missed out on the real reason such a law was enacted.

There are too many cars clogging the streets of Manhattan on weekend nights.

Most New Yorkers do not drive to clubs, parties or bars. They either ride in a cab or use public transportation.

It is what real

New Yorkers unaffectionately refer to as the "bridge and tunnel" people that are responsible for making it so difficult to get around on the weekends.

Every Friday evening, hordes of people from New Jersey, Long Island and Connecticut flock into the city, making a cab ride from my apartment to a downtown bar unbearable.

I can't help but feel an immense sense of disgust for these people who

can barely navigate NYC drunk or sober, and the majority of city residents feel the same way.

The reason such a strict law was enacted is to make these people rethink driving into the city, even to have just a few drinks.

The police checkpoints will make traffic even more unbearable, although hopefully for the short term.

It's not that the city doesn't welcome these people, but their vehicles make an already overcrowded city unbearable.

Obviously it benefits everyone to crack down on drunk driving, but the real reason behind this law isn't to deter people from driving drunk, but to deter them from driving

at all.

If you're looking to enjoy some NYC nightlife, do me and every NYC resident a favor, and take a train or a bus into the city.

If you're not concerned with our quality of life, then stay in New Jersey.

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### Canine lovers beware

I'm writing to make a plea to the dog owners of Newark.

I am a member of the Ultimate Frisbee team, and we practice at Frazier Field just about everyday.

Passersby may have seen us make great diving catches, and here lies the problem. Frazier Field is infested with dog crap.

Probably not what Frazier intended.

No matter where we set up our field, there are piles of dog waste everywhere.

The university's athletic fields are not meant to be a toilet for the neighborhood dogs.

I am very much a dog person, and I enjoy seeing the dogs of the town. I understand that dogs need to get out and run.

The dog owners can't help it if their dog takes a dump in the middle of our field; however, it is their responsibility to clean up after their dogs.

This problem has gotten out of control. In many areas this is just common courtesy.

I am pleading with the dog owners of Newark to please bring a plastic baggy when they take their dogs out to run and to clean up after them.

When I lay out for a Frisbee on Frazier Field, the last thing in the world I want to be thinking about is if I'll be landing in a pile of dog crap.

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### Don't speak unless you know what you're saying

It was refreshing to read Lina Hashem's Feb. 23 column, "Islamic teachings offer liberation for women," written in response to Chrissi Pruitt's Feb. 12 column, "Misogyny in other cultures cannot be ignored."

I had been greatly disturbed by the distortion, biases, fallacies and grave lack of both fair judgement and factual information present in Pruitt's article.

Hashem, focusing on the religious aspects of the issue, did a very commendable job of debunking some of the inherent fallacies and biases in Pruitt's column.

The most disturbing aspect of Pruitt's column was its obvious ethnocentrism and attitude of cultural superiority.

Arabs were portrayed as barbaric people governed by outmoded religions and philosophies who were in need of education and liberation, which of course only enlightened and liberated America could bring to them.

A similar mentality of saving the barbarian from his own backyard and uncivilized self, cultural imperialism on a different level was behind the destruction of the cultures of the American Indians.

I am not an Arab but I lived half my life in Arab countries and know from experience, and not from reading newspapers, that Pruitt's assertions were spoken in ignorance.

Honor killings might exist but they are about as common as racist killings in the United States.

Should we take the fact that a white supremacist killed a black man by dragging him behind his pick-up truck as evidence that non-white Americans need to be reminded of their human worth and saved from the barbarity of the white Americans?

If not, then how can we take for certain isolated incidents where Arab women were killed by Arab men and juxtapose it on the whole of Arab society and say Arab women need to be saved from their tyrannical men?

What Pruitt and other Americans of her kind need to do is not to save those poor oppressed Arab women from their religion, as Hashem wrote, their culture or the men, but to educate themselves

on the meaning and worth of cultures different from their own so they can both understand and appreciate foreign culture and religious practices.

Only then do they have any real right to speak of other cultures, religions and ways of life.

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### Make room for other faiths

I'm writing in reference to the column by Antonio Prado, titled "True Christians follow 'the Word,'" in Issue 34.

Congratulations on promoting some of the finest thinking of the 12th century — "We are the only ones who are right, therefore all others are wrong; wrong is evil and evil must be eliminated..."

This is exactly the kind of thinking that has supported the Crusades, Hitler, Khomeni, Hussein and every other hate-monger the world has ever suffered.

In his column, Prado, claims support for his narrow-minded tunnel vision from the phrase "Love your neighbor as yourself..."

As most of his neighbors are probably not hateful-minded ideologue-bigots, Prado must have a pretty low opinion of himself to be spewing this kind of filth about them. (Or maybe he's just a typical hypocrite.)

I feel sorry for someone whose mind and faith are so small that they cannot allow room for any other viewpoint.

My universe is obviously bigger than his, poor kid. I only hope this fellow will someday find room to grow.

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## Jersey boy defends his home sweet home



**Greg Shulas**  
**Dr. Pepper**

Call it a petrel-chemical ditch on the side of the turnpike. Call it the home of ozone-harming big hair, guidos galore and Mafia mayhem. Say it's ugly and the people aren't nice. But I know, deep down inside, you really love New Jersey.

Since my first recollection, I've had to defend the fact that I'm from there. My childhood buddies from Long Island used to make fun of me all the time.

They would say, "Greg, you come from the armpit of America."

And I'd respond with, "You come from the hair that points out of the armpit."

Then, there were all those trips outside of New Jersey. The people from North Carolina said, "You're from the Garden State? Or was that the Garbage State?"

And if it wasn't southern hecklers asking, "Did you get those needles and syringes off your beaches?" it was the

pure physicality and the rugged nature of the American West that flustered me.

You know what the God-fearing Rockies and the spell-binding Sierra Nevada do to that beat up North-Easterner's soul? They make us ask the self-defeating question, "How did I end up there?"

Yeah, the golden coasts of Big Sur make Atlantic City look like a collection of hideous phallic symbols.

But, with a little help from some reference books at Morris Library, I learned that my home state wasn't that bad.

On an inspirational level, there are all those legendary heroes who hail in some way or another from one of those carbon dioxide-fumed highway exits.

First, those big musical names come to mind. I mean all around the world, who hasn't heard of Frank Sinatra and Bruce Springsteen, Whitney Houston and Jon Bon Jovi?

Then, I thought about those Academy Award winning actresses, diamond starlets like Susan Sarandon, Meryl Streep and Mira Sorvino.

And as dramatic entertainers go, who could beat Jack Nicholson, John Travolta,

Jerry Lewis, Bruce Willis, Christopher Reeve or Tom Cruise? All of whom were nurtured in that so-called pothole of mine.

But more invigorating, at least for me, were the writers.

I'm talking about Walt Whitman, who lived, wrote and died along the swampy Delaware River tides outside of Camden. One of the best writers on the planet right now, Phillip Roth, is from Newark, N.J. And Gay Talese, my favorite reporter, is from Ocean City.

Then there's Allen Ginsberg, that infamous beatnik poet and activist who occasionally wrote about Newark and Patterson, when he wasn't chanting or meditating in some state of bohemian ecstasy.

So, it seems the landfill state has produced lots of creative talent, and that was without mentioning that football, baseball, the light bulb, the record player, the modern film projector, the boardwalk and salt water taffy are all "Jersey" innovations.

But what really converted me over to the "right" side of the turnpike lane was the beauty of the "Jersey girl." I mean they are really something. I've been seeing one for four years. And she's a beau-

ty.

Yeah, the women of the state come in all types, nationalities and make-up brands, but beneath their outward or inner facades, they are some of the most real-to-the-bone women you will find outside of Joan of Arc.

Why else would Bruce Springsteen sing, "Nothing matters in the whole wide world, when you are in love with a Jersey girl."

But then, as someone once said to Bill Clinton, it's the economy, stupid.

Waitresses at Jersey Diners are more efficient than Swiss bankers and German train conductors.

Meanwhile, dollar per head, Jersey rakes in more than France, England, Japan and even the Swiss.



And if it's not the economy, it's the freakin' food. I'm talking about more ethnic restaurants — Italian, Thai and Mexican — than chickens in southern Delaware.

When it comes to quality subs, New York pizza and dynamo cheese steaks, Jersey is that extravagant white hat that gives Chef Boy-R-Dee his healthy and wholesome smile.

So despite the ridicule from my nefarious friends on Long Island and North Carolina, I learned that I really love New Jersey.

With the Pine Barrens packed with myth and lore, the mountainous wilderness in the north and miles of beaches filled with relaxing vistas and countless memories, I really do cherish that highway rest stop, which to me, belongs someplace in the stars.

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## Parent's ignorance exposed with "Penncrest Five"

On Jan. 29, five juniors from Penncrest High School in Pennsylvania were killed after their car spun out of control on a notoriously dangerous section of Route 1.

Initially, the crash was attributed to driving inexperience, coupled with the curving road.

Grief poured out for the "Penncrest Five," and the public demanded that authorities take action to make the road safer.

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation listened and lowered the speed limit from 55 to 45 m.p.h.

Then the medical examiner released his findings, and the parents and the community were left with more questions than answers.

Four out of the five girls had "significant" levels of the chemical difluoroethane in their systems at the time of the crash. This is the chemical found in compressed air cleaning products such as Duster II. An empty can was found in the car.

These five did not die from inexperience. They were not just the victims of a dangerous curve. The



**Dawn E. Mensch**  
**Fighting Words**

Penncrest Five were "huffing," and it ultimately contributed to their death.

The chemical is inhaled and the effects are similar to being drunk. Huffing has become more popular with pre-teen-agers and teen-agers looking for a fast and cheap high.

The day the medical examiner report was made public, the parents of the driver released a statement to the press.

"We have always had open communications with our daughter and know that she would have never intentionally jeopardized her life as well as the lives of her friends," the statement read.

"This is not just our belief, but also the opinion of many of her closest friends. We will continue to explore the details of the medical examiner's report because we cannot believe she would have intentionally inhaled this chemical agent."

### It is this parental ignorance that allows the drug problem plaguing today's youths to spread.

Their daughter, along with four of her friends, is dead and buried, yet she is still getting away with her drug use.

While this news makes the parents' nightmare even worse, they need to accept that their child wasn't perfect and that they didn't know their daughter as well as they thought.

It is this parental ignorance that allows the drug problem plaguing today's youths to spread. Parents look the other way because they don't want to believe it's possible — not even after their child is dead.

It's all about denial.

"My kid would never do anything like that," is a common lie parents tell themselves.

The vice president of the Partnership for a Drug-Free America estimated one out of every five 8th graders has tried huffing.

Somebody's kids are doing it.

These teen-agers' deaths shouldn't be in vain. Parents should use this tragedy as a starting point to talk to their children about drug abuse and the dangers.

But many won't. They are even more scared of drugs than they were before. There are five grave-stones that show this is a problem.

It's so much easier to just turn away and convince themselves that this was an isolated event. "It's not a problem in our suburban neighborhood," they will keep telling themselves.

"My kids are too smart to do something that puts them in that much danger."

It's this kind of attitude that will always allow substance abuse to prevail in the war against drugs.

It is estimated that 20 percent of people who die from huffing are first- or second-time users.

If parents don't talk to their kids about drugs, then they might be forced to have that discussion with a medical examiner.

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THE REVIEW / Jacob Lambert

## Tips should reflect the service



**John Gephart**  
**Satirical Rants**

After reading the column titled "It takes more than 15 percent to treat waiters right" in Issue 32, I just had to laugh.

Does the author really think he can tell me, the customer, how to act? Hardly!

When people come in to eat, it's a waiter's job to serve them. They are being paid to provide a service!

After "waiting" half an hour for a table, we are seated, only to "wait" for someone to come by and take our drink order.

After "waiting" for our drinks, we are asked about appetizers. If we don't want any, the waiter usually leaves quickly, only to return 10 minutes later to get our main orders.

Then we "wait" for that to come out.

Now if, after all that waiting, our medium-well, \$15 hamburger looks rare enough to moo, we have every right to be a tad angry.

We are hungry (hence the reason we came to the restaurant), and after all this waiting, someone managed to screw up our simple order.

All we want is good service. Heck, we'll settle for decent service. If your performance falls below these levels, however, you won't be getting a tip from me.

Shocked? Appalled? Don't be. I think our system of tipping has gone too far.

I'm paying for food, off of which the restaurant makes a hefty profit. If the server comes to my table with a bad attitude, I'm not going to reimburse him for it.

"But John," you say, "I am being paid close to minimum wage! I need those tips!"

Then earn them, don't expect them.

Or ask your boss for a raise. If that's not good enough, get a different job.

I worked in the Marine department of a sporting goods store for three years, never making a dollar over minimum wage.

I was Mr. Cheerful.

I thrived on making people happy and helping them get what they needed. People have hugged me after I saved them a few hundred dollars in scuba gear.

Know what? I didn't earn any commission. I accepted maybe 10 bucks, total, from customers over those three years.

But I did my job and I enjoyed it.

I hate our society of expected tipping.

Pizza delivery guys beware: if you are 45 minutes late, you won't even get a nickel tip from me.

Now don't get me wrong, I'm not cheap and I'm not anti-tipping.

If my waiter does a great job, he'll get 20 percent.

When my barber takes his time with my haircut, I give him a few bucks.

I have no problem tipping people, but only if they go that extra mile.

I know it's rare thinking these days, but I believe that the listed price of an item should be just that: the price.

If a supermarket tacked on an extra 15 percent to your bill, they would be out of business in a week.

So why is it that only a few professions expect tips?

Is a waiter any better than a construction worker or a library clerk?

How about the police? Should you tip a cop for arresting a car thief? Does he get to keep 15 percent of the car's value?

Is this what our future holds?

The moral of the story is we need some tip reform. Don't feel bad just paying the bill sometimes. If you don't get good service, forget the tip. Remember, it's a job with a wage, not volunteer work.

Above all, if a waiter thinks he can tell me how to act as a customer, he can expect something in return — one shiny penny.

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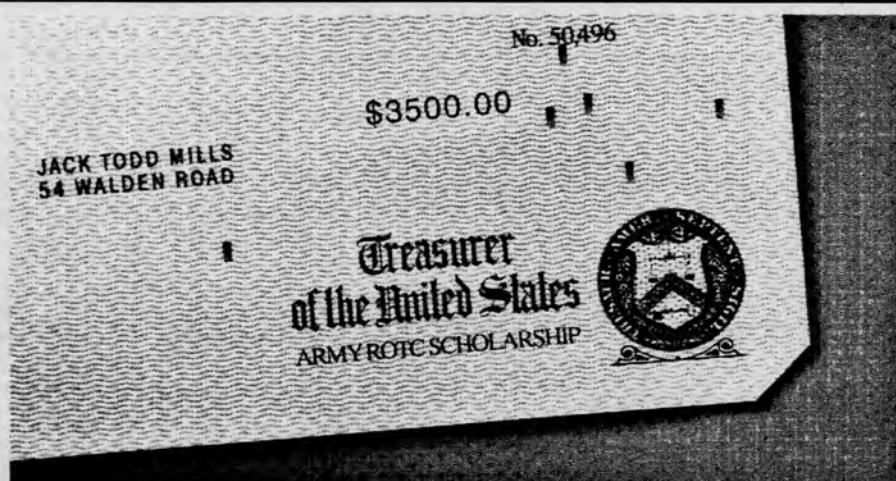
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# FOR THE LOVE OF INTERNET

BY KRISTEN ESPOSITO  
Features Editor

## KILL BABY SEALS

"Kill Baby Seals" is the name of my latest boyfriend. I was only with him for an hour and 20 minutes, but that was long enough.

A student at Purdue University, he not only has baggy pants — a sharp contrast to my bootcuts — but a tongue ring. He's a snowboarder, I'm a skier. He listens to ska music. I listen to Fleetwood Mac.

He's not my type.

His hair is bleached blond on top, but dark on the sides.

Or so he says.

Welcome to love, Internet style.

It's a world where everyone can be a sports hero. Everyone is tall and beautiful. Everyone is popular and a leader in the community. These people rescue burning villages, they throw wild parties, drink every night and have a million lovers — on the Internet.

In reality — they just need someone to talk to.

With chat rooms, the usual "900 numbers" are thrown out the window, and the comfort of a loving voice is at one's fingertips.

And if they lie a little, only the keyboard knows for sure.

It's a strange new phenomenon that's sweeping over the electronic community, where appearances aren't important and the dating world is turned upside down.

Traditional rules don't apply here — the pressure of a face-to-face confrontation has been removed, and true personalities come out.

There is no room for shyness — perversion is accepted, and boldness is rewarded when a "personal message" instantly bleeps onto the screen.

Measurements or "stats" are then swapped. "Five feet, nine inches, green eyes, blonde hair, 115 lbs."

Well, everyone has to lie about their weight sometimes.

Then, if you like what you are told, the typing begins.

Kill Baby Seals' real name is Jeff, or so he says. Of course, for all he knows, my name is SpecialK455, since that's how I logged in. (SpecialK is what my mother used to call me. At least it's better than "Kill Baby Seals.")

Our typed conversation was dandy, despite our apparent differences — until he wanted my name and number. Time to get a new Internet boyfriend.

Although trying to find a prospective chatmate can be difficult, especially when the whole screen is filled with interesting names, one did finally come along.

## MADCAT455

He's "Madcat455," a 23-year-old security guard just rounding the last bend of a long shift at work and just looking for someone to talk to.

Once again, not my type.

His name is Chris, and he is very proud of the size 455 engine he put into his '84 Cutlass.

For fun, Chris enjoys repairing cars and computers, drag racing and sex. Of course, he likes drinking too.

He seemed like a hick, especially when it took him five minutes to type a sentence. However, he was a nice boy — really!

He just didn't quite get any of my jokes without explicit explanation. But he was one of the few who never asked for my phone number, which scored him some bonus points.

## SHAKUMS

Mr. Shakums is a different story.

An extremely built guy, he boasted — he stands at 6 feet 2 inches and only weighs 157 pounds. He obviously didn't think before he typed.

And he was not shy. Not at all.

Being new to the world of the chat room, I didn't quite get it when he asked to have cybersex with me.

Then he asked what I was wearing. Sure, I thought, I'll play along. After all, it's not like I'll ever talk to him again. "You," I typed. "And red spike heels."

He liked that. A little too much. He wanted my number.

In a moment of sheer insanity, I gave him my work number — just to see if he'd really call.

Oh, and he did. Twice. Both times I was too chicken to pick up the phone.

The possible dangers of these chat rooms finally hit me.

My lesson was not to give out any personal information.

However, even with my new cold exterior, I must have still been on a roll.

## FIREBUFFDADDY

A 27-year-old fireman (hence the code name) was my next victim.

An admittedly shorter and rounder kind of guy, he said he had a teddy-bear quality.

Honesty is a plus.

Jim was a sweet guy and very serious. He got very personal, telling me how he has lost many people to fires in his job and that he seeks counseling for it.

The fireman was on the graveyard shift with only a sleeping partner to keep him company. We chatted for a while, and he seemed nice enough.

Jim spends between two and three hours a day in chat rooms and even has his own personal chat group.

He lives in Maryland, not too far from here, and invited me to his place for the weekend.

"How do I know you're not a serial killer?" I asked.

He spends his days saving lives, so why would he want to hurt anyone, he answered.

"But how do you know I'm not the ugliest thing you've ever seen?" I spat back.

I already assumed he was no model, so how did he know that he would find me attractive?

He answered that it didn't matter. And maybe we could just be friends, but it was worth it to find out.

I disagreed and ended the conversation.

These were the four most interesting people I met on my journeys online. Some were nice, some were just horny.

I wouldn't do it all the time, and I definitely would never give out any true personal information over the Internet.

But it's still fun. We all played make-believe games when we were kids — this is just a different version.

Give it a try. After all, your very own personal Mr. Shakums could be out there waiting for you.

Just don't tell him what you're wearing — you might be sorry.

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THE REVIEW / Bob Weill  
Kristen Esposito is lookin' for love in all the wrong places.

# Nabbed by the Net

BY MICHAEL D. BULLARD  
Managing News Editor

Pedophiles on the prowl used to lure their victims with lines like, "Hey, little girl, would you like a piece of candy?"

But a new predator was born with the Internet.

Their lines are written, not spoken. While online with a victim, they say things like "Where do you live? I like 'Star Wars,' too. We should get together."

These questions may lead to a potentially dangerous situation for some unsuspecting kids.

Richard Romero is accused of a crime which stemmed from the Internet. Romero, 38, of St. Petersburg, Fla., was accused of using it to gain the trust of a 13-year-old Chicago boy.

Romero allegedly pretended to be a 15-year-old boy who shared the victim's love of aliens and UFOs.

After becoming cyber-friends, Romero flew to Chicago in March 1996 to meet the boy. When he found the teen-ager, Romero allegedly took him on a Greyhound bus bound for Florida, but police stopped them in Kentucky. Romero was arrested and tried, but in the end the jury could not come to a unanimous decision.

A psychologist who testified at the trial said children who have attention deficit disorder, like the victim, are most vulnerable because they have difficulty making and keeping friends.

He said the computer is perfect for them because they use it alone and can avoid face-to-face interactions.

According to the boy's testimony, Romero was able to earn his trust through their conversations on the Internet. The boy so he essentially believed anything Romero said.

And not only does the Web provide a place for predators to stalk, it also gives them a secret place to get together and plan.

Clubs of pornographers have sprung up worldwide. Thanks to the Internet, these criminals can share their wares with people from around the corner to the other side of the planet.

A university post-graduate researcher was arrested for having hundreds of child pornography pictures on his computer last October.

Christian R. Mittermayr logged onto a newsgroup where pictures of nude children were posted. After looking at the pictures, he saved them onto his hard drive in Brown Lab.

He was discovered when a colleague accused him of stealing research and got permission from the chemistry department to look at his files. When she found the pornography, she reported what she saw to her superiors, who then contacted federal authorities.

At trial, Mittermayr pleaded guilty, and he will be sentenced next month. He faces up to 10 years in prison.

Also in October of last year, police arrested an Illinois man for sexually abusing a 6-year-old girl. They discovered he was a member of an international child pornography ring.

Police found the 30-year-old man, David Vaksdal, by tracing a picture of his victim that was circulating on the web.

A Customs Service agent told reporters Vaksdal was a member of the Wonderland Club. The exclusive club has members in 22 states and 13 countries. Enrollment requires a stash of at least 10,000 pornographic pictures of children, all stored on a computer hard drive.

In addition to belonging to the club, Vaksdal was found to have videotapes and about 100 homemade CD-ROMs filled with pornographic material.

About 16 million children under the age of 17 use the Internet, making it the ideal hunting ground for those looking to abuse young children.

Since they are often able to navigate both the Web and the computer better than their parents, it is easy for kids to surf right into the hands of a criminal.

And even if children are barred from access to porn sites, they can still get into trouble at seemingly innocuous Web addresses, like chat rooms.

While most kids know they should not talk to strangers, they and their parents often feel a certain degree of security when chatting with strangers on the web.

But predators frequently lie about their age, sex or other traits to identify better with children they meet. The kids cannot verify anything they are told, and criminals often manipulate them into divulging personal information they would otherwise never give out.

In addition, while the predator may give a false address, he can often discover a potential victim's location without even asking.

Although the world has always been a dangerous place for children, the Internet has taken the scary looks away from stalkers and predators and replaced them with a faceless enemy.



THE REVIEW / Bob Weill  
Many pedophiles target young children surfing the net.

# So-called riot grrrls are sitting on 'the hot rock'

"The Hot Rock"  
Sleater-Kinney  
Kill Rock Stars  
Rating: ★★★★★ 1/2



BY MIKE BEDERKA  
Entertainment Editor

Today's music scene is saturated with the light, syrupy sounds of Ani and Sarah. Hundreds of imitators flood the radio, trying to mimic their style.

Lilith is queen.

Or, at least, she used to be.

Enter Sleater-Kinney, which brings 40 minutes plus of feminine punk-rock rage to the forefront.

With "The Hot Rock," the Olympia, Wash.-based trio shatters the present

mold and starts up where its last album, "Dig Me Out," left off.

The highly acclaimed "Dig" put the band on the indie rock map. As Sleater-Kinney headed many critics' end-of-the-year polls, the group was also named one of the most vital artists by Spin magazine for the past two years.

Though they became the media's darling, that same recognition launched them into countless categories and stereotypes.

Sure, it would be really easy to smack them right into the Riot Grrrl movement. However, with that title, the idea of radical feminists just screaming and shouting usually follows.

But for Sleater-Kinney, it's a concept that couldn't be further from the truth. The voices on "The Hot Rock" may be fast and high-pitched, but the lyrics are most certainly heartfelt.

"I've learn how to wait / I know not to beg / I know I shouldn't ask why I wake up feeling dead," sings Carrie Brownstein and Corin Tucker, trading off verses on "Memorize Your Lines."

But the two women don't just share microphone duties. Their dueling guitars, which collide in tune with their sailing words, bring to mind the pioneering, explosive sounds of Sonic Youth.

However, that crash-and-burn attitude is not continuous throughout. Sleater-Kinney's style and music has evolved, and they're not solely flying down the

punk superhighway as they were on "Dig."

Vocally, Brownstein and Tucker show shades of P.J. Harvey as on the slow, violin-enhanced ballad, "The Size of Our Love." The sound may be sweet to the beat, but their lyrics still have a kick.

"Put the ring on my finger / so tight it turns blue."

That kind of uncertainty and loss are potent themes throughout the rest of the album, aided by songs like "Living in Exile," "The End of You" and "Banned from the End of the World."

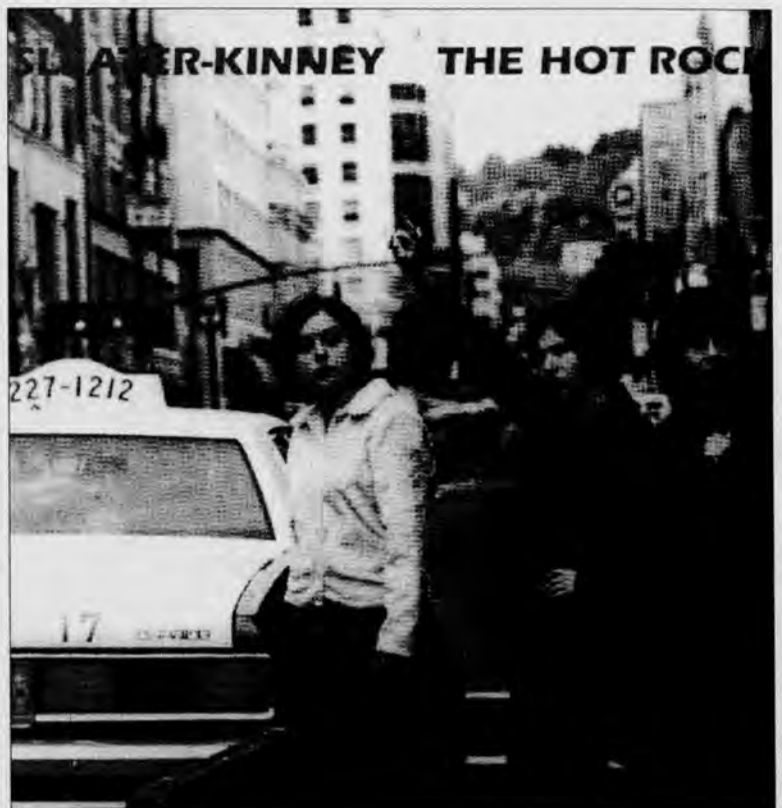
The band may be thrust into a certain category, but they sure as hell don't have to stick to it. Sleater-Kinney disregard the boundaries set for them and play without fear.

As the members of Sleater-Kinney open up, listeners should realize the pure brilliance of their fourth release. They have taken a genre full of poseurs and tough-guy wannabes and put them all to shame.

Punk is no longer dead — it has just taken a different form. The trio is redefining music, as the phrase "Riot Grrrl" doesn't have to be women with nothing to say screaming over three-chord crap.

The title track represents a stolen diamond, which may prove to be an accurate description of the band.

Despite the unwarranted stigma attached to its name, Sleater-Kinney defies the hype — and even steps beyond its edge.



## The Internet, in its own words



BY JESSICA ZACHOLL  
Assistant Entertainment Editor

**"Surfer" (ser-fer)** A slang term that describes someone who spends an inordinate amount of time exploring an electronic network, such as the Internet, CompuServe or local electronic bulletin-board systems.

This must be a misprint.

What about boards, waves, tans and valley accents?

Electronic bulletin boards and networks have nothing to do with surfers.

That is, unless the term appears in Dan and Sandy Gookin's "Illustrated Computer Dictionary for Dummies."

This third edition is a compilation for those less than computer-literate in this age of rapidly growing technology.

Though many people have been forced to learn the ever-evolving lingo of the computer world, either for a job or simply to get by on a PC, countless members of the population may still need help getting through the instruction manuals.

Jargon derived from the constantly advancing world of computers can be overwhelming and confusing — especially when new terms seem to emerge every day.

And that's where the Gookins come in handy with their "Dictionary for Dummies," from the No. 1 best-selling computer book series.

The alphabetized manual contains everything from older computer terms, like database and mouse, to relatively new words such as antivirus and download.

However, this dictionary is anything but dry like its more serious cousin, Webster. Rather, the Gookins boast this is "the one dictionary you'll keep reading."

And readers may find themselves doing just that, with the witty definitions and additional, non-computer related terms that appear sporadically.

Right from the get-go, the A-section contains several jokes, including one of the first unnecessary words.

In between "Ada" and "adapter" is a term completely devoid of any relation to computers.

**"Adam West" (ad-um west)** The star of the Batman TV series that appeared during the '60s. There is just no other Batman than Adam West.

Anyone not accustomed to the Gookins' comical writing style may do a double take upon reading such a definition. But in the midst of so many computer terms, such gratuitous, yet hilarious inserts make the book fun to peruse.

The majority of the explanations are crucial to the computer world, from "America Online" to "John Doe." Yet the writers manage to add humor to even the most tedious of terms.

The Gookins frequently provide a sample, involving the application of one of the definitions into a sentence. But these do not exactly illustrate the proper use of the term.

For example, the word "capture" is also a computer-related term.

**"Capture" (kap-shoor)** To store a screen image to a file on a disk.

And this definition is followed by a helpful sample sentence.

"Mary loves to capture screen images on her computer. She even has a little jail built in her office where she keeps them and, as the mood hits her, occasionally taunts them."

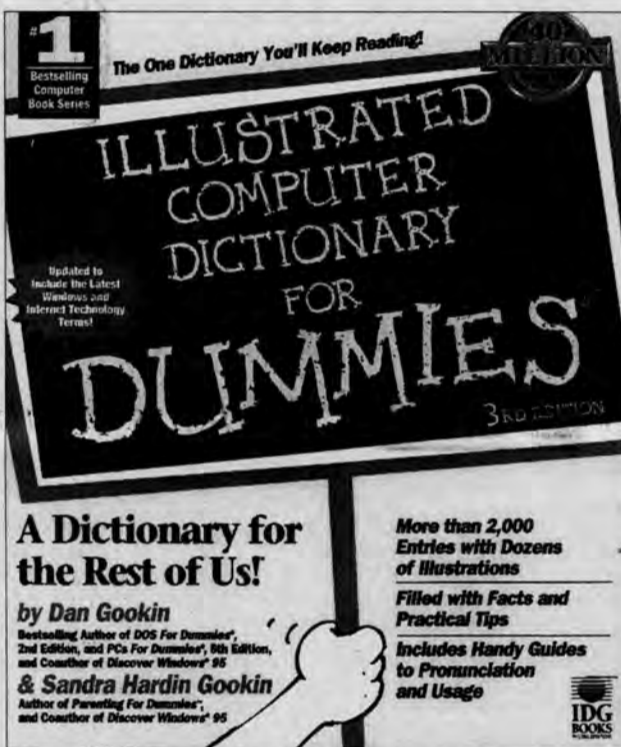
Well, maybe the sentence isn't so helpful.

But it will keep the reader interested in looking at more than the single word he or she initially searched for.

For the "dummies" this book is aimed at, many of the definitions will seem very alien — especially when they are already used to explain other facets of life outside of the computer world.

The word "caddy" refers to a container that holds CD-ROMs. However, the amusing yet accurate example sentences demonstrate how most of the book's audience may initially react to the description.

"I asked Dan to buy me a caddy. He came home with a young man to carry my golf clubs for me. That's not what



I meant, but it still was a nice gift!"

Miscommunications like this are easy to come by when attempting to decipher the "Real World" from "Computer Land."

But the extreme, pure comic relief is sparse among the real terms. The Gookins do spare the reader from too much grief by only incorporating a few ridiculous definitions into the mix.

Before the first letter section begins, the writers chose to put a number section, including such terms as "16-bit" and "404 Error."

And then, just before the conclusion of this chapter, one definition stands out of the crowd.

**"84 Lumber" (ay-tee-for lum-ber)** The name of a lumber company. This term has nothing to do with computers — I just remember it from my childhood.

Relative — no. Funny — absolute-

ly, especially in a dictionary concerned primarily with the serious subject of computers.

Little "bytes" like these make this dictionary all the more enjoyable to the prospective "techno weenie."

Complete with an assortment of extraneous pictures, as well as icons to differentiate between IBM and Apple, "Dictionary for Dummies" not only provides a surplus of information, but endless hours of entertainment.

With the Internet rapidly conquering the world, the Gookins are alleviating a little of the pressure for people not quite prepared for the takeover.

Or, at the very least, they'll prevent embarrassing moments, like confusing "darning" with "nanosecond" at the next office party.

Their readers will certainly know the difference.



## Quote of the Week

"I'm a conspiracy nut, so I spend about nine hours a week on the Internet."

—Will Smith

By 2001, 12 percent of home mortgages will be processed on the Web.

Wired Magazine  
February 1999

On average, 12 percent of the deaths of baby-bearing age women worldwide are related to unsafe sex.

Jane Magazine  
March 1999

The Harvard Nurses Health Study found women who ate 5 ounces of nuts a week had a one-third lower risk of heart attacks than those who rarely or never consumed nuts.

Self Magazine  
March 1999

March 1-7 is National Procrastination Week.

Mademoiselle  
March 1999

"Issue" is Microspeak for a technical problem. Allegedly, Microsoft employees are told not to use the word "bug" in reference to technical problems. Acceptable terms also include "known issues," "intermittent issues," "design side effects" and "undocumented behaviors."

Wired Magazine  
February 1999

An Oscar statue stands 13-and-one-half inches tall and weighs eight and a half pounds. It's plated in copper, nickel, silver and 24-karat gold. It takes a team of 10 workers about five hours to make one Oscar.

Cosmopolitan  
March 1999

Women are twice as likely as men to contract a sexually transmitted disease such as chlamydia and gonorrhea, and are 10 to 20 times more likely to contract HIV.

New Woman  
March 1999

The average credit card debt for people 23 to 34 is \$3,128. For people over 35, the average debt is \$2,340.

Mademoiselle  
February 1999

The number of Americans working out on treadmills and stair-climbers increased by more than 700 percent from 1987 to 1997.

Self Magazine  
March 1999

Commerce sales on the Internet are expected to hit \$1 trillion by 2005.

Wired Magazine  
February 1999

Seventy-seven percent of Americans believe the Internet improves grades and is necessary for academic success.

Wired Magazine  
January 1999

—Compiled by Liz Johnson

### PISCES

(FEBRUARY 18-MARCH 19)

Be careful when you go outside today because someone is looking for you. You should have paid all those parking tickets. Do not pass Go, do not collect \$200.

### ARIES

(MARCH 20-APRIL 19)

You're going to get a love letter from an admirer later this week. Unfortunately for you, it's someone you really can't stand. Sorry. Try to let them down easy.

### TAURUS

(APRIL 20-MAY 19)

On the morning of your big test this week, your alarm clock will die for no reason, so you won't get up in time. It must suck to start the semester off like that.

### GEMINI

(MAY 20-JUNE 20)

Saturn is in the house of your birth sign, which means ... nothing. Go out this week, just don't get too drunk, because you won't like it the next morning.

### CANCER

(JUNE 21-JULY 21)

Your crabby nature will make itself apparent this week when your best friend asks you for money and you refuse. Now she'll go to jail. You're mean.

### LEO

(JULY 22-AUGUST 22)

You develop a strange disease that makes you stay in bed all week. By Thursday, you will become permanently attached to it, and the university will have to hire a crane to move you.

### VIRGO

(AUGUST 23-SEPTEMBER 21)

You suddenly lose the ability to read. You are unable to do anything relating to school, so you decide to go to the beach. You find out you are much happier now.

### LIBRA

(SEPTEMBER 22-OCTOBER 22)

Your pet goldfish dies this week. Then you wash your white clothes with something red and they all end up pink. Sorry.

### SCORPIO

(OCTOBER 23-NOVEMBER 21)

As you're running to your car in the morning for an interview, you see someone has slashed all your tires. And then you don't get the job.

### SAGITTARIUS

(NOVEMBER 22-DECEMBER 20)

Your favorite pair of sneakers fall apart in the rain. You can't go anywhere without them, so you don't go out this week.

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# Playing with mice and modems

BY CORY PENN  
Assistant Features Editor

Traveling along the Oregon Trail is nearly obsolete for children.

Troggle-gobbling-Number-Munchers are being eaten alive.

New technology has moved into schools and old computer games and learning programs have been stuffed in a trunk to collect dust.

Even in the classroom, the Internet thrives.

The clunky Apple IIe's most of today's university students grew up with have been replaced by high-tech CD-ROMs and Internet-accessible machines, making computer literacy vital to survival throughout the education system.

In the Christina School District, many of the elementary and middle schools now have up to three computers in each classroom, bringing progressive technology directly to children's finger tips.

"In a world geared toward the use of advanced technology, we want to have the students prepared," says Ann Thomas, assistant principal of Downes Elementary School in Newark. "This is our step to help them into the world."

Every school in the local district, starting at the high school level and working down through the middle and elementary schools, was hooked up to the Internet in a wiring project last year.

Gauger/Cobbs Middle School is among the schools that went high-tech, with an average of three computers in each classroom. While all classes are equipped with computers, the school only allows those students who are in fourth grade and above to access the Internet — as long as they have a completed permission slip.

Although the state provides "firewalls," or filtering programs, like Webtrac, which block out inappropriate material, the school requires additional written parental consent before a student can use the Internet.

Thomas says the permission slips are not necessarily required because computers can be harmful to students, but because the child's education is reaching beyond the walls of the school.

"It's always a good idea when students are exposed to something outside of the school," she says. "Just like when you go on a field trip."

While some students haven't returned their

permission slips granting them use of the Internet, Thomas says there hasn't been a large outcry of opposition against students having access to the source.

Tim Hill, mathematics and computer teacher at Gauger/Cobbs Middle School, says while he considers computers a beneficial addition to the classroom, with 34 students in each class, the machines are sometimes a little more trouble than they are worth.

"If I try to put three students on the computers provided, then the rest have to squeeze around while others try to watch as I demonstrate," he says. "In a way, it's almost a hassle."

**"I got two 'poo-ders at my home."**

— 4-year-old Martha Giza-Sisson

The technical headache is relieved temporarily through Gauger/Cobbs' three labs, each equipped with about 30 computers. These labs are specifically geared toward familiarizing students with computers.

Brader Elementary School, on the other hand, doesn't have labs strictly dedicated to learning computer programs. The school does not want to treat computer education as a separate subject, says technology specialist Wendy Modzerlewski. Instead, their aim is to integrate computer use into the classroom as a learning instrument.

"We don't have time to stop and say, 'OK, now it's time to teach you computers,'" Modzerlewski says.

"We're doing a disservice to children if we don't start exposing them to the technology of computers at a young age," she says.

Integrating computers into normal classroom education may be beneficial to the children, but only if the teachers themselves become familiar with the new technology.

Since students are learning computers so young, it is not uncommon that they will know more about the equipment and the programs than their elders.

This leaves current and future teachers scrambling to meet the needs of the upcoming

computer-literate generation.

The Christina School District encourages teachers to become more adept in computers by offering supplemental courses. These classes, which are not yet mandatory, are designed to tutor teachers based on their different proficiency levels.

While word-processing classes are not required for teachers or middle school students, they are now a prerequisite to obtain computer literacy credits for high school graduation.

It is also required for university education majors to take four educational technology courses where they learn different computer skills from word processing to creating their own web page.

"I barely knew what a computer was when I was a kid," says junior education major Kelly Torbeot. "Or at least I didn't do work on it, like kids do now."

With personal computers invading homes and schools nationwide, children these days are continuously bombarded by state-of-the-art keyboards and mice.

Over the past few years, computer prices have dropped a drastic 20 percent, says Best Buy manager Brian Burke.

One of the audiences buying the new, low-priced computers are families with small children, he says.

Burke estimates that 10 percent of computer and educational games in stock are designed

for elementary and pre-school children.

Chrissy Aguilar, 3- and 4-year-old teacher at Girls Inc. of Delaware in Newark, encourages computer use among pre-schoolers.

"It's important for kids to familiarize themselves with computers and get them ready for public school," Aguilar says. "A lot have computers at home, so they're already used to it."

"I got two 'poo-ders at my home,'" says 4-year-old Martha Giza-Sisson as she commands the Dr. Seuss CD-ROM interactive game with ease by swiftly clicking an oversized mouse from icon to icon.

Chuck Jackson, grandfather of 3-year-old Kody, agrees with Aguilar.

"It's better than kids watching TV," Jackson says. "It's more interactive."

"Kody does it better than I do," he says. "He's on it for hours. He's probably going to be a nerd."

While kids who know their computers may be considered nerds by today's standards, it won't be that way for long. A few years down the road, when civilization is ruled by voice activated, hand-held technology, it will be the computer-illiterate who have the spit balls flying at them.



THE REVIEW / Justin Malin

## CD INDUSTRY CAUGHT IN THE WEB



THE REVIEW / Bob Weill

**An empty Rainbow Records may be a symptom of the prevalence of online CD stores.**

BY GREG SPIES  
Staff Reporter

Night falls over Newark, and shop lights along Main Street dim as stores begin to close for the evening.

The chalkboards with the names of new releases are dragged back into Bert's Compact Discs and Rainbow Records, and the front doors are locked up.

For these stores, the registers are closed and the day is done.

However, for their newfound competition, the night is young, and there are many more sales to come.

In just a few years, online music stores have turned into a major force in the music industry. The selection is endless, the hours infinite and the prices comparable, maybe even better than local stores.

In 1997, U.S. sales from online music stores totaled \$36.6 million. In 1998, those figures more than quadrupled, with estimated sales around \$135 million, according to Jenni Glenn, coordinator of media relations for CDnow.

Started by two brothers in August of 1994, CDnow is the leader of the online music industry, capturing more than a third of the market.

But there are many smaller online CD stores, fighting for Internet shoppers.

Eli Avershal, managing director for CD Globe, says the main draw is their huge inventory.

"Online stores just have a much larger selection," Avershal says. "While your typical music store has around 1,000 CDs in stock, your typical online store has hundreds of thousands."

Junior Jim Gorsuch says this dependability sold him on the concept.

"I can type in any band's name, and I can be sure that they will have every album that group has ever done," he says. "Usually at a pretty good price, too."

Avershal says lower prices are the other big draw.

"Online stores can sell CDs for a lot less because they pay no rent and have no sales staff, which results in very little overhead."

Currently, Eric Clapton's CD "Pilgrim" goes for \$14.99 at Bert's, and although Rainbow Records didn't have it in stock, it would be sold for \$17.99, with \$2 off for club members. At CDnow, "Pilgrim" is on sale for \$12.58. However, shipping and handling is \$2.99, and the CD may take up to two weeks to arrive.

Online music stores also fit the buyer's schedule. Available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, they are always open for business.

With online stores growing in popularity, local music shops have to work harder than ever to compete. Rafael Delgado, the manager for Rainbow Records, says the effects of the online stores are being felt.

"They definitely are taking business away from us, that's for sure," he says.

However, Todd Bingam, manager of Bert's, says he hasn't noticed any impact from online competition.

According to Bingam, the personal attention one receives at a local music store keeps people coming back.

"The people who work here know a lot about the music," he says. "If there's a group you're into, we can recommend other albums that you might like."

Beyond the fact that buyers can walk out of a local music store with CD in hand, Delgado says there are other advantages to the local stores that the online versions can't offer. Among these are an informative sales staff and the ability to listen to any album in the store before purchasing it.

Many online music stores however, offer the opportunity to download clips of songs, and most offer a 100 percent satisfaction guarantee.

Even though online music stores are currently doing very well, Avershal says the future of the online market is not secure.

"It's an industry doomed for turmoil," he says.

With MP3s and re-writable CDs becoming more popular, Avershal says it won't be too long before music labels start bypassing online and standard stores altogether and begin selling their products directly to the consumer.

"It's an industry which is headed for some major changes," Avershal says.

Regardless of the future of CD sales, the popularity of online stores continues to grow at an exponential rate. But Delgado says he remains confident.

"I think there will always be a place for the local music store," he says. "We're still doing fine, and we're gonna find ways to make customers keep wanting to come back."

However, Glenn estimates by the year 2002, online music stores will be making in the neighborhood of \$1.6 billion a year. At that rate, local music stores may have to think of something spectacular if they're going to continue to compete with their online counterparts.

So while the music stores on Main Street close, the registers of their online competitors will continue to ring, finding new customers and making more sales.

*Students stealing music off the Internet are causing some retailers in the industry grief*

BY DAWN E. MENSCH  
Entertainment Editor

With diverse tastes and a love to use and abuse credit cards, college students used to be the music industry's dream come true.

Then those college students found the Internet.

Now many music executives stroll home after work with light pockets and heavy hearts, wearing a grimace on their faces.

Meanwhile, college students log on to the Internet and listen to some of today's and tomorrow's greatest hits, all thanks to a new technology known as MPEG Layer 3 (MP3).

MP3s can compress files to one-twelfth of their original size by eliminating parts, which cannot be heard by the human ear. The files, which can be found on both legitimate and illegal sites, are downloaded onto a computer hard drive and played on an MP3 player, also downloaded for free.

"College students are some of the first to adapt to this new technology," says Steve Grady, vice president of marketing for GoodNoise, a site that provides MP3s. "They tend to be more technologically savvy, and most universities have high speed networks."

While most sites provide MP3s at no charge, GoodNoise has changed the face of this technological industry.

Earlier this month, GoodNoise signed a contract with Rykodisc, an independent record label, to promote and sell tracks from artists such as Frank Zappa and Morphine.

The single tracks cost 99 cents, while an entire CD runs about \$9; this is still much cheaper than music sold in stores.

"There is no middle man," Grady says. "We are going directly to the consumer."

But with the term MP3 second only to sex as the most searched word on the Internet, some wonder why consumers would pay for something they can get for free.

"MP3.com and similar sites give away free tracks but are working with unsigned, garage bands," Grady says. "We are working with professional musicians and use traditional filtering."

But not all MP3 sites just offer unsigned music. A growing concern among executives and artists in the music industry is people who obtain tracks ripped off of legitimate CDs. This is against the law, but with the Internet growing at an unprecedented rate, the "cyber police" can't keep up.

"College kids don't care if the music is received illegally," Grady says. "They are already doing it and will continue to listen to illegal MP3s."

Sophomore Ed Vergano estimates he has more than

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## Media Darling



BY MEGHAN RABBITT

My philosophy professor told us a funny, personal anecdote a few weeks ago, about his children at Christmas time. He bought his two daughters a great toy, one they wished on every star Santa would tug down the chimney — one their father wound up putting together for half of Christmas Eve night.

And Christmas morning, after the toys' directions were crinkled from frustration and he reveled in his daughters' pure delight, my professor told us about the sheer letdown that followed.

His children played with their toy for a little while, then tossed it aside for something superior, something with many more possibilities.

The box. In all of its blank splendor and limitless potential, a child looks at a box as the promise of something wonderful.

Many parents watch their children take that box and use their imaginations to create a masterpiece. But they can't hold themselves back from helping the child mold it into something that fits their own desires and dreams.

So it isn't surprising that parents and teachers across the country want to play a role in what their kids and students are able to access on the Internet. It isn't surprising that censorship is taking place.

When teaching children not to talk to strangers, parents explain the dangers these evil people can do.

That seems foolish — why not eliminate all strangers? The kids will be safer and parents won't have to worry

about all that could happen.

But they wouldn't do that, because the world is full of strangers, and parents know their children will have to face them sometime.

The same principle applies to censoring the Internet. It is a tool that provides the easiest access to information. It is something that should be available to everyone, in its complete form. It should not be interpreted or manipulated in the slightest way because eventually, the children will stumble upon an uncensored site, far from appropriate for their eyes.

I agree the Internet can be a scary, mucky swamp to shuffle through. There are areas that should be untouched and lines children should not cross.

But creating laws that establish boundaries where there are none doesn't teach children the lessons they need to learn. It doesn't guide them through the fog.

Instead of understanding why what lies across the forbidden lines is bad, they are learning to avoid the lines altogether.

The Internet is a representation of society — it has the good and the bad of everyone wrapped up in one package. After all, where else can you find a biography on Mother Theresa and child pornography within sites of each other?

But it is a package that can be ripped open in so many different ways.

It's a cardboard box that can be utilized for something useful or something wasteful.

But whatever journey the user decides to take, it is a trip everyone should be allowed to navigate for themselves.

Schools around the country have implemented censor-

ship on the Web, loading programs like "Net Nanny" and "WebTrac," which block impressionable minds from traveling to horrible places.

Although I understand why parents and teachers may feel more comfortable letting children browse the net knowing they won't accidentally run into anything their pure eyes haven't been exposed to yet, I think it's a lazy solution to the problem.

They are overlooking the principle our predecessors deemed important enough to add to the Constitution — the First Amendment — and instead, they are showing the children where they can't go and not explaining why.

It is obviously not a good idea to let children on an unsupervised journey through the wilds of the Web, but we have to weigh the consequences of limiting their access.

In computer labs at elementary schools everywhere, adults teach children how to use the latest pieces of technology

available. Yet they are forgetting some of the oldest, most fundamental principles our country is based on.

If nothing else, let's be consistent. If we block some words from being accessed on the Internet, let's go into every school library and keep the children from reading those same words in books too.

Let's destroy controversial newspaper and magazine articles, and take all books that contain words "not appropriate" for young children's eyes and minds off the shelves.

If the solution is censorship, then let's censor everything.

But that's not the solution I want to see implemented in schools that are teaching our nation's future.

We have a responsibility to tell the children that people have a right to say what they want, even if they don't agree.

After all, the web we weave now could change the future.

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THE REVIEW / David Farrell

## CENSORSHIP IN CYBERSPACE

BY LIZ JOHNSON

Features Editor

The speed of light seems to move as slowly as molasses next to the pace of the Internet's growth. Boundaries are constantly being created and then revamped, leaving confusion in their wake.

With all the information that can be found on the Internet, including subjects ranging from bondage to how to make a homemade bomb, some people have brought up the dreaded c-word — censorship.

So once again, the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution is being dragged into the freedom of speech arena, and judges are looking at its 200-year-old language to find something they can apply to the modern world.

The amendment has been used to protect everything from Ku Klux Klan marches to the burning of the American flag, but this is a new challenge.

Ever since the Internet became the phenomenon it is today, there have been people who have clamored for strict regulations of its seemingly endless boundaries.

In 1996, Congress passed the Communications Decency Act, which banned not only material considered harmful to minors, but any material thought to be "indecent" in general.

But in 1997, the American Civil Liberties Union challenged the law before the U.S. Supreme Court, which ultimately abolished it.

The court cited First Amendment concerns, stating the law was too broad and covered "large amounts of nonpornographic material with serious educational or other value."

Proponents of unrestricted free speech hailed this decision. However, that was only the first shot fired by censorship proponents in an attempt to pierce the

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— Judge Lowell A. Reed

First Amendment's armor.

There have been a number of recent developments in the Internet war which beg for decisions to be made and conclusions to be drawn.

Last month in Portland, Ore., a federal jury awarded abortion doctors \$107 million in a case surrounding a web site called "The Nuremberg Files."

This web site was connected to the murder of Dr. Richard Slepian, an abortion doctor from Buffalo, N.Y. The site put up photos of abortion doctors on wanted posters and drew a red line through a doctor's face if he or she were killed.

The name of the site comes from the famed post-WWII trials of Nazi war criminals, who are compared to the doctors on the site.

Not only did the doctors, who said they were threatened by the site, win the money, but the site has also been taken off the web by its server.

This decision pleased regulation fans, but civil liberties pulled the U.S. Constitution back out of its resting place and forced it to take the battlefield once again — and someone agreed with them.

A federal judge of a district court in Philadelphia blocked a law called the Child Online Protection Act, which was similar to the earlier decency law, but only applied to children.

The judge, Lowell A. Reed Jr., said although he was sorry his decision might not protect minors from pornography on the Internet, there were other rights which had to be considered.

"Perhaps we do the minors of this country harm if the First Amendment protections, which they will with age inherit fully, are chipped away in the name of their protection," Reed said.

The law would have made sites verify the ages of their users or face fines of up to \$50,000 per day.

The law was passed by Congress and signed by President Clinton last October, but never went into effect because Reed had immediately blocked it last fall with a restraining order.

The skirmish is not being waged solely in large cases either. In the spring of 1997, a 17-year-old student at a high school was suspended for 10 days when the school learned his own personal web site, which ran from his home, insulted one of his teachers.

The student and his parents sued the school district, eventually resulting in an out-of-court settlement for \$30,000 for the student, as well as an apology from the school.

As with any other new medium of communicating information, the Internet's limits must be decided by the judicial system. It remains to be seen whether civil liberties proponents will win or lose in the struggle to keep the Internet free from restrictions.

As always, the last battle will be fought in the hallowed confines of the U.S. Supreme Court, where the nine highest judges of the land will decide whether the First Amendment's protections include free speech on the Internet.

It's probably something the Founders never anticipated, but the age of the Internet is here, and our whole society is being forced to reevaluate its rules in the terms of an electronic age.

## Live — from the Internet

BY CARLOS WALKUP

Staff Reporter

For those music lovers who balk at the high price of compact discs, the radio seems an ideal alternative. The signals are free, available 24 hours a day, and they can be purchased with what most consider pocket-change. Yet the radio gives listeners little or no musical choice.

But hope is dawning for musical tastes bent by the whims of a DJ.

The advent of web radio has put the control into the hands of the listener. With the ability to broadcast audio, and even video, signals over the Internet, stations are being formed that allow more choice in what is being played.

Many web radio stations enable the audience to select what genre, artist and song will be played.

ImagineRadio ([www.imagine-radio.com](http://www.imagine-radio.com)) lets each user create a private account, then shows a list of each genre and artist available. The listeners can set the frequency of each artist's airtime, or strike him or her from the play list completely. The computer then constructs play lists based on their decisions.

Radio Free Underground ([www.stitch.com](http://www.stitch.com)) is another station that offers the option of a customized play list. Users may choose to hear pre-constructed gothic, industrial, new wave or techno sets. Or they can just create their own.

The site allows listeners to select the songs and their playing order, but the music selection is much smaller than ImagineRadio's.

To participate in the newest interactive web radio stations like these, listeners must download RealPlayer G2. It can be found at the RealNetworks site ([www.real.com](http://www.real.com)).

But the advantages of web radio sta-

tions go further than bringing individuality to an otherwise domineering medium.

Ben Barnett, new media specialist for Mediabureau.com, says broadcasting on the net allows a radio station to reach a worldwide audience at the least possible cost.

"The alternative is to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars on a satellite broadcast that may not even last that long," he says.

Another advantage to web radio is the freedom to broadcast more obscure genres without worrying about losing money, says Mark Christopher, director of operations at The Womb ([www.the-womb.com](http://www.the-womb.com)).

"Since we don't have to worry about pleasing anyone, we broadcast electronica and other genres commercial radio might overlook," he says. "Web radio lets us play what we want — what our passion is. The only drawback is you can't listen to it in your car."

But the face of radio as we know it is rapidly changing.

Due to the simplicity of broadcasting over the Web, more radio stations go online every year.

"All you need is a connection to the Internet and a server," Pezzillo says. "The barriers to entry are lower."

The majority of broadcasters are traditional radio stations that have extended their programs to the Internet, he says. One of these is WVUD, the university radio station, which went onto the Web at the end of the Winter Session.

While many purely Web-based radio sites allow listeners to design their own line-ups, established radio stations do not include this option on their sites.

"Right now we play the same thing both on the Internet and on the air," sta-



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Dustin Bixby accesses WVUD's web site from the station.

tion manager Chuck Tarver says. "But we will occasionally have special programming separate from the air."

It is very doubtful WVUD will modify their web site to allow the degree of customization seen at ImagineRadio or Radio Free Underground.

"Those companies are doing something entirely different," Tarver says. "They have many saved songs that are played only when accessed by the listener. We simply stream [broadcast] audio directly onto the Web."

Tarver says most people assume an unlimited number of listeners can tune in to web radio at the same time, as with normal radio. But this is not the case.

"On the Web, there is a limit to the number of people that can be connected," he says. "If web traffic is high, that

can also interfere."

This is just one example of how Web radio might not live up to the public's expectations. Barnett says many people misunderstand the capabilities of online broadcasting.

"When a client doesn't know what the medium can and cannot do, they may end up disappointed," he says.

But as people have only recently discovered the options web radio has to offer, many broadcasters feel their future is bright.

"I hope one day we will have as much influence over the Internet as any local station now," Christopher says.

And with cyberspace expanding at an astronomical rate, that day may be sooner rather than later.

## MP3's steal music

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100 MP3s on his computer. He used to have more than 300, but his computer crashed.

"It is hard for me to find them on the Internet, so I usually just get them from the university's network," Vergano says.

Any student whose computer is hooked up to the university's server can connect to other computers in the network using an Ethernet card.

"Most people that have anything shared on the network have MP3s," Vergano says.

He doubts what he is doing is legal, but it doesn't seem to concern him.

"I really don't think it's a problem because no one is distributing them for a profit," he says.

But someone isn't making the profit they deserve.

The Recording Industry Association of America reports sales of CDs grew 12.5 percent in 1998, but industry's sale of singles dropped 16.1 percent in the same time period.

This could be attributed to college students downloading the singles for free.

The RIAA is constantly fighting over this newfound technology. They work to shut down illegal sites and might be using some threatening methods to get their message out.

Junior Nicole Silicato, who had numerous MP3s at one time, was a target of such intimidation.

"I got this e-mail saying that I had illegal MP3s and I needed to erase them," she says.

"It said I was violating a federal law and if I kept them for more than 24 hours, I could be federally prosecuted."

Although she doesn't recall who the message was from or how her e-

mail address was obtained, she erased the files. She admits she still has a few MP3s on her hard drive, although not nearly as many as she had before.

Silicato says she understands the industry's fear about MP3s.

"They pose a threat to the music industry," she says. "The more people that know about computers, the more this will spread."

Grady agrees it's just a matter of time for this technology to catch on.

"Some people are hesitant to try this format because of the speed of the Internet connection and storage concerns," he says. "But as the technology allows it, we will see the industry grow."

But not everyone will be pleased with this progress.

"There are five major music distributors," Grady says. "They have a lot to lose — most of all, control of the industry."

"The Internet is leveling the playing field so smaller independent labels have a chance."

Grady believes companies like GoodNoise are stepping in the right direction to meet this technology halfway.

"The music industry and major distributors will have to adjust — they won't have a choice. It's going to be up to the consumer to decide, not the distributors."

And because the top music buyers are 18 to 24 years old, students like Vergano and Silicato will have some influence. But the executives might not like their choice.

"College students are the ones who buy CDs," Silicato says. "So why would we pay for them if we can get them for free on the Internet?"

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— Junior Nicole Silicato

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## Commentary

KAREN BISCHER



### Fans make laughers more fun

There's a myth circulating the sports world. It's when any player or coach tells you he can't hear the fans because he is so focused on the task at hand.

Well, the Delaware group of Cockpit fans, known to the Hens community as the "Sixth Man" contingent, have proven that idea false.

Why else would Ty Perry throw himself into the sea of blue shirts after defeating Maine Sunday?

Why would Mike Brey pump his fist in victory at the group, almost as if to say thank you?

Because they're glad as hell these diehards are rooting for the Hens and not against them.

If you're a Delaware enthusiast, be it a player or fan, there's something really nice about hosting the America East tournament.

It's called the home-court advantage, and the Hens used it to the fullest extent this weekend.

Sure, they could've gone to Towson or Maine and blown their opponents out of the water.

But what fun would it have been without a bunch of rowdy followers behind them?

From the time the starting line-ups were called on Saturday, to the time the final buzzer sounded in Delaware's 90-73 crushing of Maine Sunday, the Hens' "sixth" men and women were there, emphatically rooting on their team — and distracting Delaware's opponents in the meanest, (yet funniest if you were a Hens fan) of fashions.

They were so influential, Greg Miller donned the blue and gold t-shirt in warm-ups before facing Maine, while Mike Pegues and Ty Perry sported theirs after the game Sunday.

A fan has done his or her job when the players take notice, and players show their appreciation by actually dressing like them.

There were rude-comment casualties in all of this, and the biggest victims may have been the opposing pep bands.

Towson's band took the brunt of the Sixth-Man-ers wrath, with cat calls thrown at them whenever Delaware wasn't scoring.

And the Hofstra band couldn't pass through the stands without having a few "Hofstra sucks!" being tossed their way.

OK, they were crude, but knew their limits.

When Maine's Fred Meeks lay motionless on the floor after being elbowed in the neck, the crowd became quiet. It was the perfect opportunity to yell and be immature, but the Sixth-Man-ers stayed silent.

And they clapped when Meeks rose to his feet and walked back to the Black Bears' bench.

But the civility didn't last long.

"Go home Drexel!" went through the group when some Dragons associates were spotted.

Allen Ledbetter of Maine became Allen "Bedwetter" when he took to the free-throw line.

When Delaware's lead over Maine looked insurmountable, the chants of "It's all over!" and "Warm up the bus!" began.

It wouldn't be so significant if it was just one person doing it.

But it's a whole group representing what we love best in sports: pride and spirit.

And wouldn't any team want that behind them in a game instead of a silent mass?

There was one moment against Maine where the blue and gold fanatics got in a shouting match with Hofstra fans waiting for their beloved Dutchmen to take on Drexel in the next game.

The visiting fans gave it right back to them, and suddenly, the Delaware rooters knew who their next opponent would be.

"Bring on Hofstra!" they decreed confidently.

Well, nobody's perfect.

Karen Bischer is a managing sports editor at The Review. Please send comments to kabsy@udel.edu.

## Hens maul Maine, head to final

### Delaware goes to the conference championship game once more

BY AMY KIRSCHBAUM

Managing Sports Editor

The sea of blue and gold-clad fans called to Mike Brey amidst the trails of silly string flying from the stands.

Like a puppy let loose in the backyard, he bounced around the court throwing his arms in the air and shouting at the sold out Bob Carpenter Center crowd.

Senior guard Ty Perry followed him, jumping into the mass of students filing down from the Cockpit after Sunday's 90-73 trouncing of the University of Maine.

The win — Delaware's 12th straight — landed the Hens a repeat appearance in the America East Conference Championship game which will take place Saturday against Drexel University.

Before the end of the lopsided first half, it was apparent Delaware was headed to its fourth ever America East final. The Hens are 3-0 in their previous visits.

The electricity of both the crowd and team shined through from the start of Sunday's semi-final game.

Players echoed the excitement of the cheering and stomping spectators by repeatedly jumping around and pumping their fists in the air.

Heading into the second half, guard Kestutis Marciulionis was like a human pogo-stick and teammate Mike Pegues was waving on chants from fans around the arena.

And Pegues had every right to expect them. The forward hit for 32 points, breaking the 30-point mark for a school record eighth time.

"It's nice to get a couple buckets when you're out there busting your butt defending and rebounding," he said. "And I certainly got a couple buckets today."

Pegues was joined by teammate and former Black Bear John Gordon in the scoring spree.

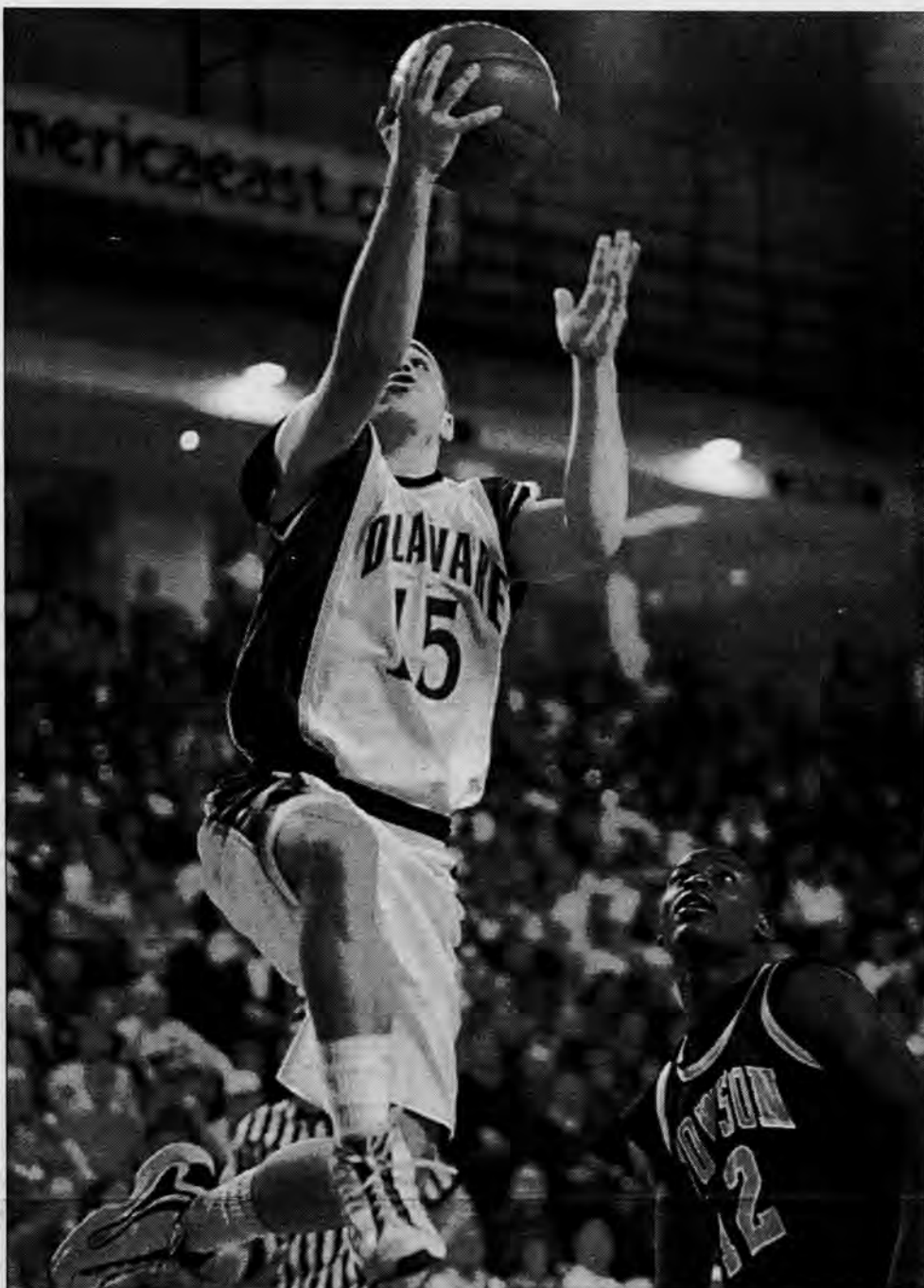
The guard had 18 points while hitting all of his free throws and shooting 71 percent from the field.

Between goading Maine's Marcus Wills into a technical foul and leading the Hens to a 30-point lead at one time, Gordon thrilled the crowd by twisting through defenders and hitting one-handed shots.

Despite his confidence on the court, Gordon admitted he was nervous about facing the Black Bears.

"I was scared of playing them because they have so many weapons," he said.

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THE REVIEW/Bob Weill

AIR GORDON: Delaware guard John Gordon goes up for two of his 28 points in Saturday's win.

## UD's big wins becoming common

BY KAREN BISCHER

Managing Sports Editor

Winning big is nothing new to the Delaware men's basketball team.

With the Hens' large margin of victory in their two America East tournament games this weekend, Delaware continued a nine-game win streak of games won by 13 or more points.

The phenomenon started with a 78-60 win at Boston University at the end of January.

And it continued as the Hens handled their competition in the first two rounds of the tournament.

In Sunday's 90-73 win over the University of Maine, the Hens had as much as a 30 point lead in the second half.

Saturday, Delaware trounced Towson State University, 83-63. The Hens took a commanding 43-20 lead going into halftime, and continued their on-court dominance straight through the match-up against the Black Bears.

Delaware had trouble with Maine earlier this season when the two squared off at the Bob Carpenter Center Jan. 22.

The Black Bears were the ones with the large margin of victory then, as they defeated the Hens 70-59.

"I made it out to be too big of a game," Delaware coach Mike Brey said in retrospect. "We played afraid to lose."

"And ever since then, we've talked about having fun."

And the Hens had fun against Maine later in the season, defeating the Black Bears, 87-74, at Maine.

Sunday looked to be the perfect opportunity for a highly competitive game, given the teams' recent history.

But it ended up being a Delaware-dominated contest — another track laid in the Hens railroad of huge victories.

Hens forward Mike Pegues noted Delaware's defense as one reason for the win.

"They [Maine] didn't beat us up on the backboards this time," he said. "We all know defense and rebounds win championships and we've been doing a good job of that lately."

The 17-point margin didn't seem to faze Brey.

"The way we've been playing," he said, "I'm not going to say that I'm surprised."

The game also was a return to the 30 point-plus

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THE REVIEW/Bob Weill

The chase was on as Delaware faced Towson in an 83-63 stomping to head to the second round in the America East Tournament.

## IC4As for Elliott

BY LAUREN PELLETRAU

Staff Reporter

Jamin Elliott posted a career-best jump day, leaping his way into IC4A competition next weekend.

After posting an impressive first place finish in last weekend's America East meet, the men's indoor track team went to the Princeton Invitational looking to better their performances and qualify for further competition this season.

Elliott won the long jump competition with a leap of 23 feet, 3 1/4 inches. This leap qualified Elliott for the IC4As, to be held at Northeastern University next weekend. Elliott will also be competing in the triple-jump.

Delaware coach James Fischer explained what Elliott's game plan will be.

"His main focus will be the triple-jump," Fischer said. "He made the finals last year as a

freshman so he's hoping to be able to place this year."

The distance medley team of Mike DiGennaro, Mark Coyle, Steve Sinko and Kevin Danahy finished in fourth place with a time of 10:19.31, qualifying them for the IC4As.

Fischer noted the experience gained at the Invitational can only help the members who qualified for the IC4As.

"We brought them to Princeton for experience," he said, "to give them a chance to run in a big meet with a little bit of pressure."

Freshman Michael Reh set a freshman record with his high-jump of 6 feet, 7 inches while finishing in third place.

Reh said he was satisfied with his final efforts of the season.

"Coach Fischer gave me an opportunity to go to Princeton and I wanted to cash in on that," he said. "I had tied the freshman record on two prior occasions and I saw this as my last chance to break it."

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THE REVIEW/File Photo

Jamin Elliott and Michael Reh both had outstanding performances in this weekend's Princeton Invitational.

# Delaware 90, Maine 73

## Trying for the top:

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But Gordon showed the confidence he displayed on the court was not a figment of the fans' imagination.

"As a group, I feel like our team is just playing better ball than anybody else," he said. "I think we've been shooting the ball well for the last 12 games, so we're real confident as a group shooting the ball and putting it inside."

Delaware coach Mike Brey said mentally overcoming thoughts of the previous game against Maine (a 70-59 loss Jan. 22 at home) played a big part in the Hens' success.

"We went to a sports psychologist on campus and we laid out 13 beds," he joked.

"We've been good all year," Brey continued. "We did win eight right out of the gate and I think we've always been confident."

This weekend, Delaware was given even more reasons to be self-assured.

Both Pegues and Gordon were

named to the America East first team. Pegues, who was unanimously voted to the squad, was also named America East Player of the Year.

The junior is only the fifth player in the 20-year history of the award to receive this honor before his senior season.

And he is in good company. Previous young award winners have been Malik Rose, who played for Drexel and Reggie Lewis, who attended Northeastern University. Both spent time in the NBA when their college careers were over.

Pegues showed why he deserved the acclaim by grabbing 11 rebounds and hitting 78 percent of his free field goals and 80 percent of his free throws.

The win was the Hens' ninth straight by more than 13 points, including Saturday's 83-63 debacle against Towson State University in the first round of the tournament.

Delaware will face Drexel for a chance at going to the NCAA tournament at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at the Bob Carpenter Center.



Delaware guard Kestutis Marciulionis goes for a basket against Towson.

## Winning big:

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mark for Pegues, who dished out 32.

Pegues wasn't double-teamed like he had been earlier in the season against the Black Bears, and was relieved by being left alone.

"I was surprised they didn't double team me because they've had a lot of success with me individually here and at Maine," he said.

"They have two huge sons of guns in [Allen] Ledbetter and [Nate] Fox," Pegues added. "It's tough to overcome their double teams."

"[Not being doubled] was like 500 pounds off my shoulders."

Delaware's recent offensive explosion has been led by a barrage of three-pointers, including 12 against Towson Saturday.

While the Hens managed

only four Sunday, they came out with a .610 field goal percentage compared to Maine's .418 average.

As the lead increased, Delaware's defense slipped somewhat in the later part of the game.

Black Bear Andy Bedard scored 19 of his 20 points in the second half, and landed a game-high four three pointers.

Brey said while Bedard's performance was impressive, he was glad Delaware kept the rest of the team relatively quiet.

"None of (the threes) were at a clutch time," he said. "I think we did a good job of making him shoot and not getting other guys involved."

**Tickets for Saturday's Delaware-Drexel game sold out within two hours Monday morning.**



THE REVIEW/File Photo

Hens guard Cindy Johnson, dribbles past a defender in a game earlier this season. Delaware lost 89-74 to Hofstra Saturday.

## Despite loss, tourney awaits

BY DOMENICO MONTANARO

Sports Editor

Dropping its final game of the season Thursday, the Delaware women's basketball team will be heading into the America East Conference Championship on a low note.

Hofstra (8-18, 6-12 America East) led by as much as 16 points in the first half on its way to defeating the Hens 89-74. Delaware tried to make a run, taking the lead 58-56 with 11:20 remaining in the game.

The Flying Dutchwomen, however, maintained the lead for the next three minutes. At the 8:06 mark, the Hens regained the upper hand, but saw it slip away.

They made one last surge to tie the score at 67 with 5:22 left, but Nora Anderson, who hit on 13 of 14 free throws, followed with a three-pointer and two free throws in the next minute. She hit four more from the line in the final 1:06 to put the game away.

Anderson hit on four of 10 from the field, as she led Hofstra with a game-high 24 points.

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Delaware coach Mike Brey said mentally overcoming thoughts of the previous game against Maine (a 70-59 loss Jan. 22 at home) played a big part in the Hens' success.

"We went to a sports psychologist on campus and we laid out 13 beds," he joked.

"We've been good all year," Brey continued. "We did win eight right out of the gate and I think we've always been confident."

This weekend, Delaware was given even more reasons to be self-assured.

Both Pegues and Gordon were

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The junior is only the fifth player in the 20-year history of the award to receive this honor before his senior season.

And he is in good company. Previous young award winners have been Malik Rose, who played for Drexel and Reggie Lewis, who attended Northeastern University. Both spent time in the NBA when their college careers were over.

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**Tickets for Saturday's Delaware-Drexel game sold out within two hours Monday morning.**



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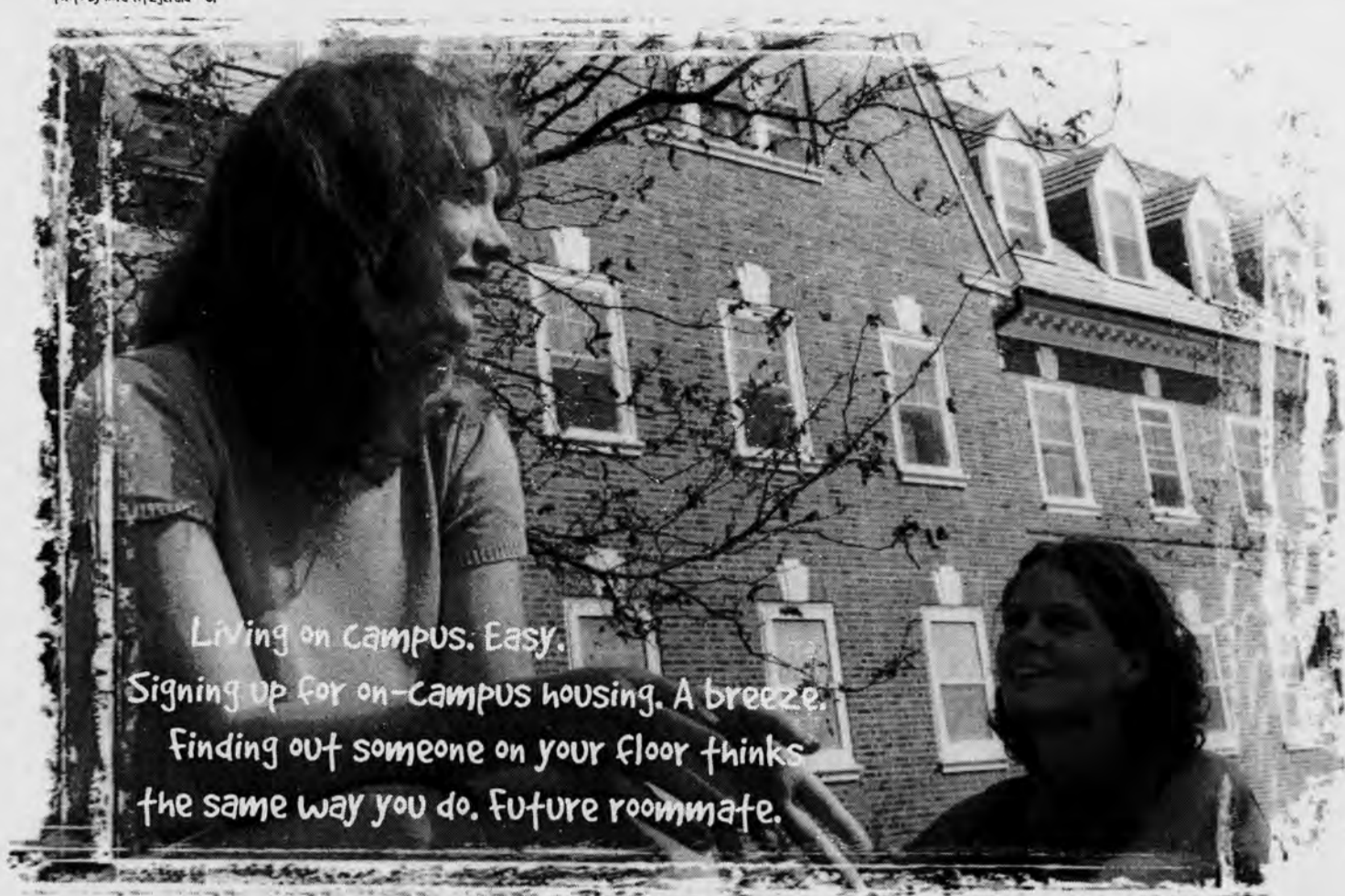
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