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Cleveland houses ruled unsafe

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The foundation of four row houses on East Cleveland Avenue partially collapsed March 7, causing the city's Building Department to deem it unsafe, along with several others that had similar problems.

Ronald Sylvester, director of the City Building Department, said the four row houses on East Cleveland Avenue, including 113, 113 1/2, 115 and 115 1/2 were affected.

The foundation supporting the house and front porch of unit 113 partially collapsed, he said, creating a hole in the front of the house.

"After years of water washing onto the house," Sylvester said, "the brick was finally forced to collapse."

Landlord Matt Orticello, who owns all four of the houses, could

not be reached for comment.

Sylvester said there are gas lines running through the walls, and the concern was that the wall on that house, as well as walls that are part of other row houses, would eventually fall and knock them out.

Because of this concern, Conectiv shut off four gas mains, he said, and has already replaced the existing gas lines.

The fault rests upon the landlord for not taking steps to repair the building before the wall gave in, Sylvester said.

"Repairs to these houses have been a long time coming," he said.

Senior Chris Mathews, a resident of East Cleveland Avenue, said he returned from work the day the foundation gave way and found the fire marshal, police and ambulances on his street.

"When I looked down, I saw a huge hole in the bottom of the

house," he said. "It looked like something had collapsed."

Sylvester said residents of the homes were without heat and water for a few days.

Currently the houses are safe, he said, and the residents are living there.

Planks are propped up against the houses and they remain adorned with police tape, Sylvester said. The planks remain just as a safety precaution.

New walls are being created, the water line is going to be rerouted and wood in all of the houses will be replaced, he said.

Some of these things have already been done, Sylvester said, and although adequate time is being given to the landlord to finish the job, it will not take much longer.

Jack Blanchino, City Building Department property maintenance

inspector, said the buildings have not been condemned.

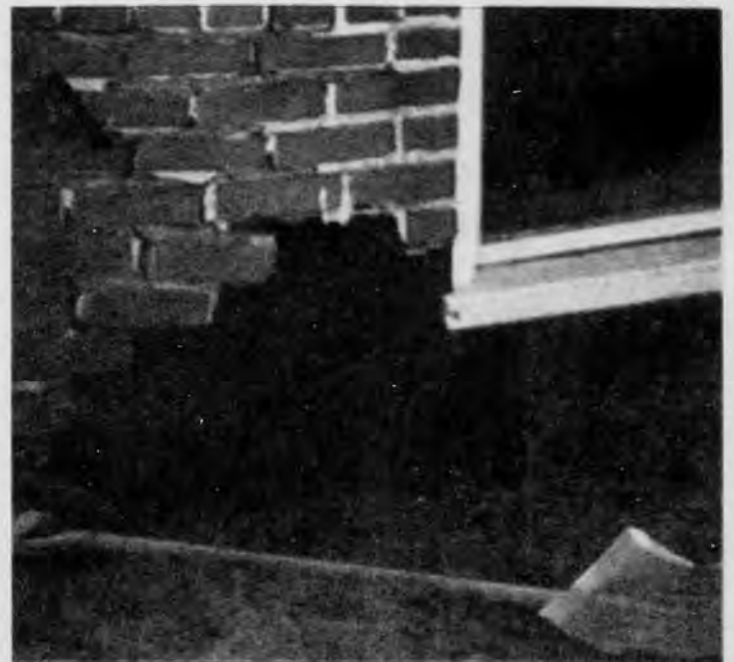
"It doesn't happen that often," he said. "Cause has to be shown of blatant violations and no attempt to correct things."

Blanchino said the city has not revoked the landlord's rental permit either.

The case would have to be taken to court, he said, and the discretion is left to the department director.

"For any combined amount of violations," he said, "[the department director] makes the final decision."

Sylvester said Orticello fixed what was necessary to ensure his rental permit would not be revoked and is applying for a building permit that would provide help from the city in fixing the foundation and porch.



THE REVIEW/Josh Galperin

Newark's Building Department has designated several Cleveland Avenue homes unsafe after the foundation of the structures partially collapsed March 7.

Haven holds 'marry-in'

BY NICOLE A. SARRUBBO
Staff Reporter

More than 200 students were "married" Monday afternoon on the Trabant University Center patio to show their support for same-sex marriages.

The marry-in, which was initiated by Haven, the university's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender organization, and co-sponsored by Students Acting for Gender Equality, the Greek Council and the Civil Liberties Union, was a protest against the Constitutional marriage amendment President George W. Bush has proposed.

The event drew ABC Action News, CN8, Comcast News and even drew a word of support from Robin Quivers of The Howard Stern Show.

President Bush's proposal would restrict marriage to two people of the opposite sex, however it would give states the leeway to define legal arrangements other than marriage, such as civil unions.

After exchanging "vows" and ring pops, the two individuals were declared supporters of basic civil rights and were sent off to have their picture taken and eat wedding cake.

In addition to "marriages," petitions were available for students to sign in protest of Delaware's proposed legislation. Students could also address letters to Bush's legislators, who are also proposing an amendment that would ban same-sex marriages and civil unions, as well as deny any legal acknowledgement of same-sex marriages from other states.

Sophomore Becky Hameroff said the proposed legislation is a travesty because it is taking away basic human rights from the LGBT community.

"We're all people. We're all humans, therefore we should have the same rights," she said. "These are not special rights. They are human rights."

Senior Sasha Gamburg, president of Haven, said she was pleased with the turnout for the event, which attracted a number of students and collected more than 300 signatures on the petitions.

"It's important to raise awareness that people that you know and love are not allowed basic rights," she said, "and this is a chance for students to speak out against the injustices of the world."

Former student Stacy Konkliel, former publicity chair for Haven, said the proposed marriage amendment is unfair and she wanted to raise political awareness on campus.

She got the idea for the marry-in from a similar activity held at a friend's campus in New York, and felt it would create an outlet for students to express their frustrations with the proposal.

"It's important for students to voice their opinions and show their support because Delaware's economy relies heavily on the University of Delaware and the students' tuition money," Konkliel said.

Dover residents Steve Kotrch and George Christensen were among the participants who were married at the protest. Kotrch and Christensen said they have been together for 25 years and they



THE REVIEW/Jessica Duome

Emilie Tenenbaum and Hilary Brown exchange ring pops at Haven's marry-in protesting a Constitutional amendment against same-sex marriage.

came to show their support and appreciation for the university for staging the marry-in.

"I spent 20 years in the military, and I didn't spend it to see this done to the Constitution," Kotrch said.

Kotrch and Christensen both said they look forward to the day they can be legally wed and enjoy the rights of a married couple.

Junior Alfred A. Lance, Jr., education chair of Haven, said he thinks the proposed amendment undermines the principles that the United States was founded on.

"I think it's a political tactic used by President Bush to use the lives of others as pawns in a political game," he said. "It's hateful."

Lance also said that staging the marry-in on Monday was "important because the California Supreme Court put an end to San Francisco officials' month-long stint of issuing same-sex marriage licenses to couples March 11."

More than 4,000 same-sex marriage licenses were issued in San Francisco. There were still 2,600 appointments for the marriage licenses left when the California Supreme Court ordered San Francisco to stop issuing the licenses.

On the same day as the California Supreme Court's order, Massachusetts's legislators gave preliminary approval to an amendment, which would ban same sex marriages but allow civil unions.

Senior Katie Drake and freshman Kayla Burnim, ultimate Frisbee team members, said after exchanging Frisbees in place of rings for their marriage, the idea of the marry-in was a creative and interesting way to protest while raising awareness on campus.

Senior Rachel Dash, SAGE co-president, said if one state recognizes a civil union, the union should be recognized by other states.

"Everyone should be able to marry who they love," she said.

Students in Spain deal with terror

BY ERIN BILES
Managing News Editor

"Terrorism is everywhere. You can't let it rule your life."

Those are junior Ashley MacDonna's words in response to the recent terrorist attacks in Madrid, Spain, which she and seven other university students experienced during a university study abroad program in Granada, Spain.

Those students were in the country as tragedy struck unsuspecting Spaniards last Thursday morning when four commuter trains were bombed, killing 201 and injuring thousands.

Twenty members of the Moroccan Islamic Combatant Group, which is financed by al-Qaida, are the primary suspects for the bombings. Spanish authorities have already made six arrests and are detaining Algerian Ali Amrous for an extra 48 hours for questioning. They are also questioning three other Moroccan suspects.

The Basque separatist group ETA was originally suspected for the attacks.

Socialist Spanish Prime Minister-elect Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero, voted into office just three days after the bombings, has rejected an appeal

from President George W. Bush and continues to voice his intent to remove Spanish troops from Iraq.

Although the entire country felt the devastation of the attacks, Granada, south of Madrid, was not directly affected by the attacks, and no university students were injured.

Lesa Griffiths, director of the Center for International Studies, stated in an e-mail message that upon hearing about the bombings, she contacted the university resident director in Granada, who assured her that everything was fine.

"Our students stay in home-stays with Spanish families," she said. "We informed them that this was the worst terrorist attack in Spain's history and we encouraged students to be supportive of their Spanish families, friends and teachers."

A. Julian Valbuena, Spanish literature professor, who has family in Spain, said the attacks were a horrendous thing to happen to the country.

"I don't see that the students in Granada are in any danger now," he said, "and I hope they will remain that way."

Junior Carolina Galindo, who is also studying in Granada, stated in an

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One year of war and conflict in Iraq

BY MIKE FOX
Managing News Editor

On March 17, 2003, President George W. Bush issued an ultimatum to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein that he must leave the country within 48 hours or face military action. Hussein refused, and Operation Iraqi Freedom commenced two days later.

U.S. Military Presence

A year after the initial bombing campaign, 670 coalition soldiers representing 10 nations have died in Iraq, including 570 Americans. Also, 3,273 U.S. soldiers have been wounded or injured.

The Defense Department does not track Iraqi or foreign civilian casualties. Maj. Linda Haseloff, a press officer for U.S. Central Command, said 24,000 American soldiers are currently stationed in Iraq, down from its peak at 151,000 on May 6, five days after President Bush declared an end to major combat operations.

An Iraqi security detail of 230,000 has helped to stabilize the nation and decrease a need for U.S. soldiers, she said. However, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said there will be an indefinite American troop presence for humanitarian purposes.

Dan Philben, a public relations officer with the Pentagon, said Hussein's capture on Dec. 13 has significantly impacted the decline in anti-coalition violence. The help of Iraqi informants, who are currently much less reluctant to report suspected insurgents, has also helped.

"We're killing them or capturing them as much as we can," he said. "People are getting used to the reality that Saddam is no more."

Al-Qaida

Peter Bergen, an expert on al-Qaida, interviewed Osama bin Laden in person in 1997. Evidence suggests al-Qaida instigated the terrorist attacks in Madrid, Spain that killed 201 people last Thursday, Bergen said, because of the country's strong stance against the terrorist network but also with the intention to weaken Spain's commitment in Iraq by influencing national elections.

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City prepares for April elections

BY ANDREW AMSLER
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Newark City Council mayoral and city council elections for districts 3, 5 and 6 will be held on April 13. The incumbents from districts 3 and 5 were unopposed as of Monday, the last date for filing for the position.

Vance Funk, III, is challenging the current mayor of Newark, Harold F. Godwin.

Funk, a long-time resident of Newark and university alumnus, said the city is ready for a new mayor.

"I'm not a politician," he said, "but I think it's time for a change."

Funk said he feels many people are dissatisfied with how they are currently represented.

A city judge for 30 years and an attorney since 1973, Funk said he believes he has the right experience to get the job done.

If elected mayor, he said he would focus on work on the city's reservoir system and to improve relations between university students and the city.

"I think it's important at this point in time to take appropriate steps to inform both students and the residents of Newark about policies that affect them," Funk said.

This includes seeking closer alliances between the university and the Newark Police Department to ensure the safety of all who live in Newark, as well as getting involved with freshman orientation.

Funk attributes a great deal of his popularity to the fact that he has visited more than 5,100 homes in Newark. He also has more than 350 volunteers helping with the campaign.

Godwin said his record as mayor will undoubtedly help him in the upcoming election.

"The overhaul of the city water system is probably one of my most obvious accomplishments," he said.

He said he has also worked hard to oversee the design, funding and construction of the city's reservoir system.

"Improving relations with the university administration is always a big concern

too," Godwin said.

The construction of a citywide bicycle path and the beautification of downtown Newark have both begun under his watch.

Godwin said because of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the city has been able to address several alcohol-related problems at the university.

"The foundation is the conduit through which the university, state and the city can all communicate on important issues."

He said he is campaigning throughout the city of Newark to ensure the residents that their concerns are duly represented.

"My campaign strategy is a multifaceted plan to communicate with the residents of Newark on several pressing topics," Godwin said.

Councilwoman Christine Rewa, 6th District, which encompasses most of the university's campus, did not anticipate being contested by two others.

"It feels pretty strange, to be honest,"

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Del. gets top corporate rating

BY STEPHEN MANGAT

Staff Reporter

For the third year in a row, corporate attorneys rated Delaware as the most fair and reasonable state in which to do business litigation, but the recent wave of corporate scandals are having their impact on the business-friendly court system.

A survey released last week by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce polled more than 1,400 corporate attorneys on issues regarding class actions, punitive damages, timeliness of decisions on judgment and motions to dismiss, competence and impartiality of judges and jury fairness.

Delaware ranked first in all categories other than jury predictability and jury fairness, in which the state ranked third.

Larry Sullivan, a Newark corporate attorney, said there are several factors as to why Delaware has the best business courts.

"Because Delaware is a small state, the courts are not overburdened," he said. "Second, Delaware's Chancery Court is specialized in business and corporate law, and most of the Delaware Supreme Court justices come from the Chancery Court, so the judges know business law very well."

"Finally, Delaware's law itself is fair-

ly streamlined, which makes the courts more predictable; and predictability is a huge factor in litigation because litigation, by nature, is a big risk."

Sean McBride, vice president of communications for the U.S. Institute for Legal Reform, said Delaware's high ranking gives the state an advantage over the lower-ranked states in attracting investments.

"Businesses tend to be interested in building and expanding in states whose courts have a fair and just environment," he said. "They tend to factor in the ability to expand and grow when they choose where to incorporate."

Sam Glascock, Master in Chancery for the Delaware Chancery Court, said companies incorporate in Delaware because of the business-friendly atmosphere of the court system.

The judges have unparalleled expertise and a vast amount of legal precedent, he said, which accounts for the predictability.

The state used to take a laissez-faire approach to businesses, placing faith in the hands of directors to act reasonably and in good faith.

However, recent scandals have caused the courts to look more closely at the way business is done.

Sullivan said there is a heightened sense of awareness and sensitivity in the court system.

"For company executives and directors, there is definitely a higher level of scrutiny, not a huge difference, but a measurable one," he said.

The new approach taken by the courts could affect the numbers of companies that base themselves in Delaware, but skeptics believe Delaware's reliance on taxes and fees generated by companies incorporated in the state will make the change in behavior only temporary.

Sullivan said that although all branches of government operate on a budget, the judicial branch is not affected by the concerns of the legislative and executive branches.

"The judicial branch is fiercely independent. Delaware courts in particular are very independent," he said. "I don't anticipate any consideration by chancellors and judges for any budgetary concerns."

Kerry offers debate challenge

BY KATHRYN DRESHER

Staff Reporter

Presidential hopeful Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., challenged President George W. Bush to a series of debates leading up to the election in hopes that the American people will become familiar with both candidates.

Kerry proposed that one debate be held per month until the November election.

Kathy Roeder, spokeswoman for Kerry's northeast campaign, said Kerry proposed the debates as a way for the public to fully understand each candidate.

"Kerry believes these debates would simplify issues for the public instead of overwhelm them," she said. "He wants one issue per debate so the candidates can cover lots of territory in the upcoming months."

Debates have been a rich tradition in American history, Roeder said, not only as a platform to share issues, but to show the public what kind of individual they will be voting for.

Kevin Madden, campaign spokesman for President Bush,

said the Bush campaign is going to abide by the number of debates that the Commission on Presidential Debates recommends.

"The Bush campaign will engage in debates at the appropriate time," he said, "but right now Bush is going county to county to talk about his issues."

Joseph Pika, political science professor, said there are typically three debates before an election, but there has never been a campaign as intense and early as this one.

"In the seven months until November, Kerry wants to fill his time productively," he said. "Debates provide free media to Kerry, who doesn't have as much money to use for the campaign."

There have been many studies done on debates, Pika said, and although still important, they are not as decisive as they used to be.

"The number of viewers has been declining since 1960," he said, "but people watch to see how the candidates handle themselves."

Roeder said the Kerry campaign also complained about the

negative advertisements that the Bush campaign has produced, which have appeared early in the race.

Although Kerry would like to spend most of his resources promoting issues, she said, he will not just sit around and be attacked.

"The only problem with the Bush campaign is there are no accomplishments to talk about," Roeder said. "Nothing has gotten better while Bush has been president."

Madden said that at the beginning of the race, Bush was open to having a spirited debate with Kerry.

"I believe if you look back when John Kerry cemented the nomination in March, the president showed a willingness to debate on issues," he said, "but we were attacked early."

The White House is not interested in a negative campaign, Madden said.

"We have a good record to run on and positive issues to talk about," he said. "When you tell voters what you're against, it gives the campaign a negative tone."

Ralph Begleiter, distin-

guished journalist in residence, said the negative television advertisements seem to be appearing early, but it is actually a normal time for them to appear.

"I did some research and I saw that in the past few years ads have been starting to come out earlier," he said.

Most Americans get information about candidates from television advertisements, both positive and negative, Begleiter said.

However, advertisements are just one part of the immense amount of necessary information put out by the media, he said, which can be overwhelming.

"Today, there is no alternative when running for president," he said. "Campaigns are all about using the media."

Pika said major issues that both candidates will be focusing on are foreign policy, homeland security, the economy, jobs and healthcare.

"College students should be paying attention to deficit issues," he said, "because the national debt must be paid off by future generations."

Senate passes \$2.36T budget

BY TIM NICHOLS

Staff Reporter

The U.S. Senate approved a \$2.36 trillion budget March 12 by a 51-45 vote, just before a long 1 a.m. session ended.

Gayle Osterberg, press secretary for the Senate Budget Committee, said the money will mostly be distributed for established programs.

"About two thirds of that is mandatory spending for social security, Medicaid, things like that," she said. "The other third, about \$821 billion, is what's called discretionary spending. That's what Congress appropriates this year."

A portion of the \$821 billion, Osterberg said, will be used to fund a 7 percent increase in Defense Department spending and a 15 percent boost in Homeland Security spending.

Republicans were the main backers of the budget in the Senate, she said, but failed to achieve a provision that was crucial to President George W. Bush's original plan.

The budget includes the enactment of PAYGO, a "pay as you go" policy, which has become one of the most hotly debated issues in the committee, Osterberg said. PAYGO means that any new spending or tax cut must not affect the current federal

deficit.

"It does make it harder to extend the tax cuts," she said. "Any of the tax cuts that are expiring have to either raise taxes in other areas or cut spending in other areas to offset the revenue loss."

For PAYGO to be overruled, Osterberg said, 60 percent of the Senate must agree to forgo the rule.

In addition, she said senators who wish to add spending rather than reduce taxes would find a more receptive audience in the Senate.

"It's pretty easy to spend money around here," she said. "Most programs could have 60 people to vote for it."

A point of the budget that would concern university students is an increase in funding for the Pell Grant program, Osterberg said. The Pell Grant program provides money to undergraduate students and does not have to be repaid. The budget allots \$865 million for the program in fiscal year 2005 to keep the maximum Pell Grant award at \$4,050.

With the new Senate budget, the \$477 billion federal deficit could be cut in half in three years, she said.

While debate persisted in the Senate, the House of Representatives busied them-

selves by hammering out a budget of their own.

Sean Spicer, press secretary for the House Budget Committee, said the House budget is separate from the Senate's version.

"Basically we don't worry about them," he said. "We've got to get to conference."

The House budget is currently sitting with the Budget Committee where Republicans and Democrats are determining the total amount that will be procured for 2005.

Rep. Gil Gutknecht, R-Minn., said he expects the budget to be on the House floor as early as March 23.

A major debate in the House, Gutknecht said, is the debate over PAYGO and is similar to controversy in the Senate. A primary concern is whether the budget is enforceable.

"We can write any budget, but what if we don't enforce it," he said. "It's a heated debate behind closed doors."

It would be imprudent to increase spending or cut taxes while facing a federal deficit that is approaching \$500 billion, Gutknecht said.

"That's where the real debate is," he said. "It's less about specific number and more about enforceability."

In the News

CAR BOMB KILLS AT LEAST 28 AT BAGHDAD HOTEL

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A powerful car bomb ripped through a five-story hotel filled with foreign guests Wednesday evening, killing at least 28 people and destroying nearby apartment houses days before the anniversary of the start of the Iraq war.

The 8:09 p.m. explosion at the Mount Lebanon Hotel, near Firdaus Square in central Baghdad, created a 20-foot-wide crater, ignited buildings, cars and trees, and sheared the windowpanes off a hospital across the street.

It was the latest and bloodiest in a wave of recent attacks on foreign civilians, eight of whom had been killed in the previous eight days.

The U.S. Army said at least 45 people, including one American and two British citizens, were injured in the blast.

Lt. Col. Peter Jones of the 1st Armored Division, which has charge of the capital, said at the scene the military was still trying to determine the extent of the casualties.

"We are scouring the hospitals," he said.

The impact of the blast in Karrada, a busy commercial neighborhood on the east bank of the Tigris River, was felt about a mile away in the Green Zone, the heavily fortified headquarters of the U.S.-led occupation authority.

The hotel, which was renovated about a year ago, had only two guards and was not protected by the concrete blast barriers that have become a familiar sight around hotels and government buildings in Baghdad.

Bassam Hassoun, one of the hotel's neighbors, said he had worried it could be a terrorist target.

"We warned the hotel owner and the guards," he said. "They didn't have concrete blocks in the front of the hotel, just three or four planters for flowers."

Scott McClellan, press secretary for the White House, called the explosion "a terrible terrorist attack on innocent civilians" but said it would not halt Iraq's progress toward democracy.

"This remains a time of testing in Iraq," he said. "The stakes are high. The terrorists know the stakes are high, but they will not prevail."

SPAIN ANNOUNCES PLANS TO END OCCUPATION IN IRAQ

MADRID — Prime Minister-elect Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero described the U.S. occupation of Iraq as "a fiasco" Wednesday and suggested American voters follow the example set by Spain and change their leadership by supporting Democratic presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., in November.

"I said during the campaign I hoped Spain and the Spaniards would be ahead of the Americans for once," Zapatero said. "First we win here, we change this government, and then the Americans will do it, if things continue as they are in Kerry's favor."

Zapatero, whose Socialist Party swept the governing Popular Party out of office in elections Sunday that came just three days after terrorist attacks killed 201 people in Madrid, also rejected President George W. Bush's request that he reconsider his plans to withdraw Spain's troops from Iraq unless the United Nations is given control of the country.

"I'll listen to Mr. Bush," he said. "But my position is very clear and firm. The occupation is a fiasco," he said. "There have almost been more killed after the war, from a year ago, than during the war. In the end, the occupying forces have not handed over control of the situation to the U.N."

Spanish troops constitute 1 percent of the U.S.-led occupation force in Iraq, and other nations participating in the coalition have rushed to reaffirm their willingness to remain in Iraq.

A Spanish pullout could hamper U.S. attempts to encourage other nations to send troops. Diplomats said the new Spanish government's position would make it more difficult for the Bush administration to convince NATO to take a stronger role in Iraq after the planned June 30 handover of sovereignty.

The Spanish force currently in Iraq is to come home in April, and a replacement contingent had its farewell ceremony Wednesday at a Spanish base.

Officials said no decision had been made to delay or cancel the transfer. Zapatero said he looked forward to "a profound debate" with the Bush administration about how to effectively combat terrorism.

"Fighting terrorism with bombs, with Tomahawk missiles, isn't the way to beat terrorism, but the way to generate more radicalism," he said.

Zapatero's implicit endorsement of Kerry's campaign was a surprising public repudiation of a sitting U.S. president by the incoming leader of an allied country and fellow NATO member.

ISRAEL LAUNCHES POSSIBLE PROTRACTED OFFENSIVE IN GAZA

JERUSALEM — Israeli helicopter gun-ships fired missiles into a slum building in Gaza City at dusk Tuesday, killing a suspected member of the radical group Islamic Jihad and a Palestinian policeman, wounding more than a dozen bystanders and inaugurating what could be a broad and prolonged offensive against Palestinian militants in the Gaza Strip.

Before dawn Wednesday, at least two more Palestinians were killed when Israeli tanks and armored bulldozers swept into the volatile town of Rafah, in southern Gaza. The army said Israeli forces fired on gunmen who were trying to plant a bomb in the path of the Israeli vehicles.

The air strike in Gaza City occurred less than four hours after Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's security cabinet, a small group of top advisors and ministers, authorized a sustained military operation in the crowded seaside territory to retaliate for dual suicide bombings Sunday at the bustling Israeli seaport of Ashdod that killed 10 workers.

A major Israeli strike in response to the Ashdod attack had been expected. However, Sharon had waited for Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz to return from abroad and present the views of senior generals before deciding on a course of action.

Tuesday's strikes marked the latest blows traded in what has been a rapidly escalating struggle in Gaza in the weeks since Sharon unexpectedly announced that Israel was weighing a plan to withdraw from the enclave, seized from Egypt in the 1967 Middle East War.

About 7,500 Jewish settlers live among more than 1.2 million Palestinians in the densely populated and desperately poor territory.

The suicide bombings at Ashdod, which Palestinian militants and Israeli security officials said had been intended as a "mega-attack" targeting the port's fuel and chemical tanks, galvanized calls in Israel for strikes against Gaza-based militant groups.

Israeli and Palestinian officials are each eager to paint the other as the defeated party if Israel proceeds with its withdrawal from Gaza.

Palestinian militants promise bolder attacks, and Israeli forces have been increasingly making incursions into the area in pursuit of militant leaders.

—compiled by Erin Burke from L.A. Times and Washington Post wire reports

THREE-DAY FORECAST



FRIDAY

Morning snow, highs in the 40s



SATURDAY

Partly cloudy, highs in the 40s



SUNDAY

Partly cloudy, highs in the 50s

— courtesy of the National Weather Service

Police Reports

UNINVITED PERSONS CAUSE TROUBLE AT IVY HALL PARTY

Uninvited men arrived at a party only to stir up trouble with residents at an Ivy Hall Apartment on Wallaston Avenue at approximately 1:09 a.m. Thursday, Newark Police said.

Cpl. Tracy Simpson said the door to the apartment in Building E was unlocked, and between approximately four and six men arrived, all of whom the residents did not know.

They began punching one of the residents, she said, and that was when another resident decided to call police.

By the time officers arrived, Simpson said, the men were long gone.

The man who was punched received no serious injuries, she

said.

Simpson said the case will remain inactive.

BURGLARY ON WEST PARK PLACE

An unknown person forcibly entered and removed property from an apartment on West Park Place between approximately 5:30 p.m. and 10:50 p.m. Wednesday, Simpson said.

The person entered by breaking the window on the rear door, she said. It is assumed the person reached inside and then unlocked the deadbolt.

Simpson said the person entered when residents were not home.

A television and DVD player were both removed, she said.

Damage to the house is estimated to be \$50, Simpson said, and the removed property is estimated at

\$310.

She said police have a suspect in mind, and the person may have been in the residency days prior to the incident.

LICENSE PLATE REMOVED FROM CAR IN RESTAURANT PARKING LOT

An unknown person removed a license plate from a car parked in The Trap restaurant's lot on Elkton Road between approximately 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Wednesday, Simpson said.

The Ford Explorer was parked, she said, and upon leaving the car the owner's license plate was still there.

Simpson said the license plate is valued at \$10, and no real damage was done to the car.

— Stephanie Andersen

Newark apartment fee debate continues

BY SARA O'REILLY

Staff Reporter

The Newark City Council will discuss the possibility of implementing fees for off-campus students and landlords of problematic apartment complexes in the city at its Monday meeting.

Councilman Karl Kalbacher, 3rd District, said the issue came to a head while reviewing the number of city service requests from Ivy Hall Apartments.

"There were 180 violations in the last calendar year," he said. "That averages to four visits a week."

Kalbacher said he has a plan of action to bring about responsibility of landlords and residents in Ivy Hall, as well as other complexes with similar problems. Each plan will be unique according to the unit's location and the severity of its problems.

He said he hopes landlords will correct the situation on their own, but the council will create a temporary solution until this happens.

"We don't want to impinge on people's rights unless these rights are violated," Kalbacher said. "In that case, we have to bring stability to the situation."

City Manager Carl Luft said the city wants to increase fees for its services based on need. However, the fees would be a disincentive for landlords to call the Newark Police Department.

He expressed his concern with the proposal to Kalbacher in a memorandum on March 8.

Luft said he is concerned that it may prompt residents to question whether to call the police for emergencies and when personal injury or property damage is at stake.

"The chief of police and I both believe that citizens and landowners should not expect to have to pay extra for their own tenants' public safety," he said.

Kalbacher said in order to take action, the council must assess the state of the apartments and their respective locations.

The apartments in the immediate

vicinity of campus are handled well and taken care of, he said. Farther away, conditions worsen and areas of vacancy occur.

"It's a has/has not type of economy," Kalbacher said, "and a healthy balance is needed, so changes must be made."

Councilwoman Christine Rewa, 6th District, said the issue is only in its early discussion stage, but she worries that if the fees are required, good tenants will be unfairly penalized.

"We're not getting to the root of the problem by applying fees," she said. "I really think this is more of a management issue. If it's good, then there are few problems."

Rewa said she currently rents her duplex to university students.

"I'm a landlord myself and I've never had a single police call," she said.

The original date for discussion of consideration of revising the current apartment complex laws was scheduled for March 8. However, the issue was tabled until the first Monday of Spring



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The city is still debating its proposed apartment fee program, which was conceived after numerous city service calls to complexes like Ivy Hall.

Break.

Kalbacher said he did not realize Spring Break falls on that date, and he is willing to table the issue again until the

break is over.

"There is no rush on this," he said. "I want to encourage both students and landlords to speak out."

City plans for Orchard Road traffic

BY KATE GIBSON

Staff Reporter

Ten members of the city's Traffic Committee met Tuesday to discuss the building plans for a new Center for Performing Arts, expected to be completed in May 2006, in the Amy E. DuPont Music Building parking lot.

The committee voted to approve curb and gated areas for brick pathways that would prevent cars from passing through. The motion will be passed on to City Manager Carl Luft for final approval.

Committee members and local residents are concerned with the high volume of traffic that will occur on Orchard Road and Amstel Avenue during events at the CPA.

Roy Lopata, director of the planning commission, motioned to vote on additional restrictions that will not allow cars going eastbound on Amstel Avenue to turn right onto Orchard Road and will restrict cars on Orchard Road from turning left onto Amstel Avenue.

Because the committee was divided on the issue, members voted to table it to a later date when they will decide whether or not restrictions in that area are necessary.

Lt. Thomas Lemin of Newark Police said he was concerned with how much of a change the CPA would bring to traffic patterns on Orchard Road.

"I do not think that Orchard Road traffic will be the same magnitude as, say, East Park Place or West Park Place," he said.

Rick Armitage, director of government and community relations, said the university has been dealing with an increasing number of students who want to join the music program.

"We have had a terrible crunch with music practice space for about five or six years," Armitage said. "We also have had a lack of performance space during that same time."



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The city Traffic Committee is considering some restrictions to prevent congestion around the new Center for Performing Arts.

The CPA is going to be used as an academic building with 32 practice rooms, he said, and will also have a Proscenium Theater seating 400, a Recital Hall seating 200 and a third hall with collapsible bleachers capable of seating 300.

"We think the building would truly be an asset to the community," Armitage said.

The existing Amy DuPont parking lot has 628 spaces and will be replaced with a pay-on-foot parking garage that will have 717 spaces, he said. The garage is expected to be complete by January 2005.

The CPA will also have a smaller lot closer to the building with 50 spaces, Armitage said. It will be used for reserve parking during the day and preferred parking at night during performances.

The primary entrances are currently planned to be on Elkton Road and Amstel Avenue, he said, both with in and out access to the parking areas.

Binge drinking rates remain high in college

BY MEGAN SULLIVAN

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Forty-four percent of all college students are binge drinkers, indicating no change nationally during the past 10 years in the level of drinking by undergraduates despite college administration efforts to curb the issue.

A survey released Monday by the Harvard School of Public Health College Alcohol Study shows that although most college administrators on nationwide campuses are concerned about binge drinking, they are divided as to what action to take to improve the problem.

The survey, completed in 2002, included 747 colleges nationwide and concerned the various types of programs and policies used in response to students' heavy drinking.

Henry Wechsler, director of the College Alcohol Studies Program at the Harvard School of Public Health stated in an e-mail message that colleges might not be taking the most effective measures needed to squelch the problem.

"They may not be doing enough, or they may not be doing what is needed," he said. "It also may take a long time to reverse this long term and deeply entrenched behavior."

According to the Harvard School of Public Health, binge drinking is defined as five or more drinks in a row for men and four or more in a row for women, one or more times during a two week period.

In order to control the problem more efficiently, Wechsler said he supports limiting the supply of alcohol, and colleges should collaborate with the surrounding community in their efforts.

He said binge drinking is a problem that can only be changed during a long period of time because it would involve changing today's culture. The way the smoking problem has evolved over the past two decades is comparable to how the binge-drinking problem will evolve.

The alcohol industry, along with alcohol advertisements, is a major contributor to the binge-drinking problem as it attempts to convince people that the problem is not as serious as people make it out to be.

"They try to provide educational programs, downplaying the seriousness of the situation, while marketing alcohol in television ads and through special promotions in local outlets," he said.

Tracy Bachman, program director of the Building Responsibility Coalition at the University of Delaware, said she sees advertisements as a major problem because they target young people and send the message that drinking is "cool," offering a lot of soft promises.

"They push it off on the individual's responsibility to drink responsibly," she said, "but they are selling a mind-altering substance and after awhile, you can't make the right decisions."

Wechsler said steps the University of Delaware has made such as the parental notification or "three strikes you're out" alcohol policies implemented in 1996 are a step in the right direction because it is necessary to get serious about the problem, but actions should stem beyond punishment.

"Punishing students is only a small part of this problem," he said. "Penalizing those who make a profit from sales to minors or from irresponsible marketing practices is even more important."

Although there has been no change nationally in the level of drinking among college students, Wechsler said it is too early to tell whether or not there are a decent amount of colleges that have individually shown improvement controlling this problem.

Bachman said she believes binge drinking has decreased at Delaware in recent years. "Students are reporting they're experiencing fewer problems because of their own drinking and because of other's drinking," she said.

According to the study of students at Delaware, the percentage of binge drinkers dropped from 63 percent in 2002 to 57 percent in 2003.

The survey was based on a random selection of 578 students in 2002 and 673 in 2003. All first-hand negative consequences of

high-risk drinking experienced by students, such as hangovers, missing class, damaging property and engaging in unplanned sex, as well as second-hand consequences, such as "babysitting" a drunken student, interrupted sleep and assault, decreased from the 2002 survey.

Bachman explained that the local effort is not about getting students to stop drinking. It is about promoting responsible behavior among students who are of legal age and choose to drink that is respectful for the community.

"What's needed to reduce high-risk drinking is to change the whole culture," she said. "It can't just change overnight. There is still a lot more to do."

Bachman said some universities have done a lot more than others. It is important for everyone to realize there needs to be a national effort and the whole industry must be responsible for their actions.

As of Wednesday afternoon, 63 students were transported for medical attention that the university is aware about since the beginning of the school year. In the 2002 to 2003 school year, 69 total students required medical attention. These numbers are both higher than the 2001 to 2002 total of 46 and the 2000 to 2001 total of 39.

Cynthia Cummings, associate vice president for Campus Life, said although the numbers of students requiring medical attention, considered alcohol overdoses by the university, have risen, it is positive because it reflects that students are more likely to call for help.

Bachman said although the current number of overdoses is closing in on last year's total, it might not signify an increase in high-risk drinking, but that people may be getting help sooner.

President David P. Roselle was presented with the Presidents Leadership Award by the Education Development Center's Center for College Health and Safety March 10 for his efforts to curb high-risk drinking by students at the university.

He stated in an e-mail message although it is possible the number of students transported for medical attention may surpass last year's total, he sees it as very positive since this indicates an increase in requests for medical intervention.

"An increase in awareness has also led to greater concern for the possible death of students who over imbibe," he said. "We strongly desire to provide medical support and we are pleased that the level of concern on the part of our students for the well being of their fellow students is elevating."

Cummings said she believes students are much more aware of the issue of binge drinking because several years ago, many associated it with being an alcoholic or having a serious condition.

"I don't think they associated the term binge drinking with their own behavior," she said.

She attributes this improvement to a combination of different initiatives, including stepped-up enforcement of alcohol violations, increased amount of educational programs and campaigns on alcohol and initiatives by the city, such as reducing the frequency of drink specials.

"The cheaper the booze, the more likely people will drink more than they ought to," she said.

Cummings said during the 2002 to 2003 school year there were 1,135 alcohol policy violations that came through the Office of Judicial Affairs. This shows an increase from the 2001 to 2002 total of 1,108 violations and the 2000 to 2001 total of 861.

As of Wednesday afternoon, 715 violations went through the system since the start of the 2003 school year.

Roselle said efforts to tackle binge drinking are constantly evolving.

"I think that efforts to deal with this issue will be similar to smoking in that the interventions will evolve," he said, "always in favor of the persons who are responsible and always to restrict those who are irresponsible."

UD administrator runs for county council president

BY NICOLE A. SARRUBBO

Staff Reporter

Ernesto B. "Ernie" Lopez, associate director of admissions and city resident has recently announced his candidacy for New Castle County Council President in the upcoming November elections.

He said running for this position is something he has always wanted.

He said he believes it is important to run now because the county is having difficulties in terms of leadership and he would like to bring a positive message of change and hope to New Castle County.

Lopez said the council president is the only countywide elected member.

Among other responsibilities, the president is in charge of appointing county positions and serving as a leader at meetings.

"The county council president is the ambassador for the county," Lopez said. "You need the energy."

He said he plans on sitting down with civic groups to create a non-threatening environment where he can listen to the groups' comments and then act on them.

In addition, he believes there needs to be an open process so constituents will trust him.

Lopez said his campaign will emphasize responsible development in New Castle County and to make sure the public has an opin-

ion in the development of open space.

"I'm a really good listener, so I believe there should be an open forum with this kind of position," he said.

Lopez said his role as associate director of admissions has allowed him to focus on community outreach, since he coordinates many of the multicultural efforts for admissions.

He tries to make students feel comfortable while he is working with them, he said, and always strives to maintain students' dignity.

"I feel becoming president is an extension of the public service I have been doing here at the university," Lopez said.

Part of his job at the university is to work with students and their families, he said, and to make available to them all of the experiences the university has to offer.

Lopez said he would like to continue to work with families at the county level because he feels that New Castle residents are looking for a change.

Senior Wendy Garcia met Lopez in the admissions office when she was transferring to the university and she said she found him very receptive.

"He's not a person of false promises," she said. "His word really means a lot."

Garcia said Lopez's strongest assets are his dedication and his

follow-through attitude.

New Castle County Councilwoman Terry Venezky, 5th District, chairwoman of the finance committee, said some of the responsibilities of the New Castle County Council include land use applications, rezoning, public hearings and holding formal meetings twice a month.

Lopez said he is excited about his campaign's kickoff, scheduled for April 13 at the Embassy Suites.

"We are humble, we are excited, and we are not taking anything for granted," Lopez said.

Garcia also said Lopez is dedicated to improving life at the university.

"He's really committed to making sure that things improve in the county," she said.

Christopher A. Coons, the current New Castle County Council president, was unavailable for comment. He has held the office since 2001 and his term will be up this year.

Lopez said he hopes to bring in new people and restore the trust and faith of the constituents.

Jeffrey Rivell, senior associate director of admissions, said he thinks it is refreshing that Lopez is running for council president.

"He has a great personality and he has a lot to offer both the University of Delaware and the constituents of New Castle [County]," Rivell said.

Series of cable box thefts affect Newark area

BY SARA J. GRAHAM
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Several recent incidents of theft involving cable boxes in the Newark area and throughout New Castle County may be part of a string of thefts in the Mid-Atlantic region.

Cpl. Trinidad Navarro, public information officer for the New Castle County Police Department, said cable box amplifiers have been stolen in Maryland, Pennsylvania and Delaware in the past two weeks.

On March 5, six amplifier devices were stolen from outside cable boxes in the Old Baltimore Pike Road and Salem Church Road areas, he said. Police have speculated why these

amplifiers, which send signals for cable service to the community, are being stolen and what they are being used for.

"Perhaps they are being sold on the black market," Navarro said, "or could be used as a remote detonation device."

It is only speculation that the equipment could be used to remotely set off an explosive device, he said, but it is more likely they are being stolen and resold.

Police are tracking this type of activity and have found cable box amplifiers missing in the Mid-Atlantic region. Navarro said police believe these thefts are linked to the recent incidents in Delaware.

There are no descriptions of the

perpetrators currently, he said, but police think a white utility van or truck may be tied to these thefts.

Navarro said the recent thefts have caused inconveniences for the community and Comcast Cable because service is lost without the amplifier and replacing the unit costs between \$800 and \$1,000.

Newark Police Sgt. Rick Williams said there was one reported incident on March 9 in the Evergreen development on New London Road, after a cable subscriber called Comcast to report a loss of service.

An investigation concluded the amplifier device on the outside cable box was missing, he said.

There are no current suspects in that particular incident, Williams said, and there have been no incidents reported to Newark Police since then.

"It's the first one I know of," he said. "Apparently, it's happening a lot in New Castle County."

Navarro said these types of thefts actually began all over the East Coast last year. Comcast and New Castle County Police met in September to discuss the problem and, until recently, cable box thefts had receded.

Suzanne Amarant, manager of the Eastern Division of Comcast Cable, said she is familiar with thefts of this nature in Delaware and Pennsylvania. "It's not a rare thing to see theft

like this," she said. "It's pretty common in the cable world."

She also said Comcast is investigating these recent incidents.

"We're taking it very seriously," Amarant said, "to make sure it doesn't happen again and to find out who the culprits are."

Capt. James Flatley, senior assistant director of Public Safety, said the university has not been affected by these recent thefts.

"We haven't had any incidents of that nature reported to us," he said, "nor does he recall any prior incidents involving stolen cable boxes at the university."

Volunteers begin White Clay project

BY CHRISTINE ALHAMBRA
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Newark residents will be giving back to the community March 27, by assisting with the fifth reforestation project at White Clay Creek State Park.

About 100 trees will be planted along White Clay Creek, each approximately 40 feet apart.

Christa Stefanisko, a member of the Friends of White Clay Creek State Park, said five different species of trees will be planted on the east side of the creek, including Swamp White Oak, Sycamore, River Birch, Black Gum and Red Maple.

All of these trees withstand wet soil conditions very well, she said.

Albert Zverina, a volunteer coordinator for the park, said he ordered these native trees from a nursery in Smyrna.

This long-term project was started with hopes of re-establishing the natural habitat of the park, Zverina said.

"We want to recapture the open areas and turn them into native woodland," he said, "like they were before the settlers came."

Jim Ries, project coordinator for the Friends of White Clay Creek State Park, said the reforestation process takes a lot of hard work.

After the trees are ordered and delivered they must be unloaded, he said. Holes are drilled into the ground in the appropriate areas, and the burlap is then taken off the trees and they are inserted into the ground.

The holes are filled in, Ries said, and tree wrap is then installed to protect the young trees from damage by deer.

The Friends of White Clay Creek State Park is a non-profit organization run entirely by volunteers. Throughout the year their staff maintains and waters the trees.

Ries said the group also constructs trails, monitors bird boxes, removes trash and repairs and builds park benches and bridges. The organization is also in charge of purchasing the trees, delivering them and soliciting volunteers for the project.

Volunteers are found throughout the community and from the Friends of White Clay Creek Park, he said, which includes a membership of approximately 400 people.

Local Boy Scout troops often help out with the projects also, Ries said.

They expect approximately 60 people to help out with this particular reforestation project, he said.

Park Superintendent Nick McFadden said this project is a cooperative effort with the Delaware Division of Parks and Recreation and is funded by grants from the Longwood Foundation and the Welfare Foundation.

A spokeswoman for the Longwood Foundation said the organization typically funds projects of this nature.

"Our foundation funds non-profit organizations," she said, "and often funds environmental projects such as this one."



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The fifth reforestation project for White Clay Creek Park will begin next week with help from Newark volunteers. These efforts help prevent erosion and runoff into the creek.

Ries said the goal of this project is to increase the Riparian Buffer Zone. A buffer zone is an area of forested land adjacent to a stream or river that forms a transition between land and water environments.

This buffer helps to preserve the stream's natural characteristics and maintain the health of the creek, he said.

"This will help to prevent erosion and sediment runoff from the field into the creek," Ries said. "The sediment from the land can clog up the creek and reduce habitat for animals and plants."

Ries said the shade from the trees helps to keep the water cooler, increasing the water's ability to hold oxygen and support aquatic life and plants. The trees also provide a habitat for small animals and birds.

Freshman Sara Zimmerman said she participated in a similar reforestation project last April.

"My family and I use the park a lot for different activities," she said, "and it felt good to give back."

White Clay Creek State Park came to life in 1968 when the state purchased 24 acres of land, according to information provided by the Friends of White Clay Creek. The park has now grown to 3,384 acres, and continually makes an effort to preserve and protect the natural resources of the valley.

ed him with our statistics, he was very uninterested. Apparently he did not want to contaminate his findings."

Unruh said people who took the real pledge had to sign an agreement and were monitored by their parents. Failure rates with those adults were low.

Julie Sikla, senior HIV and risk management counselor at Planned Parenthood in New Jersey, said teenagers who make the commitment in order to reach educational and professional goals will be less likely to sabotage themselves with an unplanned pregnancy than young adults who take the pledge for purely abstract philosophical reasons or familial pressures.

"Generally, pledgers who do so to conform to an idealized concept or to parental pressures will not be as successful as someone who has made the commitment for compelling, concrete personal reasons," she said.

Unruh said she thinks abstinence is still the only way to prevent STDs, despite the study's findings.

"Girls are dying because of sex," Unruh said. "I think people have to understand that comprehensive sex education has never been effective. Teaching a kid how to use a condom won't help when a guy tricks a girl into not using one."

Sikla said it is extremely important to prepare young adults for real life situations, regardless of a commit-

ment to abstinence. "When we say 'condom use' we mean specific strategies for implementing a course of action," she said. "Everyone needs to be conscious of dangers and how to exercise the best judgment."

Unruh said she has documentation that shows comprehensive sexual health programs have increased sexual activity, STDs and pregnancy.

"We are not animals in heat," she said. "We are human beings and can control our urges."

Sikla said many of the young people who make the commitments to abstinence have not actually had the experience in social situations to know how to avoid being pressured or tempted to violate the commitment.

It is too flippant to tell kids to just say no, she said. Human emotions and sexuality are complex.

"You are not sending these kids out empowered," Sikla said.

Bearman said he believes pledging abstinence in the first place makes it harder to get protection. It involves public acknowledgement to doctors, nurses, health care professionals, friends and family that one is sexually active and has violated their commitment to abstinence.

"Abstinence-only programs are inadequate because they do not talk about how to handle intimacy in the context of sex or how to negotiate condom use," he said.

FBI wants to wiretap Internet

BY BENJAMIN ANDERSEN
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The FBI filed a petition with the Federal Communications Commission on Friday requesting expanded ability to monitor emerging Internet communications.

FBI officials said the petition is an evolution of previous wiretapping laws, while critics said they believe Internet security and privacy will be sacrificed.

Paul Bresson, spokesman for the FBI, said the new proposition is necessary to combat terrorism.

"We are in an age of converging technology," he said, "and we are losing the ability to intercept terrorist communications."

The language of the proposal is focused on Internet telephone calls, he said. Other online communication methods, such as instant messaging, will not be targeted.

Congress enacted a similar law, the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act, in 1994 regarding traditional telephone calls.

The act was put in place to ensure cooperation between law enforcement agencies and telecommunications companies in instances when wiretapping was necessary.

Bresson said although both proposals deal with wiretapping, Friday's petition was not an amendment to the CALEA, rather an extension of existing power.

The new authority granted to the bureau cannot be abused, he said.

"These are all tools that are used in strict compliance with court orders," Bresson said.

Marc Rotenberg, executive director for the Electronic Privacy

Information Center, said this proposal would be dangerous for the future of the Internet.

"We know from previous freedom of information requests that this type of authority can be misused," he said.

User security could be compromised as well, Rotenberg said.

Since the new proposal forces companies to provide backdoor entrances for federal officials into computer networks, he said, hackers could also find their way into those networks.

Lee Tien, senior staff attorney for the Electronic Frontier Foundation, said Internet wiretapping was not the original intent of the CALEA.

The act was supposed to cover only landline communications, he said.

Tien said he disagreed with the CALEA and expressed concern with applying an old law to new technology.

"I'm sure the folks who drafted CALEA in 1994 didn't take into account what types of communication would be available today," he said.

Tien said Internet telephony was like a railroad with each packet of information taking a different route to its final destination, which means tracking those communications would be more difficult for law enforcement than over traditional telephone lines.

"The Internet is much more complicated and less centralized," he said.

Requests to the FCC are usually given three months for public comment, Tien said, but the FBI asked for expedience on this proposal, so the comment period is slightly more than a month.

"This seems to be very hasty," he said.

Md. hospital releases inaccurate HIV tests

BY MONICA SIMMONS
Staff Reporter

More than 400 patients treated at Maryland General Hospital in Baltimore may have received inaccurate HIV and Hepatitis C test results between June 2002 and August 2003, state officials announced March 11.

Lee Kennedy, spokesman for Maryland General, said state inspectors, who discovered the error in January, acted on a complaint issued from a former Maryland General employee who claimed faulty equipment led to her contraction of Hepatitis C.

Inspectors said the hospital mailed test results to 460 patients, he said, although lab technicians knew they could have been wrong.

Kennedy said the hospital is making extensive efforts to contact the patients who might have been affected and offer retesting.

"We have launched a proactive media effort," he said, "in order to reach every patient in any possible way."

As of Tuesday, approximately 40 retests were completed, Kennedy said, and none of them conflicted with the original results.

The hospital has sent letters to each individual and his or her respective physician, Kennedy said, and is currently calling the last of the identified patients.

However, the main challenge the hospital is facing is that many patients who were tested during that period were homeless or drug addicts and left no contact information, he said.

The hospital has hired a community outreach member to visit the surrounding homeless shelters in order to contact additional patients, Kennedy said.

Between 12 and 15 percent of the tests might have been inaccurate, he said. The hospital has submitted a plan of action to the state based on the January survey conducted by the state, he said, in hopes of preventing any further mistakes.

Kennedy said the hospital was expecting a group consisting of members from the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to investigate the hospital's lab procedures Wednesday.

The Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene declined to comment on the incident until further investigation is completed.

Sarah Whitehead, director of communications for AIDS Action, an organization that works with patient/physician relationships, particularly in the case of HIV testing, said healthcare providers are responsible for test errors.

"Clearly we support clear communication between testers and patients," she said. "We feel it is up to the healthcare providers to make sure patients are notified in case of a testing error."

The accuracy of an HIV test, Whitehead said, depends on the method used. Newer testing methods, she said, such as OraQuick, can give rapid results, but are also not very accurate.

AIDS Action urges patients to be tested at least two times, in order to guarantee accurate results, Whitehead said.

"Faulty equipment will not compensate for a clear lack of medical ethics," she said. "It is the hospital's responsibility to make sure their personnel are always maintaining an honest and professional atmosphere."

Abstinence vows ineffective

BY AMANDA MIKELBERG
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Broken promises of abstinence are on the rise, according to a recent study.

The study examined the sex lives of 12,000 young adults and found 88 percent of those who take a vow of abstinence will break it.

Peter Bearman, chairman of the sociology department at Columbia University and head of the study, said the concern is that sexually transmitted diseases and unplanned pregnancies are increasing among the young adults who took the pledge.

Those who vowed virginity until marriage generally have fewer sex partners and put off sex until later, he said. However, they were less knowledgeable about sexual health and were much less likely to use condoms.

Only approximately 40 percent of men who have broken their abstinence pledge use condoms, and only 14 percent of "pledgers" have been tested for STDs in the past year, as opposed to almost 30 percent of non-pledgers, he said.

"It's near impossible for young adults to simultaneously avoid sex and also prepare for it," Bearman said.

Leslee Unruh, president of the Abstinence Clearinghouse in North Carolina, said she disagrees with the study's findings.

"Bearman's study is seriously flawed," she said. "When we contact-

Some colleges offer video game major

BY RACHEL CIRONE
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What used to be considered a waste of time is now a career that pays former video game junkies close to \$50,000 per year.

The rise of the video game industry has given universities and other organizations incentive to create degrees in video game development.

Tammy Schachter, senior manager of corporate communications at Electronic Arts, the world's largest video game publisher, said there is a growing need for game creators in order to meet consumer demands and expectations.

In the past there were not, and still are not, many degree programs in the field, she said. However, the few programs in existence are beneficial to the future of the industry.

The video game industry in the United States currently generates \$10 billion per year, Schachter said, which is higher than Hollywood box office revenues. Video game sales are growing at about 20 percent per year.

Glen Muschio, program director of digital media and professor at Drexel's University's department of media arts and design, said starting salaries in the field are approximately \$40,000 to \$50,000 per year. After five years, game designers could be making around \$100,000.

Drexel's department of media arts and design offers a degree in digital media and courses in game design, he said.

Drexel offers a bachelor's degree in science and digital media, he said. It also plans to add a graduate program for students who want a master's degree in the same field.

Courses are taught in C++ computer programming language, 3D modeling, computer animation and game development, he said.

The program began in 1998, he said, with 17 students and next year will be capped with approximately 200 students.

"It has been growing since the inception," Muschio said.

Due to the demand for game creators, the department plans to take on a sixth full-time faculty member just for gaming, he said.

Barbara Smith, senior program manager of the Game Development Certificate Program at the University of Washington, said it also offers a degree in game development.

Washington's program, which began in January 2002, offers a post-baccalaureate degree designed for professionals who want to enter the game industry, she said.

The Game Development Certificate Program, Smith said, is a no-credit, four-course program that takes a year to complete.

Besides the courses in game development, students are also able to create a game which they can practice learning in class, she said.

"We had a huge number when we first started because the X-Box was just coming out," Smith said.

Before the program started, professionals were having difficulty finding qualified people to enter the field of game creation, she said.

Ed Fleming, founder of VideoGame.net, an online program that teaches game development, said the program also started because there was a need in the market for universities to offer more technical courses.

"Gaming provides a new topic of learning for people," he said.

Schools such as Pennsylvania State University and Hofstra University run game development programs at their campuses with the help of VideoGame.net, Fleming said.

The program designs course packets for universities and helps them run game development programs, he said.

These degree programs are designed for undergraduate students, graduate students and youth, Fleming said.

Schachter said these programs will help create the future for companies like Electronic Arts.

"We want to bring together the best and brightest to make the best games," she said.

Dan Chester, computer and information sciences professor at the University of Delaware, said there is no program or degree for game development, but some students create their own concentration.

When students are interested in gaming, the department allows them to declare game design as their concentration and take relevant courses, he said, however there is no specific course in game development.

There are five courses relevant to gaming, which include: Artificial Intelligence, Computer Graphics, Simulation of Discrete Systems, Computer Networks and Elementary Linear Algebra, he said.

Chester said University of Delaware students rarely choose this option.



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Some health experts believe condom labels should be revised to include a warning that the product cannot protect against all STDs.

Lawmakers consider condom relabeling

BY NICK NEBORAK
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The Bush administration is considering asking condom companies to print updated warnings labels stating that condoms do not protect against all sexually transmitted diseases.

The warnings would be used to inform the public about lesser-known sexually transmitted diseases, such as Human Papilloma Virus, becoming more prevalent throughout the United States.

Sharon Snider, a spokeswoman for the FDA Office of Device Evaluation, said research has been done over the past three years and although there is currently no definite decision to put warnings on condom labels, the FDA is still pushing for updated information.

"Nobody's considering putting a warning," she said. "We're just looking to update the information about STDs on the condom labels without discouraging their use."

Karl Stanton, a spokeswoman for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said a recent study was conducted that found, as of the year 2000, approximately 20 million people in the United States are currently infected with HPV.

Approximately 50 percent of sexually active individuals will acquire the infection at some point in their lives.

Stanton said the number of infected people continues to rise at approximately 5.5 million new cases per year and could be even higher because HPV is a difficult STD to report.

"There are still a bunch of unknowns," she said. "For most people the symptoms are unknown and the number of cases reported are only estimates."

The reason most people are unaware they have contracted the disease, Stanton said, is because they assume that when they have the condom on they are protected against it.

The reality is that condoms are not an effective way to protect against HPV, she said, because the disease is contracted by infected genital skin coming in contact with uninfected skin.

"The infection can occur in general areas not covered by condoms," Stanton said. "If you have a condom on, but the virus is on your partner's thigh, that is how you are going to become infected with the disease."

The high frequency of HPV cases is one of the prevalent reasons there is a push for updated warnings on condom packages.

Presently, the condom labels state if properly used condoms reduce the risk of AIDS and other STDs.

Updated condom labels would include a warning informing the user condoms do not protect against all STDs.

Some lawmakers feel these warnings will deter sexually active people to use condoms and in turn increase the risk of contracting other STDs.

Anna Laitin, press secretary for Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., said Waxman feels the idea of discouraging condom use is a very unproductive one.

"Anything that undermines the effectiveness of condoms for these uses will have serious public health consequences," Waxman said in a press release made public to the Associated Press.

Laitin also said Waxman feels abstinence could be a great alternative to using a condom, but current abstinence education programs are not effective.

Stanton said the CDC preaches abstinence but realizes there are people who still plan to be sexually active.

"The safest way to avoid HPV and other STDs is abstinence," she said, "but also to have a monogamous relationship with a partner whom you know isn't infected."

Minors' access to alcohol sites draws controversy

BY COREY MUNCH
Staff Reporter

Alcohol Web sites have become increasingly open to underage visitors, exposing them to advertising meant for adults, despite mandates for companies to reinforce age verification policies.

Anna Haas, communication manager for the Center on Alcohol Marketing and Youth, said in a press report that a recent study found a large majority of visitors to alcohol company Web sites are minors. The study found that over the past six months, more than 700,000 users logged onto the 55 Web sites monitored where they were exposed to games, quizzes and music advertising.

Jim O'Hara, CAMY director, said the alcohol Web sites are a "virtual cyber playground" with no adult supervision and the alcohol industry's marketing codes are not protecting minors.

John Kaestner, vice president of consumer affairs for Anheuser-Busch, stated in an e-mail message that all Anheuser-Busch Web sites feature an age-check system, as recommended in the 1999 and 2003 Federal Trade Commission

reports. The age-check system is designed to remind site visitors the Web site is intended to market toward adults.

The CAMY report found the verification system has a fatal flaw because there is no way to actually verify a person's age when they input it. This makes it possible for underage people to input a false age and gain access to the site as well as to the ads and games.

Hass said in the press release for CAMY, the FTC's most recent report addressed the age verification problem.

"The commission recognizes that some consumers may indicate an inaccurate date of birth," the FTC said. "So long as the Web site content is not likely to appeal to minors, however, the requirement to enter date of birth may be sufficient, as the alternative is to require site visitors to provide sufficient personal information to permit verification of their adult status."

The CAMY study found 67 percent of beer Web sites feature games that are directly marketed towards youth such as putt-putt, a water balloon toss, car races or pinball. Of the distilled spirits

sites, 37 percent feature games such as air hockey, video football or slot machines.

John Antil, business professor, said he does not think companies necessarily are looking to advertise to underage people because of reasons of liability.

"The problem with assuming these ads are marketed towards children," he said, "is that the targeted group of alcohol companies is young males of the legal age who tend to like the same things as young males who are underage."

The CAMY press release said the debate over what constitutes marketing towards youth stems from a 1999 FTC report.

"There are, of course, no foolproof measures to prevent underage access to inappropriate Web sites," the FTC said. "Companies therefore need to give special attention not only to restricting access, but to ensuring that Web site content is not attractive to underage consumers."

Kaestner said the bottom line is that preventing underage drinking is best addressed through educational efforts that involve retailers, parents and teens themselves.

Lecture illustrates gender imagery in African Art

BY AIMEE BUTCHER
Staff Reporter

A Nigerian professor highlighted the savagery of rape in her homeland to approximately 50 people in Gore Hall Tuesday.

Nkiru Nzegwu, Africana Studies professor at State University of New York at Binghamton, gave a lecture titled "Breaking Taboos: Gender Politics in the Modern and Contemporary Art of Nigeria," sponsored by the anthropology and women studies departments.

She discussed the history of Nigeria and how women were oppressed for years. Her focus was the high percentage of rape, especially of university women in Nigeria.

"Women were ruled as unwanted distractions," she said.

Nzegwu said contemporary Nigerian artists use their creativity to portray the horror of rape to a world that likes to keep the subject taboo.

Nzegwu graduated from the University of Ife in Nigeria. She then earned her doctorate in philosophy at the University of Ottawa in Canada.

She is president of Africa Resource Center, editor of an online journal and has written and edited

two books.

Peter Weil, director of the anthropology department, is involved with the project and hosted the lecture.

"Dr. Nzegwu is a distinguished African lecturer," Weil said.

Nzegwu said in Nigeria, a person convicted of rape could face life imprisonment but hardly anyone is convicted. The police are poorly trained, lack resources and are paid little.

There have been 136,285 rapes recorded in Nigeria from 1980 to 1992, she said. Unfortunately, only one in 50 gets reported.

The rape trials put the victim on trial and ask them to give graphic details. Nzegwu said that is a component of why so many rapes go unreported.

Most of the art Nzegwu showed was from a female artist, Nkechi Nwosu-Igbo. Her art exemplifies the dark side of contemporary art.

"Nwosu-Igbo forces people to understand her art by using three forms: visual, text and action," Nzegwu said.

One of her paintings, "Cry Me a

River," shows a rape and homicide victim.

The text next to her art reads: "If you are with me when I die, would you remind me to close my legs first? As I fall to the ground when I am shot, would you turn my face around so the good side is up? You owe me this for it is my last wish."

Nzegwu said rape and abuse are problems that Nigerian women encounter in everyday life.

"Women can not go out of their house after 7 p.m.," she said.

Modern art becomes a statement of this pain and suffering.

Nzegwu said color and imagery in modern art are essential, but a topic like rape is hard to represent through art.

"It is a tricky balance and artists, especially African-American artists, are forced to be unique," Nzegwu said.

Senior Yinka Olarewaju-Alo, president of the African Student Association, felt very close to the art.

"I am Nigerian, so everything about the history and politics she spoke about interested me," she said. "I loved the artwork."



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Nkiru Nzegwu, a professor of Africana Studies at SUNY — Binghamton, explains the cultural significance of gender images in modern African Art.

War in Iraq reaches one-year mark today

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"There was an al-Qaida Web site talking about how they were the weak link in the coalition," he said.

It is likely to be al-Qaida's first act of terrorism to politically subdue an enemy, "rather than killing for the sake of killing," he said. The Madrid bombings are probably also to deter other nations from joining the coalition.

Bergen said suicide bombings in Iraq over the past year have been caused by homegrown "jihadis" rather than Baath Party loyalists, as the U.S. military has contended.

"I never bought that argument," he said.

Bin Laden himself has become more of an ideological figure with less control and command over al-Qaida cells or sympathizers, he said. However, by toppling Hussein's secular regime, anti-American Muslim extremists are now attempting to establish an extremist state in the Sunni Triangle northwest of Baghdad.

"We did [bin Laden] a favor in some respects," he said.

The New Iraq

The Governing Iraqi Council signed an interim constitution on

March 8, which states that the Iraqi Interim Government will take power on June 30 and remain until Dec. 31, 2005.

A spokeswoman for the CIA said the 25-member council, originally appointed by the U.S.-led Coalition Provisional Authority, represents Iraq's various ethnicities, and executive leadership rotates monthly among the representatives.

Chapter 1, Article 4 of the constitution describes the new Iraqi state as a federalist democracy. The military will be under civilian command, and Islam will be Iraq's official religion as "a source of legislation."

Chapter 2 of the constitution numerates "fundamental rights," such as citizenship, assembly, travel, property, due process, conscience and privacy.

Nathan Brown, a political science professor and expert in Middle East politics at George Washington University, said there are unresolved problems with the interim constitution, including an unpopular compromise giving veto power to ethnic Kurds.

Although national sovereignty is to be turned over to the Iraqis on June 30, there is no provision explaining what kind of new government will be established, he said. Also, even if the constitution does not explicitly state it, the Iraqi military will be under American control until the new constitution is ratified.

"When more Iraqis wake up to that, it will be a bitter pill to swallow," Brown said.

Proclaiming Islam to be the national religion is more symbolic with few legal implications, but this could cause a problem when protecting certain interim constitutional liberties, he said.

"What does it mean if all these groups have these rights?"

Election Day

Ralph Begleiter, distinguished journalist in residence at the University of Delaware, said the war itself will probably not be on voters' minds in November, because domestic issues, such as education and jobs, has almost always trumped foreign affairs in deciding presidential elections.

However, the candidates' character will be at issue when confronted with national security matters, he said.

Democrats will be focusing on how Bush allegedly misled the nation with false pretenses, he said, and Republicans will criticize Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., for a perceived inconsistent voting record on security.

"The American public will be more concerned if the war was justified properly as opposed to going to war at all," Begleiter said.

Candidates vie for city positions

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she said. "At the same time, it's kind of exciting."

However, Rewa said she is confident in her ability to represent both the students and Newark residents within her district.

"I think the fact that I am so connected with the city is appealing to many voters," she said. "I have seen life in Newark from every angle."

Rewa graduated from the university in 1974 and has since then worked as both a landlord within the city and a councilwoman for four years.

"I live in a rental-saturated area, so I see Newark life as it really is," she said.

Seeking her third consecutive term, Rewa said she has accomplished a great deal in the past four years as a councilwoman.

"One of my main accomplishments," she said, "has been to speak very specifically about some of the quality-of-life issues in Newark's neighborhoods."

She has been an instrumental member of the Community Outreach task force, which literally began on her front porch, as well as the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Rewa said she expects to further improve relations with the university and raise awareness about alcohol problems on both sides of the fence.

"The alcohol problem is not specific to the university and many of our problems don't apply to the university only," she said. "It's not a black-and-white issue."

"I'm positive about how the university and the city are learning to communicate with one another."

Contesting Rewa are Ken Bartholomew and graduate student Kevin Vonck.

Bartholomew, who is retired and lives in the Woods at Louvires with his family, said he joined the race because many people in Newark are not being represented at present.

"We're not getting any representation up here," he said. "I think they still feel that Newark is eight blocks long."

This is evident when one considers the turnout rate for the last 6th District election two years ago, Bartholomew said, in which only 100 of 3,000 eligible voters in the district voted.

If elected, Bartholomew said his main focus will be to make the people of the 6th District more aware of the friendly services of the city of Newark and improving relations with the university.

"I'd like to see better relationships between landlords, the students and the city," he said. "There are problems with the students in the city, but that goes back to policing."

For this reason, Bartholomew said he wants to create a stronger police force in the district, as well as improve landlord-student relationships.

He also said the city's water system still needs improvement.

"The city keeps spending money and I don't even know what they are spending it on," Bartholomew said in regard to the reservoir.

However, he said the city is run pretty well right now, but that "it just needs to be tweaked a little."

Graduate student Kevin Vonck is also opposing Rewa for the 6th District seat.

Vonck, a native of Wisconsin and 2003 Delaware graduate, said he has a great deal of knowledge about important issues in Newark and believes voters will take him seriously.

"I see myself as a younger representative of the community," he said. "In a short time here I've been involved with other things besides the university."

Vonck served two years on the Conservation Advisory Commission, worked three years with the Water Resources Agency and has done research for his Ph.D. regarding county, state and regional projects.

Karl Kalbacher, 3rd District, and Frank Osbourne, 5th District, are running unopposed.

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e-mail message that she still feels safe.

"Of course I feel absolutely safe in Granada," she said. "I think the fact that the attacks happened in Madrid shows that this kind of thing can happen anywhere. The fact is that anything can happen at any time, but you cannot live your life in fear because of it."

MacDonna stated in an e-mail message that she will continue her trip as planned.

"I think that the bombings will become part of my experience," she said, "but none of my original plans will be changed."

Galindo said she empathizes with the people of Spain but also will not change her trip itinerary.

"I didn't and still don't feel any desire to come home," she said. "Attacks like these can happen anywhere, and you cannot put your life on hold or make drastic changes because of them."

Galindo said university students found out about the bombings in class Thursday morning.

"My professor came in very emotional and upset and told us the news," she said. "We basically spent the rest of class talking about the situation and then everyone at the university gathered to have a moment of silence."

Griffiths said students in Granada were instructed by faculty to contact their family members as soon as possible.

Galindo also said she was amazed at how the country unified in response to the attacks, which reminded her of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

"I did not realize how strong the unity was in this country until Friday night after the attacks when 8 million people went out to the streets of Spain to protest terrorist acts in general," she said. "You definitely get a sense of mourning and how devastated the people are here."

Marie Gleason, program coordinator for the Center for International Studies, said there is one study abroad program in Granada this semester. It is not being held through a specific department, but classes from different departments, including communication, political science, geography and Spanish, are being offered.

Orientations are held before university students depart for any study abroad trip, she said. At orientations prior to the Granada program, students were warned of the possibility of terrorism.

"We stress safety in general since these threats are part of the world now," she said. "We are as prepared as we can be."

MacDonna said she did not feel prepared to deal with terrorism from the orientations held prior to her departure.

"Who would expect something like this to happen?" she said. "However, we should have been better prepared overall."

Galindo said she was provided with commonplace safety precautions for traveling by the orientation materials, but she was not warned of the possibility of terrorist activity.

"No, I was not warned, nor do I think I should have been," she said. "I don't think anyone expected something like this to happen."

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Marry-in

Haven, acting with the support of Students Acting for Gender Equality, the Greek Council and the Civil Liberties Union, hosted a "marry-in" Monday in protest of President George W. Bush's proposed Constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage.

The Review wishes to congratulate these student groups and the 200 participants in the event.

This campus often exudes an apathetic attitude toward national situations such as gay marriage. Student activity and awareness is certainly lower here than on other college campuses, and as a result major issues go by unaddressed.

However, this event received attention from ABC

Action News 6, WHYY and Comcast. In addition, Robin Quivers from the Howard Stern show spoke in support of the marry-in during a recent on-air broadcast.

Review This:

The student groups who participated in Monday's "marry-in" should be commended for putting together such a creative and valuable demonstration.

Haven has set an example for other student groups to follow. The "marry-in" was a creative, eye-opening demonstration and if students rallied in other areas of politics as these student groups have done with this event, our campus would have a much more impressive atmosphere of awareness.

These student groups have taken an active, engaging role in a national issue of civil rights, and The Review, for one, recognizes their outstanding effort to make a difference.

Apartment Fees

Next week the Newark City Council will address the issue of incurring a fee for landlords of apartment complexes with high rates of police calls.

While it is unclear how exactly the fees would be distributed and how high they could run, The Review staff feels the premise of this proposal is misguided.

The main issue is that no citizen, whether a university student or otherwise, should be paying for their safety. In effect, that is what these fees would accomplish.

While it is understandable that the council wishes to act on the overabundance of city service calls and lower the cost of

these calls, these fees would send the wrong message.

Review This:

Fining apartment complexes that have high numbers of police calls is the wrong way of going about preventing disturbances.

Students would not be deterred from having a loud party or drinking underage if it means their landlord might get fined.

In addition, landlords themselves could be wary of calling the police, even if it is necessary, for fear of increased fines.

Landlords and tenants should not be penalized for all police calls because not all calls result from intentional behavior.

While students are away on Spring Break, city council should rethink the implications of these fees.

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Letters to the Editor

Letter contained misguided information about Israel

In his letter to the editor in the March 16 issue of The Review about the fence in Israel, James Noble states that the only way to "settle the conflict is for both sides to work together to stop the terrorist groups ... to work out their hatred of one another" or else "the endless cycle will continue."

The problem is that there is no Arab partner for peace for Israel to work with. Further, the "hatred" is one-sided. I've never found a hint of hatred in any of the Israeli media. I invite Mr. Noble to leaf through the International Edition of the Jerusalem Post in the library, for instance, or even the IDF (Jewish Army) Web site. He will find no hatred. I can't say the same about the Arab media.

The problem is that in targeting murderers, Israel executes justice and Mr. Noble misinterprets justice to be hatred.

There is no "cycle;" if the terror against Israel were to cease there would be peace, but if Israel ceased bringing murderers to justice then the terror would only increase. To put it in perspective, the 1,000 Israelis murdered in the last few years are equivalent to around 40,000 Americans, plus a greater number seriously wounded for life. What does Mr. Noble think the United States would do if terrorist groups whose stated aim was the annihilation of this country and its people were murdering us at that rate, and we knew who they were and where they lived? I know of no country, none, that would be as restrained as Israel has been.

Mr. Noble distinguishes the territories in question from Israel, but the Arab claim to that land is based on myth, not fact. That and related myths are shattered in Joan Peters' book, "From Time Immemorial." In any case, Israel won it in defensive wars from countries who had occupied it illegally — Jordan in Samaria and Egypt in Gaza, both from 1948 to 1967. Therefore, according to international

law those territories are now legally Israel's. Are the Palestinian Arabs (to distinguish them from the Palestinian Jews) then without a land? No, the country of Jordan, created in 1945, comprises around 80 percent of what was "Palestine." Also, there are over one million Arab citizens of Israel who are represented by 10 of the 120 seats in the Knesset (Israeli parliament).

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Editorial attacked Bush with reckless abandon

This letter is in response to Andrew Amsler's editorial in the March 12 issue of The Review. Like many of those on the Left who despise President George W. Bush, Mr. Amsler's charges lack evidence to support them. Mr. Amsler claims that the Bush Administration charges those with differing opinions of being unpatriotic and unworthy of a voice.

However, no one in the Bush Administration has accused anyone of being such things. I wonder if Mr. Amsler can cite any specific quote to back up this common and reckless charge made by many on the Left. But these types of statements about the president are routinely made by those that disagree with this president. For example, recently Terry McAuliffe, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, accused the president of being AWOL while serving in the Air National Guard, which of course is simply not true. Yet the mainstream media hammered the president on the issue and made it their lead story for weeks. Ted Kennedy, the senior senator from Massachusetts, accused the president of concocting the Iraq War in Texas for political gain. Does Sen. Kennedy have any evidence of this? No. Former presidential hopeful, Howard Dean, advanced the idea that Bush knew about 9/11 ahead of time. That is just outrageous. What do all of these irrespon-

sible allegations have in common? They lack evidence to support them.

Later Mr. Amsler claims that the Bush Administration is, "... forcing conservative laws on the American public without much debate in Congress ..." To which conservative laws is he referring? And how much debate should be required by Congress before they pass legislation? I don't recall there being any such limitations on the amount of time Congress must spend debating. Again I challenge Mr. Amsler to provide an example of a law that the Administration has "forced" on the American public. And yes, the infamous PATRIOT Act was passed by Congress, even with the support of Democratic hopeful Sen. Kerry.

Furthermore, the criticism aimed at President Bush about his "closed-door" approach to the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks upon the United States is a bit misleading. The commission is supposedly going to question the president about the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, which he has agreed to do. So why this commission would be questioning the United States' pre-war intelligence on Iraq is beyond me. As I understand it, there will be a separate investigation into the issue of intelligence and Iraq's WMDs. Of course the president would not be willing to answer questions about pre-war intelligence with Iraq in front of a commission created to investigate the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

Finally, Mr. Amsler reveals just how much hatred he has for our president by accusing him of murdering Americans and Iraqis. I understand that not everyone agrees with the president's policies and there is nothing wrong with that. But these types of reckless and irresponsible statements made by those who disagree with the president will ultimately backfire. Most Americans simply do not hate President George W. Bush.

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The grass is always greener ... on the other side of the bricks



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So Not A Fan

Throughout my three years as a student at this prestigious university, I've heard whispered allegations that a certain university president would perhaps make a better bricklayer than overseer of all that is fair and honest at our school.

The addition of brick seems to really get the gooses of some university students. I, for one, am outraged.

How can students criticize the layering of glorious red brick all over our campus? It is absurd to me that students would instead desire lush, natural green grass to daydream in. Hence, I deliver to you a modest proposal that I think will be proof enough to change the minds of all those ubiquitous nay-sayers.

Firstly, although Delaware weather would beg to differ, the rest of the country has Spring at its fingertips. When all of us, boozed and bronzed, come back from Spring Break debauchery, it will be time to break out the J-Crew platform flip-flops that seem to be uniform on this fashionably diverse campus.

However, what better way to usher in the warm weather than being barefoot? Delaware students, kick those sandals off and feel the natural, steaming hot, crack-ridden, cruddy and uneven bricks soothing the soles of your feet. Nothin' says springtime like having to soak your feet in peroxide to cleanse those brick-inflicted injuries.

An added bonus to this scenario would be having a significant other present. If so, you are now rewarded with a free, romantic, and entertaining springtime tradition!

I know there are still skeptics from The Grass school of belief, thus I will go on illustrating the positive reinforcement of brick.

Secondly, we are students. We come here to learn. The Grass, as we will so-call our enemy, hinders such activity. Consider the lackadaisical students who take their blankets and books and lie on The Grass in front of Memorial Hall. *Their books soon forgotten, they lie in utter relaxation.*

Tranquilly absorbed in the simple elation of being alive, these students make a mockery of Delaware's educational system.

Mark Twain once said, "Don't let school interfere with your education," thus celebrating and embracing the thought that true knowledge is derived from nature and experience — but what did that goon know?

Those students should be in the classroom, damn it! They should be seated in hard-backed chairs, closed in by four uninspiring, imposing walls and furiously scribbling notes. It is easy to see that the removal of The Grass will



promote better study skills and higher GPA's all around.

Although I find it hard for readers, at this point, to still be in full support of The Grass, I shall move on to my third point anyway.

Thirdly, it is not like the university is totally unwilling to compromise. I am sure all of you have walked down Academy Street in the past few weeks and observed the construction work going on outside Perkins Student Center.

The construction site is for the purpose (of which I am in total opposition) of preserving grass for the tree huggers on campus that cannot get down with brick. If you look closely, you will see the small, isolated patch of grass that grows there. Come even closer and you will also see that, in an effort to satisfy the brick boo-hoosers of the university, the campus facilities workers are withdrawing The Grass to save and put on display.

The origin of the display is pending, and is rumored to be on the list of possible gifts for the Senior Class Gift Committee to choose from. Observance of The Grass, once the exhibit is complete, will be free, although donations toward future bricklaying expeditions will be graciously accepted.

Only allowed 700 words, my modest proposal must come to an end, much like The Grass must come to an end on campus. It is not necessary because in no way does it propel the study habits of university students.

Besides, The Grass does not go along with Delaware's color scheme. We are fiercely blue and gold, colors we associate with Delaware pride. Grass is a nasty green hue, a color generally related to money, and that, my friends, is one thing that this university is most strongly disassociated with.

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Who said basket weaving was easy?



Erin Fogg
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In The Fog

Sometimes taking the "easy" road will come back to bite you in the ass. For example: Introduction to Basket Weaving. Strategies of Grand Theft Auto. Fundamentals of Bocce. Societal Influence of "Beverly Hills, 90210."

While these classes, to the best of my knowledge, are imaginary at this university, they could very well exist at some other institution of higher learning. And what do they all have in common? They appear to be easy, little if no effort, "gimme" courses, but in some way or another they could all spell disaster.

As a freshman, my one goal in scheduling courses was this: take all the requirements now so that I can coast through my last semester as a senior. Then, as a senior scheduling courses last November for this spring, my goal was this: do not take anything that requires much thought, much time or much studying.

Now, this may have been difficult for you mechanical engineering or elementary education majors. You pretty much have most of your semesters planned out for you. Luckily for myself, I am an English major. I packed my semesters tight the first three years — always taking at least 15 credits, scheduling 8 a.m. classes if that's what it took to get through some of the tougher group requirements and even staying oncampus for two Winter Sessions to make it all a little more ... well, easy ... at least for my last semester.

So when I worked out my last ever course schedule at the University of Delaware I ended up with a beautiful, fabulously lazy lineup: Beginning Ceramics, Scuba and an online version of Introduction to Criminal Justice.

I was ecstatic. Finally, my long sought after break had arrived! I would be playing with clay (glorified mud), playing in the water and playing however else I wanted to while other, less fortunate people would have to go to Criminal Justice class, all while earning lots of A's to maintain my GPA. I even had my Wednesdays and Fridays free to do whatever I pleased. I could stay out late, sleeping in for hours, see my friends more and rot my over-worked brain with television.

My parents' reactions?

Mom: "Good for you, honey! You deserve a break. I always thought you worked too hard."

Dad: (lots of laughter, then a deep sigh) "I can't believe I'm paying for this crap."

Well, now it's six weeks into the semester and I'm royally ticked off.

Who knew making a few bowls would be so hard and time consuming and just so bloody frustrating? Who knew Scuba class would include several physics quizzes on Some Dead White Guy's Law and PSIs and ATMs and whatnot? Who knew the online version of Introduction to Criminal Injustice would involve a paper and three assignments that the in-class version did not?

So far, I've spent dozens of late night and weekend hours in the ceramics studio just so I can complete my assignments on time. I've wasted even more time putting together homework for my online course, while friends who are in regular version are laughing in my face because they never go to class, don't have any outside assignments and passed the first exam with just an hour or so of studying the night before. And to top it all off, I'm definitely failing the physics portion of my Scuba class.

There's not much left to do but the obvious: I have to sue the university for false advertising.

That's right. I mean, who else out there has misinterpreted the ease with which they could handle one of their courses? I know there's got to be somebody out there. The registration booklets should be more forthcoming. My eyes read "Beginning Ceramics" and my brain says "Sweet! Easy class! Now, what am I going to wear tonight ..."

I think professors should be required to post syllabi on the university's Web site before the registration period ends. That way, students will know precisely what they are getting themselves into. Also, the advisor system on this campus needs a little makeover. When was the last time you spoke to your advisor?

In conclusion, there's just more the university could be doing to prevent disasters such as mine. I mean, it's not like I tried to take the easy road every time possible. It was just this once. But before I end up like Brian Johnson in The Breakfast Club, (you know, the geek who was used to getting As but then failed his shop class because when he pulled the trunk on the elephant lamp he made, the light didn't come on? And then he got caught planning to commit suicide with a ... um, flare gun?) I'm just going to chill out and sit on a pack of ice to nurse my wounds.

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Monorail would solve bus woes on campus

David Sherman
—
Guest Columnist

"It took me 30 minutes to go from Smith Hall to the Field House!"

"The bus was completely full, so I had to wait for the next one. But that one was full too!"

Too often are these kinds of complaints coming from the mouths of UD students. The University of Delaware is one of the most honored, distinguished and rapidly growing universities in the nation. UD was ranked the 24th best public university by US News and World Report, and more applicants are applying to Delaware than ever before. So what's the problem? Minor issues aside (such as the occasional cold shower and overpriced textbooks), there is one problem on campus that I personally feel is most prominent: transportation.

I currently live up in Laird Campus, everybody's place to party (right). I have yet to visit a college that houses students as far away from classes as UD does. Walking around this huge campus, simply put, is a pain in my ass. Take a bus you say? No. Because the buses suck.

Getting to class takes me about 20 minutes walking and about 15 by bus.

The express bus, according to the schedule, comes every eight minutes from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. *Yeah right!* You've probably seen me waiting at the bus stop for a bus that is long overdue. There might as well be no bus schedule at all! I mean, even when I am early for the bus I find out after ten minutes of waiting that I already missed it because the bus driver decided to run his route a little early.

The inconsistency of the bus system is not the only problem. I'm sure many Laird residents have been on a bus in which everyone is so packed in you can't move. The maximum capacity on these buses is 51 people. However, there are numerous times where this number is considerably exceeded, leaving many people standing. As for the person standing right behind that stupid white line, bless you, because I'll tell you right now that that white line is not going to prevent you from going right through the windshield in the case of an accident.

The future is upon us and it is now time to do something about this dated, inefficient and unreliable transportation system. We need to replace our buses with a more technologically advanced method of transportation — a monorail system. A monorail would be a perfect solution to our dilemma. Places everywhere are constructing monorail systems to replace their own aging and inefficient

transportation methods. Las Vegas, Nevada recently opened a four-mile long monorail from one end of the Las Vegas strip to the other. Other cities like Seattle, Washington and Jacksonville, Florida have also constructed monorail systems. In fact, even West Virginia University has had a monorail since 1972! A monorail would reduce air pollution on campus by using electricity instead of gasoline, reduce traffic congestion on roads and make it faster and easier for students to reach their destinations safely.

Construction for the project is fairly simple. You dig a hole, drop in imported and pre-manufactured track, lift it into place and *poof* — you got yourself a monorail. The Las Vegas monorail took only took seven months to construct.

They built a whole monorail system in less than half the time it took to build a simple hotel here on campus!

A monorail could save the university money in the long run. The cost of gasoline is rising and monorails use electricity and are run by computers. Furthermore, each train would comfortably hold many more riders than our buses can hold. Our buses have an official capacity of only 51 people (including standing room), although this number is often surpassed. The Las Vegas monorail seats about 72 riders and has enough standing room for an additional 152 people on each train. Also, monorails are completely separate from the rest of local traffic, thus little or no chance for accidents.

With the money we pay to go here, there should be no reason for us to wait for overcrowded buses that may or may not be there when we need them. The development of an elevated single-railway would benefit the student population and set Delaware apart from other schools, when it comes to campus safety and convenience.

So, now that I got you thinking about going through the windshield and landing face flat on the asphalt, doesn't a monorail sound real, real good right about now?

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Personal chefs for studying students

BY CHRISTOPHER MOORE

Staff Reporter

Paris Hilton's parents have one. Tom Cruise and Oprah Winfrey have one. Madonna even sang about hers in the song "American Life." The demand for personal chefs has been on the rise in the last six years, elevating the position out of the world of the rich and famous and into the mainstream.

David MacKay, executive director and creator of the United States Personal Chef Association, says there has been increasing interest in employing chefs to prepare meals for families at home.

"There are three reasons for the emergence of the personal chef," MacKay says. "There has been a resurgence in a focus on food, there are less people who are learning how to cook from their parents, and people just don't have the time."

MacKay also notes that health plays a major role, adding that people are no longer satisfied with just going out and picking up food, they want to know exactly what their families are eating.

"Look at the Food Network. Who would have thought a television channel would have made food so popular?" MacKay says. "Even the chefs have become stars."

Lisa Welch, a personal chef from Elkton, Md., has also seen her business rapidly increase in the three years since creating Your Personal Chef, the company she owns and operates.

"I did my research to see if there was a market for this type of service, and there was," Welch says.

She says it took her six months to build a reputation and now she has consistent business.

Welch's devotion to her craft extends beyond just earning a living in the kitchen.

She personally prepares all meals and makes an effort to work with each client to provide maximum satisfaction.

"I try to meet most dietary needs," Welch says. "With the popularity of foods that are low in carbohydrates, I have been able to alter my menus to suit the needs of the customer."

Welch also likes to interact with customers on a personal level, providing them with everyday dishes that are not overly exorbitant in cost or calorie count.

"The customers can be so specific, they sometimes give me instructions to follow," she says. "I have used many family recipes."

Her most popular dishes range from an oven-roasted pork dish served with garlic mashed potatoes to chicken picante.

Welch says she faces challenges from time to time that force her to research different cooking methods she wouldn't otherwise regularly perform.

"I'm so diversified," she says. "I made a meal for a family who was 100 percent vegetarian."

She adds that finding ways to utilize substitutions for meat, eggs and dairy is cumbersome, but the clients were thrilled with the results.

Welch's clients range from senators in Annapolis to normal, every day families.

She has also had instances when she is asked to go into homes to cook after a death, alleviating one less stress on the family.

Welch says she has the facilities to cook the meals in her own home, but she is also able to cook in the homes of her clients.

She says she has to ensure everything prepared in her home is able to travel, noting some deserts do not survive car rides.

"Soufflés don't work," Welch chides.

She also runs promotions during holidays, such as her Valentine's Day special, which promises a complete dinner for two delivered to the client's home, ready to serve, for \$69.

Even with a new focus on personal chefs, graduate student Drew Hutton says he sees no valid reason to hire anyone to cook for him.

"I enjoy cooking too much," Hutton says. "Simply employing a personal chef elevates the essence of both laziness and luxury."

Patricia Haas, assistant director for nurses at Student Health Services, sees the appeal.

"I love to cook and I don't see it as a chore, but it would be nice to have a personal chef for special occasions," she says.

Welch stands firm that her services provide the quality and convenience, which many people are looking for in a fast-paced world.

"At some point in time, everyone needs a personal chef."



'Eternal Sunshine' explores identity

BY KIM BROWN

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*Of all the affliction taught a lover yet,
'Tis sure the hardest science to forget!
How shall I lose the sin, yet keep the sense,
And love th' offender, yet detest th' offense?*

— Alexander Pope, from *Eloisa to Abelard*, c. 1717

LOS ANGELES — Lending its title from an 18th century poem, avant-garde screenwriter Charlie Kaufman's ("Adaptation," "Being John Malkovich") latest cinematic achievement, "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind," challenges the imagination of 21st century audiences to remember what it truly feels like to be in love.

The story is that of Joel Barish, played by Jim Carrey, a withdrawn New Yorker who inexplicably falls for Clementine (Kate Winslet), an eccentric free spirit with blue hair. Although in love, Clementine makes a rash decision after an argument with Joel, and undergoes a procedure at Lacuna, Inc. to have him permanently erased from her memory. Joel mistakenly finds out and demands Clementine be erased from his own mind — but realizes she can't.

Their relationship is captured through a series of flashbacks — poignant scenes and erased memories — and with the past as the variable, Joel and Clementine's love remains the only true constant.

"It's romantic, yet it's not romanticized," Carrey says. "It's real love; full of compromise and everything else love comes with."

The film is unmistakably Kaufman. His introduction of sci-fi elements, as he creates the fantasy realm of Lacuna, Inc., plunges the story into darker recesses of the human psyche. It was this idea of confusion in mind, amid the clarity of the heart, which drew Winslet to the role of Clementine.

"In no relationship can you possibly live every day as though it's the first time you've ever met," Winslet says. "And I personally just love that about this film. That while it's told in this crazy unorthodox way, it's actually a simple love story about two people who are meant to be together, in spite of this horrendous procedure."

For "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind," Kaufman again paired with French director Michel Gondry,

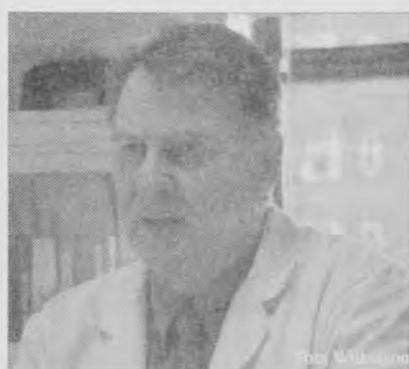
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Miss Delaware prepares for Miss USA

BY MELISSA BRACHFELD

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As she sits picking apart a blueberry muffin with carefully manicured pink fingernails, junior Courtney Purdy looks like the typical college student. Sporting a hooded Delaware sweatshirt and jeans as her shoulder length blonde hair falls around her face, one would never guess Purdy's other uniform consists of an evening gown and tiara.

Purdy already bears the title of Miss Delaware USA 2004 but will compete April 12, in Los Angeles, Calif., for the coveted title of Miss USA in the 53rd Annual Miss USA pageant.

"I'm thrilled at the chance to go to L.A.," Purdy says. "I've never been to California. I'm also excited about being on live television."

Purdy, a Newark native and leadership and consumer economics major, says she grew up watching the Miss USA pageants on television but never envisioned she would have the opportunity to compete because of her belief that participating in pageants at an early age is necessary.

"That may be true in some other states," she says, "but I found out that there are really no competitions for younger girls in Delaware."

Purdy says the path toward winning the Miss Delaware title began while attending St. Elizabeth High School in Wilmington. After becoming involved in the Barbizon Modeling School in Wilmington, she says the director of the Miss Delaware organization convinced her to enter the teen division of the pageant when she was 15-years-old.

It was her first competition but not the last.

"I moved up to the Miss category when I got older," Purdy says. "I've competed in the Teen division twice, and this was my second time in the Miss division."

She says the Miss Delaware pageant took place during Thanksgiving weekend. Sixteen girls competed in the competition, which Purdy says was small compared to the 60 who competed in the Teen division.

Catching a glimpse of the first runner-up's disappointed frown

was what made her realize she had won the title.

"When I won," she says, "I don't think I was thinking much at all. I was in complete and utter shock."

However, the events Purdy says she participated in some Concord Mall runway shows as well as some promotional work for MBNA. She says the tools she learned at Barbizon helped her in the previous teen levels and will help her in the Miss USA pageant.

"They teach you poise, public speaking, interviewing skills and confidence," Purdy says.

In order to prepare for the upcoming competition, she says she has been working with a personal trainer — a prize awarded to the winner of the Miss Delaware USA 2004 pageant. She has also been working with the people at Crown Productions, Inc. on evening gown presentation and interviewing techniques.

Purdy says before earning the title of Miss Delaware, her tasks included finding a dress and bathing suit, but now much more preparation is required.

"I spend time doing mock interviews with my family," she says. "For every girl it's different because it's about how much you want to get out of it. I probably have one or two appearances a week, so I need to be careful in balancing my time between that and school."

Luckily, Purdy says her schedule remains flexible because the Crown Productions staff understands school comes first. However, this flexibility does not keep Purdy from pushing herself, for example, she will be leaving on March 29 for Los Angeles.

Delaware is the only state that has never made it to the semi-finals of the Miss USA pageant, she says of her accomplishment.

"Every other state has made it at least once," she says, leaning forward, her bright green eyes staring straight ahead. "I think it pushes me a little harder to put Delaware on the map."



Courtesy of Courtney Purdy

Junior Courtney Purdy will compete for the title of Miss USA on April 12.

Newcomer steals 'Jersey Girl'

"Jersey Girl"
Miramax Films
Rating: ★★☆☆

Sneak Peek HOLLYWOOD

"Jersey Girl" is going to disappoint a lot of Kevin Smith devotees. It's not a goofy farce like "Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back," it's not a biting satire like "Dogma" and it's not a foul-mouthed, dialogue-driven comedy like "Mallrats" or "Clerks."

Of his past five films, it is the most similar in tone, pacing and style to 1997's "Chasing Amy." Like that film, which also stars Ben Affleck, "Jersey Girl" is set mostly in New Jersey and trades Smith's signature style of irreverent and immature humor for more serious and dramatic elements.

While Smith has said that "Jersey Girl" was partially born out of a mutual desire on his and Affleck's part to create "Chasing Amy 2," it's still a significant departure from what was, until now, his only mature film.

The two most noticeable aspects setting it apart from the rest of Smith's films are its PG-13 rating and the fact that it isn't set in the director's

"Askewiverse." This means there's relatively little swearing, no references to the "arch-bushman" Rick Derris, no mention of Julie Dwyer dying in a YMCA pool, no Kwik-Stop and most significantly, no Jay and Silent Bob.

That being said, there are a number of noticeable Smith trademarks, namely, the simple style of directing, the sharp, clever dialogue and a decent performance from the normally mediocre Affleck.

"Jersey Girl" centers on Affleck's character, Ollie Trinkle, a former hotshot New York City music publicist forced to move back into his father's home in New Jersey to raise his young daughter. While most of the movie focuses on Affleck's relationship with his father Bart (George Carlin) and daughter Gertie (newcomer Raquel Castro), he also has a love interest in the form of Maya (Liv Tyler), a grad student and employee at a local video store.

The romance is mostly put on the backburner, because the film is essentially about the love between Ollie and Gertie. It's Smith's take on parenthood, unlike anything he's done before, but the result is sweet, charming and occasionally funny.

While the writing is good and the directing better than Smith has done before, there are relatively few surprises to be found here — will Ollie choose to move back into the city, resume his former career and miss his daughter's school play for a job interview, or will he make it back in time and choose to remain in Jersey with his father and daughter, where all three are ostensibly happy?

While the film is inarguably a drama, a movie about parenthood, this doesn't mean Smith was unable to slip a couple of laughable moments into it without disrupting or distracting from the story. At one point, Ollie discovers his daughter playing doctor with a young boy and half lectures/half mocks them for it. Later, Gertie discovers Ollie and Maya half-naked in the shower, and mimics back to them the speech Ollie gave to her. Though this moment would have seemed quite tame in any other Smith film, it fits in well here and showcases the budding comedic talents of the young Castro.



Affleck, whose range can most generously be described as limited, manages to ham it up only in the first 15 minutes or so of the movie, when playing the role of a cocksure music publicist. After his character's fall from grace, Affleck transforms into a much more genuine, subtle and likeable performer, coming close to the level of quality he achieved in "Chasing Amy."

The film's most crucial role, the one which, if not cast properly, could have turned it into a sappy melodrama, is that of Affleck's daughter, Gertie. Although it's her first major role, the young Castro is cute without being overly precocious, charming, not nauseating, and in a clever bit of casting, resembles what would be the likely offspring of Affleck and Lopez (who has more of a cameo than an actual role as Affleck's wife in the beginning of the film).

Carlin, who has appeared in two of Smith's prior films and who is known more for his comedy

than his acting chops, fleshes out the somewhat clichéd role of the kind-hearted, cantankerous Bart rather well.

Their on-screen chemistry lends the film a more natural feel, and the back and forth between Affleck and Castro is especially noteworthy — it's authentic and is what ultimately absolves the film of its minor, but noticeable sins of inconsistent pacing and unexplained character development.

"Jersey Girl" isn't Smith's best film to date, and it's questionable whether it will ever achieve the cult status of his past five outings, but is far from the disaster many expect it to be. It's genuine, heartfelt and has enough wit and humor thrown in to set it apart and above most of the sappy, family-oriented fare spit out by the Hollywood machine.

James Borden is an entertainment editor for The Review. His past reviews include "Hidalgo" (★★★) and "Twisted" (★).

"Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind"

Focus Features

Rating: ★★☆☆

Charlie Kaufman's first screenplay, "Being John Malkovich," took audiences into the mind of actor John Malkovich, and with "Adaptation," depicted problems he faced when adapting the novel "The Orchid Thief."

In his latest writing venture, Kaufman literally puts the audience in the mind of the main character, combined with a clever and intelligent look at the power of love and memory. In all simplicity, "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind" is ultimately a story of love, the idea of receiving a second chance and the regret of losing a boyfriend or girlfriend.

The primary relationship in "Sunshine" deals with Joel and Clementine (Jim Carrey and Kate Winslet) depicting their meeting, love life and break-up. Carrey successfully balances comedic and dramatic aspects in his role of Joel like never before. Joel has problems with love and questions, "why do I fall in love with every woman who shows even a little interest in me?" But Carrey doesn't let Joel come off as pathetic or depressed, making his character likable.

His melancholy attitude toward love subsides during one of their first dates, when the couple walks out onto a frozen lake, and while laying on the ground, Joel tells Clementine this is one of the first times he has been truly



happy. Eventually the couple parts, and Clementine finds a procedure where she can rid her memory of Joel, and she does so. Joel discovers her plan and figures if she can have the operation done, then he will too.

As the doctors begin to map Joel's brain into memories of Clementine, director Michel Gondry takes the audience into Joel's memory. When the doctors reach the moment at the pond, Joel realizes that despite the fact that failed relationships hurt, good memories still exist that we all need to remember.

The remainder of the film features Joel trying to stop the depletion of his Clementine memories. Kaufman and Gondry achieve the erasure of Joel's memory by showing people and places in the memory simply disappearing. Trying to explain how that happens to the human mind can be difficult, but Kaufman and Gondry achieve it with success.

— Kevin McVey

"Dawn of the Dead"

Universal

Rating: ★☆☆

The United States has been taken over by zombies. People who are bitten by the flesh-eating creatures die and come back to life to roam the streets in search of human flesh. A few lucky survivors meet up and make their way to the Crossroads Mall, in hopes of defeating the crazy world outside — somehow.

This simple premise is the basic storyline for "Dawn of the Dead," a remake of George Romero's ("Night of the Living Dead," "Day of the Dead") cult zombie movie. The few lucky "alive's" include a nurse, Ana (Sara Polley), and a cop, Kenneth (Ving Rhames). When their normal lives are suddenly turned upside down, they flee their homes in search of a safe place. The Crossroads Mall is an almost perfect place to stay because it hasn't been overrun by zombies and there is plenty to eat.

"Dawn of the Dead" doesn't closely follow the original, and it adds something new to the legacy of zombie films. Granted, someone had the insane idea to make the zombies high-speed runners. Hello? Zombies don't run! They don't have enough blood to go any faster than a pathetic limp. Sure, it makes for intense chase scenes, but that's beside the point.

There are always built-in doubts when remaking



cult horror films (see "Texas Chainsaw Massacre"). George Romero's "Dawn of the Dead" was originally released in 1978 and many fans question why a remake is necessary for such a movie.

In this case, the remake is entertaining. The zombie make-up is well done (thankfully, no one got the stupid idea to make computer-generated zombies. See "Resident Evil"). There is plenty of zombie-bashing (in the sense of blowing off their heads) and an added comedic element causing laughter at the most bizarre times. In one scene, the group of mall rats gets bored and has some fun from the rooftop of the mall. As they tower above the huge mass of zombies below, they pick out zombie celebrity look-alikes (such as Jay Leno) and shoot them.

Bottom line: "Dawn of the Dead" is scary, gory, gritty and it doesn't do much injustice to the original.

— Callye Morrissey



"Empathy for the Devil"
By: Todd Miyashiro

SAY WHAT?

The Review asks students:

Have you experienced complications at the airport?

— compiled by Allison Clair



Shayna Maley
Freshman

"My little brother got his Gameboy taken, and he had to get it back, so."



Nikki Ennis
Junior

"I've never had problems, but I usually travel with my sports team of all girls."



Amanda Boroshow
Freshman

"My friend tried to smuggle alcohol back from Costa Rica and it was confiscated."

"My friend tried to smuggle alcohol back from Costa Rica and it was confiscated." — freshman Amanda Boroshow



Kyle Stanley
Freshman

"I had a little grooming kit that got taken at the airport."



Nick Boehm
Sophomore

"My dad always gets stopped and he gets questioned a lot."



Danielle Buckley
Freshman

"They lost my bags when I visited my grandparents in Iowa."

CONCERT DATES

THE NORTHSTAR BAR — (215) 684-0808

Antibalas "The Afro-Beat Orchestra"

March 19, 8 p.m., \$13, 21 to enter

SOVEREIGN CENTER — (610) 898-7222

John Mayer,

March 19, 7:30 p.m., \$35.50

BOARDWALK HALL — (609) 348-7803

Bette Middler, March 20, 8 p.m., \$50-\$200

MOVIE TIMES

REGAL PEOPLES PLAZA
(834-8510)

The Girl Next Door 7:30
Dawn of the Dead 11:30, 12:20, 2:05, 2:50, 4:40, 5:10, 7:25, 7:55, 9:50, 10:25
Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind 1:30, 4:05, 6:55, 9:35
Taking Lives 11:25, 1:00, 2:00, 2:30, 4:30, 5:00, 7:05, 7:35, 9:45, 10:15
Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London 11:45, 2:10, 4:40, 7:10
Secret Window 11:30, 12:15, 2:05, 2:45, 4:35, 5:10, 7:20, 7:50, 9:55, 10:20
Spartan 9:40
Hidalgo 12:40, 3:40, 6:45, 10:10
Starsky & Hutch 1:35, 1:55, 4:45, 7:15, 10:10
Twisted 11:50, 2:35, 4:50, 9:55
Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen 1:20, 6:50
50 First Dates 12:10, 2:30, 5:05, 7:45, 10:10
The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King

12:05, 4:10, 8:10
Mystic River 3:45, 9:30

NEWARK CINEMA
(737-3720)

Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London Fri. 4:45, 7:00 Sat. 12:45, 2:45, 7:00 Sun. 12:45, 2:45, 4:45, 7:00
Starsky & Hutch Fri. 5:00, 7:00, 9:30 Sat. 1:00, 3:45, 6:45, 9:15 Sun. 1:00, 3:00, 8:45
The Passion of the Christ Fri. 4:00, 6:45, 9:15 Sat. 1:00, 3:45, 6:45, 9:15 Sun. 1:00, 3:45, 6:20, 8:50
Rocky Horror Picture Show Sat. 11:59 p.m.

THEATRE N AT NEUMORS
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Wilmington Independent Film Festival

The Review wishes students a safe Spring Break. We return to publication April 2, 2004.

From Cancun to Canada, UD goes on Break

Students low on cash opt for cheap destinations

BY LEAH KONWAY

News Features Editor

Procrastination and an empty wallet may be the key to the most and most memorable spring break adventures.

For those with money who do not mind flying south with a flock of Blue Hens, good choices may be popular places like Cancun or Florida.

Apple Vacations advertises a seven-night trip to Cancun as its best buy at \$999.99. This trip includes airfare, hotel and some food and drink.

On the U.S. Airways Web site, booking a roundtrip plane ticket from Philadelphia to Miami, flights can cost students from \$611.61 to more than \$800.

No need to fear, however, for those who do not see these trips fitting into their budgets, there is still hope to escape from Newark.

Various travel Web sites are useful in finding last minute cheap flights — from Los Angeles to Europe, they offer trips to a wide variety of places people may have never even thought of visiting.

Las Vegas, Nev. might be a place few consider a spring break hot spot. However, the Gold Spike Hotel and Casino must have been built with the average college kid — looking to drink a few beers and have a good time — in mind.

The Gold Spike is one of a number of resorts where people can stay complete with a meal for a minimal cost of approximately \$25 per night. For high rollers, suites can be booked for \$32 per night.

With a mere \$2 in hand, stingy students can press their luck on 200 rounds on the penny slot machines. Black Jack can be played for \$1 and Keno for 40 cents.

Jill McDonald, travel agent for Ambassador Travel, says if flights can be found, Vegas would be a great place to go on a small budget. As long as gambling is kept at a minimum, much to the dismay of casino owners, the price of eating and sleeping in cheap hotels, complete with live entertainment, will remain low.

To circumvent expensive airfare costs, McDonald says a trip to Canada might be good choice for the financially-challenged, still allowing for an international vacation.

After driving through the streets of Newark with the other

spring break stragglers, it might not be a bad idea to split the approximate 1,000-mile roundtrip of gas prices among a packed car.

This carload can include freshmen, because at age 18, students can partake in the fun of a multitude of pubs, bars and clubs, specifically catered to under age Americans looking for a good time.

For those desperate for an escape to bask in some sun, the volleyball courts in front of Harrington complex will not suffice. Costa Rica, however, might be a good option.

Costa Rica offers some affordable options once there, McDonald says, but the trick to a successful Costa Rican trip is finding a good deal on a flight.

Accommodations can be found even at college student affordability levels, she says. There are plenty of beaches and waterfalls to occupy the day without spending money.

Sophomore Alcides Cummins, a native Costa Rican, says local food is cheap and highly affordable. Due to inflation, he advised bringing along American products.

Many local bars serve complimentary "bocas" with drinks, which are food platters consisting of different cultural dishes, such as chicken wings and bean soups, killing two birds with one stone.

"Local beers only cost about \$1 a bottle," Cummins says.

The cheapest and best food can be found at festive little places, he says. Restaurants providing entertainment leave little reason to pay cover charges elsewhere.

According to www.get2costarica.com, a traveler's guide, monkeys may walk by while dining at Mar y Sombra, located in Escazu, which has cement tables in the sand.

For students who have given up any hope of leaving Newark, there is one final, cheap deal that exists. Christy's Hair and Tanning Salon on N. College Ave. has a March special package of three tans for \$9.99.

Perhaps the best option for penniless students would be to borrow 10 bucks from a friend, buy this package and just try to blend in with the rest of the returning Cancuners.

The chances of people remembering whether they were actually there are slim anyway.



THE REVIEW/Kate Grasso

Students frequent tanning booths and stores at the mall in preparation for their Spring Break destinations.



Empty pockets before the Break

BY RACHEL KAPLAN

Staff Reporter

The signs of spring are all over campus. Students are beginning to look suspiciously tan, with brand new flip-flops and sandals being broken in on the floors of Trabant and Perkins. A variety of online buddies have Spring Break countdowns adorning their AOL instant messenger profiles ("Daytona Beach has no idea what it's in for!"), counting the days until they leave for some type of tropical paradise.

With all the hype that surrounds Spring Break, it is easy to get swept up in the madness. But how much is this setting back university students?

Apparently, a lot.

Junior Rhiannon Tom says she has been shopping for her Spring Break trip to Acapulco since January.

She has bought hundreds of dollars worth of skirts, tank tops, bathing suits and dresses and looks forward to the debut of her new wardrobe on the sunny beaches of Mexico.

And that's not even counting shoes and bags.

Speaking of shoes, Tom says her favorite splurge was a pair of \$60 sandals, which she says were absolutely necessary to have for spring break.

"They're just so cute," she says. "I've never had anything like them before, and I can't wait to wear them in Acapulco."

Tom also says that she has spent a good deal of money on other Spring Break related things, such as tanning packages, hair cuts and colorings and manicures and pedicures.

Tom says that a tanning package is a must-have for any spring breaker, so that they "don't look too pasty in their bathing suit."

Tom's roommate, junior Mary Kate Bruno, says that she has been working double shifts at Italian Bistro for the last three months in order to finance her trip to Acapulco.

Even so, she too has spent an obscene amount of money getting ready for the trip.

"I'm almost embarrassed to say this," she says. "But I just charged \$300 in Express, just buying clothes for Acapulco."

"I am so not looking forward to getting that bill in the mail," she adds.

Bruno says she has also spent money on a tanning package and plans to relax with a manicure and pedicure before her flight takes off this upcoming weekend.

She says that at this point, she has already blown through so much money that she might as well go all out.

Economics Professor Richard Agnello says that it is easy to lose track of how much money is spent, especially when paying with credit cards. He says credit card debt is dangerous territory, and while having credit cards is a big responsibility, it is especially important for the college-aged crowd to use them responsibly.

Agnello says while students today are much more money savvy than those of his generation, they are still kids, and sometimes have a hard time prioritizing what is important enough to spend a lot of money on.

Both girls are excited for their vacation but are reluctant to face their financial responsibilities when they get home.

Tom says that her main objective upon returning from Mexico is finding a job for the remainder of the school year.

"I really need to get a job," she says. "I have absolutely no money in the bank. I spent it all on Acapulco."

It is not just girls, however, that are shelling out the big bucks in anticipation of their vacations.

Junior Brett Healy says he recently spent more than \$200 on a shopping trip to King of Prussia mall in anticipation of Spring Break. He says that he bought clothes, sandals and bathing suits during his shopping spree, as well as black pants for the clubs and some nice shirts to go out in.

Healy says that he, too, has a tanning package and is trying to get a good base tan before he hits the beaches of Mexico.

"I'd say that almost all of the guys going away are tanning right now," he says. "Maybe they don't want to admit it, but it's the truth."

He says that all in all, his Spring Break experience will be setting him back almost \$2,000 but that it is worth it.

"I work all summer to be able to save up for Spring Break," he says.

Junior Kelly Baur has worked at Hot Tanz since it first opened its doors more than a year ago and says March is always their busiest time of year. She says the majority of customers that come in around this time of year are university students, and most of them buy month-long packages that enable them to tan as much as they want for an entire four-week span. She says these month-long packages cost \$47, and it is both girls and guys who are buying them.

"More guys go tanning than one would think," she says. "It's definitely not just a girl thing any more."

Service returns confiscated items

BY SARA O'REILLY

Staff Reporter

Ski poles, ice picks, pool cues, meat cleavers and scissors have a common trait. According to the Transportation Security Administration, these items are prohibited on air travel.

Thanks to a new system known as Mailback that is being adopted by airports across the country, frequent fliers no longer have to worry about never again seeing their belongings that airports may deem as potential weapons.

Mailback is three months old and was created by Alan Kaufman. People who have items confiscated at airport security checkpoints are given the opportunity to mail their items in secure envelopes back to their permanent address instead of losing them forever.

"I got the idea from traveling through airports and listening to story after story about people who had had items taken away that were important to them," Kaufman says. "They remember the day their pocket knife was taken away just as much as they remember a bad speeding ticket."

Mailback is currently available in more than 20 airports nationwide on a voluntary acceptance basis and the number is growing quickly, he says.

"It needs to be everywhere to make the system as effective as possible," Kaufman says. "We're getting it out there as fast as we can."

The response to Mailback is very positive in the airports that currently use it.

"The feedback is the best part of the whole process," he says. "Vendors receive thanks constantly and hearing about them makes this all worthwhile."

The TSA has been accepting of Mailback and pleased with the results, he says. Sometimes the TSA is given a bad reputation for confiscating items, but Mailback gives them a chance to do positive things and turn around their profile.

"The TSA doesn't want to take their things anymore than people want to give them up," Kaufman says. "They have enough knives for 14 lifetimes, so they're often more than happy to accept Mailback into their system."

Dierdre O'Sullivan, a TSA representative, says the TSA encourages private sectors to come up with effective solutions just as Kaufman has done.

Since February 2002, when the TSA took over airport security in all

U.S. airports, they have collected more than 10 million objects that were found to be weapons at security checkpoints, she says. Eighty percent of the time, the item taken is scissors.

"Since we're not a law enforcement agency, we can't seize the items," O'Sullivan says. "We just can't let people pass a certain point with a questionable item that is considered a weapon."

She says the items that are abandoned become property of the federal government. Depending on the state the airport is in, some items are collected and distributed according to that state's laws. Otherwise, the TSA has a national contract where the items are collected and destroyed.

The Mailback system does not cause delays at the checkpoints. O'Sullivan says, because the individuals are escorted to another area to go through the Mailback process and then returned to the security checkpoint once again.

"The only thing that causes delay is when people bring prohibited items in their carry-on bags in the first place," she says.

Junior Jaqueline Dobryzn says that she is excited to learn about Mailback and will keep an eye out for it in the future. She says she is constantly traveling for her modeling job and has had items taken from her before.

She says security people rarely leave any alternative but give up an item no matter how much value it holds to the person.

Amongst some things that have been taken, Dobryzn has lost a pair of nail scissors.

"They don't give you much of a choice when they tell you you can't bring something onboard. It's either give it up to the collection security has already started or give it to someone who isn't boarding the plane."

Junior Justin Sager's tiny Swiss Army Knife is one of millions taken away at the security checkpoints in airports across the country.

"I was excited to be headed to Florida for my cousin's wedding," Sager says. "The last thing on my mind was taking a little pocket knife off my key chain. It had been on there forever."

If only Mailback had existed at the Philadelphia International Airport when he flew, Sager may have had the chance to reunite his key chain with his pocketknife when he arrived home from the wedding.



Carey, Winslet act out of comfort zone

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best known for his high profile music videos, after a previous collaboration on the less successful 2001 film, "Human Nature."

As Gondry's unconventional directorial techniques meet Kaufman's eccentric script, the duo triumphs. Juxtaposing the rationing of brain with the emotion of the heart, they succeeded in filming not only what is going on in Joel's head, but also what he is feeling in his heart.

"So much of what we ended up shooting was not only brilliantly written by Charlie but was in Michel's mind," Winslet says. "And that, for all of us, was the thing that was so inspiring, challenging and spontaneous about making this film."

Kaufman began writing the screenplay in 2001, while working on "Human Nature," and says he felt no pressure to create a funny movie.

"It seemed real to me," Kaufman says. "I have experiences with that type of character, and I draw on personal experiences when creating any character."

To capture the "real" footage necessary for the complexity of Kaufman's characters, Carey says Gondry completely re-wrote the rulebook.

"Michel definitely flouts convention,

different than any of us had experienced," Carey says. "At a certain point he didn't even want to say action."

Gondry's directorial approach took the leading characters outside their comfort zones. He encouraged the actors to lose control and often wander in the midst of their confusion.

"More than just using simple illusions, [we wanted] Joel to feel threatened, completely emerged in this world that is decaying around him."

Gondry focuses his on-screen efforts on creating the sense of vanquished memories. He often leaves cameras rolling to capture the essence of an actor. He believes that when people don't have time to think, they simply are. A director, he says, should always try to be invisible — to let people exist, and find the right frame of work for them to exist on.

During production, Winslet remembers the unceasing spontaneity of Gondry and would suddenly stop talking in her native British tongue and go back into her American accent, just in case he was trying to catch something off the cuff.

"I knew I was walking off into something that was a complete departure for me," Winslet says. "I'm used to preparing, so I tried to frighten myself a little bit. [I experimented with] jumping in there and letting myself be a little freaked out by how little

preparation I had done on purpose."

Carey notes one particular day of shooting when he argued with Gondry about his capabilities as an actor. The scene takes place in Lacuna, Inc. and appears to utilize a split screen, but Carey literally runs in circles with the camera twirling around him to create the image of being in two places within the same scene.

"I didn't think I could do it," Carey says. "[But then] It was like old time show business — even my dresser was like 'yeah, man, I was a part of that!' The crew applauded and everybody would run down the hall to the video monitor to see if we pulled it off. Then there was this cheer that would go up at the end."

The natural chemistry between Carey and Winslet further magnifies the inescapable bond of Kaufman's characters. With both leading actors playing roles out of their typical scope, "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind" subtly conveys the intricacies of love — the struggle between the memories of the mind and passions of the heart.

"Clementine was the outward manifestation of Joel's insanity, the thing he can't express," Carey says. "For me, the special effect in this movie is the script. You don't need a lot of bells and whistles when you have a story that hits home."

feature
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There is nothing worse than accidentally offending someone.

Recently, this has happened to me more than once, which I later regret. One current example: I happen to come across a study concluding obese women are more likely to develop breast cancer. I stupidly responded aloud, "Yet another reason why women should lose weight."

What I meant by that was, "Yet another excuse women will use to frequent the gym to lose weight." I did not mean that all women are obese, or they should lose weight for my benefit. Even so, it certainly wasn't my proudest moment.

The problem is that language or slurs you use around friends for fun may not be equally appropriate in a professional work environment or around others who don't know you so well. Even if your friends become your coworkers, or vice-versa, the fact that you are in a work environment should alter your perceptions of appropriateness.

Racy jokes may be fun around friends, but crossing that line around other people in different spheres can result in demoralizing embarrassment.

As I've said, this happens to me sometimes. Just joking around or trying to fit in,

Sorry, no offense intended

I might say something meant to be funny, but it hurts someone's feelings in the process. I truly hate this, because I never mean to offend someone, but it sometimes comes out that way accidentally.

For instance, my lucid criticism of the Catholic Church (the institution) may be a political assertion in my mind, but I unintentionally offend any nearby Catholics in the process. This is different than saying "I don't like Republicanism," because someone's spiritual beliefs are much more entrenched and personal than anything political.

It's no wonder contemporary philosophy is concerned with analyzing language. What you say may not be what you mean.

What's worse about incidents of offending someone is that most people do it inadvertently, so they don't know for sure if they're actually upsetting someone unless the offended tells the offender. The answer in resolving this is to enforce better communication by letting the offender know they have said something out of place so they know what line not to cross in the future.

Context is the key factor to keep in mind. Around close friends, anything usually goes, even if the joke or remark may pertain to a friend in company. But in a broader group of diverse individuals, the context may not be so clear.

Your best bet is to keep your mouth shut and not risk affronting someone or embarrassing yourself only to result in remorse or confusion later.

What I personally fear most is being looked down upon because of improper language and statements, which weren't intended to harm anyone initially. Not necessarily being seen as rude or disdainful, but being portrayed as pompous or condescending is much worse. This would mean not only overstepping boundaries but also patronizing others in a demeaning way.

Subconsciously offending someone can happen through gestures or words, but oftentimes the offender does not realize it. When that person is informed that they indeed offended someone unintentionally, regret and disappointment will follow.

Incidents of accidental offensiveness is like a "go back in time" scenario, by which I mean the offender wishes he or she could turn back the clock to change what they said or did to make everything right. Since that cannot be done, penance is the only plausible solution in the offender's mind.

That penance will usually constitute anything the offender feels is necessary to set things straight and return everything back to normal. But in the long run, the inadvertent offender may not know how to act.

Should he or she never make a derogatory comment ever again? Should he or she discover what the offended party considers inappropriate and draw a new line to follow? Should he or she make penance and simply move on?

Becoming suddenly quiet, especially without informing others about the issue, may result in alienation, and the offender may soon be portrayed as a cold, aloof or



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even arrogant person rather than someone uncomfortably attempting to maintain neutrality and avoid embarrassment. It's truly a Catch 22, and the penance may be as difficult to cope with as the original offense.

It's hard to say for sure, but learning boundaries is crucial. Evade profanity or possible insult in environments where not

everyone may agree or accept it as humor or something otherwise harmless. If there is any serious doubt, avoid those comments as best as possible. Better safe than sorry.

Words may not be bullets, but a rapid-fire mouth may result in collateral damage just the same.

Tony Hawk hosts documentary detailing history of video games

BY MELISSA MARGAVICH

Staff Reporter



Everyone can remember a day spent standing inches from the TV screen playing Duck Hunt for hours, or wasting the hours of work while playing Tetris on a computer or cell phone. The world is obsessed with video games, and the wave is only just beginning.

The Game Show Network is premiering the documentary "Video Game Invasion: The History of a Global Obsession" this Sunday from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m.

The show is hosted by Tony Hawk, world champion skateboarder and co-creator of the hit video games series "Tony Hawk's Pro-Skater." Hawk covers the evolution of video games from early releases like "Pong," through games of the early '80s that generated marketing bliss, such as "Pacman" and "Donkey Kong," to games like "The Sims," which are new and hot on the market.

The documentary appeals not only to hardcore gamers, but also to anyone who has picked up a game at any point in their life. Twenty-eight percent of video gamers are women, the documentary says, and the video game industry garners more than \$20 billion per year, rivaling the motion picture industry.

It is a fast-moving piece that discusses the history of video games and

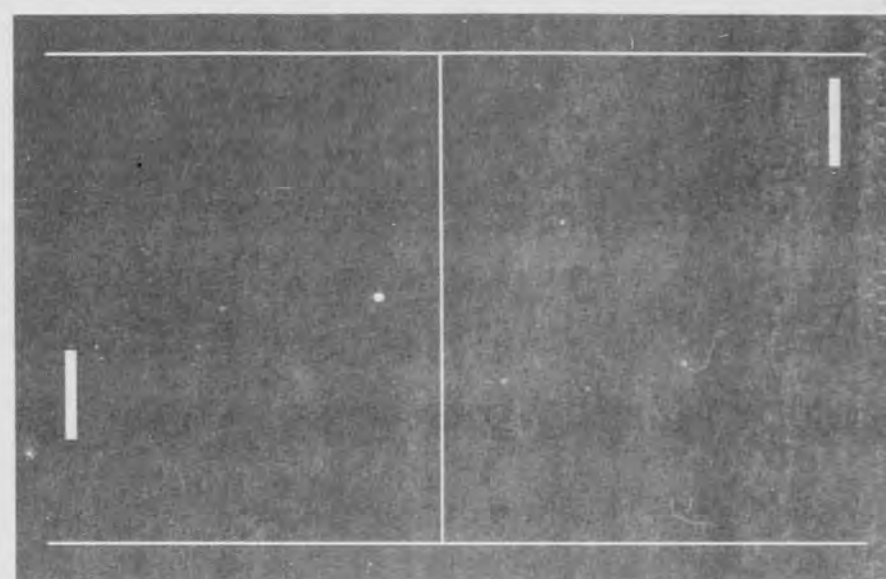
shows how each game was in some way built from the ideas of the ones before it.

The first video game was a primitive form of tennis that had two dots on a screen called "Pong." According to Nolan Bushnell, the founder of Atari, which released "Pong," the reason it was such a media hit was because it was "extremely easy to play but difficult to master."

Bit by bit, Hawk leads the audience through an extensive history, showing how this primitive form of gaming resulted in hits like "Mortal Kombat," which is much more advanced in terms of color, sound, graphics and storyline.

Not only does the program give historical background, it allows viewers to see many of the issues video game companies have been confronted with through the years. Issues such as lawsuits and the ability to develop new ideas are things all game developers have witnessed.

Another issue the business has been confronted with is that of being blamed for much of the violence in American society. After the Columbine High School shootings in 1999, many people pointed fingers at video games, partially blaming them as having helped create something so tragic. Trip Hawkins of Electronic Arts disagrees with this assumption, saying there is "no correlation between video games and human



violence. Human violence has always been with us."

The documentary is also packed with various facts about video games that most people never heard of. For instance, the U.S. military uses special versions of such games as "Full Spectrum Warrior" to train their troops to hone their skills without getting hurt.

Hawk believes video games "open player's minds to strategy and tactical thinking."

The documentary also goes in depth to explore the reasons people play, and play obsessively. Hawk sums it up in one sentence: "The high score made people want to play more."

GSN is the only U.S. television network dedicated to game-related programming and interactive game play. Jennifer Michaels, the director of publicity for GSN, says after 10 years the network is undergoing fundamental changes and is now called the Network

for Games.

"It is refocusing to more game-related programs," Michaels says.

The network features game shows, reality series, documentaries, video game programs and casino games. It also includes 84 hours per week of interactive programming that allows viewers to win prizes. It is distributed across the United States through all major cable systems and satellite providers.

Although the video game revolution has hit bleak moments in the past, the future seems to be fairly open to much more advancement. Currently, 145 million Americans are playing video games, which is more than half the population.

As far as the future of video games is concerned, Michaels isn't alone when she says, "it will become bigger with pop culture and become more advanced."

XM Satellite Radio sparks controversy for new local service

BY LINDSEY L. LAVENDER

Staff Reporter

On March 1, XM Satellite Radio began offering instant weather and traffic reports for its subscribers, which has created controversy between local AM/FM and satellite radio.

XM Satellite Radio is a national subscription satellite radio service with 1.5 million subscribers from coast-to-coast that launched nationwide in November of 2001.

Allen Goldberg, director of corporate affairs for XM Satellite Radio, says the National Association of Broadcasters is objecting to the fact that the company has launched local traffic and weather channels for 15 major markets nationwide, expanding to 21 markets by the end of the year.

Jeffrey Yorke, spokesman for the NAB, says XM Satellite Radio is in clear violation of an agreement with the NAB made in December of 2003.

"The [Federal Communications

Commission's] mandate says XM will be a national radio service, and there will be no local broadcasting of any sort," Yorke says. "XM uses 1,104 terrestrial satellites on the ground to get their signal, and there is concern by broadcasters that the company will begin local broadcasting."

Yorke says the NAB represents local broadcasters, and the company does not know exactly what XM Satellite Radio is doing, except the fact that XM is moving into the NAB's arena.

"During our negotiations, XM had something up their sleeves, and they weren't acting in good faith," he says.

However, Goldberg says there have been no complaints made by the FCC of XM Satellite Radio.

"The FCC has said that we are in no way violating our license by offering this local content," he says, "because it is broadcasted to all of our subscribers."

Goldberg says that with the NAB, even though

there is no subscription fee, there are 25 minutes of commercials per hour.

"I am not aware of what the FCC has said in response to XM Satellite Radio, but I don't think we are in competition as much as they want to share our audience," Yorke says.

XM Satellite Radio paid the FCC and the federal government almost \$90 million in 1997 to get their license to broadcast, Yorke says.

"XM is treated like any other paid cable or subscription channel," Goldberg says, "but our content is not regulated by the FCC."

He adds that there is explicit language that is clearly labeled, and subscribers have the ability to block any of those channels either at any time.

"There is XM Raw, which is hip-hop, XM Comedy, which is stand-up, which are both uncensored," Goldberg says. "We're kind of like HBO."

XM has 121 total channels, he says, and the subscription fee is \$10 a month.

"It's faster than terrestrial radio, TV, mp3s, CDs, cassettes and satellite TV," he says. "The only thing that hit one million subscribers or units faster is DVDs."

XM Satellite Radio is 100 percent commercial-free music, he says, and there are 68 music channels ranging from reggae to folk to jazz.

"With XM Radio, a subscriber in Philadelphia can now tune into traffic channels for Los Angeles, Detroit, Baltimore, and New York," Goldberg says.

The new instant traffic and weather reports are on 24 hours per day, he says, and it's constantly updated with more information than local AM/FM radio channels.

"We have gotten great feedback," Goldberg says, "and we have received an amazing number of e-mails and phone calls praising the service."

Yorke says for the past 85 years, people have turned to local AM/FM radio during times of need. "We have survived the threat of cassettes and books on tape, and we will do it again," he says.

'Real World' Update: Philadelphia gives no brotherly love to MTV

BY KATIE GRASSO

Managing Music Editor



"The Real World," the MTV reality show that chose Philadelphia as its next filming location, decided yesterday it will not proceed with production in the city of brotherly love.

In the March 12 issue of The Review, Todd Beck, spokesman for Bunim Murray Productions, which produces the show, said the decision to film in Philadelphia was made last fall and was set to begin in April.

The show was undergoing a casting call for the "seven strangers picked to live in a house" between the ages of 18 and 24.

According to the Philadelphia Inquirer, Bunim Murray reportedly pulled the show out of the city because of conflicts with union protesters. The production company hired non-union construction workers to prepare the "Real World" house, which was formerly the Seaman's Church Institute in Old City.

Sharon Pinkenson, executive director of the Greater Philadelphia Film Office, says they are devastated the show has left.

"Lots of people are working to cut a deal," she says, "but the lines of communication are open."



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Get to your feet, and start walking. The annual AIG MS Walk is back in Delaware. On Saturday April 24, Saturday May 8, Saturday May 15, and Sunday May 16, the Delaware Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and people like you will take a relaxing walk through five different Walk sites throughout the state to help end the devastating effects of multiple sclerosis. For more information or to register for the AIG MS Walk or for information about Delaware Chapter programs, call (302) 655-5610 or 1-800-FIGHT MS, 24 hours a day or visit our website at www.msdelaware.org

Composer and performer Randy Newman will perform with the Delaware Symphony, and films he has composed the scores for will headline the three-day Dupont Wilmington Independent Film Festival Friday, March 19 through Sunday, March 21, 2004. The concert is a live performance with Newman and the DSO on Friday, March 19 and Saturday, March 20 at the Grand Opera House at 8pm. A reception with Newman follows the Saturday evening concert at the Residences at Rodney Square. Prices range from \$7 for single film tickets to \$100 for a film ticket 6-pack, Randy Newman concert and reception. To purchase, visit www.wilmingtonfilmfest.com or call (302)571-4699. Concert and reception tickets are also available through The Grand Box Office at 1.800.37 GRAND.

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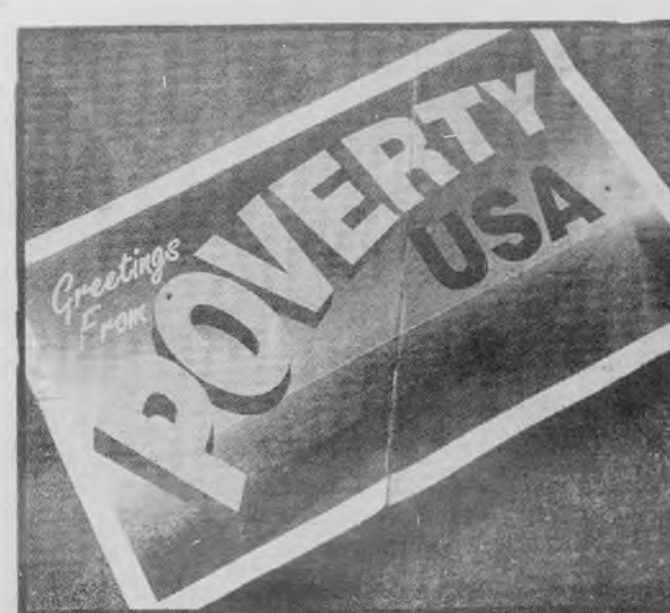
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The Australian American Society of Wilmington, Delaware is now accepting applicants for the 2004 Music Scholarship Competition. First prize worth approximately \$8000, is an expense paid trip to the International Academy Mozartium in Salzburg, Austria, for a six week term next summer. Second prize is \$500 cash, and third prize is \$300. Applicants must reside in Delaware or within 25 miles of Wilmington and be active music students with a minimum of four years of classical training. Vocalists must be between 21 and 35, and instrumentalists between 18 and 30 years of age.

Grace Church will offer a Lenten series titled "Soup and Conversation" at 6 p.m. on five Wednesdays during Lent: March 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31. Participants will share soup, salad, and dessert and then listen to a guest speaker address one aspect of the subject of "spirituality." A question-and-answer session will follow. Grace Church is at 9th and Washington Streets in downtown Wilmington. Free and lighted parking is available on site. The facility is handicapped accessible. For more information, call the church office at 302-655-8847.

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Don't miss the Delaware Chili Cook-off Saturday, April 24, 2004 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at St. Anthony in Avondale, PA (near Hockessin, DE). Featuring live music, prizes, great fun and all the chili you can taste. Hot dogs and beverages will also be available. Costs: \$7.00 per adult; \$15.00 per family; Children under 12 are free. Do you make a pretty good chili? Enter it in the cook-off! Call Reyn Cierniak for details at 302-239-5182. Sponsored by the Delaware Knights of Columbus to benefit Birthright of Delaware, Inc.



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were ended.

"I broke the fifth and sixth vertebrae in my neck, and the fifth twice," McNamara said. "I now have space between the two vertebrae which means I'm going to have arthritis real bad when I'm older."

"I also herniated a disk in my back and broke two other vertebrae in my back, too. I cracked at least two ribs, broke my big toe, dislocated my middle finger and had a bad bone bruise on my right wrist. Thankfully, I got a morphine drip while I was in the hospital and that was cool."

While Riordan's injuries were different from McNamara's, they were equally serious.

"I had a left skull fracture, bruised my lungs and had a bad concussion," Riordan said. "The concussion is what's messing me up now."

Riordan said the concussion has caused him to lose his coordination and have serious balance problems. He is also suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, which causes him to shake. He saw a psychologist to deal with the stress and a physical therapist to regain his balance and coordination.

Due to his concussion and skull fracture, the bulk of Riordan's problems were brain related. McNamara's problems, on the other hand, were exclusively physical.

"I had to stay in a full body brace that I could walk around in for three weeks," he said. "I had to wear the body brace when I showered, and if I wasn't in the brace I had to be lying down on my back. The body brace had a

permanent neck brace attached, and there were rods from the body brace to the neck brace."

Each night, McNamara went to bed at exactly 9 p.m., sleeping only in his neck brace. At 5:30 each morning, his parents would wake him up to put on the body brace before they went to work.

After he was able to rid himself of the body brace, McNamara continued to wear his neck brace for another month.

"I got the neck brace off February 17, but sometimes I still sleep with it on," he said.

For both McNamara and Riordan, their track seasons look to be over despite relatively quick recoveries.

"I can start practice in a month or two, but I'm not going to," McNamara said. "It's not the way I wanted to end my track career, but that's that."

"I'll find out Wednesday if I can start jumping, but realistically I don't think I can compete," Riordan added. "I just really miss competing and traveling with the team."

After all the struggles that Riordan and McNamara have gone through, they have somehow managed to put a positive spin on all that has happened.

"I've learned to respect all athletes because I couldn't walk straight for a while," Riordan said. "It was definitely a life-changing experience for us."

McNamara could not agree more, and with a smile that belies his toughness over last few months. "Yeah," he said, "but we'll be alright."

Weekend Preview

• The Delaware softball team will head to Lewes, De. this weekend as the Hens enter the Mizuno Bash at the Beach. Delaware will battle Stony Brook and Syracuse in a double-header on Friday with the first game beginning at 1 p.m.

Freshman pitcher Carolyn Sloat continues her dominate start to the season as she was named Colonial Athletic Association Pitcher of the Week after throwing her second 10-strikeout pitching performance of the season against UMBC. Sloat leads Delaware with a 2-0 record and microscopic 1.00 ERA.

• The women's lacrosse team will take on Denver on March 21 before battling Northwestern on March 24. The Hens are currently 1-3 on the young season and will open Colonial Athletic Association Conference play on March 28 as the head to Towson to take on the Tigers in their first CAA matchup of the season.

• The women's track and field team is down in Florida now at the Florida State Invitational that began yesterday and continue through tomorrow.

• The men's and women's tennis teams both look to regain their winning ways as they travel to Florida to take on Webber on Monday.

• Golf will compete at the William and Mary Invitational down in Williamsburg, Va. Monday and Tuesday in an attempt to gain the upper hand in Colonial Athletic Association competition.

- Compiled by Dan Montesano and Bob Thurlow



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Freshman midfielder Alex Smith carries the ball upfield in a game earlier this season. Delaware will face the No. 20 ranked Air Force Falcons this weekend.

Men prepare for tough weekend

BY STEPHEN MANGAT

Staff Reporter

While many university students will be enjoying the time off over spring break, the men's lacrosse team will be working extra hard as it is in the middle of its toughest stretch of the season.

On Wednesday the Hens traveled to Washington, D.C., and lost 10-5 to No. 6 Georgetown.

Senior attackman Matt Alrich scored three goals and goalkeeper Chris Collins made 18 saves. The Hoyas were led by first-team preseason All-Americans midfielder Walid Hajj, who scored four goals, and face-off specialist Andy Corno, who won 14 of 18 draws.

Unfortunately, Delaware has no time to rest as it hosts No. 20 Air Force tomorrow at 1 p.m.

The Falcons started the season on fire, defeating defending national champion Virginia 7-6. At the time UVA was No. 1 in the nation. They followed up the UVA win by thrashing Vermont 8-4. The two victories pushed Air Force up to No. 18 in the nation.

The past two games have seen a change in fortune for the Falcons as they have suffered consecutive one-goal losses to Army and North Carolina respectively. The loss to service academy rival Army was especially hard to swallow.

The Falcons have never beaten Army and the most recent loss came in sudden death overtime. To compound the matter, Air Force held a two-goal lead with 2:04 left in the game but failed to hold on.

On Saturday, the Hens will once again look to Alrich to lead the attack. His 22 goals and seven assists are both team highs. He also leads the CAA in goals and has now scored in 22 straight games.

On defense, Collins guides an uncompromising unit featuring Chris Willits, Ian Wright and Ryan Drummond. The trio has helped limit opponents to 30 shots per game compared to an average of 37 for the Hens.

After the Air Force game, the Hens schedule does not let up with contests against Maryland-Baltimore County and Hofstra on the horizon.

Last season Delaware dropped a 13-8 decision to UMBC, and conference rival Hofstra has defeated the Hens three years in a row.

Although Delaware players are giving up their Spring Break, their loss pales in comparison to that of the Cornell Lacrosse program's recent tragedy.

Wednesday, during a game against Binghamton, defender George Boiardi was struck in the chest with a lacrosse ball late in the fourth quarter, attempting to block a shot.

Boiardi, a team captain, collapsed, and medical personnel tried to resuscitate him with CPR and defibrillation. He was then rushed to the hospital, as play was abandoned. Boiardi was pronounced dead at 6:44 p.m.

Delaware freshman Warner Ball was a high school teammate of Boiardi at The Landon School in Bethesda, Md.

Newcomer bolsters roster

Transfer throws Hen's 6th no-hitter

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pitcher on the baseball field.

Beaupre, a Colorado native, has bounced around throughout his college career. However, one thing has remained a constant at each stop for Beaupre — success.

At Mesa Ridge High school in Colorado, Beaupre was named his team MVP, named to the all-area, all-conference and all-state teams.

He is also found at the top of Mesa Ridge's all-time single season and career wins list. He threw a school record four no-hitters, including three during his senior season.

Besides his baseball accomplishments Beaupre also lettered in football and wrestling.

After high school, Beaupre had a very successful two-year run at the junior college level. At Lamar Community College in Colorado Beaupre finished the 2001 season fourth in the nation in saves on a team that went 46-10.

He then topped that off the following year with a trip to the Junior College World Series.

"That was the most amazing experience in my life," Beaupre said. "It was like a major league atmosphere with kids asking for autographs and looking up to us."

He finished the year with a 1.79 ERA and helped his team to a 59-5 overall record

including the trip to the World Series Final Four. Lamar finished the season ranked third in the nation.

Beaupre then decided to attend Drexel where he led the Dragons in starts, innings pitched and wins.

However, after his junior year Drexel was forced into cutting both the volleyball and baseball programs. So, with baseball cut at Drexel, Beaupre didn't have anywhere to pitch and once again had to transfer to a new state and new team.

The move to Delaware came about after head coach Jim Sherman contacted his good friend Don Maines, who had recruited and coached Beaupre at Drexel.

Sherman talked to Maines about many of his players but ended up landing Beaupre, hoping to plug some of the pitching holes near the end of the rotation and middle relief.

"He fit what we needed," Sherman said. "We are all extremely happy to have him here."

Beaupre views the move to Delaware as a blessing in disguise.

"It's like night and day coming here from Drexel, I'm real happy here," he said. "The facilities are better here and everyone has welcomed me with open arms."

Sherman expects to get major contributions from Beaupre throughout the season in a middle relief role, but he also expects him to make a few spot starts.

Beaupre definitely made a statement in the starting rotation during his first two starts. Against Rider, allowing only five hits in seven innings to go along with his 11 strikeouts in the Hens victory.

Following that performance with his no-hitter, allowed only two base-runners and adding seven strikeouts.

"I love pitching here. I am going to get a lot more run support than I had at Drexel," he said.

As the Hens prepare to enter conference play in a week, Beaupre has high hopes for the 2004 season.

"Our goal is to open a few eyes and get into the tournament, where anything can happen."

After losing their first four games, the Hens have now won 12 straight and it seems that Jaramé Beaupre is bringing his winning ways to Delaware.



Courtesy of Sports Info
Senior pitcher Jaramé Beaupre.

Baseball set to battle Huskies

BY ROB FRANCE

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Since the end of last season, all Delaware baseball fanatics appear to be intent on talking about is how atypical last season was, and how important it is that it doesn't happen again.

To date, Hen baseball players have been intent on keeping their fans satisfied, as their 13-4 record indicates. Although they have not started conference play, Delaware sits third in the CAA for its overall record.

This weekend, Delaware welcomes Connecticut to Bob Hannah Stadium in hopes of improving that record.

The Huskies are coming into the series with a misleading 6-5 record, as all of their losses to date have come at the hands of larger programs including Ohio State, Illinois State and perennial national championship contender Arizona State.

Connecticut is currently on a six-game unbeaten streak that is equally as misleading, as the teams they have beaten include smaller programs such as Butler, Jacksonville, and North Florida.

The Hens enter this game on a similar streak, having won

their past 13 games, 10 of which have come at home, and two at a neutral location.

Until Wednesday, Delaware had not won a game on the road, losing at Coastal Carolina and being swept in a three game series at East Carolina.

Early season trips south have been historically unsuccessful for the Hens. They often play against teams that practice outdoors year-round, whereas Delaware must wait until March to practice outside.

So far the Hens have been paced by a high-output offense. As of Wednesday, Dave Harden (.422), Kelly Buber (.419), Steve Van Note (.386) and Brock Donovan (.361) all rank in the top-20 conference batting averages.

Harden has played particularly well for Delaware, and leads the conference in slugging percentage (1.047), home runs (11) and total bases (67). He and Van Note also rank in the top five for RBIs with 25 and 23 apiece.

Additionally, the Hens have received solid pitching contributions, specifically from junior righthander Scott Rambo. In five appearances, Rambo has a 3-1 record and a stellar 3.27

ERA that lands him in the top 10 in the CAA for both categories.

Transfer Jaramé Beaupre has found success, leading the conference with a 0.78 ERA in 5 appearances, limiting opponents to a .150 batting average.

As the season rolls on, last

year's problems appear to become a distant memory.

This year's team hopes it will continue the strong play this weekend to set them up for what looks to be an competitive season in conference play.



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Junior right fielder Dave Harden leads the CAA in home runs (11), total bases (67) and slugging percentage (1.047) this season heading into yesterday's game.

Commentary

FRANK LEE



There is no problem

When I sat down to write this article, my original intention was to write about the instigator rule in the NHL, and how abolishing it could prevent things like the now-infamous Todd Bertuzzi sucker-punch.

However, as was pointed out to me by my close friend Eric Schrag, no one on this campus cares about hockey. A good majority of people won't give hockey a chance, because it's "too violent."

Well, yes, hockey is violent. Think about five heavily padded, 200-plus pound men on ice skates, carrying sticks, all trying to put a two-inch piece of rubber into a six foot by four-and-a-half foot goal, which is guarded by another 200-plus pound man.

Now, add another team to that.

Hockey people has a few simple rules: don't trip only, don't obstruct play, don't hook people, don't throw elbows. Don't actively try to injure anyone. And, oh yeah, don't get into fights.

Here's where the problem lies. The players tend to hit each other when they're on the ice. When you put ten men on ice skates, and send them around a 200-foot by 80-foot rink at 20-30 miles per hour, you're going to have collisions — some accidental, but most are purposeful.

In fact, a decent part of the game is checking. There are people who are hired not for their ability to put the puck in the net, but for their 'ability' to be very large and still able to stand up on ice skates. There are players who have made a career out of devastating (but legal) checks. If you're curious, get on Google and look up Scott Stevens.

So, hockey looks violent because there's a lot of checking and not a whole lot of scoring. What about football? There are guys who are paid solely to run into each other. There are 300-pound men who're trying to level a 250 pound quarterback while he's not looking — and they're wearing less padding than hockey players.

So, if football's just as violent (if not more), and you still watch that, why don't you watch hockey?

What's been ignored in the aftermath of the Bertuzzi/Steve Moore incident is the actual beauty and excitement of the sport.

Have you ever really watched a hockey game? Have you seen Martin St. Louis fly down the ice, weaving in and out of defensemen at 20-plus miles an hour? Have you felt the agony of Jeremy Roenick firing a laser wrist-shot that clangs off the post, missing by only an inch?

Do you have any idea of the stamina required to play hockey? These guys sprint up and down a rink for 45 second shifts, averaging about 20 minutes a game, all the while getting crushed into the boards. I'm getting tired just thinking about it.

And can you even begin to imagine how hard it is to put a 2-inch puck into a 6-inch hole between the goalie's legs — from 30 feet away?

Can you name me another sport where most games are decided by two points or less? The excitement is still there, even into the final seconds of a hockey game. There's no taking a knee, there's no walking a batter to get an easier strikeout. A hockey game ends when the final buzzer sounds.

There's no athlete more dedicated than the hockey player. These are men who get on the ice every night, broken and bruised, ready to go another grueling hour. These are men who will still get out on the ice with broken bones, fractures and fresh stitches.

Hockey is a beautiful sport. It combines the grace, speed and power into an amazing show on ice. So there are fights. There are more bench-clearing brawls in baseball than in hockey.

For those of you who still see hockey as nothing more than a bunch of men beating the hell out of each other, I ask you to strap on some skates and join me in the rink by Trabant. I may not be very good, but at least I know how to enjoy the game.

And if you don't like it, I'll just beat the hell out of you.

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Lucky No. 13: Hens tame Bulls

BY ROB MCFADDEN

Sports Editor

The distance between a no-hitter and a one-hitter was less than 20 feet.

One day after junior Jarame Beaupre held an overmatched Hartford team hitless, senior co-captain Mike Mihalik threw five innings of no-hit baseball before a chopper off the bat of Buffalo second baseman Joe Mihalics ended his no-no bid.

"[Mihalik] just shut them down," said head coach Jim Sherman. "He had his fastball locating and he had his cutter going very well for him [Thursday]."

The baseball team extended its winning streak to 13 with an 11-0 victory over the visiting Bulls Thursday afternoon. Delaware (13-4) has not lost a game since dropping a three-game series to No. 24 East Carolina Feb. 20 to 22 and is undefeated at Bob Hannah Stadium.

"The most important thing is keeping that home dominance," Sherman said. "You look at all collegiate sports, that home field is such a big advantage."

Mihalik, who raised his record to 2-1, went seven innings, striking out nine while giving up two walks and Mihalics' infield single.

Junior second baseman Brock Donovan and senior co-captain Steve Van Note combined for seven hits to lead the Hens, who now post a team batting average of .329.



Senior pitcher Mike Mihalik releases a pitch earlier this season. He increased his record to 2-1 after pitching 5 no-hit innings yesterday in the Hens 11-0 win over Buffalo.

The game remained relatively close through six innings with Delaware leading 4-0, but the Hens crossed the plate five times in the seventh inning to put the game away.

The inning started with an infield single by Van Note. Junior right fielder Dave Harden was hit by a pitch and a balk placed two runners in scoring

position for Donovan, who singled to drive both runs in.

After freshman left fielder Bryan Hagerich walked, junior Ed McDonnell came up to pinch-hit for designated hitter Kelly Buber. McDonnell drove the second pitch he saw over the right center field fence for his first home run of the year, and

Delaware was up 9-0.

A two-run single by Donovan in the eighth finished the scoring for the Hens.

Sherman said he didn't want to dismiss the talent of teams like Buffalo (1-11) and Hartford (2-5), but said his team has been beating teams that it should beat.

"They're not nearly the type of competition we would face in the [Colonial Athletic Association]," he said, noting that Delaware is about three weeks ahead of most northern teams.

Delaware's 11-run lead allowed two of the Hens' younger pitchers to get some work. Redshirt freshman right-hander Mike Chiciak came on in the eighth inning for his first collegiate appearance and freshman lefty Billy Harris closed out the game in the ninth.

"[Chiciak] is going to have a chance to help us down the road," Sherman said. "We think [Harris] is going to be a part of our pitching staff for the next three years."

Chiciak quickly set the Bulls down in the eighth with one runner reaching base on an error, while Harris retired the side in the ninth, striking out one.

Barring inclement weather, Delaware will host UConn for two games this weekend, one on Saturday and one on Sunday. Both games are scheduled to begin at 1 p.m.



Junior Nick Riordan and senior John McNamara, members of the Delaware track team, suffered extensive injuries in an accident while returning from the NCAA Div. I-AA Championship Game in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Transfer makes immediate impact

BY DUSTIN SEMONAVICK

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It was the bottom of the ninth, two outs, and all the pressure fell squarely on the shoulders of one of the newest Hens, senior transfer pitcher Jarame Beaupre. The outcome of the game wasn't relying on this one pitch, but the hopes of a possible no-hitter was.

The count was full as Beaupre threw a curveball for strike three, and the sixth no-hitter in Delaware's 117-year history was completed.

"The feeling was out of this world," said Beaupre, who was only making his second start as a Hen since transferring from Drexel.

Head coach Jim Sherman, who has been a part of three no-hitters while at Delaware, said he loved the way Beaupre went out there and got it done.

"After the seventh inning he was like a buzzard hovering around prey," Sherman said. "It's really great for him and the program."

One glance at Beaupre, and the first question that comes to mind is whether he should play linebacker or tight end on the football team.

However, the 6-foot-3 225-pound senior will be contributing for the Hens as a

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Crash changes two athletes

BY STEPHEN MANGAT

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As senior John McNamara and junior Nick Riordan drove home from Chattanooga, Tenn. the Sunday after watching the Delaware football team win the Division I-AA National Championship, they were looking forward to finishing out their indoor track season and starting a new one with the outdoor team.

Unfortunately, circumstances conspired to dash their hopes of helping the Hens compete for the Colonial Athletic Association championship and instead, placed their lives in jeopardy.

Around 3 p.m., Riordan was driving his Jeep Wrangler on Interstate 81 near Knoxville when he entered a construction zone. McNamara was in the passenger seat.

Riordan was traveling approximately 70 miles per hour when he topped a ridge and was confronted with a small traffic jam. He had no time to stop.

"I swerved into the passing lane to avoid the stopped cars," Riordan said. "Then I cranked the wheel right so I wouldn't hit the concrete median, but I think we probably hit it hard."

Said McNamara, a sprinter from Wilmington: "We hit it hard. We were going at least 50 or 60 [mph]."

After hitting the median, the top-heavy nature of the vehicle caused it to topple over, said

Riordan, a long jumper and triple jumper from Skaneateles, N.Y.

"The cops estimated that we flipped about four or five times across three lanes of traffic onto the opposite shoulder," he said.

McNamara said after the car finally rolled to a stop on its side, he climbed out through where the roof should have been.

"I remember yelling to Nick, 'We gotta get the hell out!'" he said. "I thought the car was going to explode."

Although McNamara escaped the car, Riordan was stuck inside and was being choked by his seatbelt. Riordan said he does not remember what happened next, but McNamara said the paramedics who arrived were going to perform a tracheotomy on Riordan because he was struggling to breathe.

But before the tracheotomy could be performed, Riordan came to and vomited on the paramedics.

"It was a good thing I puked because it meant that I could breathe out and in," Riordan said.

The paramedics quickly transported the two students to the University of Tennessee Hospital in separate ambulances. The hospital was only 10 minutes away in nearby Knoxville.

While in the hospital, the pair learned the extent of their injuries and all the hopes they had for the upcoming track season

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Who thinks there is no fashion in football?

BY ROB MCFADDEN

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Despite winning the NCAA Division I-AA National Championship last year, the Delaware football team has drawn some criticism from several sources including Delaware students and even ESPN. But this criticism has nothing to do with the team itself.

It's all about the uniforms.

"They should fix the color of the helmets and make it all Delaware blue," said freshman Beth Sargent, who noted that, overall, she thought the uniforms were plain, but cool.

According to athletic director Edgar Johnson, changes may

be in place for the 2004 season.

"We're considering it," he said. "A thousand people have asked us why the blue in our helmets doesn't match the blue in our jerseys."

Delaware head coach K.C. Keeler, who has final say on the team's uniforms, said he had changes in mind when he was named head coach in 2002 but that he had not wanted to change anything until he was settled in.

Johnson said that the blue in the helmets used to be the same shade as the blue on the jerseys (royal blue), but the color was switched to navy blue at some point during the 1970s.

"We're looking at going

back to [the way it was]," he said.

Delaware head coach K.C. Keeler said other minor changes are being considered as well.

"Possibly some gold trim," he said. "One year they had a stripe on the helmets and on the pants ..."

"Nothing is official."

ESPN.com's Page 2 conducted an online poll last year to determine the worst uniform in sports. Delaware was not listed in the College Football bracket, but was included in the Wild Card category.

Below a picture of running back Antawn Jenkins on the Web Site, the caption read, "If you were named the Blue Hens,

wouldn't you try to look like someone else?"

Delaware's helmet design is almost exactly the same as the one used by Div. I-A power Michigan. Due to Michigan's higher profile in college football, Delaware is perceived to have copied the design from the Wolverines, though the design originated in Princeton in the 1930s and is still used today by the Tigers.

Former Delaware head coach Dave Nelson played at Michigan in the late 1930s under Fritz Crisler, who had brought the design with him from Princeton. Nelson used the design when he later became head coach at Hillsdale College (Mich.) and

brought it with him when he coached at Harvard and Maine. Nelson came to Delaware in 1951 and the wing pattern has been a part of the Delaware helmet ever since.

Johnson said he was unaware of the ESPN.com poll and that the Delaware helmet design would not change.

"ESPN.com is not the purveyor of fashion in sports uniforms," he said. "That is the Delaware helmet."

In addition to the helmet design, Keeler said no changes would be made as far as putting names on uniforms.

"You'll never see a name on a uniform while I'm here."