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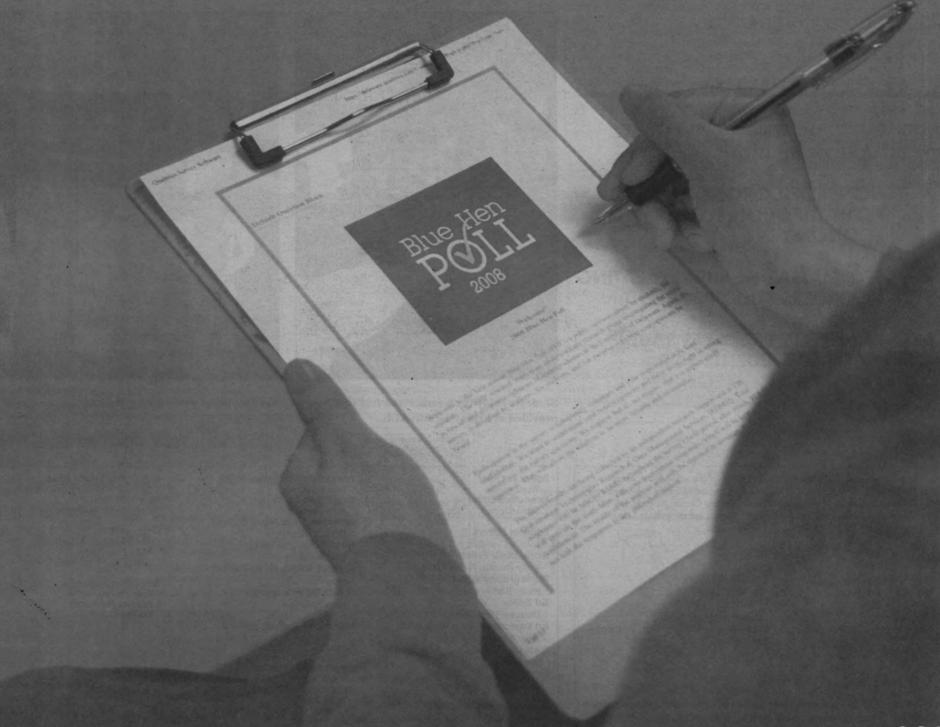


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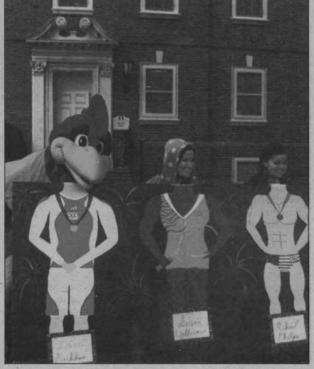


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Students protest the Residence Life policies that caused controversy last semester.



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THE REVIEW/Steven Gold YoUDee poses with smiling students on the Green.

Students enjoy the weather and free food provided at Friday's FestivALL.

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University students ate without trays during Earth Week, which was April 21-25.

Trayless dining cuts food and water consumption

BY ASHLEY WAYNE

As universities nationwide begin to expand and modernize their dining halls and offer a wider variety of healthy dining options, they are also beginning to take something away — the trays.

Edward Vicedo, senior direc-

tor of Dining Services at San Francisco State University, said trayless dining is a product of the 21st century and its concern with going green and staying thin. The project is based on the theory that if students do not have a tray to carry their food, they will take smaller portions, therefore reducing their waistlines and wasted food, he said.

The elimination of trays also contributes to the reduction of water and energy previously used to wash all the serving dishes, according to Vicedo.

Georgia Institute Technology, Plymouth State University, Colby College and San Francisco State University are some of the universities leading

the way in this movement.

Vicedo said SFSU went trayless this year and that the decision has left a positive impact on the

university.
"We had heard about the success of this program at other universities and determined that by eliminating the trays in the City Eats Dining Center, we could reduce food waste while also encouraging patrons to consume only what they should eat, not all they can eat," he said.

Vicedo said there is less food wasted by students, large savings on the cost of food because they are not purchasing as much and

less water being used to wash the

The University of Delaware is following suit, and recently became one of many universities

to experiment with trayless dining.

During Earth Week 2008,
from April 21 to 25, the university removed all trays from dining halls around campus in an effort to minimize the amount of food consumed and wasted by students.

According to the university's Web site, "Waste reduction has also been a focus for Dining Services and we continue to seek out opportunities to further reduce waste in our facilities.

The Web site also lists many of the other efforts the university is taking to reduce waste, including preparing appropriate amounts of food and maintaining smaller inventories

Student responses have been

Freshman Dan Fox said he resides in the Dickinson Complex and mainly eats at the Rodney Dining Hall. He said the removal of trays from the dining hall has

been inconvenient for him.
"I realize that it's important to raise awareness about the earth,' Fox said, "But to take away trays to save water is more of an incon-venience that doesn't affect Earth as much as other changes to daily life would."

Sophomore Justin Wood said he feels going trayless has been a step in the right direction for the

There is a reason for not having the trays and it is to help save water from not having to clean them," Wood said. "Plus, I feel as

if getting rid of the trays helps the students understand portion control and it will help them reduce the amount of food they put on their plates that they might not eat therefore it kind of helps two prob-

Fox said he does not think trayless dining will cause students

"I saw all around the dining hall plates and bowls stacked up in front of people," he said. "Everyone just saw it as an excuse to use more plates instead of a

tray."
Vicedo said SFSU did not receive a negative reaction from their new students.

"Because we began this program at the beginning of the y the incoming freshmen had no his-torical perspective of using trays to which they could compare," Vicedo said. "However, returning staff and students felt inconve nienced and were frustrated that multiple trips were required to get

all the food they wanted."

One of the drawbacks of going trayless has been an increased mess in the dining halls, he said. SFSU has been forced to hire additional employees to clean the facilities since removing trays.

Freshman Stephanie Laraque said she does not think the new initiative is beneficial when it comes to fighting the freshman 15.

Laraque said she does not think the weight students gain comes from what they eat in the dining halls, but rather their hectic

college lifestyles.

"I doubt trayless dining halls are going to affect what people order from Pizza U," she said.

Faculty Senate postpones ResLife proposal decision

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plan for how

students are not

going to be

pressured in

terms of peer

pressure and in

terms of RA

pressure.

BY JENNIFER HAYES

After a lengthy discussion about the proposed Residence Life curriculum on Monday, the Faculty Senate decided to postpone voting on the issue until its meeting next week

University President Patrick Harker suspended the former program in November after controversy arose about the diversity-training initiatives, which were implemented in the residence halls throughout cam-

Professor Alan Fox, Faculty Senate president, said the Residence Education Advisory Committee was formed to advise the Residence Life staff on producing a report that outlined the problems of the previous program. REAC, along with the Faculty Senate's Student Life committee and Residence Life officials collaborated to produce the current

During the Faculty Senate meeting, which took place in 104 Gore Hall, debate arose

regarding the content of the propos-

M a t t Robinson, chair-man of the Faculty Senate's Student committee, told attendees he wanted to bring up a number of points about the proposal. He said the new program being put forth is completely voluntary. All stu-dents have the opportunity to opt out of the events being held.

Second Robinson said the program will be administered by trained faculty

and/or professionals. The role of the résident assistant is to facilitate in identifying potential speakers and directing students to the appropriate professionals.

"If there is an event in the dorm complex, the role of the RA is to encourage students to attend and inform students that those opportuni-ties are available," he said.

Robinson said the new program will include extensive assessment and oversight.

"In our recommendations and our observations of the past program, we thought that there wasn't faculty input," he said. "There was faculty input in developing this program. Several components of the new program were direct recommendations from faculty members.

During the course of the program, there will be an independent assessment conducted by the Office of Educational Assessment,

When faculty had the opportunity to discuss its views and concerns of the program, Philosophy professor Kate Rogers addressed issues about the ambiguous definition of sustain-

ability.
"I think we need a very clear, written definition of sustainability so that we can see that it is turning off the showers and that it's not a code word for the kind of political agenda that Residence Life is pushing throughout the fall," Rogers said.

She said the proposal also needs to include a clear and developed explanation on how students are going to be encouraged not to feel pressured to attend events

"I think given the history of this, it's not enough to say it's voluntary," Rogers said. "I think we need a developed plan for how students are not going to be pressured in terms of peer pressure and in terms of RA

Robinson replied by saying Michael Gilbert, vice president for Student Life, will communicate to incoming students in a letter, that this

is a voluntary pro-

"I think we need Education professor Jan Blits, who was one of the two faculty members who informed the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education about the university's Residence Life programs in the fall, spoke at the meet-ing. He said the new program still seems to be about students' concepts Kate Rogers, of justice, their valphilosophy professor

ues and attitudes.
"On the first page, the goal of the program is to affect people's

affect people's thoughts, values, beliefs and actions," Blits said. "That is not simply protecting the environment.'

Adam Kissel, director of FIRE's Individual Rights Defense Program, said in an interview Friday, FIRE ultimately would like to see the Faculty Senate reject the new

Residence Life proposal.

"ResLife has changed the wording of its goals slightly," Kissel said.
"It has changed the names of its activities somewhat, but it looks like the programming remains the same.

Senior Casey Patriarco, Student Government Association president and a student representative on the Faculty Senate Committee's Student Life committee, in an interview after the speech, said she understood all sides of the argument, but feels the program could be beneficial for stu-

"To encourage people to explore things, to understand differences are all positive things and the academic environment is a place to stimulate those ideas and thoughts," Patriarco

who's who in Newark

Local poet proves her craft is ageless

BY TIM MCDONOUGH

Despite writing poetry since she was in high school, Joann Balingit said she still considers herself a new poet.
"I feel like I'm just getting started in a way," Balingit said.

"The first poems I got published were 20 years ago, but I haven't always spent the time I could have writing with raising four kids and working. Now I feel like I'm just getting started, with more time to devote to the craft.

"It's not a pastime, it's not a hobby — it's a responsibility."

Balingit is being featured in "The Best New Poets" anthology, a collection of 50 poems chosen from literary magazines,

writing programs and an open Internet competition.

While the subjects of her poetry vary, Balingit said she believes poets will always revert back to specific memories, or

"The real important events in your life tend to be anchors, or cornerstones," she said. "There are scenes that repeat, 'Oh gee, I'm going to try and figure out what my relationship with my father meant to me.' There are important memories that keep surfacing, obsessions that keep surfacing over again.

Balingit's family life is one of the cornerstones from where she draws inspiration. Born in Ohio to a mother of German descent and a Filipino father, Balingit's family soon moved to central Florida where she grew up.

Her Filipino heritage and her childhood are a thought-pro-

voking subject for Balingit, she said.

"I thought about how traits and cultural characteristics get passed down being raised in a culture," Balingit said, "I have some Filipino traits without being raised there and I wonder how much of that is ingrained because of parents and genetics.

She said she specifically thinks about her Filipino heritage when discussing her father. Her father was in the Philippines when the United States annexed the country, and he was brought up as a product of the American ideal.

"My father was trained to want to be a product of American



y of Fred Hofstetter

Joann Balingit is featured in "The Best New Poets" book.

colonialism and that Americans were better," Balingit said. "He grew up during the time of the insurgency and grew up around a lot of violence. He left for America and never came back and never saw his family again. He felt a lot of pain about that."

After attending Florida State University, she attended grad-uate school at the University of California, Irvine and Indiana University and is now finishing her doctorate degree at the

Balingit said location plays a big part in choosing subject

matter.

"I live near White Clay Creek and one of the things that really gives me energy is walking through the woods," Balingit

said. "I could never picture myself really living in a city — I need to be in a place where I could really dig my feet into the

Writing inspiration for Balingit can come from anywhere,

"Hearing phrases, listening to people talk, talking with my kids, reading other poets, looking at things," Balingit said. "Even if I'm driving and see a bumper sticker or walking in the woods, or thinking of my childhood in central Florida, it's just really about being wide awake, then when you sit down and write, you have fun with language.

Maggie Rowe, a close friend of Balingit and poetry teacher at the Wellness Community Center in New Castle, said she is thrilled to see a fellow poet's work getting noticed on a wide

"Joann is a terrific poet and she has such a rich history to draw on in her work," Rowe said. "She has a wonderful ear for the way a poem sounds and has a very fresh take on things. With poetry it's not just the experience — it's also the talent and the ability to reach a wider audience and be recognized."

Rowe said she believes it is impressive to get noticed at an

older age.

"What's sad is it's so hard to get books of poems published, and all contests and awards are for younger poets," she said. There are so many more opportunities for poets at age 20 then there are at age 50

Balingit said she is just getting started. She is working on a manuscript and hoping to get a book published soon; however,

poetry remains her favorite.

"What's nice about poetry is you can turn a love of language into a work of art and it can connect you to other people very closely," she said. "To get a better understanding of a poem and to identify strongly is almost like a shock cause you understand it so well.

"You can reflect back and understand something about yourself and have it said to you so clearly by someone else."

Inaugural FestivALL brings crowd to Green

BY KAITLYN KILMETIS

Last Friday from noon to 5 p.m., hundreds of students gathered on the North Green. They sat in rows of chairs cheering on performers, lounged on blankets in clusters on the lawn, danced at the edge of the main stage and stood in lines waiting for a meal. Colorful balloons decorated the perimeter fences, music echoed throughout the campus and the smell of hamburgers filled the air.

FestivALL was in full swing. was the first year for FestivALL — an event sponsored the university's Student Government Association that offered both food and entertainment to students, free of charge

The idea for FestivALL was conceived by SGA president, junior

Casey Patriarco.

The vision for this event came to me one day in the dining hall with my friends," Patriarco said. "We were trying to think of a cool thing for SGA to do to bring together students and to start a new tradition.

She said FestivALL is a funfilled event with the aim of bringing together students and student groups to show off talent at the university.

The event involved approximately 40 different student organizations including 24 student group performances. The talents displayed ranged from the music of the Fife & Drum Corp to dances by UD Swing to jokes by the Rubber Chickens.

Sophomore Nicole Pegno said she was impressed by the vast diversity that existed from performance to performance

"I thought the best thing about FestivALL was that SGA was able to get so many groups from the school to perform," Pegno said. "It had a great variety of acts and was very enjoyable."

Sophomore Tom Ford, a per former with the university's South Asian dance troop DE Kamaal, said he appreciated the opportunity to showcase his group's talent to the enthusiastic crowd.

"FestivALL is an awesome chance for groups to be able to show what they've got," Ford said. "It provides groups with the chance to get noticed. The crowd is awesome. Everyone's really into it.'

Freshman Dan Cole, a member of SGA and organizer of FestivALL, said his favorite part of the event was how it exposed students to groups on campus they were not previously familiar with and brought such a diverse group of students together.

"People got the chance to hear and see groups they never knew about before and get excited about them and that's great," Cole said.

He said another special aspect of FestivALL was that WVUD, the university's radio station, broadcasted the entire event live.

"It's cool that you didn't even

need to be here at FestivALL to enjoy it," he said. "It's being broadcast on campus and in the dining halls so people are enjoying it all

Cole said FestivALL was a great success.

"I'm elated with how the event has turned out," he said. "The weather has been gorgeous. The students are enthusiastic and the groups are eager to perform for the student body. It turned out just how we wanted it to.'

Members of SGA, including senior Mike DeRienzo, president of the Student Centers Programming Advisory Board who emceed the event, were extremely impressed with the amount of people that attended FestivALL in its first year.

"I think it had a really great turn out," DeRienzo said. "At first we thought the draw was the free food, but we're all out of food and there are still hundreds of people here.

Though the food may not have been what kept people at FestivALL, it still was a major aspect of the event.

Cole said students could sample anything from pizza to baklava for a main course, and crepes to cupcakes for dessert provided by

Dining Services.

The menu for FestivALL was carefully considered and determined earlier in the semester through a competition hosted by SGA, called Iron Chef RSO Edition: SGA's Quest for FestivALL Cuisine, he

Junior Bob D'Agostino said not only did he enjoy the food but also FestivALL's performances, energetic atmosphere and the philanthropic side of the event.

"It's a good event because it's students giving back to other stu-dents," D'Agostino said. "It's a fun thing to bring students together on a nice sunny day and also it raised money for charity.

SGA donated proceeds from the event to Alex's Lemonade Stand and Relay for Life, two organizations that raise money to fight can-

D'Agostino said he would support the cause for FestivALL next

"I would definitely come back next year for the donations, the dancing, the music and of course, for the free food," he said.

Patriarco said based on this year's outcome, the SGA has already begun to look forward to the next FestivALL

"Overall it's been a great success, and we'll have a lot to live up to next year," she said.



The first-ever FestiVALL was the brain child of Casey Patriarco.

Drawing the Delaware poverty line

Part three of three: an in-depth look that are stuck between a rock and a hard place, and their children are not having role at poverty in New Castle County

Managing News Editor
In Delaware, the poverty line is drawn at a gross income between \$22,000 to \$23,000 per year for a family of four.

In Wilmington alone, 21.3 percent of peo-ple are considered to be poor, or living in pover-

Scot Felderman, community impact director for United Way of Delaware, said he believes education and stability are at the origin

"People have relied on the safety net,"
Felderman said. "The emergency income, food
it doesn't get to the root cause of this. Its about increasing income for low-income fami-

lies, its about increasing education."

Last year, United Way, an organization that seeks to maximize the community's resources to improve the quality of life for Delawareans, aided 225,000 residents throughout the state. Of these people, 58 percent were

at or below the poverty level.

Felderman said he believes a multifaceted approach is needed in order to turn these numbers around. United Way funds 19 different programs to bring aid to the community, one of which focuses on financial stability, in an attempt to increase income for those who are grappling with poverty throughout the state.

"It's hard to find work above minimum wage" he said. "It's hard to create job skills that are marketable, and find a job that pays suffi-ciently and provides benefits, and a track to

financial independence."

Mary Ellen Green, co-executive director of the Emmaus House shelter in Newark, said

she believes the economy is also at the root of the struggles of the poor in the state.

"Right now, when we're in a recession, who suffers the most?" Green said. "The poor. Who can afford to pay \$3.50 for a gallon of gas, car insurance, taking care of your children and

everything else? Minimum wage people are

"I really believe that as other people succeed, if they can reach down and help someone else, we'd all be in better shape."

Green said the Emmaus House was origi-

nally confronted with disapproval from the city, because they did not believe Newark needed a shelter to address issues of homelessness and poverty throughout New Castle County. However, after nearly 25 years, they have become accepted as a part of the community.

She said last year, the Emmaus House aided 46 families, of which 26 percent obtained permanent housing after their stays. Those liv-ing in the shelter are counseled in a "family atmosphere" with classes offered on how to interview for a job, parenting and interacting with your child in a non-violent way, and money management, which she said is most important for the families.

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The less money a person has, is all the more reason for budgeting it, in order to know what each dollar they have is going to, she said.

"We don't subscribe to the philosophy that they are homeless, so they should be grateful for what they get," Green said. "We say this is the house we are happy to share with you."

One of the most important things for a family to get their lives on track is providing a

family to get their lives on track is providing a stable life and proper education for their chil-dren, she said. By federal law, if the trip is fea-sible, the school the child formerly attended must provide transportation for them to and from the shelter.

Children are also given a regular bedtime each night, as a part of their new structured lifestyle. Green said a lack of structure is often what keeps children of struggling families from being able to concentrate and thrive in school.

This is a cycle that is self-destructive and implodes on the very weakest of our popula-tion," she said. "I think what we're seeing is good choices.

Green also said she believes fear greatly affects families of lower class lev-

els from prospering.

"I think there's a fair amount of fear going on here," she said. "Persons of a lower economic level, they have the fear of being taken advantage of, of not getting what they need. It makes it really hard on the children.'

Martha Bolling, president of Social Venture Partners Inc. of Delaware, said her organization also works to focus its efforts on educating the youth of the state. Bolling said SVP Inc. supports three schools in Wilmington, and six other programs in the area, helping between five and six hundred children annual-

Through different programs, SVP Inc. helps teachers to become better educated, teaches parents to become their child's first teacher and best role model, and also puts a curriculum in place in each school, she said.

The focuses of the organization's efforts are on children from birth to age five, Bolling

"We are trying to create equality in the schools," she said. "Once a child enters the school system, and they are behind, the chances of them ever catching up fall further and further

Bolling said the organization's goal is to have a child ready to learn properly by the start of kindergarten. Much of this is done through parenting programs, which give struggling parents the opportunity to hear how they can help their children themselves.

"With the issue of poverty, it's hard for parents to afford the best education," she said. "So they go where they can. As a result, it might not be with the best teachers, and the best education, in the safest building.

"We are trying to supercede poverty and take that piece of the puzzle off the table."

Sophomore Jessica Shinn, a member of Circle K, said she began to volunteer with the

children at the Emmaus House this year. She said she believes many students on campus are unaware that there is a shelter so close to the

Shinn said the children and parents at the Emmaus House are very appreciative of the efforts the volunteers put forth.

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"The kids are so happy over there," she said. "They get so excited when you come and don't want you to leave. That's what keeps me coming back, they just really love it."

She said volunteering is an important part of her life, and she would encourage more students to take part.

dents to take part.

"I am so lucky, and if I have extra time, why not give it to other people?" Shinn said.

Sophomore Abby Riggins, also a member of Circle K, said she joined the club to volunteer and give back to the community. She said

her favorite part about volunteering at the Emmaus House has been helping the children.

"They have no cares in the world," Riggins said. "I think it's so great to see them just being happy and active. You can do little things and make a big impact, and it makes you feel good knowing you're helping someone else."

Green said the shelter is appreciative of the volunteering efforts of university students. She said she believes the students are a great help in getting the families to achieve stable lifestyles

getting the families to achieve stable lifestyles during their stay at the shelter.

"You have to work so you are able to achieve stability," she said. "That is the wonderful example the students give up. They [the families] just get that from the osmosis of the air around here, which is really great."

Green said she has many philosophies as to how to end the disparity plaguing the country.

"I think if we didn't have this idea that we were all different, if we realized we were all part of the same family, there would be more sharing of the world's resources and we would all prosper," she said. "We are here to awaken from the illusion of our separateness, and I real-

"If we would not elevate one person above another, and just live as a family, it would all be

Town and gown continues Chapelfest debate

BY SABINA ELLAHI

Newark City Council will consider a proposal Monday to modify its policy on large par-ties and events inspired by Chapelfest, one of the biggest block parties of the year.

In the meantime, the event is scheduled to

be held as usual on Saturday.

Chapelfest, a fundraiser that features bands, DJs and lots of beer, has been a university staple for many years. It was also the subject of the proposal to limit and contain big parties. Since last October, the city council worked on initiating a bill that would require large social gatherings to register for a permit with

The ordinance, which is not yet in effect, mandates that anyone who wishes to hold a public event must register for 'a permit with Newark. The ordinance decreased to 250, down from the current 500, the maximum number of attendees before the event is considered a public event that requires a permit.

Councilman Paul Pomeroy said the main focus of the bill was to strike an appropriate balance between students and other city resi-

"It's about balance and having mutual respect for each other while living in a commu-nity," Pomeroy said. "It's not inappropriate to have celebrations in the city, but there needs to be respect for others."

Mayor Vance A. Funk III said Newark

does not have a policy against any event, but organizers must follow city rules. "In the past, Chapelfest has chosen not to

follow the rules and not apply for a permit, Funk said. "It is a requirement of the city permit system for tenants to get permission from their landlords, and it is my understanding that Chapelfest was not able to do that in the past."

Casey Patriarco, president of the Student Government Association and a member of the Town & Gown Committee, said she and other students held a valuable discussion session with council members

Previously, the ordinance had a clause stating that people who violate the policy could be evicted, Patriarco said.

She said her concern focused on the initial eviction clause of the bill, which was omitted after meeting with the City Council.

"Initially, the clause indicated eviction for tenants who were responsible for the event," Patriarco said. "I didn't think it was fair because the clause was more focused on judicial sanctions and did not serve the purpose of protecting the students and ensuring safety of the community.

She said she and other students shared their opinions with the city council and said students expressed their concerns of safety as well. Some students who resided on North Chapel Street attended the meeting and shared their

"The students wanted to work with the

city," Patriarco said. "It's great to see the students open up and show that they are more willing to work and compromise with the city as long as the officers do the same.

Councilman Stu Markham said Chapelfest sparked a public

safety issue. "Chapelfest like not Wilburfest Skidfest where the parties are con-

tained in a specific area," Markham said.
"People tend to spill out into the streets, causing disruptions to traffic and endangering the

He said he and Councilman Jerry Clifton have been working on the ordinance since last October, Markham said the main problem was trying to figure out who was responsible for

"It's difficult to pinpoint who is responsi-ble for the event," he said. "That was why the eviction clause was the most controversial topic



THE REVIEW/Jenny Lin

This year's Chapelfest will be held as scheduled this weekend.

Since the ordinance is not in place yet, Markham said he predicts there will be a large police presence at Saturday's Chapelfest.

"The main concern is the well-being of the citizens of this city," he said. "We're not trying to prevent people from having a good time, but we want them to be respectful and responsible."

Patriarco said although she does not agree with parts of the ordinance, it is a good compression.

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mise with the city.

"The ordinance is reasonable and I am definitely satisfied," she said. "There is conversation happening with students and officers, which I think is a success in itself."

Student-run survey gives voice to campus

First-ever Blue Hen Poll results reveal student body sentiments

BY SARAH LIPMAN

Tucked away in the Pearson Hall computer lab on any given Thursday afternoon, all is quiet - except for the incessant clicking of computer mouses and tapping on keyboards. The students of professor David Wilson, who teaches POSC413 — Problems in American Government: Advanced Data Analysis, are franti-

cally decoding the results of a survey.
"I'm yawning," Wilson says to his class. "Give me a reason

to care about it."

"Maybe we could run a cross-tabulation on student groups and morality to see what results that generates," a student says.

Wilson encourages the student, and the rest of his class, to do so and keep their minds open to other results that may be hid-ing underneath the pages and lists of data from the survey. He tells the class they need to think about each story and result and

find out what makes it different from their original theory.
"Think about it for more than 30 minutes," he says. "Ask people and find out what they have to say. Then take that and see

what you can extract from it.'

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Wilson and his students are working to learn the results from the data of the first-ever Blue Hen Poll, a public opinion survey run by students, which will be released today at 2 p.m. in the Trabant University Center Multipurpose Room A.

Blue Hen Poll 2008 — an idea conceived by Wilson last Spring Semester — was the central focus of his course, which provided his class of 13 the opportunity to apply data analysis skills first hand. The project was fiveled in conjugation by the

skills first-hand. The project was funded in conjunction by the Center for Teaching Effectiveness and the Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, Havidan Rodriguez, with the intention that the project could sustain itself after the grant and can continue in

"The whole basis of this project, the learning goal, was quantitative reasoning — to make students not be afraid of sta-



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Professor David Wilson decided to create a student-run poll so his class could get hands-on experience in data analysis.

tistics and numbers in their learning and in their classes," Wilson, who has taught at the university for almost two years, said. "One way you can do this is to do something that's real, conduct the poll, and then have them just apply the numeracy."

Before teaching at the university, Wilson worked as a statistical consultant at Gallup, an organization which studies numerical research on human behavior and opin-

ions. While there, he helped create reports on methodological issues and researched people's atti-tudes and behaviors on specific surveys and results. He said the Blue Hen Poll draws the most influence from Gallup in its methodology.

"Polling is something that happens every day, so I'm just applying the methodology — just like being a cook," Wilson said. "You can be a cook and learn to cook at Burger King, but when you go and learn to cook at Burger King, but when you go to teach cooking you're not applying Burger King's principles. You're applying the principles Burger King uses to do their cooking."

In the case of the Blue Hen Poll, the methodology is called survey methodology, something Wilson said works no matter who conducts it. The

class applied the same principles Gallup would use to the University of Delaware

The survey sampled 1,500 full-time undergraduate students provided by the Office of Institutional Research and Planning on a variety of questions including topics such as satisfaction with the university, career preparation, civic engagement, political behaviors, the War in Iraq and terrorism, United States foreign policy, moral values and more.

The Web-based Blue Hen Poll was released

on March 13 through a program called Qualtrics, which sends the survey via e-mail, and remained in the field until April 11. Students took an average of 12 to 15 minutes to complete the poll. During that time, 643 students, or 43 percent, of those surveyed responded. Wilson said the return response of the survey is a successful one because everything is rel-

ative to population.

"The response rate is an indicator of how much people took part," Wilson said. "It doesn't indicate how representative your sample is — that's indicated by the randomness of your sample."

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The margin of error of the results, Wilson said, is 4 percent. This means the class has a 95 percent confidence level in the results they discovered.

Junior Mary Beth Lombardo, a student of Wilson's, first served as a teaching assistant for his POSC300 class, Introduction to Data Analysis course required for all political science majors. She said Wilson approached her and two other teaching assistants with the idea of the survey and they began researching how to make it come to fruition. When it came time to register for the Spring Semester, they enrolled in the class

When creating the survey, Lombardo said Wilson and his students set out to promote demo-

cratic values within the university. They were interested in learning how students think and behave, and believed that because the survey was run by students for students, they would likely

receive a more honest response.

"This survey is so important because it's coming from the student body and it's giving students a voice for the first time," Lombardo said. "It's allowing them to feel freer to tell us what they really think. A lot of the time, if a survey comes from the administration, they may be more inclined to lie or fudge the truth, but since it's coming from us, maybe they feel they can be completely 100 percent honest.

"Students think, 'They're not going to take my data and use it against me,'" she continued, adding, "Maybe they just trust us

How satisfied are students with the university?

In an undergraduate student body of approximately 16,000, many students find it hard to decipher whether or not university administrators care about what they have to say about the univer-

"I feel like the university treats its students as a number and a paycheck instead of actual people," one student wrote in the

open-ended comments section at the end of the Blue Hen Poll.

Another wrote, "Good to see at least someone cares what the students think."

Some students even believe they were "tricked" by the university into taking the Blue Hen Poll because of the number of other surveys campus administrators put out.

Not all of the comments, however, were negative.

Many students enjoy their time at the university — from the Registered Student Organizations down to their majors and sustainability efforts - prefacing their comments with "I love UD"

or a "thanks for letting us get our voices heard."

According to the results of the Blue Hen Poll, the vast majority of students are satisfied with the university. There was a 90 percent consensus on satisfaction and 87 percent of respondents felt a sense of pride in the University of Delaware. The highest statistics regarding feelings about the university were in the "friends" and "major" categories. Approximately 90 percent of respondents were satisfied with their friends and 85 percent of students were satisfied with their major. Students were most dissatisfied with Student Health Services and the quality of the fitness facilities on campus.

Junior Caitlin Kennedy focused her story and data analysis on student-faculty relationships and feelings about majors on campus. She said her class decided to grade the university in the satisfaction category, much like students receive grades in their

The university received three A's - representative of the respondents' contentment with the value of their education for their money, friends and major. The university was given a B in students' confidence that UD will help them reach career goals and a C+ in how much they believe the university cares about

According to the Blue Hen Poll, 34 percent of students believe the university pays "little" or "no" attention to them. Kennedy said she found the correlation between student-

Blue Hen Poll 2008: A Closer Look

- The Blue Hen Poll was conducted by Professor David Wilson's POSC413 class titled "Problems in American Government: Advanced Data Analysis."
- The poll, which is the first of its kind at the university, is a public opinion survey run entirely by students.
- It is designed to promote democratic values through
- The Blue Hen Poll's major topics include:
 Opinions toward UD
 Student-faculty relationships
 Political behaviors and issues

- Morality and religiosity
- The Office of Institutional Research & Planning provided a random sample of 1,500 full-time undergraduate students at the
- Students used the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences program to determine and code results of the survey.
- Out of the 1,500 students who were sampled, there were 643 respondents, or 43 percent.
- The survey was in the field from March 13 until April 11. Students took approximately 12 to 15 minutes to complete the
- The margin of error in the Blue Hen Poll findings was 4 per-
- If a result is significant, the results show a 95 percent confidence level that there is a relationship between the data.
- For the complete results, visit: http://udel.edu/~dcwilson/bluehenpoll.html
- Compiled from the 2008 Blue Hen Poll



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faculty relationships and approval of the university most interesting and decided to focus her analyses on that sig-

"I found that the faculty at the University of Delaware is giving more in supply than students demand for in the realm of professional development," Kennedy said. "These factors correlate with satisfaction and pride in the university because when students seek opportuni-ties for professional development, they're more likely to be more satisfied with their major.

"If they're more satisfied with their major, they may be more likely to recommend the university to others in

the future.'

Take that, Princeton Review

Senior Laura Coogan and the rest of Wilson's class had not heard of the Princeton Review's ranking of the University of Delaware in their survey titled, "Election, What Election?'

Out of 366 colleges and universities throughout the United States, the Princeton Review ranked the university fourth based on its perception of political awareness of the student bodies.

"When this class concept came up, we didn't know about the Princeton Review report," Coogan said. "It almost came as an added bonus and gave us even more purpose to look at ways to make people see why we're doing this."

Wilson said the political behavior questions in the

Blue Hen Poll attempted to falsify or verify the Princeton

The survey found approximately 75 percent of respondents reported they were "very" or "somewhat interested" in politics. The more interested a student is in politics, the more they exhibit political behaviors like planning to vote in the November 2008 presidential election (92 percent), commit time to volunteer work (53 percent) or attend a meeting about a political issue (24 per-

Coogan said students are more likely to take part in private political behaviors rather than public.

"People are more likely to engage in private political behaviors for a couple of reasons," she said, "possibly because of the fear of offending others on campus."

Fifty-three percent of university students are Democrats, whereas only 22 percent of the respondent population identified themselves as Republican.

Coogan said she and her partner, senior Richard Goldschein, decided to study the results of political behaviors and feelings about presidential candidates as their story, or main focus of the Blue Hen Poll outcome.

"I'm a political science major, so obviously politics and the election interests me," she said. "But the political interest results have become even more fascinating because it turns out so many people actually are talking

Goldschein said he chose to code the results for presidential candidates' appeal to university students. He discovered students have a "love-hate relationship" with Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-N.Y.) and Sen. Barack Obama (D-III.) is everyone's "second favorite." When analyzing the results surrounding Republican Sen. John McCain from Arizona the data shows he has little change of prince. from Arizona, the data shows he has little chance of winning over students on campus.

Goldschein said he and Coogan also found that polit-

ical party affiliation weighs most heavily on issue

approval, but not on political involvement.

"When this first started, we didn't know what the political barometer at UD was," he said. "Now, we kind of have a good idea of that, or at least a better one. When everything is said and done, we created a bigger and clearer picture."

Presenting the data

"Our first dry run?" Wilson asked. "It went as a dry

After weeks of coding and recoding data to decipher results of the Blue Hen Poll, the students of POSC413 are set to present their findings to administration, poll respondents and the student body.

Junior Lucas Dominica was one student enrolled in the class who gained experience in statistical analysis and the program used to run tests. The program, Statistical Package for the Social Sciences, took a lot of time outside of the classroom to understand.

"We spent a lot of time outside of the classroom meeting to put together our presentation and analyzing the data," Dominica said. "I would say this week — almost 10 hours.

Coogan agrees, and said she and her peers have got-ten to know one another on a different level, becoming friends more than classmates.

"We're just students so we'll kick back and enjoy ourselves in the [Pearson] lab," she said, "but when it's time to get our work done, we all do. We have a well-functioning working relationship with one another and Professor Wilson."

Yesterday, the students met one last time in a small conference room in Smith Hall to hold another dry run before the presentation at 2 p.m. today.

"We're on a time restraint here, so let's pretend this

is the actual event," Wilson said.

He promises to be their harshest critic, this way they are prepared for any questions that may come their way during the actual event. Wilson's students take a deep breath and open their final version of the slides, briefly reviewing index cards with prepared speeches and points they plan to reveal during the 45-minute presentation,

which will be followed by a question and answer session.

Ultimately, the students of POSC413 said they hope the results will be heard by students and faculty and can be elaborated on or taken to the next level. Coogan believes there is so much to the data that has yet to be uncovered and would like to see a change or result come

from further examining the results.

"I think what we have is very interesting stuff and it can be taken to 10 other levels just diving into it," she said. "You can do that for a 35-minute presentation, but now that the data's out there, I hope the university can utilize it and do more with it.

"We did the first step to see the response, so now groups can take that data and if they see a change, they can work with it."



Students will present the Blue Hen Poll results today.

How likely are you to recommend the UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE to a friend or associate as a place to attend college?

• Extremely likely • Likely • Neither • Unlikely Extremely unlikely

How much influence do you think someone like you can have on decisions made at the UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE?

 A lot
 Some
 Very little
 None at all . Idon't know

Some people don't pay much attention to political campaigns. How about you? Would you say that you have been VERY MUCH interested, SOMEWHAT interested, NOT MUCH interested or NOT AT ALL interested in the political campaigns so far this year?

Very much interested

Somewhat interested Not much interested
 Not at all interested

How would you rate the overall state of moral values in this country today? Is it excellent, good, only fair or poor?

• Excellent • Good • Fair • Poor • Don't know

How would you describe your political views?

- Very conservative
- Conservative
- Moderate
- Liberal
- Very liberal
- I don't know
- Compiled from the Blue Hen Poll questionnaire

Prescription drug abuse a growing trend

University of Michigan study reports onefifth of college students get high on pills

BY TIM MCDONOUGH

There is a vaguely familiar face at the door. The person walks in, exchanges a quick hello and proceeds upstairs where he will purchase and probably snort Percocet, a prescription

This is daily routine for Randy, a sophomore at the univer-

sity who requested anonymity.

Randy's roommate sells, and is addicted to Percocet, with the "six or seven" pills he takes per day being eclipsed by the number of people who enter the apartment looking to buy each

A University of Michigan study conducted one month ago reported on what is increasingly becoming a problem on college campuses. The study found about one-fifth of U.S. college students are taking painkillers and other prescription pills to get high. The study also concluded that students who take prescription drugs for non-medical reasons are at least five times more likely to meet the definition of having a drug-buse problem than

students not misusing prescription pills.

There were 3,639 U.S. college students surveyed, with the average age being just under 20. Students were asked if they had

taken four types of prescription drugs: opioids, stimulants, sleeping pills and sedative or anti-anxiety pills.

Randy said he is surprised at the results.

"One in five?" Randy said. "Try one in three. The majority of people I know have taken Adderall at least once while studying With points also people taken and the problem. ing. With painkillers also people take one here and there and the next they know, they're hooked. It's not really being naive necessarily, there just isn't the awareness or stigma about it that there is with other drugs.

Randy said he believes the university is too concerned with drinking and does not make as much of an effort to curb the use of prescription drugs.

"The university is ridiculous," he said. "They cause such an issue about people drinking. Yet, drinking is illegal unless you're 21, while prescription drugs are illegal unless your name is on the bottle. You tell me what's worse.

Barbara Deichert, a substance-abuse counselor at the university, stated in an e-mail message that Wellspring, the university student wellness program, supports gaining more information in regard to prescription drugs

There should be an increase in education about the dangers of misuse of prescription drugs for students and an increase in education for student affairs professionals and faculty about the signs of prescription drug-abuse," Deichert said.

Something very important for campuses to focus on in the coming years is to ensure that healthy and realistic norms exist on campus by surveying students to determine the prevalence of Ritalin and other prescription drug abuse on their specific cam-

Dan O'Connell, associate scientist at the Center for Drug and Alcohol Studies, said there are not any statistics available about prescription drug use at the

"There has been no systematic research to my knowledge here at UD about prescription drugs," O'Connell said. "For high school surveys and criminal justice surveys we include questions on pre-scription drugs, but we don't have any data on University of Delaware students."

O'Connell said he is not sure if a study will be done.
"It's not a priority right now," he said. "We have a pretty full plate right now. It's a difficult thing to gauge without short of some kind of valid instrumentation."

Junior Kyle Henn said he has experienced the troubles that come with addiction to pills, because his brother struggled with addiction for years in high school.

"The one thing with pills — people don't ever realize how dangerous they can be," Henn said. "Growing up people warn you about all kinds of drugs and all the hardships, but don't real-

He said another issue with prescription pills is friends and relatives of users sometimes do not realize there is an addiction

"It's a lot easier to hide the use and people just may not realize right away if somebody has a problem," Henn said. Randy said painkillers like Percocet have the same problems that harder drugs do.

"Percocets are just as dangerous as something like coke," he said. "There's addiction and withdrawals, and it's only getting worse on this campus with pills."



The university is currently unsure if a prescription pill study will be conducted, as it is "not a priority right now."

A professor's journey to tenure at the university

BY SEAN CONSIDINE

Staff Reporter
Bernard McKenna's office is covered in books. Two walls are lined floor to ceiling with books. A quarter of the next wall is covered by the James Joyce section. Beside that bookshelf are two flags: the Irish tricolor and the Plough and the Stars, which is used to teach Seán O'Casey, the early 20th century Irish Playwright. Above is a map of Ireland. In the center of the room lies another small pile of books

On the last wall is a dark wooden antique-looking desk. It sits under plain wood picture frames. In them are the "POBLACHT NA H EIREANN" and an original Time cover featuring Joyce. In the center of the desk stands another frame with two bright yellow plastic palm trees on it. In it is a photograph of McKenna's wife and

McKenna is an assistant professor specializing in modern Irish and British Literature. He has been teaching at the university for three years, and will be going for

John Brennan, director of public rela-tions, said each year approximately 50 assistant professors vie for promotion to associate professor. Only 25 are granted tenure. Assistant professors must be evaluated for tenure in their sixth year. They are judged on teaching and research. If they are denied tenure, their contract is terminated after the seventh. Instructors cannot be granted

According to the university census, there are 1,199 faculty members, and 61 percent are tenured. The faculty handbook maps out the intricate promotion process in which the professor makes up a dossier of work and published materials. At the professor's department level, a committee on promotion and tenure reviews the dossier. The committee then votes on the candidate. The department chair writes a separate assessment of

All of the information gets passed on to the college where the process begins again. According to the handbook, once the college committee reviews the candidate the dean writes another assessment.

The dossier then gets passed on to the Faculty Senate. The faculty handbook states that the senate committee, which ideally comprises of seven members that make up all aspects of university demographics, votes and sends everything to the provost.

Alan Fox, president of the Faculty

Senate, said everything is technically advice to the provost. The provost is the highest academic officer and has the final say.

Fox said even if the candidate received all positive reviews, it does not guarantee

A candidate can appeal a negative recommendation, but a negative vote does not mean that the candidate will not go to the next level, he said.

'No matter what the vote is," Fox said, "it's the candidate's decision to take it to the

After the provost approves the candidate, everything goes to the president who, after making his decision, sends all of the reviews to the board of trustees. After seven recommendations, the candidate is granted

English Professor Charles Robinson has been teaching at the university for 43 years. Over that time he said he has advised more than 200 students in job searches.

Robinson said he usually dedicates a

class with his graduate students to explain the professor hierarchy so they understand the complex process.

Tenured positions are investments for universities, he said. A tenured position is similar to being a Supreme Court justice absolute job security in good behavior. Robinson said "publish or parish" best describes the stressful road to tenure.

Tenure does have its dangers, he said. A professor could become counterproductive after securing the life position.

"Does tenure and tenure track process make for a better teacher? Not necessarily," Robinson said. "Does tenure and tenure track process encourage productivity? Yes."
He stresses a balance between scholar-

ship and teaching, using himself as an exam-

"Teaching and research go hand in hand,"
Robinson said. "That is, anyone doing
research is going to improve his or her teaching. As I continue to learn more about
'Frankenstein,' I'm all the better in the class-

All university faculty members are also protected by a contract the American Association of University Professors has with the university. Gerry Turkel, the chief negotiator from the AAUP for the new contract, said it guarantees professors' rights and establishes a ratio of full-time faculty members to students.

Turkel said approximately 50 percent of the faculty are members, meaning they get to vote on the contract.

Tenure is fundamental to academic freedom," she said. "It allows professors to be free in their teaching and research without fear of retribution.'

In the last 10 years, AAUP membership has gotten younger, prompting different securities, Turkel said.

"We provide support through the contract so that people have good benefits, and a good sense of security," she said. "We provide greater support and security for faculty

members that are starting families."

McKenna said a lot has changed for him over the years. His autobiography is hidden in an edition of the complete poetry of W.B. Yeats. The book is covered with notes and an occasional picture or postcard hidden between the pages. Written in pencil on the inside left cover over many erased words is

his name and "University of Delaware."

He said he bought the book in Belfast as a student at Queen's University in Belfast. a student at Queen's University in Belfast.
Since then the inside cover has traced his
movements — University of Miami, Barry
University, Wesley College, University of
the Virgin Islands, Drew University.

"I read a Yeats poem and I say to
myself, 'Oh, I remember I wrote that down
sitting under the manage tree outside of my

sitting under the mango tree outside of my office in St. Croix, or I was having a café on Miami Beach," McKenna said. He said he believes he would be tenured

at one of those erased places had he stayed. However, the University of Delaware offered him something the other institutions did not. His workload gives him a personal balance that allowed him to start a family.

He has a daughter Aedin, which means Little Fire in Irish, but he always calls her Little One, he said. Sometimes the two research together in the library.

"She wants to be part of everything," McKenna said. "I used to take her to some

meetings, but now that she's two she wants to participate in the meeting. She wants to say things. She calls the shots at home but I can't let her do that during a meeting."

His wife Lisa works for the Delaware

Autism Program while working on her doctorate degree in education at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill. She is probably the source of Little One's fire, he said.

McKenna is the author of two books and many articles. He was working on a book about Joyce's "Finnegans Wake" before coming to the university. He said his advisers suggested he save writing that book when seeking promotion to full professor.
For his tenure research, McKenna said

he is contextually studying Irish writers work during heavy censorship periods in

special collections.

"I'm relaxed yet diligent," he said about promotion, citing his Jesuit education as the source of his vigilance.



Nursing students drill for mock school shooting

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junior nursing major and

participant in campus

- Katie Davis,

mock shooting

BY BRIAN ANDERSON

At approximately 12:20 pm on April 28, the first floor of McDowell Hall became a scene of chaos. More than 100 junior nursing majors responded to a mock shooting in one of the classrooms as a disaster drill was run by the

university's school of nursing.

Approximately 100 juniors acted as triage nurses and helped the approximately 50 sophomores who acted as wounded students in the simulation. More than 10 seniors also took part, acting as triage leaders who told nurses what to do to help the wounded patients.

Teachers in the school of nursing were also on hand, helping the students with the "Once you learn

Bethany Hall-Long, associate nursing professor, said she teaches a community health class about disaster training, and this exercise was one of the main projects for stu-dents enrolled in

the course. Hall-Long said the class was taught for a number of years before bioterrorism and school shootings became issues

became issues
within the country.

"One of the real important
things we find is the preparation,"
Hall-Long said. "Not only for an
episode of violence but also just
for Homeland Security and other
initiatives."

She said she sits on the Homeland Security panel in Delaware and finds many schools and community agencies do not have plans in place if a disaster were to occur.

Many disasters, such as earthquakes or a train derailing, cannot be prevented, Hall-Long said. However, she said she hopes these students learn what kind of emergency situations are preventable and what to do in case of a disas-

"I think it's really important and I'm proud that our students are trying," she said. "For them to have that understanding — that it is chaotic. If you don't have a good plan in place then it really comes back with repercussions."

Hall-Long said while school shootings are a sensitive subject

shootings are a sensitive subject, she thinks people are happy the school is being proactive and pro-gressive about the issue.

Amy Cowperthwait, simulation laboratory coordinator in the school of nursing, said the drill ran

as expected. Even with training, disaster relief never runs as smoothly as the drills, but the drilling helps students understand what to expect in a disaster.

Cowperthwait said these dis-aster drills are conducted once per semester and the theme of the disaster differs each time.

The school shooting was appropriate just because of what's been going on lately in the media," she said. "We just felt that the nursing students need to have some kind of handle on what to

Sophomore Ryan Miller, a nursing major who was wounded in the mock

shooting, said he was hurt "pretty bad" in the drill. He said the drill was very surreal to him because he was wounded.
"It was pretty
weird, hearing
them talk about you like you were dead,"
Miller said. "It was definitely a strange thing."
Junior nursing major Sizemore said she thinks school shootings are important to drill for, because they

are such a big

said she feels it is beneficial for every student to know what to do in case of an emergency.

to three weeks, the focus of the community health class has been disasters and disaster drilling and she has learned what to do during an emergency.
"I thought it sounded kind of

chaotic but in real life, disasters are," she said. "I guess its good

Katie Davis, another junior nursing major, said the drill was overwhelming when it first began because so many people needed help but once she relaxed and knew what to do, it became easier.

Davis said she was nervous when she was told about the drill, but is glad she participated because disasters do often occur.

Once you learn how to handle the disaster situation, it'll be

easier in the future to handle a bigger one," she said.

Miller said he thinks it is a good thing to practice because the issue is so important.

"It's deficitely a good thing."

"It's definitely a scary thing," he said. "Anything is real, anything can happen nowadays and you might as well be prepared for the worst."



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The things a criminal record can do to your future ought to be a crime

What's the value of a clean record? Employers, graduate schools, the military services, professional licensing boards, immigration authorities-- the gate keepers to a lot of the good stuff in life-- look carefully at your record. Exactly how much a criminal record will affect your life, no one knows. What is known is that many students--because of stepped up efforts to control alcohol, occupancy of private residences, or noise-- will be arrested this year.

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Some students have complained about construction on the Beach.

Harrington Beach gets a facelift:

Plans to turf area begins

BY STEFANIE GORDON

Construction to cover the Harrington/Russell Beach with FieldTurf began last Tuesday. However, the project has been met with mixed reactions from many stu-

Vic Costa, director for Facilities Planning and Construction, stated in an e-mail message that the purpose of the project is to provide students with a higher-quality recreational area.

"The reason for construction

would be to provide the students in would be to provide the students in the area a better playing surface for daily activities," Costa said. "Harrington Beach is getting a new look with the installation of a synthetic field. The project for the field began this week and will be ready for use in the fall."

Russell Johnson, service coordinator for Facilities Maintenance, said the construction should be completed by this summer. The tenative date is currently July 1.

Hesaid he was unsure why construction began while students were still in class and using the Beach.

"It could be a lot of reasons," Johnson said. "The availability of contractors, or running close to the end of the school year. They probably want to be done before the end of summer and began the construction as close to the end of the semester as

they possibily could."
Brian Singleton, manager of Lawn Doctor of Brandywine, a lawnmaintenance service in Wilmington, said depending on the use, turf may

or may not be a good idea.
"It's all relative to the usage," Singleton said. "Natural grass is certainly a much better environmental type of grass coverage. If you're experiencing a situation with soil and grass with rainfall, versus artificial turf, the rainfall will run off the turf almost like a parking lot.

Singleton said that run-off problems can occur if the water has nowhere to go.

"You would need to be able to make sure that there would be enough drainage," he said. "The water needs to go somewhere. There would have to be drainage installed in order to have that. It seems to be a common-sense issue.

Singleton said in an area with a lot of activity, turf may be a good

"If it's a regularly used area, then you're dealing with wear," he said. "With heavy traffic, you proba-bly can't even grow natural turf."

Sophomore Lisa Goyette said she did not realize the construction

would be of such a large magnitude.
"It bothers me a lot," Goyette said. "I didn't realize they'd be blocking off the whole Beach. It's so annoying, and it's the last month of me living here.

Goyette said next year she probably will not visit the Beach due to the remodeling

"I like it because it's relaxing," she said. "I really liked how it was. Now that it's just turf, I won't come over here to play frisbee or anything

Sophomore Meghan McGrath said she was frustrated the construction began while she was still living on campus.

"I'm pissed," McGrath said.
"They should have waited until after classes were over. Plus, it also cuts the shortcut we use to go to the dining hall."

She said she thinks a different material other than turf could have been used for the resurfacing.

"At least sod could be pretty," McGrath said. "It'll hurt if I fall She said the noise from the con-

struction is distracting and she thinks the beach should remain as it was.

"We already have a noisy garbage truck," she said. "If it's a beach, they should leave it as a

beach. Not add turf."

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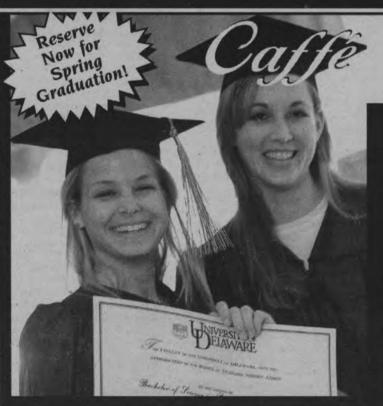
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FACED WITH BUDGET CRUNCH, STATES MAY RELEASE PRISONERS

Reversing decades of toughincluding on-crime policies, mandatory minimum prison sentences for some drug offenders, many cash-strapped states are embracing a view once dismissed as dangerously naive: It costs far less to let some felons go free than to keep them locked up.

It is a theory that has long been pushed by criminal justice advo-cates and liberal politicians —some felons, particularly those convicted of minor drug offenses, would be better served by treatment, parole or early release for good behavior.

AMAZON.COM FILES LAWSUIT OVER N.Y. SALES TAX

E-tailing juggernaut Amazon.com has filed suit against E-tailing the state of New York, challenging a new law that requires it to collect sales taxes on transactions here.

The lawsuit, filed in state Supreme Court in Manhattan April 25, disputes the constitutionality of a statute that presumes that an out-ofstate retailer solicits business if any in-state entity is compensated for referring customers to it. Amazon.com pays independent third parties, some of them based here, to advertise it by posting links to Amazon.com on their own Web sites.

New York lawmakers approved

view has less to do with a change of heart on crime than with stark fiscal realities. At a time of shrinking resources, prisons are eating up an increasing share of many state Proposals to free prisoners are

But the states' conversion to that

still met with opposition, particu-larly from law enforcement officials who fear that a flood of released felons could return to their communities and from victims groups that worry that justice is being sacrificed for budgetary con-

the new requirement with the state budget April 9. It is expected to yield \$50 million in new taxes this year and \$73 million next year.

Seattle-based Amazon, which is being represented in the case by former New York City deputy mayor Randy Mastro, argues that the new law is overly broad and vague and violates the equal protection clauses of both the state and U.S. constitutions because it intentionally targets Amazon. It argues that Amazon maintains no physical presence in the state and that its independent advertisers are not Amazon representatives

CYCLONE DEATH TOLL COULD REACH 10,000 IN MYANMAR

The government of Myanmar said Monday the death toll from a weekend cyclone in the Southeast Asian nation could hit 10,000, with potentially hundreds of thousands of people left homeless, aid agencies reported.

The estimate of 10,000 killed was a sharp escalation from the pre-vious official tally of 351 and was provided in a briefing by the Myanmar government to U.N. agencies, said Stephanie Bunker, the spokeswoman for the U.N.'s Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. At least 3,000 people were reported missing

from a single district.

Tropical Cyclone Nargis struck Myanmar, which also is known as Burma, on Saturday with winds as strong as 120 mph. Particularly hard hit was the fertile, low-lying Irrawaddy River delta, which empties into the Andaman Sea.

Telephone and Internet lines were down, making communication even more difficult in a country whose ruling military junta keeps a tight rein on contact with the outside world. Aid officials said it could be several days or even weeks before an accurate assessment of death and damage could be made.

-compiled from the L.A. Times and Washington Post wire reports

police reports

STUDENT ROBBED OF PIZZA

A 20-year-old university student was robbed Saturday morning, Cpl. Scott Simpson, of the Newark Police Department, said.

The student was walking on South Chapel Street, between Delaware Avenue and East Main Street, at 3:21 a.m., carrying a pizza. Four males, believed to be in their late teens or 20s, approached him and one asked him why he was walking so fast.

The victim felt what he thought was a gun in his back, and the suspects demanded the pizza. The victim obliged, and the suspects fled in a gray GMC Sierra minivan that was parked in a nearby lot, Simpson said.

THREE ARRESTED IN MONDAY ROBBERY

Three people were arrested Monday after robbing a 24-year-old university graduate student of \$10, Simpson said.

The student was walking in front of 55 E. Main St. at 1 a.m. Monday when the three defendants surrounded him and asked him for a dollar. After the victim refused to give them his money, the defendants searched through his pockets and took a \$10 bill.

The defendants fled on bicycles and were later taken into custody

The defendants, Paul Gore, 19, and Nabil Abdula, of Newark, and Noa Garcia, 18, of New Castle, were all charged with 2nd degree robbery and conspiracy. All remain in the Young Correctional Facility in lieu of \$7,000 bail, Simpson said.

Delaware cancer rates studied by Public Health

Reveals areas of cancer clusters in state

BY HALEY MARKS

A study exploring incidence and mortality rates of cancer in Delaware, by district, was recently released by Delaware Health and Social Services Division of Public

Dividing Delaware into 27 Census County Divisions, the study reports on five distinct areas of cancer incidence - all cancer sites combined, breast cancer, colorectal cancer, lung cancer and prostate cancer. The study labeled eight districts including Wilmington and New Castle as having higher than state average incidence rates for one or more cancer types.

A cancer incidence rate is defined as the number of new cancer cases diagnosed in a population over a period of time, according to the report.

Greater Newark County was ranked highest for the average annual age-adjusted incidence rate of breast cancer. It was not labeled a cancer cluster because its rate was not statistically high enough in comparison to the state average.

The causes of higher cancer rates in certain areas were not addressed in the study, however, the labeling of cancer clusters by county will hopefully enable further research into why certain areas are facing increased rates of

A cancer cluster is similar to putting a push pin in a map of where cancer occurrences are highest, nursing professor Carolee Polek said.

the movie Brockovich," the area was a can-cer cluster," Polek said. "Anytime one city has an over abundance of cancer, that warrants attention.

Professor of Biological Sciences, Mary Farach-Carson, a member of the Delaware Cancer Consortium and Delaware prevention committee, said that the complexities of cancer must be taken into account when dealing with the labeling of an area high in cancer incidence.

"It's environment, it's genetics, it's behavior," Farach-Carson said. "We need to do the research to sort through the causes."

She said in the last decade,

Delaware became aware that it had one of the highest rates of cancer incidence and mortality in the

country.
"The public is just now coming around and hearing more about this," Farach-Carson said. "At this time we don't have a cure so a number of things have been done over the past decade to grasp hold of this issue and deal with it to the best of our ability, given state

Delaware Cancer Consortium, a task force created - Josh Shannon by Gov. Ruth Ann Minner to

assess the causes of Delaware's high cancer incidence and mortality rates, has made considerable progress in taking action to lower cancer rates in Delaware. Its efforts include increased screening and early detection, tobacco prevention, environmental risk reduction, disparities elimination, enhancing the quality of cancer care statewide and paying for treatment for the uninsured, according to the American Cancer

Farach-Carson said the most important message is that more scientific research needs to be done before people overreact.

'Cancer is a disease that can take 40 years to develop," she said. "We've done a lot of things in the last 40 years, and in Delaware in particular in the last 10 years, to grasp hold of this issue, but you're not going to see it. No matter what we've done in the last 10 years, you may not see those effects for a few more

Farach-Carson said believes that a lack of funding from the government may hinder further analysis of cancer cluster

"We need to do the research and we really need to look at what are the things that would cause new cancers," she said. "We have 800,000 or so people in the state. If every person gave one dollar a year, that's the price of Coke, we would have enough money where we could do all of these studies and answer all of these questions."

Sean Hebbel, program director of the wellness community, a cancer patient support group in Wilmington, said while many diagnosed cancer patients reacted to the study with strong emotions, he feels the results are not all that

"Many felt they were cheat-ed," Hebbel said. "They believe there was information that could have been given to them earlier."
Hebbel said when dealing

with the emotions of cancer patients, a lack of control over one's life can result in anger.

"People become angry," he said. "If they live near a cluster they place blame when often cancer occurrence is related to one's lifestyle. If he happens to live three miles from DuPont, he wants to place blame on the chemical plant, not on his lifestyle choices."

One completely preventable environmental factor adding to cancer rates is tobacco use.

While Delaware is one of only three states which have invested at least the minimum amount of money recommended for tobacco control programs, the adult smoking rate was still 21.7 percent in the year 2006 according to the American Cancer Society, with \$284 million spent annually on smoking related health care.

Sophomore Tara Patel said with such high rates of cancer inci-dence in Delaware more should be done to combat the disease.

"It's scary that Delaware has such high cancer rates," Patel said. "It's something that affects you and you don't know about it. You don't see immediate results and that frightens people because it doesn't seem to the public that much is being done.

"My parents are both neuro-scientists for AstraZeneca, so I see from their point of view that drugs are being created and work is being done to try and combat can-cer, but I feel more emphasis should be placed on the importance of prevention and treat-ment."

Patel said with so many students on campus smoking, Delaware and the university should pass stronger laws to try and stop young adults from picking up a habit which has long been proven to cause cancer.





Q: Do you think the university should have alerted all students about the mock shooting?

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Mock shooting not promoted

In future nursing program must make students aware

Last Monday, a scene of chaos erupted in one of the class-rooms on the first floor of McDowell Hall as a mock gun shooting ran its course.

The event was originally planned to take place on the Green, but was forced inside because of inclement weather.

The staging was organized by the university's nursing school as an exercise for students in a disaster training class. A different disaster is staged once per semester so nursing students can practice and prepare how to react in different stressful situations.

Approximately 100 juniors took part in the "shooting" as nurses, aiding roughly 50 "injured" sophomores and freshmen with help from approximately 10 seniors.

Fake blood and other theatrics were used to make the situation more realistic.

The scenario of a shooting was chosen based on its recent coverage in the media.

While the reasoning of preparing students to aid in a time of need is understood, this could have been a very frightening event for an unsuspecting passerby.

The mock shooting should have been promoted and advertised more so as to make students and faculty not involved in the event aware it was occurring.

The only mention of the mock shooting event appeared on UDaily, which students do not necessarily always read. Thus, had the event taken place on the Green, as was initially planed, students may have assumed the "shooting" was a genuine cause for alarm and panic.

Next semester, administrators in the school of nursing should have an e-mail message sent out to students making them aware of the mock disaster, its time and location

If the administrators want to take the drill even further, they may want to consider using the UD Alert system to share this information.

These mock disasters are important to train nursing students; however, in the future, the nursing program can avoid any ambiguity by making sure non-nursing students are aware of what is happening. This way, any bystanders will be able to know how to react without fear.

Attention university artists:

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Rape' in headline unacceptable

In the April 29, 2008 edition of The Review titled "Pesticides 'rape' university environment," I commend you on writing on an issue which should be brought out to the student's awareness.

However, as a concerned student and a strong advocate for women's issues, I was shocked by the headline. To use the word rape in such a context is a deplorable use of trying to catch the reader's attention.

This article was placed in during Sexual Assault Awareness Month, a time when we are trying to raise awareness and create support, not shun and offend survivors. Rape is a crime that should be taken seriously. Using that word in a headline about pesticides was uncalled for. I enjoy reading The Review, but in the future I please ask you to take a critical look at the headlines.

Lauren Gibson Senior Igibson@udel.edu

A grounds worker's point of view

I believe the article titled "Pesticides 'rape' university environment," published in the April 29, 2008 issue of The Review was written in a way to inflame the student population. I realize we are working toward a greener campus but at what point do you draw a line? The students, faculty, staff and visitors of the university enjoy one of the most pristine campuses in the United States.

As a groundsworker I am proud of what we do with so little. The person who wrote this article did not think about what

they were saying, nor did they do enough homework. First, the people who spray are not groundsworkers, they are in the skilled trades, which requires them to be licensed in their field—including the safe application of chemicals. Groundsworkers are the people you see cutting grass and cleaning up leaves. As a grounds worker myself, I would like to ask how the students are helping this to become a greener campus, by throwing trash everywhere? We spend a lot of man hours picking up litter alone.

To say we are obsessed with our jobs, well, I take that as a compliment. There is a big difference between pride in what we do and obsession. As for my question as to where you draw the line, the greener way to do our jobs would be at great cost to the university and just not feasible.

For example, in the fall it would be better to clean up leaves by hand-raking everything and physically lifting the leaves into a truck and compost them. It would take an army of employees to accomplish this and major overtime.

Instead, we use leaf blowers which omit carbon in the air. Should the grounds department hire an army of employees to hand pick weeds out of the grass?

Did the writer of this article cite a solution? No. Instead they opted to talk with an organic pesticide person, who of course is going to say their product is better, so they can fill their wallet.

The last thing I want to say is the use of the term "rape" is totally uncalled for. It is insensitive to people who may have experienced what the term really means.

Tammy Zebley Grounds Worker and President Local 439 tzebley@udel.edu

Reviewers deem 2,4-D unharmful

After considering the full body of scientific evidence, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency released its re-registration decision for the chemical 2,4-D in 2005, and again in 2007, a decision not to Initiate a Special Review for 2,4-D.

These expert reviews determined the use of 2,4-D does not present an unacceptable risk to human health or the environment when used according to label directions.

These scientific assessments concur with other public agencies mandated with protecting human health, including Health Canada's Pesticide Management Regulatory Agency, the European Commission and the World Health Organization.

In Canada, Europe and the United States, public consultation processes have provided the opportunity for those with an interest to examine the science-based evaluations.

After considering the public's input, these agencies all reached the same conclusion — 2,4-D does not cause cancer in animals and is not a human carcinogen.

I invite readers of The Review to visit www.24d.org where these decisions and many other expert reviews have been made available to the public.

Jim Gray Executive Director Industry Task Force II on 2, 4-D Research Data james.gray@24d.org

First FestivALL event a success

Occasion on Green should be made annual tradition

This past Friday, the university held its frist-ever FestivALL, a day when students were invited to the Green for food and a day of relaxing.

The weather was perfect and the day turned out to be pretty close to perfect itself. It was nice to see the universi-

ty do something for the students and involve many Registered Student Organizations on campus to make it feel like everyone was welcome to join in on the day's festivities.

The Student Government Association also needs to be commended for its effort in getting this event out to the university.

Another highlight of the day was the environment itself. The entire day was a sober event which can be a rarity on this campus and many others.

Let's hope if this event does become an annual occurrence, it does not turn into the type of daylong drinking fest many other university events have in the spring.

For as well as it turned out, FestivALL could have been an event even more people could have enjoyed. One way to help be made annual tradition this event grow in the future is to

advertise it earlier.

For some students, they did not see the advertisements until the week before.

Had the SGA pushed harder to advertise the event, it could have included an even greater portion of the student body.

With this said, the turnout for the first FestivALL was well above what was expected — and that can't ever be a bad thing. Another idea to help this

Another idea to help this event become what it could be is to possibly tie it in with SCPAB's Spring concert, if it ever returns. This way FestivALL would become an all day set-up for the evening's event.

Or, possibly, have one of the local cover bands finish out the day on the Green and play for the students. This way the university could make FestivALL an all inclusive even for everyone to enjoy.

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In all, FestivALL succeeded on many levels. The university should be excited with the way everything went and consider making this an annual event, if it hasn't already.

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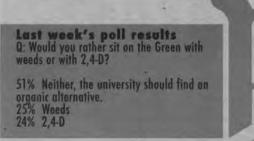
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Help stop sexual violence in Darfur

Guest Commentary

Katherine Gibson

There are many ways for students to get involved

Since the conflict in Darfur began five years ago, more than 1 million children have been forced to live in refugee camps without an education and without a home. If my 3-year-old sister had been born in Darfur, she would know nothing other than the violence, fear and hunger of life in these overcrowded and understaffed camps.

Hundreds of thousands of innocent civilians have died in Darfur and more than 2.5 million people have been displaced from their homes. The Janjaweed militia has been running a systematic campaign of rape, torture, murder and the destruction of homes, villages and crops.

This is a military campaign aimed at destroying the civilian population and it has been carried out with complete impunity.

The prevalence of sexual violence in

The prevalence of sexual violence in Darfur is particularly horrendous. Women are publicly raped in front of their husbands, families and communities and are beaten or killed for resisting. Girls as young as 8 years old are

kidnapped and forced into sexual slavery in Janjaweed camps — the social taboos against rape mean that these women and their children are often ostracized by the community. Women are not even safe in the refugee camps.

The government of Sudan is actively sponsoring the violence. It provides arms to the Janjaweed and has obstructed the efforts of United Nations peacekeeping forces and aid workers.

All this has happened despite the fact President George W. Bush's administration called the conflict a genocide in 2003 and vowed it would not continue "on his watch."

Maybe it is the fact that so many young people are victimized in Darfur that inspires students across the United States to act on this issue. Many of these students work through Amnesty International, a grassroots organization which fights to promote and protect human rights around the world.

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On Sunday, April 13, the university's chapters of Amnesty International and STAND attended the Global Day for Darfur protest and rally in Washington, D.C. to pressure the government to take more action on Darfur.

The event included tents that model the environment of a Sudanese refugee camp with information about living conditions there. It also featured Sudanese music and speakers from Amnesty International and Darfur. We signed petitions to pressure the Sudanese, American and Chinese governments. The protest started on the National Mall

The protest started on the National Mall and turned into a march to the White House featuring more inspirational speeches from student activists, a Sudanese activist and a Holocaust survivor. Several protesters participated in acts of civil disobedience and were arrested in front of the White House.

Amnesty International is currently working with Delaware African Student Association and Uganda Untold to hold a displaced event on campus. This event, which will take place on May 15 on the Green in front of Memorial and Gore Hall, is designed to simulate a refugee camp in Darfur or Uganda.

Students from all three groups will provide information on what is happening in Darfur and Uganda and what you can do to help.

Amnesty International has a strong history of advocacy in this campaign and has had some major successes. In 2003 and 2004, Amnesty International provided some of the earliest documentation of the events in Darfur, including eyewitness testimonies. Amnesty International also organized a letter-writing campaign to the U.2S. and U.N. Security Council government members in support of the resolution to send peacekeepers to Darfur. Amnesty International also identified the

Amnesty International also identified the fact that the conflict was spilling over the border into Chad.

In August 2007, the Chadian government

publicly credited Amnesty International activism as a key reason why they changed their policy and agreed to let peacekeeping forces into the country, which was authorized by the U.N. that September.

Amnesty International also exposed the continuing sale of arms to Sudan by Russia and China despite a U.N. arms embargo and because of China's role as Sudan's largest foreign investor, Amnesty International has protested and rallied outside of China's embassies and consulates in the U.S., and sent a letter signed by 96 senators to the government of China calling on President Hu Jintao to pressure Sudan's government.

Amnesty International has monitored the situation in Darfur through its "Eyes on Darfur" campaign, which uses satellite imagery and geospatial technology to observe villages at risk of destruction and to ensure the government in Khartoum knows the world can see what is happening in Sudan.

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Amnesty International also sponsored a global petition calling on Bush to ensure the deployment of UNAMID with more than 500,000 signatures.

University students can get involved in fighting for justice and peace in Darfur by attending Displaced, Amnesty International or STAND meetings and by signing petitions on Amnesty's Web site.

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A former smoker changes his mind



Mother

Tucker Liszkiewicz

No matter the reasons, it's never too late to quit cigarettes.

Earlier this year, I wrote an editorial in defense of smokers' rights.

I said it was a person's own choice to decide whether or not to willfully ingest tar and chemicals.

I romanticized cigarette smoking as the last bastion of a simpler, bygone era. It was never run due to the fact it was essentially a love letter to Big Tobacco from a long-time fan.

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Irony, today, is spelled COPD. This fourletter acronym is short for Chronic Obstructive
Pulmonary Disease, a diagnosis that includes
chronic bronchitis and emphysema. The primary risk factor is cigarette smoking and,
according to the National Center for Health
Statistics, is responsible for more than 100,000
American deaths per year.

Imagine my shock, when a week ago, my

doctor told me I had the first signs of lung disease. Smoking is supposed to take away the final years of your life — the unwanted ones spent walking very slowly for fear of breaking a hip.

The consequences of smoking aren't supposed to start rearing their ugly heads at the age of 22. My parents and grandparents smoked for years, and I never even heard my Nana cough. This strikes me as somewhat unfair, as I have only smoked for the past four years.

In truth, I've been around it since the day I

In truth, I've been around it since the day was born.

My early childhood was a different time — there were still cigarette vending machines in bars and restaurants, and Joe Cool and the Marlboro Man had life-sized cardboard cut outs in every corner drug store in Wilmington.

At the Posthouse restaurant on Union Street, a chef used to smoke non-filtered Lucky Strikes as he whipped up my homefries after school.

Whenever my family got into the station wagon for a trip during the winter months, cigarettes were lit with the heater blaring and the windows up.

There used to be ashtrays in shopping carts at the grocery store; every time they mopped the floor, the bucket water would be jet black from the cigarette residue.

Then again, cigarettes cost less than a dollar and there wasn't as much concrete information about the risks of smoking, so I can understand their excessive use.

To this day, my parents smoke inside the house. I did not realize my clothes smelled different from other kids' or that white curtains did not usually have a yellow tinge to them until I started sleeping over other kids' houses. I remember when I was 7; a friend's father asked me if I smoked because my clothes reeked so badly of it. It was not the first time, and it wasn't the last someone asked me if I smoked before I was even in junior high.

I never thought as a 4-year-old boy that sitting with my Babci reading Dr. Seuss while she puffed away on Virginia Slims would ever come back to hurt me.

I don't know if this was a typical case for the tail end of Generation X, but it was how I grew up, and how a sizeable portion of my friends did.

Cigarette smoking can affect your life much sooner than expected, whether you do it yourself or are just around it. It is easy to shrug off when the anticipated negative effects are 30 years off, but no as much when they are staring you in the face.

There's a chance that I will probably have to deal with the repercussions of my exposure and my actions for the rest of my life. I already get lung infections several times per year; I can get out of breath just talking and sometimes wheeze when I laugh.

Five years ago, I was a three-sport varsity high-school athlete and all-conference in lacrosse—now I have an inhaler.

lacrosse — now, I have an inhaler.

The whole situation is so stressful that I could really use a cigarette.

I do not mean to be the petulant child who's only repentant because he got caught with his hand in the cookie jar — I aided to my problems.

Life is going to be different — cracking open a pack of Nicorette isn't nearly as satisfying as a cigarette when you've got a Long Island Iced Tea in your other hand.

Like many before me, I was told by my doctor to quit smoking. I ignored him before, but hopefully it's not too late. It doesn't matter the time frame, 4 or 40 — it can kill you, and it may do it sooner than you think.

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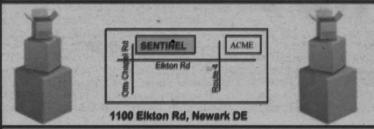
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A Newark community looking for a home

Wilmington group promotes building of local skate park

BY RYAN LANGSHAW

It doesn't take a genius to figure out what makes Newark what it is - sprawling campus buildings, lines of stores on Main Street and residential houses tucked in between. However, for skateboarders such as Tommy Zhao, it just about takes a genius to find a place to skate within the

"There's nowhere to skate in Newark — it sucks," Zhao says. "UD is really not very skater friendly."

The answer to Zhao's problem, along with that of many the solved quicker than they other Newark skaters, may be solved quicker than they might think, thanks to the Wilmington Skate Project, a company focusing on building skate parks around Wilmington. Marc Calder, who founded WSP in 1999, has recently set a deadline for completion of a state-of-the-art skate park to be located in Wilmington. The city is also putting up \$250,000 toward the park's completion.

According to the group, the park, which has been in the works since the group's inception, would provide skaters with a plaza-style skate park with world-class facilities. Calder says one of the main reasons for the park's potential prestige is thanks to the design team WSP has enlisted to

make it. The team, headed by Anthony Bracali and Brian Nugent, has spent year's designing parks across the United States and Canada.

"Our design team is world-class," Calder says. "They won't settle to create anything less." Calder says one of the biggest goals in the design

process was to create a skate park with not only a unique design, but also a layout that, above all, was the choice of skaters. Calder says the plaza-style layout was a favorite among skaters and seemed to be the best choice after he researched different skate parks throughout the country.
"I have done a lot of

research on skateboarding and skate parks in general," he says. "But we really wanted the skaters themselves to tell us what they wanted in a skate

> He says one of the biggest reasons for the group's efforts over the years to keep its skate-park dream alive has been its hopes to give skaters an outlet to skate and create more aware-ness of the local skateboarding scene in general.

"I think the perception skaters has changed over time,

he says. "But I also feel that doing a project like this is important just so we can show exactly how posi-tive the sport is."

Former university student Tyler Jacobson, who works at Switch, a skateboarding shop in Newark, feels the perception of skating is only part of the problem. Although Jacobson says other peo-ples' perception of skaters is important, he feels over the years the mass appeal of skateboarding has started to soften many out-

siders' viewpoints.

The biggest issue to him, however, is Newark itself as a bad skating venue.

"There are a lot of good places to skate around here, but the city just is not very tolerant of it in general," Jacobson says. "A lot of people that come into the shop are just bummed there is nowhere good to skate, so what WSP is doing is really great."

Zhao feels that along with improving the image of skaters,

having a world-class skate-park could also help Delaware attract skaters from other areas of the

get some of them to come down here.

All three feel one effect the skate park will have is not All three feel one effect the skate park will have is not just on the skateboarding community, but rather on the economy of Wilmington. Jacoboson in particular feels the skate park would draw lots of skaters from all over Delaware as well as the surrounding states, which could have a positive effect on the city's economy.

According to Calder, WSP's goal of building a skate park has not always been an easy one. The original proposal by Wilmington Congressman Kevin Kelley called for a site to be built near the Wilmington Blue Rocks stadium, but finding and logistics issues forced the organization to stone

funding and logistics issues forced the organization to stop plans. Kelley and the city have worked closely with WSP since then, and although no site has been set in stone, the group believes it has many viable options.
"That's a main reason why we're setting this timeline,"

Calder says. "That way we can get this done and have some positive news to announce to everyone in the community."

One of the primary concerns of Jacobson has been waiting for the skate park's completion.

"A lot of people have been hearing about this idea for a

long time, but there really has never been any action, so I think it



country.

"I usually have to drive to
Philly or New York every weekend," Zhao says. "But if this goes through, then maybe I can
is good they are making a timeline and doing something about it," he says. is good they are making a timeline and doing something about it," he says.

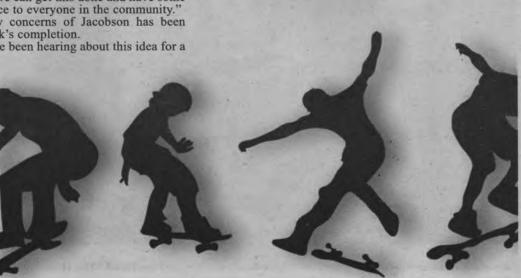
Calder says WSP is considering two tentative

deadlines for its park and will look at something in early summer. If there are any hitches in the park's construction a final winter deadline will be set near the end of next year.

The group is also in the process of scheduling some

WSP, but also the new skate park. Calder says some ideas being discussed to bring people to the new park are concerts and a "go skateboarding day," which would be held in the town of Newark and would raise awareness about the sport. The group also held a benefit show last month at music venue Mojo 13.

"We really need everyone's support to get this thing going," Calder says. "The more everyone does to con-tribute, the better it will turn out."





Finding the beauty in a trying situation

Brain cancer diagnosis shakes life of former Miss Delaware USA

BY JORDAN ALLEN

For the majority of individuals, Nov. 16, 2006, was just another day on the calendar. For Jackie Pilla, it changed her life — it was the day she found out she had a brain tumor.

Pilla is a 1995 university alumna who was named Miss Delaware U.S.A. in 1999. Throughout her years as a student and as Miss Delaware U.S.A., she was experiencing the symptoms of her brain tumor.

Pilla says the most difficult symptom for her to deal with was depression. She was diagnosed with depression and had been in treatment for for several years. She underwent psychotherapy and medication, but nothing

Four years ago, Pilla's problems with her memory and balance began. She would run into walls and then laugh it off.

"I would just joke and say I'm clumsy because that's what I thought," Pilla says. It became increasingly frustrating for Pilla once she saw herself changing as a per-

"I used to be very sharp, quick, on-the-ball, and I wasn't like that anymore," she says. This point was especially difficult

because she felt as though she was the only one who was aware of the change. She says people around her didn't notice her symptoms because she could still function well.

"They would say, 'Look at how well you're doing, look at how successful you are, it can't be that big of a deal,' "Pilla says.

Yet she noticed the change, and her symptoms continued to worsen. Pilla says her migraine headaches, which she had experienced for approximately six to eight years, grew longer and more intense. Her doctor ordered that she have an MRI, through which he discovered she had a type of brain tumor called meningioma.

Pilla first heard the news when driving home from work. She talked to a physician's assistant who would only say she had enlarged

'After that I had a half hour drive home," she says. "I was thinking a million different

things."
Pilla says she was in a state of disbelief for a few months.
"I think I was in shock," she says.

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Jackie Pilla (center), 1999 Miss Delaware U.S.A., poses with her family.

Alum gets 'Luckey' with MTV megahits

BY SAMANTHA BRIX

As a freshman at the university living in Lane Hall, Gary Auerbach had no idea he would one day reside right outside Santa Monica, Calif., run a successful production company and call Lauren Conrad from the MTV reality show "The Hills" a good friend.

The '81 alumnus majored in economics during his time in school, but paid more

attention to his first love — theater.

"We would shoot stuff at friends' [hous-

es] and just goof around," Auerbach says. "I had grand plans to be an actor."

He says his time at the university bridged the gap between boyhood and manhood, giving him confidence to move to the Big Apple on his own.

Auerbach left Newark after graduation and headed for New York City, where he

lived for the next 10 years. In New York, Auerbach discovered he had a talent for cutting theatrical trailers and started to create dance videos for nightclubs. When people at MTV got a hold of his work, they extended a job offer to him. While working on and off for the television network, Auerbach created his own company, Go Go Luckey.

"Owning my own business gives me the freedom to experiment with different forms of entertainment," he says.

Best known for its popular reality TV shows including "Laguna Beach" and "The Hills," Go Go Luckey also produces documentaries and Webisodes, which are TV shows no longer than three minutes that appear on Web sites. Auerbach says the company boasts compelling narratives and dra-

matic storytelling.

Auerbach devised the idea for a television show on MTV that would follow high school kids living near a beach. This morphed into the successful "Laguna Beach." He says the reason for the sensation of "Laguna Beach" is that it's a wishful show that takes a fresh look at high school and is shot in a cre-

"High school is high school and you have the same universal problems all high schoolers have even if you live on a mansion

schoolers have even if you live on a mansion at the beach," he says.

Auerbach says "Laguna Beach" is a "docu-soap," a term he coined meaning a story-driven reality show.

Auerbach created "The Hills," the spin-off of "Laguna Beach," which he doesn't love as much as the original show. He says it's hard to label the type of genre "The Hills" it's hard to label the type of genre "The Hills" has become, as it's awkwardly stuck between celebrity and real life.

"It was never scripted," he says. "It's

always been real people with their real lives. It's getting a little set-up.'

Auerbach says producing shows is mainly people management. As a producer, he is in charge of inventing feasible ideas and creating a team that can shake the vision of that idea to life. He says producing is never a solo project, but always a collaborative

Go Go Luckey is currently taking on many big projects. The company was the first approached by the Web site WB.com, the newly restored version of the WB television network, to create programming. The Web site will feature seasons of five to 10 Webisodes in hopes of attracting advertisers.

Auerbach says the mechanism in brain-storming TV show ideas doesn't differ much from generating article ideas for newspapers. He says his team brings concepts of its own interests to the table and pitches them to broadcasters. People come to his company with television show storylines as well, recently including Tara Reid.

The real fun about our company is that one day we'll go from literally meeting a

group of witches down in Orange County to pitching a show to Jerry Seinfeld," he says.

Auerbach's company is also involved in interactive media by creating social networking for viewers of their TV shows. The Web sites have evolved into platforms where peo-ple communicate on the Web about a TV show as much as they watch the show.

Go Go Luckey produced the hit A&E series, "Paranormal State," which, currently in its second season, follows a Pennsylvania State University students who feel haunted by supernatural creatures. The company also created a social networking Web site for fans of the show who rally online and discuss their own paranormal experiences.

He says the genius behind the show plays on people's fascination with the

"It's about hitting upon things people elate to," he says. "Something not so far can relate to," he says. from their own lives."



University alumnus Gary Auerbach created Go Go Luckey, which produced "The Hills."

Dempsey's flick offers nothing new

"Made of Honor" Columbia Pictures

Rating: AA (out of AAA)

Patrick Dempsey's character in "Made of Honor" is the perfect leading man for a chick flick. He's beautiful, suave and a complete player, but he's not so far gone that his spinster ways can't be reformed in the time it

takes to plan a wedding.
Picture "My Best Friend's Wedding," but in reverse, with a lot more kilts and a sex-toy party thrown in for good measure, and you get the often cliché and overly predictable roman-tic comedy "Made of Honor."

Tom (Dempsey) and Hannah (Michelle Monaghan) meet in college and become pals, despite the fact that Tom is a womanizer and Hannah is a total bookworm. After 10 years of friendship, Tom realizes he's in love with her, but he's too late, as she has inconveniently gotten engaged to a strapping Irishman (Kevin McKidd) while away on vacation.

For Tom, there is only one thing to do—agree to be Hannah's maid of honor so he can

sabotage the wedding from the inside, stop it in the knick of time and win Hannah back.

Predictable doesn't even begin to describe this movie. At no point in the 101 minutes of "Made of Honor" is there any suspense over whether or not Tom will make it to the wedding in time or if he will get stuck in traffic and arrive late, only to find out that Hannah doesn't return his feelings, leaving Tom and his bruised ego to watch the only woman he's ever really loved ride off into the sunset with another man.

Director Paul Weiland managed to take

the "can men and women really be just friends" ques-tion from "When Harry Met Sally," the "falling in love



Although the film starts out slow, the antics of Tom and his loyal buddies who offer up their sometimes-misguided advice when they see fit are increasingly funny as the film progresses. The running jokes about bad Scottish food, overweight bridesmaids and glow-in-the-dark sex beads (which belong to Grandma), give the film comedic character.

with your engaged

best friend" aspect from "My Best F r i e n d's Wedding," and the

"will they, won't they" debacle from

almost every other

romantic comedy

ever created to cre-

product

his finished

If what audiences want is a cute romantic comedy where you don't have to think too hard, "Made of Honor" works well. Dempsey is adorable as usual and Monaghan is fresh and likeable - with a combined charm and quick banter, the two mesh well and create a good dynamic for a cookie-cutter comedy.

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Hero flick flies where most fall flat

Marvel Enterprises Rating: ਕੋਕੋਕੇ (out of ਕੋਕੋਕੋਕੇ) Forget about the man of

this spring it's all about the man of iron. After a series of superflops, Marvel Enterprises is finally redeeming itself with "Iron Man, a visually stunning — often mid-air — thrill ride directed by Jon

In Marvel's newest endeavor, Robert Downey Jr. plays Tony Stark, a wealthy weapons manufacturer who designs tools of destruction for the U.S. Army. While performing a demonstration in Afghanistan, he is captured by terrorists and discovers that the U.S. government isn't his only

client. His captors hold him hostage until he can make a bomb for them with his materials they have mysteriously acquired.

Instead, Stark, who is at this point being kept alive by an electromagnet that keeps metal particles from entering his heart, designs and builds a metal suit that is not only resistant to fire and bullets, but has a built in flame thrower and can fly. Seeing the possibilities of his weapons in the wrong hands, Stark escapes to America where he shuts down his weapons manufacturing plant, perdown his weapons manufacturing plant, perfects his suit — complete with a snazzy red and gold paint job — and adapts to his new role in which he can better protect people by being a weapon than by making them.

When making a superhero movie there is always a significant potential for failure,

but "Iron Man" succeeds where many others have failed. The hero in Faverau's movie is identical, in ethics and action, to the hero from the comics. In addition, there was clearly time taken to avoid any campy action or sappy love sequences to which other films have fallen victim.

Although the original "Iron Man" took place during the Cold War, Faverau's adaptation could not possibly have better timing. Putting Stark, the quintessential rich, hedonistic American, in a modern war is eerily poignant and Downey Jr. is the perfect man for the job.

Downey Jr., who is no stranger to the bottle himself, has no trouble grappling with the ethical questions of weapons develop-ment as the Hugh Hefner-esque Stark. Playing alongside Downey Jr., is Jeff Bridges as Obadiah Stane, Tony Stark's bald, bearded, bad-guy business partner. There is a special chemistry that must exist for a friends-turnedenemies story to properly play out, and Bridges and Downey Jr. play off of each other to perfectly accentuate the development of a good vs. evil relationship.

For long-time "Iron Man" fans, this movie will not disappoint. Although there is plenty of action, including frequent mid-air battles and elaborate explosions, the filmmakers let nothing come second to the plot. As far as superhero movies go, "Iron Man" is the new heavy hitter this year, but some may consider it a fun pre-game before "The Dark

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DeGraw loses his better half

Gavin DeGraw RCA Records

Rating: かな 1/2 (out of かかかかか)
Relationships often drive music. They provide inspiration, emotion and critical opportunities for growth. In the pop-rock-R&B-fused case of Gavin DeGraw, the relationship behind the music is with a piano, and the artist and his keys seem to

DeGraw released his first album, Chariot, in 2005, and central to almost all of the tracks was the piano. The resulting anomaly was puzzling at first — here was a soulful crooner, pounding out unapologetic piano melodies with a rock band's - but once critics and music fans reconciled themselves with DeGraw's unconventional sound, the piano became an equal partner in the singer/songwriter's success

On his self-titled sophomore effort, DeGraw seems to have all but abandoned that partner. The album includes 12 tracks, and only four of them feature the piano in a significant role. Change isn't always a bad thing for an artist, but in this case, DeGraw has ditched a fresh sound for a generic

The first four tracks on Gavin DeGraw, including the opening single, "In Love With A Girl," exhibit moments of piano inspiration, as if to remind listeners of what DeGraw is capable, but ultimately fall prey to substandard lyrics and a dominating rock sound. On "I Have You To Thank," DeGraw sings, "I have you to thank for making me so, so hard to please because / you treated me so good that no one else could hold your makeup / because of you, girl, I never wanna because".

Really? The unique poetry prevalent on DeGraw's first album doesn't appear nearly as fre-



quently on his new tracks, and it's no coincidence that the lyrical muse has flown in conjunction with those 88 keys. DeGraw only manages to pull it together on album No. 2 when he returns to the

Fortunately, DeGraw makes this return at critical points. The dark horse of the album is the fifth track, "Cop Stop," where DeGraw combines spot-on lyrics, unexpected backup vocals, perfect instrumentation and his easy voice with the piano jams characteristic of Chariot.

DeGraw also goes out on a better note than he starts, finishing with strong performances on "She Holds The Key," "Untamed" and "Let It Go," all Holds The Key," "Untamed" and "Let It of which reunite the artist with his piano.

Vocally, DeGraw is consistently and expect-edly powerful throughout, but the album lives up to its predecessor only when all is right between the man and his keys

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On My Way Here Clay Aiken RCA Records

Rating: AAAA (out of AAAAA)

In his fourth studio release, titled On My Way Here, Clay Aiken continues to impress listeners with a soothing voice, sweet lyrics and overall solid songs. Albums like this make it clear the former runner-up of American Idol is still putting out records - he's

Aiken's first single off the album, title track "On My Way Here," is somewhat autobiographical about growing up and learning from the past. Written by OneRepublic frontman Ryan Tedder, the song is a great way to promote and start an album.

"Where I Draw The Line" is clearly the best track off the album although each one is worth more than one listen. "The Real Me," written by Natalie Grant



but sung by Aiken, also adds to the album as a whole.

On My Way Here is filled with easy-listening songs. Whether you're a Claymate or not, his newest effort is definitely worth a listen.

- Brian Anderson

Trust Me Craig David Warner Brothers

Rating: AA 1/2 (out of AAAAA)

Trust Me is an appropriate title for Craig David's fourth album, as the British singer is practically harmless in

on the disc's first track and single, "Hot Stuff (Let's Dance)," David shows his colors as he opts to initiate a girl in dancing rather then sex, the more common R&B subject matHe continues the upbeat, feel-good cuts as the album goes on, but without delivering a smash hit of "Walking Away" or "Fill Me In" proportions.

David then delivers a



few ballads, with some hitting the mark, and others missing.

On "Kinda Girl For Me," he sings "The truth is I got it bad / but ain't nothing wrong with that."

There's nothing wrong

with a tame album.

However, although David is a genuine talent, his status in America continues to pale in comparison to his UK stardom, and Trust Me isn't the triumphant comeback to change that.

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delaware UNdressed Facing the facts



Sarah Niles Columnisi

After weeks upon weeks of talking about oral sex, pubic air, kissing techniques, hair, kissing techniques, friendcest and many other bar-room topics, I thought it was time to buckle down and tackle more serious issue college kids must face as well: safe sex and testing. There are options right on campus that allow you to take your sexual health into your own

hands and be responsible.

The university's Student Health Center is a helpful resource many students just don't use enough. OK, so maybe you've been there when you couldn't stop sniffling for days and needed a cold pack. Or perhaps your last visit was when you missed your 8 a.m. and needed a doctor's note to get you out of attendance trouble (come on, we've all done it). Whatever your reason, it's time you head back over there and make an appointment to get

If you've been tested recently by your own doctor, then you're in the clear until you have sex with a new partner. If you're one of those students who has had sex, protected or not, and still hasn't asked to see some STD test results, head over to

I understand how difficult it may be to psych yourself up enough to make moves and actually get tested. It can be terribly nerve-wracking to address the situation and make the initial appointment, but once it's all over you can pat yourself on the back for being responsible. In most cases, it will be nice to know you don't have to worry about spreading anything you caught last

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month after dancing a little too much with the devil while in Acapulco. It's important to remember that whether you have symp-toms or not, you could be carrying an infection and passing it on to your partners without even realizing.

According to the Planned Parenthood Web site, chlamydia, gonorrhea, hepatitis, herpes, HIV, HPV and syphilis can have little or no symptoms. It's important to find out whether you have contracted any of these infections so you can take the proper steps to get treatable. In fact, many of these infections are easily treated. Without treatment, however, these same low-stress

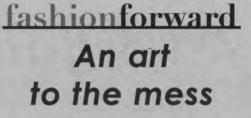
infections could lead complications later in life.

Don't forget that using a condom doesn't always guarantee you'll be infection-free. Using a condom helps to ensure your sexual safety but often condoms break, slip off or malfunction in the heat of the moment. Let's be realistic — sex in college with a new partner might occur under the influence, when using a condom properly is much more difficult. That being said, even if you think your use of a condom put you in the safety zone, it's much better to get tested and prove yourself right than walk around carrying, and potentially spreading an infection.

In order to plan a routine gynecological exam or a regular STD screening at the Student Health Center, the Web site suggests calling four to six weeks in advance to schedule an appointment. If you notice something scary, however, they will make sure

to see you as soon as possible.

With STDs, it's always better to be safe than sorry. If you haven't been tested, call (302) 831-8035 now and schedule your appointment today. It's quick, easy and an important step to take in order to be sexually responsible.



It's no secret that the fashion world is woman's world the two practically go hand in hand. I bet the fact that I'm a lady writing a fashion column probably doesn't surprise you. A female's passion for clothes is in her genes, right next to sugar and spice and



Larissa Cruz

everything nice.

But despite its many feminine qualities, fashion isn't solely what little girls are made of. There's a significant side of fashion that often goes unnoticed — and it doesn't involve stilettos, frocks, floral prints or "it" bags.

Guys everywhere, from the boy who sits

next to you in class to the gentleman who works at the deli, are a major part of the fashion world,

whether they wish to believe it or not.

Many try to hide their inner fashionistos with "I-don't-care" styles and indifferent attitudes, but when it comes down to it, they care

about their appearances.

There's an art behind the mess, in the way their hair falls in their face, their wallets coolly indent the back pocket of their jeans, their artful band T-shirts reveal their musical taste and their hats match their outfits.

Alas, there are some guys, like several of my beloved friends, who aren't as incognito about their affection for fashion.

One particular guy pal is obsessed, to say the least, with sneakers. He blows his paychecks on rare-edition, brightly colored, crazy-printed footwear. We once spent an evening exploring the many varieties of sneakers online, because I was so intrigued by this area of fashion I had never known before — and he was more than eager to show me.

Another male companion of my mine is very fond of his Ben Sherman parka — and allow me to include that it has a fur-lined hood. He could be seen wearing it throughout the wintry months and I'm convinced he'd still be wearing it now, if it weren't for the warmer weather.

The other week, an additional guy friend asked me, "What are some new clothing styles or trends for guys?" I was at a loss for words, not only because I'm not used to hearing this type of question from a male, but also because I know little on the subject.

I have numerous other guy pals that secretly fix their hair by using a blow-dryer or gel, are pickier than I am when purchasing a piece of clothing, change multiple times before going out, get upset when something they're wearing gets ruined and look in the mirror more than most girls to check for flaws. I've seen them coyly pick at my extensive sunglass collection and sometimes they even wear them in public.

And in case you're wondering, all of these men are heterosexual, as are many fashion designers who create clothing for women.

What's the conclusion, aside from my realization that I still have a lot to learn about fash-

Guys heart fashion just as much as girls do. They have the same insecurities and, instead of being afraid of their hidden style stars, they should appreciate and embrace them.

It's OK to enjoy how your clothes look and make you feel. It's OK to spend your money on your closet's contents. It's OK to be conscious about your garment choices.

The line that was once drawn between boys

and girls is no longer there.

So leave out the snips and snails and puppy dogs' tails, and I think you'll find what little boys are truly made of — a touch of fashion and a hint

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mediadarling Souring another celeb reputation

Miley Cyrus grew on me. At first, I thought the Disney tween-sensation was trying too hard to attain the covet-ed triple threat status — actress, singer and songwriter — and I didn't understand what was so great about her alter ego, the husky-voiced, over-accessorized "Hannah Montana" character.

However, when her sugary-sweet songs like "Nobody's Perfect," "True Friend" and "Life's What You Make It" started to pack the rhinestone-studded iPod of the 12-year-old girl I babysit, I realized Cyrus represents a dying breed — innocent, well-intentioned

So I decided to like Miley, and even enjoy jamming out to "See You Again" when it comes on at the bars (and it does).

But recently my faith in her was diminished by an arguably racy Vanity Fair photo shoot, and the media seems to agree that her shining good girl aura has started to fade

In one particularly scandalous photo,
Cyrus appears topless with a bare back
and her front covered by a white blanket.
Her hair is tousled and her plump lips are
shaded a vibrant red. All in all, the 15year-old looks about twice her age, not to mention like a sex kitten.

"I mean I had a big blanket on," Cyrus says in the photo's caption, when asked if she was anxious about the shot. "And I thought, this looks pretty, and real-

ly natural. I think it's really artsy."

Artsy is one way to say it. Now she's in full-fledged damage control because of the photos, and trying desperately to clean up her good-girl image.

"I took part in a photo shoot that was sup-posed to be 'artistic' and now, seeing the photographs and reading the story, I feel so embarrassed," Cyrus says in a statement. "I never intended for any of this to happen and I apologize to my fans who I care so deeply about."

Ah yes, the fans, ranging from an average of 6 to 14 years old, who now have a pin-up of Cyrus looking post-coital to hang up next to their Jonas Brothers poster. Wholesome material for anyone's bedroom wall.

Moreover, the content of *Vanity Fair's* accompanying article also calls into question Cyrus's values and if she's fit to be a role model for pre-adolescent girls.

In the article Cyrus says her favorite TV show is "Sex and the City" — I'm hoping



she's referring to the edited TBS versions She also says she is personally friends with Britney Spears and Lindsay Lohan, and understands their struggle.

All this information doesn't seem Disney-approved, and in fact, it's not. Disney learned of the photos only after they aired on "Entertainment Tonight" last week.

A Disney spokeswoman, Patti McTeague, faulted *Vanity Fair* for the photos.

"Unfortunately, as the article suggests, a situation was created to deliberately manipulate a 15-year-old in order to sell magazines," she said in a press statement.

You might be asking where her parents were during the shoot. Surely they would protect Hannah Montana from letting down her pigtails and over-exposing herself. But both Billy Ray and Tish Cyrus were on-set for the

shoot, and well aware of their daughter's exploitation.

Racy photos, stage parents and an infinitely expanding career — a recipe for disaster, or it was in the case of Britney and

But despite the photos, I haven't lost hope in the young starlette. I have faith she'll come back from the mishap, and continue to be a good role model for the little girl I babysit, as well as millions of other kids.

Maybe Cyrus says it best in one of her

songs:
"Everybody makes mistakes / Everybody has those days," she croons. "But my intentions are good, sometimes just misunder-

Hey, nobody's perfect.

— Liz Seasholtz, eseash@udel.edu

An organic twist on a classic recipe

BY ANDREW LYNCH

Move over Chips Ahoy! — a couple from Milford has opened an organic cookie business out of their home. Bella's Cookies, which Mark and Kelly Leishear named after their daughter, Bella, is now making a name for itself in the Delaware organic market.

The company recently found itself in the

national spotlight when it was featured as the Snack of the Day segment on the daytime talk show "Rachael Ray.

Mark says the idea came from his experi-ence in the marketing field. After graduating from Randolph Macon College with a degree in business marketing, he began working for a CBS affiliate selling advertising packages. He soon realized the benefits of owning a busi-

His wife, Kelly, says she has always been a health person. She graduated with a degree in exercise science from Syracuse University and worked for a time as a personal trainer. When she decided to have children, she and Mark made an

effort to keep them as healthy as possible.
"We made a commitment to feed our kids right," Mark says. "Chemical pesticides trans fats hydroticides, trans fats, hydro-genated oils — these are things kids shouldn't be eat-

He says the cookie idea came about in February 2005, when his 6-year-old daughter was helping Kelly make a batch of organic cookies. Mark had a business trip to the university and decided to take some of Bella's cookies with his lunch. After a co-worker loved the cookies as much as he did, he saw the busi-

ness opportunity.
"When you work in the business world you realize how easy it is to start and manage your own business," Mark says. "I thought an organic cookie business was a really original

Mark and Kelly agreed on the idea and, with support from family, began constructing a commercial kitchen in their backyard. He says the kitchen had to be full service and pass state standards. Once it was completed in April 2006, Bella's Cookies was well under way.

Kelly says the health-conscious mindset has defined Bella's Cookies' niche in the market. They cater to people with food allergies and use all organic materials to support healthy

"If someone calls us and needs a birthday "If someone calls us and needs a birthday "Kelly says." cake with no eggs, we can do that," Kelly says. "That's not something you can get at a Giant or Food Lion.

Mark says they can take special orders, but they focus mainly on cookie baking.
"We always had the mindset that it's bet-

"We always had the mindset that it's better to be great at one product than mediocre at many of them," he says.

Kelly says her role in the business is to bake all of the goods while Mark handles all marketing and clientele and manages the company's Web site.

Receives Bella's Cookies is a retail bake.

Because Bella's Cookies is a retail bakery, Mark says he and Kelly rarely sell the cookies themselves. Instead, organic food markets purchase large orders and carry the prod-ucts in their stores. Mark says he then manages

these business relationships and makes sure that his product is selling. Andy Meddick, who runs Good For You Natural Market in Milford, says Bella's Cookies have been a popular product to have

on his shelves.
"They make the cookies in small batches," Meddick says. "That is the key."

Kelly says farmer's markets have proven to be a great place to sell the organic cookies. They set up a vendor and bring some products, sharing the story and the concept with local Delawareans. She says it's one of the only times the Leishears actually sell the cookies themselves.

"Over the past few years, the Delaware Department of Agriculture has really kicked up its farmer's market program," Mark says. 'That's great for us.'

Aside from the farmer's markets, the only other sales the Leishears do personally take place online. An online customer will receive their order along with a welcome box explaining the company and including several product

samples, she says.

Bella's Cookies recently went national when they were featured on "Rachael Ray." Mark says he contacted Ray's program and they immediately loved the idea.

The appearance, however, was a bit of a let down, Kelly says. Ray only highlighted the cookies for a brief moment and didn't help get the word of Bella's Cookies out.

On the other hand, Kelly's appearance on the front cover of *Delaware Today*'s "People to Watch: 40 Under 40" has noticeably brought new customers to the business. She says she now has organic food distributors calling her after she made the cover of the downstate

After all is said and done, Mark says it comes down to Kelly and her talent in the

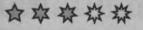
"From cakes to pies to cookies — she can do it all," he says.

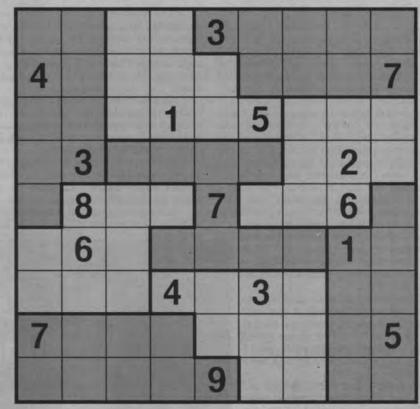


Bella's Cookies was recently featured as the Snack of the Day on "Rachel Ray."

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Preserving a piece of automotive history

Delaware home to one of country's largest Stanley Steamer collections

BY JANEL MUELLER

Thomas Marshall Jr. isn't surprised many people don't know much about Stanley Steamers today.

"They were a scarce item 80 to 90 years ago so today

many have just forgotten or didn't even know they existed,

When the Stanleys were first introduced in 1897, mechanics often knew more about these steam-powered engines than they did about gas-powered engines, otherwise known as internal combustion engines, which were also becoming popular.

According to the Web site of Friends of Auburn Heights

Preserve Web site, located in Yorklyn, the two types achieved comparable fuel mileage but it was the Stanley that was arguably a more efficient engine. It was also less complicated to operate and repair.

"Compared to other cars made at the time, Stanleys were very quiet, very smooth and very powerful," Marshall says. "They were very popular in 1900, but by 1908 to 1910 they were losing out to gasoline cars."

The industry eventually outgrew the Stanleys and they

were last produced in 1924.

Only 11,000 to 12,000 Stanley Steamers were built during their 27 years of production by the Stanley Motor Carriage Company, which was founded by twins Francis and Freelan Stanley. This was a small amount considering Henry Ford built

more than 1 million Model T's in a year by the mid-1920s.

According to Friends of Auburn Heights, it's estimated that between 400 and 600 Stanley Steamers still exist today—half of which remain in factory or semi-original condition.

The Friends of Auburn Heights Preserve houses 14 of the

original Stanley Steamers in its museum along with a mobile steamer, two Packards, an electric car from 1916 and more. The collection of Stanleys includes models made between 1902 and 1922 and is considered one of the largest in the coun-

Marshall, owner of Auburn Heights, is quick to point out that while there are larger collections of Stanleys in the United States and overseas, the "Marshall Collection" held at the Preserve poses a particular uniqueness.

"We call ours the largest operating collection of Steamers," he says, adding that all 14 Stanleys are in road-worthy condition and that many are used almost every month

The collection is named after Marshall's father, who bought his first Stanley Steamer, a 1906 Model H, in 1908 and began selling and servicing Stanleys in Delaware and Pennsylvania shortly thereafter. Though his father gave up the dealership in 1920, his desire to own a Stanley grew further. dealership in 1920, his desire to own a Stanley grew further. He acquired a collection between the 1940s and '50s, eventu-

ally owning approximately 25 Stanleys.

The museum, which houses the remaining 14 Stanleys, was built in 1947 and was opened and closed several times during the years that followed.

In 1981, Marshall began reviving the property through a series of renovations.

We painted the inside and made some little rooms where we could have special exhibits," Marshall says. "It looks better now because it's been spruced up but it's basically

created to help maintain and operate the steam cars as well as the one-eighth inch size live steam train railroad that surrounded the property. The team, which originally consisted of approximately one dozen volunteers, met for lectures and driving lessons given by Marshall himself to learn how to properly operate the steam vehicles.

According to Marshall, the Steam Team became more for-

According to Marshall, the Steam Team became more formal as time went on and in 2003 they organized themselves into a nonprofit support group under his leadership that became known as the Friends of Auburn Heights Preserve, Inc. This was also the year Marshall began donating portions of the Stanley collection to the Preserve as part of his retirement

The rest of the property, which includes the Marshall family home, carriage house, museum, railroad and 200 acres of surrounding park land, has been donated to Delaware with the understanding that the Preserve maintains use of the museum and carriage house to allow the Stanley collection to remain there. These arrangements are expected to be completed by the

Marshall says there are approximately 230 members in the nonprofit group, adding that not all of them live in Delaware. Some join as a means of supporting the mission of the Preserve, which aims to educate the public about the steam vehicles, in addition to maintaining their integrity. Other mem-

bers play a more physical role in the organization.

"We have about 60 active members and volunteers that come here on a regular basis to do mechanical work or help on

public days," he says.

Robert Wilhelm Jr., a 1974 university alumnus and a resident of Wilmington, is one of the original members of the Marshall Steam Team and continues to work as a volunteer at

"I've driven approximately half the collection and I teach classes on steam cars there on occasion," Wilhelm states in an

A love for steam is what he says led him to purchase his



the same building since it was first built."

In 1997, the Marshall Steam Team was It is estimated that only 400 to 600 Stanley Steamers still exist today.

own 1918 Model 735 Stanley in 1997. He says it was Marshall who taught him how to drive a Stanley, adding that he also played a key role in the restoration of his car.

"Driving a Stanley or any car from the early part of the last century is a totally different experience than driving today's automobile," he says. "As I drive the car, what I hear it doing and what I feel it doing through the steering wheel, the floorboards and the seat tells me a lot about how the car is running. You have to know how to listen to what they are telling

Although he performed a full restoration of his Stanley over the course of seven years, Wilhelm says his goal was always "to keep the car as close to the way Stanley would have built it as possible, at least by looking at it."

"The car has a personality," he says. "Today's cars have been stripped of all that. I'll take today's convenience but I leve the restalcin of an against time."

love the nostalgia of an earlier time."

Thomas Dawson of Laconia, N.H., says it is this quality of distinctiveness that led him to purchase his 1924 Stanley

"I really like and enjoy how unique and different of a car it is," Dawson says. "The average person can't drive it because they wouldn't know how to operate it and I feel like I have a special skill in being able to do so."

He says he feels his Stanley is unique in that it was one of

the last Stanleys ever made.

"There were 102 cars made that last year and my car was No. 91. It's my claim to fame," he says with a laugh.
Though he always had an interest in antique cars, Dawson

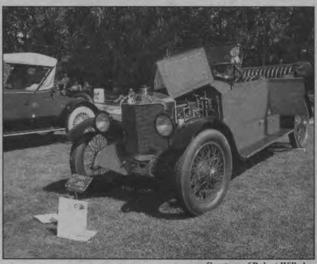
admits he didn't know much about Stanleys when he first pur-

chased his, so he decided to learn all he could about them.
"The learning curve was slow," he says. "It took many years to master how to start it up and run it around the block."

Dawson wrote articles about his experiences with the

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Courtesy of Robert Wilh

The "Marshall Collection," housed at The Friends of Auburn Heights Preserve, consists of 14 road-worthy Stanley Steamers, like the ones above, that are used for special events.

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A high school graduation in the pre-teen years

University student wins national award at age 13

BY JENNIFER HEINE

Junior Spencer Tofts scored a 1250 on his SATs, took Advanced Placement classes before college and enjoys baseball.

A mathematics major, Spencer is like many other students at the university with one major exception — he is 13 years old.

one major exception — he is 13 years old.

Spencer, a Newark resident, says he received his high school diploma when he was 10 years old and was enrolled as a university freshman at age 11.

Now 13, Spencer has been selected as a winner of a 2008-09 scholarship by the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation. Approximately 300 students from across the country receive this award as they plan to pursue careers in mathematics, natural sciences or engineering.

Jeanne Tofts, Spencer's mother, says her son started reading words when he was 19 months old. His love for numbers started with a baby cassette tape that played rap songs about math.

"Before I knew it, my baby was adding," Jeanne says. "Before I knew it, my baby was subtracting."

By age 3, Spencer was doing multiplication and long division, she says. He was sent a test from the Center for Talented Youth at Johns Hopkins University, and he was placed into third-grade math at 3 years old.

Jeanne, who homeschools her other children, says she decided to homeschool Spencer because elementary schools couldn't accommodate his abilities

Spencer says he learned all of his school subjects quickly, and he eventually ran out of math classes to take.

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"After I finished Calculus AB, there was nothing else for me to learn in high school mathematics," Spencer says. "The only natural thing to do was to take math at college."

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He says he achieved a 740 on the math section and a 510 on the verbal section of his SATs when he was 9 years old.

Jeanne says because her son scored more than a 700 on one SAT section and was younger than 13 years old, he was qualified for a one-course scholarship from the Julian C. Stanley Study of Exceptional Talent. Spencer used the scholarship to take an English class at the university at age 10.

She says after taking a university math class, Spencer applied to the university. He was enrolled full-time the following Fall Semester, shortly after he turned 11 years old

Jeanne says since Spencer had been homeschooled his entire life, she told him about class expectations before he started taking courses at the university.

"Because he had never been in a formal classroom, I gave him advice like 'raise your hand, don't interrupt,' " she says.

Spencer says he doesn't experience too many problems being a younger student. He said one of his biggest challenges is that he cannot drive so his parents take him to class each day.

Jeanne said she was not too worried

about how Spencer would handle being in college with older students.

"Socialization and friendships weren't really a concern because he was going there to learn," she says. "He has found no girl-friends at the University of Delaware."

Spencer says when other students see a 13-year-old in their class, they are a bit astounded and assume he always knows the answers even if he makes a simple arithmetic mistake. "At first I dare

"At first I dare say there is a little surprise," he says. "But sometimes I become the answer man when I answer something in class."

Spencer says
he's doing
research on number theory with
his research
adviser, Qing
Xiang, professor
of mathematical
sciences. He presented his
research at a
poster session



THE REVIEW/Jenny Lin

Tofts, 13, was recently awarded a scholarship by the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation

Friday at Trabant University Center.

He says he does research through the university during the summer and over Winter Session but always makes sure he takes a week off to relax.

Spencer says besides mathematics, he's also interested in physics.

"I don't have quite the natural intuition for physics as I do math," he says. "But I still learn it quickly."

Qaisar Shafi, professor of physics and astronomy, says although Spencer has never taken one of his classes, the 13-year-old has approached him about M-theory, the ultimate or unified theory. Spencer is interested in taking more physics classes.

Shafi says Spencer is currently taking a 600-level physics class and 800-level classes in mathematics.

"In physics, I can think of him as an advanced undergraduate, and in math I would think of him as an advanced graduate student," Shafi says.

He says he has seen intelligent students and researchers in his field, but none as young as Spencer. Shafi says although Spencer has many of the same interests as a 13-year-old and looks his age, he is on another level academically.

"When you start discussing things with him or talking about your field, the questions are deeper, mature" he says

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Shafi says he believes Spencer has a bright future ahead of him.

"I think the guy has highly unusual potential," he says. "He has very exceptional abilities, potential abilities."

Spencer says he eventually would like to earn a master's degree in mathematics at the university and then earn a doctorate degree at Princeton University.

Jeanne says neither she nor her husband are involved in mathematics fields. She majored in communications at the university and her husband went to art school and is now a graphic designer.

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Besides taking classes, Spencer says he takes piano lessons and goes to church. Most of his friends come from his church.

"I have friends outside of school," he

says. "It's important to have friends your

own age."

Spencer say his faith is very important to him, and he thinks God plays a role in his academic success.

"I owe a lot to various professors, my family and friends," he says. "If there's one thing I owe this to, it's God."

Gerald Smith, president of the Barry M.

Gerald Smith, president of the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation, says Spencer isn't the youngest student to receive a Goldwater Scholarship. Two 12-year-olds have won the award since the foundation's conception in 1986.

He says to date, almost 6,000 students have received the award throughout the United States and approximately \$60 million has been spent on the scholarships. Students can receive up to \$7,500 per year to help cover tuition, books, fees and room and board.

The Goldwater Scholarship, which honors the late U.S. Republican Sen. Barry M. Goldwater of Arizona, is designed to encourage college students to pursue careers in mathematics, science and engineering, Smith says.

He says the Goldwater Scholarship is "extraordinarily competitive." The average GPA of applicants is approximately 3.98 and having student research experience is critical in order to be considered for the award. Many Goldwater Scholarship winners go on to achieve Rhodes scholarships or Marshall Awards

Junior Jeffrey Bosco, a chemical engineering major, and junior Ritika Samant, a biological sciences major, also were awarded the 2008-09 Goldwater Scholarship. The university was one of 39 colleges or universities to have at least three students receive the award.

Smith says all of the students applying for the Goldwater Scholarship are highly qualified individuals, in part because faculty at all the colleges and universities screen students who apply for the scholarship.

"We've created a national asset in these youngsters," he says.



Courtesy of Jeanne Tofts research

Spencer Tofts (center) became a freshman at the university at age 11. poster





Jackie Pilla was diagnosed with brain cancer on Nov. 16, 2006.

Beauty queen hosts walk to raise brain cancer awareness

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On Nov. 26, 2007, she underwent a craniotomy to remove the tumor. She had met with her sur-

geon previously.

"He said it looked atypical,"
Pilla says. "They wanted to remove it to make sure."

The surgery was a success

and the tumor was removed. She returned to work as a school counselor three weeks later.

"After four weeks, I knew that that had changed my life," she "I felt like this heavy gray cloud was gone.'

Pilla says she has more energy than she did before the surgery and is also happier and more opti-

She had an MRI in February 2007 to see if there had been any change, and again in August 2007, which revealed everything has been clear.

"I haven't had a migraine since," she says.

During the time she was coping with her brain tumor, Pilla says she joined an online support group, where many of the members had the same symptoms as

"They were told by their doctors they weren't related," she says

However, those who had the craniotomy no longer had depression. Pilla says this is something of which individuals must be

made aware.
"We need to educate people so they know to raise the question, 'Is it a brain tumor?' "she says.

Today, Pilla works in

Today, Pilla works in Phoenix, Ariz., where she raises

brain tumor awareness among the public. She hosted the GetYourHeadInTheGame Awareness Walk on Saturday at Dravo Plaza at Riverfront Wilmington. The walk was spon-sored by the Kelly Heinz-Grundner Brain Tumor Foundation, which was started by Chris Grundner in honor of his wife Kelly, who died of a tumor at

The day of the walk was offi-cially declared Brain Tumor Awareness Day, and all the activities promoted awareness and early detection of brain tumors. There was a two-mile walk, and an inspiration wall displaying photos, letters and related items to honor and memorialize those who have had or died from a brain

Pilla says it's important for individuals to monitor their own health. She says being diagnosed with a brain tumor is difficult to accept, and is life changing for everyone involved. However, it's not something to run away from.

"Pay attention to your body and trust your instincts," she says. "Don't be afraid of what you might find out."

After facing her diagnosis and successfully having her brain tumor removed, Pilla is finally able to live a life full of excitement and enthusiasm. This is why, she says, it's so important for individuals to know what is happening

with their health.

"What some people think was the most horrible thing in the world turned out to be the greatest thing that happened to me," Pilla

A chance to ride an automotive antique

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Stanley and later turned them into a book titled "Stanley Steamer Tales of a Novice Steam Car Owner and Other Antique Auto Adventures."

"Stanleys are quite rare and interesting and they're not seen very often," he says. "Whenever I take mine out there's always a crowd around the car asking, 'What does it burn?' and 'How fast does it go?'"

David Nergaard of Littleton, Mass., says he experia similar reaction when he takes his 1922 Stanley 735M ("M" standing for modified as it was originally a seven passenger touring car and is now a two passenger roadster) out for parades and car shows - to which he drives his Stanley to, compared to other owners who often rely on the use of trailers to transport their

"There's a great deal of curiosity because Stanleys are not that common these days," Nergaard says. "Many people say it's the only Stanley they've ever seen." Wilhelm has experienced a similar situation.

"I've had people tell me they thought a Stanley was a fictitious car," Wilhelm says. "Others simply stare in amazement at its simplicity. Once folks get over the shock of the car then the questions It's this lack of exposure and

awareness many Stanley owners feel leads to the need to preserve the integrity of today's remaining Stanleys.

"It's important to educate people about how things were 100 years ago,"
Marshall says. "Steam was an unusual and important part of early transportation. We think people should know about it and we want to tell them

Dawson says he believes it is vital to preserve the history of steam cars, especially Stanleys.

"Given that there's only about 600 left in the world, you can see that we need to hold onto them and make sure they run and pass them down," he says.

Wilhelm says he plans on continuing to care for his Stanley for many years to come.

"I've been given the responsibility to be my Stanley's caretaker for as long as I own it," he says. "It needs to be driven and shared."

Wilhelm says he feels the fact that his Stanley has survived into the 21st century is an achievement in itself and he hopes it will continue running as it does today, even into the 22nd century.

'One thing is for sure," he says. "I'd bet on my Stanley making it as a running vehicle into the 22nd century whereas I give my 2001 Saturn no chance of making it, even if I put it in a vault tomorrow to preserve it, because it's all plastic and electronics."







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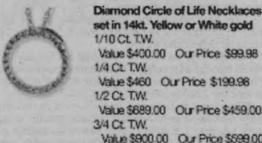
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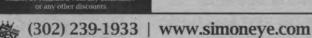
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weekly calendar UD lax falls short



The men's lacrosse team ended its season in the first round of the conference tournament this past Sat.

BY GREG ARENT

Sports Editor
When the season began for the men's and women's lacrosse teams, both were ranked No. 2 in the Colonial Athletic Association. The two squads had high hopes of winning the conference championships. The men hoped to match their miraculous run to the final four in 2007.

The Hens fell short of their goals.

The men's lacrosse season came to an end in the first round when No. 3 seed Delaware lost 9-7 to No. 2 seed Hofstra last Wednesday night. Women's lacrosse mirrored the men by losing 15-14 to No. 1 William & Mary on Friday in Williamsburg, Va.

The women earned an 11-6 record, but only a 4-3 CAA record. On April 20, the Hens played their last conference match-up of the year against William & Mary, losing the contest, 17-13. They received another chance against the Tribe in the conference tournament.

Delaware relinquished a 9-6 halftime lead on

Saturday. After the Hens went down six to five, they scored the last four goals of the half. William & Mary pounced on Delaware after the break, scoring four unanswered goals in the first six minutes of the second half to regain the lead. During the rest of the second half, neither team held more than a one goal lead.
When Hens' senior Katie Muth tied the game at 14,

it was the 11th time the game was even.

After a goal by Tribe freshman Ashley Holofcener to put her team up 15-14, William & Mary won the ensuing faceoff and held possession for the final six-plus minutes of the game. The Hens were crippled by penalties during the matchup, committing 18, doubling the number of fouls committed by the Tribe.

This is the second-straight year Delaware fell short in the first round, losing 15-13 to James Madison in 2007.

The Hens top-three scorers this season were sophomore Emily Schaknowski (56), senior Muth (48) and senior Casey McCrudden (45). Schaknowski's 56 points were the third-best total in the league this season.

The Hens turned the ball over less than any other

team in the league, but forced the least turnovers. Junior midfielder Alexis Curcio said the team fell short of expec-

"I don't think we should have lost," Curcio said. "I believe next year is going to be our year. We made a lot of stupid mistakes during the game and overall, the season was just not where we wanted it to be in the end." was just not where we wanted it to be in the end.

The men's lacrosse team went to the NCAA Final Four before losing to No. 5 Johns Hopkins 8-3 last year. The Hens failed to match the high expectations, losing to No. 2 Hofstra, 9-7 on Wednesday. The Pride won the CAA Championship after beating No. 1 Drexel 10-9 in

the title game on Saturday. Hens' senior goalie Tommy Scherr stopped 15 shots

in his final game, but his team failed on 9-of-21 clearing attempts and committed 18 turnovers.

Head coach Bob Shillinglaw said turnovers were not

a main issue for the Hens all season, but against Hofstra, the penalties hurt the team. He said any time the Hens give a successful team like the Pride more opportunities than they deserve, they will make a team pay.

The Hens have not beaten Hofstra at Long Island

since 1999. In an earlier match at Hofstra Stadium, the Pride beat Delaware, 11-8. Sophomore midfielder Tommy Lee said the team did not lose because they were less talented.

"We were sloppy," Lee said. "We had trouble clear-ing the ball and getting ground balls. We had the talent.

We just didn't play our best game."

Shillinglaw said the Hens beat themselves by making too many mistakes. After the Hens scored three goals, they were shut out for 35:45, before senior J.J. Moran pulled Delaware to within three goals. The Pride proved too strong to catch. Senior Cam Howard scored a late goal in the game. He ends his career as the No. 6 all-time leading scorer in Hens' history with 186 points (84 goals and

Sophomore attackman Curtis Dickson scored two goals. His season-total 46 goals rank him in the top-10 nationally in the NCAA. He scored a goal in the past 25 games, the third best in university history. He was No. 2 in the voting for CAA player of the year and was a candidate for the Tewaaraton national player of the year award. Shillinglaw expects a lot from Dickson next year.

We have Curtis coming back and obviously he does a terrific job putting the ball in the net," Shillinglaw said. "He's a terrific finisher who sees the field very well. We

are hoping he takes his game to another level next year."

Delaware ranked No. 1 in the CAA in goals per game (10.81), points per game (16.56) and shots per game (40.12). One aspect in which the Hens struggled all year was taking too many penalties, averaging a league-low 7.38 penalties per game. They caused more turnovers than any other team (9.19 per game).

Shillinglaw said the season was disappointing for

everyone. He said although the Hens had a winning sea-

son, their goal was a conference title.

He said the team was too inconsistent and after winning its first five games of the season, the Hens went on to win just four of the next 11. He said he wants to prove the Delaware lacrosse program is the real deal.

We are hoping we are not a one-time flash in the pan in terms of making the final four," he said. "We have some guys on the team right now who are capable of stepping up. We have a couple of transfers. So we will see if we can blend those guys with the returning players and make for a competitive team.'

commentary



MICHAEL LORE

"It's a hard-knock life"

Another day, another problem in the NFL.

Names like Adam "Pacman" Jones, Tank Johnson, Chris Henry and others have floated around in the media not for on-field accomplishments, but for off-field stupid-

Prior to the 2007 NFL Draft, Pacman "made it rain" at a Las Vegas strip club and got into a fist fight. He was also allegedly involved with a shooting that resulted in one man being para-lyzed. NFL commissioner Roger Goodell suspended the Tennessee

Titans cornerback for one year.

Prior to this year's draft, the
Titans shipped their troublesome player out of the Music City to Dallas, where owner Jerry Jones accepted him with open arms.

Johnson was caught with nothing short of an arsenal in his trunk, resulting in a suspension from Goodell. Again, Jerry looked past the player's legal problems and signed Johnson, who had been cut by the Chicago Bears

Henry, one of Cincinnati's many players who are famous for off-field issues, had run-ins with the law including DUI, sex crimes and failed drug tests. Goodell kept stern and suspended the former West Virginia alumnus for the 2007 season. The Bengals waived Henry.

With images of those three players not far on the backburner, yet another NFL player with too much money and power had a run in with the police.

On May 4, Chicago running back Cedric Benson was charged with boating while intoxicated and had to be pepper sprayed by author-ities for being uncooperative as they tried to take him ashore. He was stopped by a Lower Colorado River Authority officer for a random safety inspection.

It is probably not safe to be half in the bag when in control of a

Benson was released from jail early Sunday morning on a \$14,500 bail bond.

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Rugby players going down under

There is a growing interest in expanding markets and promoting American sports overseas today with the NFL playing in Mexico and England the past few years, MLB playing in China and Japan this past spring and the NHL holding season-opening games in London last November.
What Americans do not often think about is the over-

seas interest in U.S. promotion.

This upcoming July, four newly graduated seniors will fly to Sydney, Australia to take part in an eight-week rugby training session, called the "Down Under Rugby Program.

The trip is designed to immerse North American players in the rugby culture, teach them a higher level of skills and allow the athletes to play against foreign opponents when they practice with the affiliated Randwick Rugby Club and the University of New South Wales Rugby Club.

"The idea behind the program is to get better exposure and experience into the sport by sending trained players back to America and to get more of the world involved and competing at the international level," senior Phil Giordano said. "The kind of excitement Americans build around football and backets it is the bind of excitement and backets." ball and basketball is the kind of excitement Australia and

other nations build around rugby."

The players will begin a weekly regiment of strength and conditioning training in the mornings and daily sessions with coaches Matthew Bowman and Grant Houldsworth, once they arrive in Sydney. Both coaches are former players of the Randwick Rugby Club and Houldsworth, the former coach of the Chicago Lions from the Superleague Rugby Union, will provide guidance of the skills and knowledge

"Americans have a lot to learn when it comes to the game's IQ," Delaware rugby head coach Bjorn Haglid said. "We are physically just as good as any nation in the world and are capable of breaking down walls, but these guys already are up field with the ball because mentally they are on another level."

What the coaches will be able to verbally supply will be offset by what the Delaware players observe from the established club players from Australia. The club athletes usually have played their entire lives. Where we may play tee-



Courtesy of Jason Vanterpool

Jason Vanterpool will travel to Australia in the summer.

ball in America, Australians play rugby early on, senior Jason Vanterpool said. Haglid added that it is difficult to emulate something players have not been able to watch and they are not able to pick up the little things as easily as if they could watch rugby on TV.

"If I can go [to Australia] and just share in the friendships bonding knowledge and little purposes of playing

ships, bonding, knowledge and little nuances of playing, that will go a long way to making me a better player," recent Delaware graduate Tim Lowe said.

After returning from the program, the university play-

ers hope to get into contention for the United States Eagles national rugby team or get opportunities to play overseas. The pathway to the big leagues of rugby in the United States is not as codified as other sports like football and basketball with no drafts or developmental leagues

Players attempt to make collegiate all-star teams and if they are accepted, receive the opportunity to play for one of North America's four teams; otherwise, they work their way through the ranks of lower club leagues. Most "ruggers" do not start playing until college, unlike most American sports that start in high school, Lowe said. After Lowe graduated in December, he found a place on the Schuylkill River Exiles club team in Philadelphia knowing it was a self-supporting team, like most American clubs and he would have to pay dues to support his passion.

"Rugby sport and culture is heavily reliant on relation-

ships and contacts because at least at the collegiate-level, we are a very close community," Giordano said. "When opportunities like this program came around, a lot of our rival coaches vouched for us along with coach Haglid to help bolster our applications," Giordano said.

Delaware has experienced a growing success with its club rugby in recent years, with the women's team placing second after losing this season's Mid-Atlantic Rugby Football Union Championship to Shippensburg in overtime. The men's club won the Eastern Pennsylvania Rugby Union Championship in 2006, when the team defeated rival

The Australian program is just one step, but a good one, in the direction of the dreams players carry, Vanterpool said.

Giordano said rugby players are the best in their post-college years and these eight weeks will give him more college. training than his prior eight years of experience ever could have done.

Lowe said he would continue working for the glory of representing America on the international field someday, no matter how trying the process becomes.

"That is rugby, they are giving up a portion of their life to go overseas and get this kind of training where when they come back they aren't guaranteed anything," Haglid said. "That is the love of the game."

Amateur referees feel pressures

BY MIKE PINA

For nearly every sport imaginable, one ingredient is desperately needed to prevent games from spiraling out of control. Without this piece, chaos would ensue

The missing link is referees. Unnoticeable perfection is expected of them every time they lace up their shoes or skates.

A game with no referee is like a courtroom with no judge. Rules would be argued back and forth with no winner and loser decided, junior Kyle Green said. In other words, the main objective for sports, especially on the pro-fessional level, would no longer exist.

Green said he decided to referee intramural games at

Delaware because, without the officials, the program would be unable to run.

"I feel like I'm contributing to keeping people active and healthy," he said.

Junior Brian Handell, a referee for the past two winters for the Elkton Parks and Recreation Department, said he

knew he would enjoy being a referee because he and his brother ran a baseball camp for children during the summer and he enjoyed feeling helpful.

"I reffed basketball games for third graders up to middle school-aged kids and I love giving little pointers here and there to help them out," Handell said. "I played basketball in high school and have a good knowledge of the game.

ball in high school and have a good knowledge of the game, so I feel like I was really able to help."

Every once in a while, a referee is treated as a scape-goat for a team or a player's bad performance, Green said. Referees are human beings capable of making mistakes. A bad call here and there is bound to happen, but if it ends we bad call here and there is bound to happen, but if it ends up costing a team a win, the situation can get ugly, he said.

"I was refereeing a basketball game and working the clock this one time," Green said. "The other ref with me did

not call a 10-second violation when there clearly was one and the team was complaining to me, but we couldn't reset

"They were only down by one point and it was the final possession, so it really messed them up."

Handell recalls officiating a basketball game involving 7-year-old athletes last winter where the children were not a problem, but a father in the stands became a nuisance

"The game was getting a little chippy and kids were falling over each other," Handell said. "As I was running down the court, a dad yelled out that I was letting the game get out of hand. I ignored him and next thing I know, he's

out on the court getting restrained by other parents.
"I had to call the game and let him know that he was the one who ruined the game, not me.

Green agrees being harassed is the most difficult part of being a referee, but it comes with the territory. The good, sometimes comical things, usually outweigh the bad.

"In flag football, there's a rule that says you can't play if you're wearing shorts with pockets," Green said. "People show up all the time with pockets anyway and I have to turn them away, but this one time, a kid showed up with pockets, and when I said he couldn't play, he ran to a nearby Port-o-Potty and put his boxers over his shorts. It was hilarious, so of course I let him play."

Being a referee and making big decisions that can possibly sway games might give some people power trips, Green said. With amateur officials having a serious influence on a game that can ultimately be decided by a blow of the whistle could tempt some referees to affect the outcome

"It's always in the back of my head," he said. "If I have a buddy on one of the teams, I'm not going to blow the entire game for him, but if it's a close call, I'm going to side with my friend's team.

Handell said he is obviously not perfect and that he has

made some poor calls before, but never on purpose.

"After the game, if I made a bad call, I'll probably remember it, but that happens to the best refs in the world,



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Referees deal with pressures unknown to the public.

so it doesn't really bother me."

Both students said they love reffing in good fun, but are not sure they could handle the pressures of being a referee at the professional level.

"After college, the only time I see myself being a ref-eree would be for my kids' Little League games or some-thing like that," Green said.



Hens struggled to fill Smith's void

Three players cycle in and out of position to win faceoffs

BY SEIF HUSSAIN

It is not easy filling the shoes of a legend.

A 70 percent career faceoff percentage is a statistic not matched by many lacrosse players. Former Delaware men's lacrosse specialist Alex Smith's achievements were nothing

short of extraordinary.

When Smith graduated from Delaware after last season, he left a gaping void at the faceoff position. Attempting to fill his spot was redshirt freshman Anthony Ruiz and soph-

omore Tommy Lee.

"Obviously it's really tough for us to step into those shoes," Lee said. "He's the best faceoff guy of all time. Even though you don't want to think about it, you are always playing in his shadow. You are always just that guy

Ruiz started the 2008 season strong, with Lee and freshman midfielder Carter Bloor substituting for him. Ruiz began to have unfortunate back problems and by the game against Drexel on April 9, he was unable to start. Head coach Bob Shillinglaw said Lee developed some consistency towards the end of the season, but said he was still disappointed by the performance at the position overall.

The committee of specialists managed only a paltry 51 percent faceoff winning percentage on the season

"There was no way we were going to come close to the records that Alex had set last year," Shillinglaw said. "Alex pretty much won the faceoff every time himself. He was bing-bang and then he was off running.

'What we were hoping for though, was to be some-

where in that 60 percent range."

Smith repeatedly and successfully used a clamping, jamming faceoff technique that worked so well for him that he did not need to often switch his style. Shillinglaw said many of the younger players have not been as successful using that type of technique and the coaching staff attempts to implement a variety of methods the players can use in different situations.

Smith, who led the nation in faceoff winning percent-

Smith, who led the nation in faceoff winning percentage from 2005-07, said he still follows the Delaware team he led to the NCAA Tournament Final Four last season and was impressed by Ruiz and Lee. The newcomers need a lot of practice, he said, and they will improve with time.

"You've got to remember that when I was there, I took close to 1,500 faceoffs in live games and probably another 50,000 live practice faceoffs," Smith, a four-time All-Colonial Athletic Association player, said. "I didn't expect those guys to come in and win 70 percent. Their first year, they are splitting time with each other, which is tough. Give

them time. Hopefully they really work for it in practice and I'm sure they'll get a lot better."

Lee said it has been difficult for him and his teammates to deal with Smith's absence. There is a mental toughness required to perform after somebody as successful as Smith, he said. If people cannot forget about Smith's dominant

force, the criticism can be intense for the new players.

"Personally, I definitely use that as fuel," Lee said. "I practiced with [Smith] all last year, so I try to do what he did and model myself after him, because who better to try

Smith returns to the university on occasion to help the players as they try and sort out the faceoff situation. Shillinglaw said Smith maintains a good relationship with the players and they know they can ask Smith for help whenever they need advice.

Smith has attended practice to take live faceoffs with

Ruiz, Lee and Bloor. The practice is beneficial for everyone, as Smith continues his lacrosse career as a member of Major League Lacrosse's Rochester Rattlers.

Shillinglaw said that even as a tenured coach, he does

not shy away from asking for help from arguably one of his

best pupils.

"I've coached for 30 years, but I will listen to Alex Smith," he said. "I'm smart enough to realize that when

you've got a guy that good, you take his advice."

Daniel Cooney is an incoming freshman recruit who Smith helped to scout out and the New Jersey native is expected to spark some competition among the group.

Shillinglaw said he is excited to have Cooney on the

team and hopes that next season the Hens can get their faceoff winning percentage back into the 60s

The incumbents at the position said they welcome the competition and will be ready to face the challenge of replacing the incomparable Smith yet another year.

"The best thing for us is competition. There's always another guy just as good as you wanting to take that spot," Lee said. "I'm going to be playing in a league this summer and working out to come in as the most prepared, because at this level, the best guy gets the job."



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Alex Smith (left) was named Major League Lacrosse's Rookie of the Year in 2007 while winning 190-of-331 faceoffs.

Breaking down the perfect serve

BY SEIF HUSSAIN

It only takes two-thirds of a second.

He stands calmly on the other side of the net. Casually tosses the ball up. It is merely a blink of an eye. And then? It is all over because Andy Roddick's 150 miles per hour serve whizzes by his opponent as the Sultan of Serve chalks

up another ace.
In 2004, Roddick put the heat on his opponents as he dropped a mind-numbing 155 miles per hour serve during a Davis Cup semifinal match with Vladimir ing a Davis Cup semifinal mater with Voltchkov, placing himself at the top of the list of the

So how complicated could it be? Roddick is physical specimen. Sure, he is in prime physical cond tion, but there are no Popeye arms on this 25-year-oltennis standout.

A strong serve, Delaware's head tennis coach Laura Travis said, comes from good form and mechan-

"Serving is definitely an important part of the game, especially on the men's side," Travis said. "It is one of those things that typically isn't practiced a lot." She said being muscled up does not mean a pla will be able to hit a fast serve. There is a lot going on what region of time.

short period of time. Everything has to be practiced u

it is a single fluid motion, from the toss to the follow through," she said.

"The lower the level you are playing at, perhaps raw athleticism can make up for the actual technique, but as you get more competitive, you have got to have good mechanics," she said.

Junior women's tennis player Amanda Campbell, whose mechanics garner high praise from her coach, said the first step in learning to serve properly is finding the

with the tip of the racket moving upwards of 100 niles per hour during serves and strings pulled to an iverage of 60 pounds of tension, according to Popular Mechanics, the grip is important to get all that power of the swing translated to the ball.

"A lot of people have the wrong grips on their serves," Campbell said. "If you have the ong grip — first of all, you can get injured much

h a player's improper grip, the chances of wrist y or tennis elbow are greatly increased due to the h velocity and force involved with powerful serves. The toss, which begins the serve, is an often over-looked step, Travis said. There are three types of

Delaware tennis players say serving is very complicated.

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Too many NFL players act irresponsibly with fame & fortune

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This is not Benson's first time being in trouble, having been sentenced to the big house for eight days in 2003 after forcing his way into an apartment in search of his reported stolen TV.

What is the old saying—history repeats itself? If history has any say in this new situation, which it will, Benson will be suspended by Goodell and most likely

waived by his team

What is it with Chicago and Cincinnati that these two franchises seem to attract thugs? Adam Sandler's jailhouse football team in "The Longest Yard" behaved better than the players on the Bears and Bengals.

Cheeseburger Eddie smuggled Big Macs in his pants, not 9MMs.

The future looked bright for Benson. Initially stuck behind Thomas Jones on the Bears' depth chart, Lovie Smith and Chicago's franchise were set on Benson after shipping Jones to the New York Jets last season. Benson was placed on injured reserve in November, but rushed for 674 yards and four touchdowns, prior to sitting out the rest of the season.

While Benson was at the University of Texas, he was named the country's top running back in 2004, receiving the Doak Walker Award. Benson, who was a 2004 All-American, ranks No.6 all-time in college rushing with 5,540 yards and is second at Texas behind only Ricky Williams.

There were countless comparisons to Williams, even down to the players' hair style — they both were big fans of dreadlocks.

Once Williams' hair was gone, problems arose for the running back, failing drug test after drug test for persistent marijuana use. Benson, who still has his pretty locks, was liquored up while cruising around on his 30-foot boat on Lake Travis in Texas this past weekend.

The countless comparisons between Benson and Williams, which were made in the past, are still true

today. It is said Benson had the opportunity to get out of Williams' shadow, which is almost nonexistent since he is now just a small blip on the league's radar, hopefully making his second return to the NFL as a backup

to Miami starting running back Ronnie Brown.
This is why so many NFL general managers, own ers and coaches are almost as concerned with a play-er's personality and character as they are with on-field prowess. Arkansas running back Darren McFadden was scrutinized prior to the 2008 NFL Draft for having his own problems with the law, including two night-club altercations and having to hire a lawyer to solve

paternity problems.

What is it with these players — once a felon, always a felon? All of these other players had problems in college whether it was a fight at a nightclub or a DUI or whatever. Look at them now. I would not be surprised to see McFadden's name thumbtacked on a corkboard with the rest of the suspended NFL players.

It is sad that when given a chance for millions of dollars and fame, some athletes cannot handle it. The list of athletes is remarkable, not just NFL players, who cannot control their fun.

cannot control their fun.

The only real way to enjoy a nice boat ride is while intoxicated and with 15 passengers, who were probably as drunk. Right, Cedric?

It is too bad Pacman, Tank and Benson will not be suspended at the same time. I was looking forward to hearing about three NFL players being arrested for hearing about three NFL players being arrested for being drunk and shooting off firearms while cruising

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Gripping the racket right is as important as athleticism

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The toss, which begins the serve, is an often overlooked step, Travis said. There are three types of serves — the flat serve, which is the fast and hard equivalent of the fastball pitch in baseball, the slice serve, which spins sideways and curves as it crosses the net and the top-spin serve, which dives down-ward due to the forward spin and bounces high, making it harder to

Once a player is comfortable with all three of the serving styles, she said the next step is to get a consistent toss for each serve so there is an element of deception to

"The key for the better players is trying to have the same toss for all three serves," Travis said. "Typically when you break it down to learn the three types of serves, it's easiest to teach it with a little different toss for each specific serve, but as you get more advanced, you want to be able to complete the different serves with the same or similar toss so that the person trying to return your serve isn't really sure of what to expect."

Imparting power upon the ball

is no easy task either. The power for a serve does not come just from the shoulder, arm and wrist, which are the obvious suspects during the tricky maneuver. Campbell said much of the power comes from the trunk and the legs during a serve, and it is important for players to pay attention to the form of their entire body and not

just everything past their shoulder.
"Knee bend is very important for power," she said. "When you jump up to hit your serve, if you don't bend your knees and use your legs, you're not going to get enough power and as much speed as you want."

She said that many people learn how to serve improperly when they are younger and then have trouble adjusting to the prop-

Most people would be sur-prised by how complicated it can be to replicate a decent serve, but she said it is easy to be taken in by just how easy the professionals make it look.

Two-thirds of a second never seemed so complicated.

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Men's Lacrosse						Women's Lacrosse				
		Conf	Pct	All	Pct.		Conf	Pct	All	Pct
Drexel	1	5-1	.833	13-4	.765	Towson	0-0	.000	6-2	.750
Hofstra		5-1	.833	10-5	.667	George Mason	0-0	.000	6-1	:85
Delaware		3-3	.500	9-7	.562	William & Mary	0-0	.000	2-6	.250
Towson		3-3	.500	5-9	.357	Delaware	0-0	.000	5-2	.710
Villanova -		3-3	:500	5-10	.333	Hofstra	0-0	.000	3-4	.430
Sacred Heart		2-4	.333	7-5	.583	James Madison	0-0	.000	3-4	.430
Robert Morris		0-6	.000	4-11	.267	Drexel	0-0	.000	7-1	.87:
						Old Dominion	0-0	.000	4-0	1.00
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Hofstra scored the game-winning goal 11 seconds into over-time against Drexel on Saturday to secure the Colonial Athletic Association Title. Delaware was eliminated 9-7 in the semi-finals by the eventual champions.

Towson beat William & Mary 16-7 on Sunday afternoon for the CAA Championship. Towson started the game with five-straight goals. Delaware lost 15-14 to William & Mary in the semifinals.





Ryan Cuneo

Delaware baseball first baseman Ryan Cuneo has been on a tear lately, currently on a
19-game hit streak. In Sunday's 5-4 loss to Georgia State, the sophomore went 3-for-5

Cuneo's 2-for-4 and 2 RBIs helped the Hens win 8-5 against the Panthers on May 3 Not only is the Freehold, N.J. native delivering a plethora of hits, many of his base knocks are coming through in the clutch. On May 2 with the game tied against Georgia State, Cuneo delivered a two-run single that broke the deadlock and helped Delaware win 10-8. In the game, he tallied three hits including a three-run home run in the seventh inning.



Amanda Marshall

Junior thrower Amanda Marshall dominated this past Saturday at the Delaware Open Track & Field Meet. She dominated in the weight events, earning first place finishes in the shotput (39-1), hammer (154-11) and discus throws (137-4).

She has been a steady contributor to the team this season. On April 19, during the Colonial Athletic Association Outdoor Track & Field Championships, she contributed by finishing second in the discus (137-7) and No. 5 in the shot put (42-7). She also helped Delaware to a first-place finish in the Rider University Invitational on April 12t with a first place finish in the hammer (154-11).





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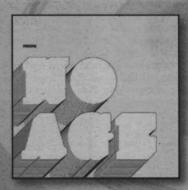
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Overdone in the sun

Ithough viewed as healthy, there is no such thing as a "healthy tan." Some people tend to burn while others tan. Factors that increase the chance of sunburn include a light complexion, light colored hair, the time of day, amount of exposure and even altitude. Some medications such as oral contraceptives, antibiotics, tranquilizers, and topical products may cause a photosensitivity reaction.

Protective measures should be used. Apply sunscreen to exposed skin 30 minutes before exposure; reapply after swimming. Don't forget the nose, face, ears and shoulders. Use a sunscreen with an SPF (sun protective factor) of at least 15 or more. Some dermatologists recommend a minimum of 30. Use a sunscreen that is PABA free (para aminobenzoic acid) since this ingredient can irritate the skin. Try avoiding the time when the sunrays are the strongest—10 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you are in intense sun, use a total block such as zinc oxide. Sunscreens absorb certain UV rays, but sunblocks prevent the rays from penetrating the skin. Wear a hat and sunglasses in addition to your UV protection.

Although the sun feels good and the skin doesn't look red, hours later you may be surprised. The slightly pink skin may become bright red, painful and blistered within 24 hours. What to do if this happens? Cool compresses, baths several times a day, and the use of a pain reliever such as acetaminophen (Tylenol®) or ibuprofin (Advil®) may help. Avoid harsh or scented soaps; avoid petroleum jelly; and benzocaine products which can cause allergic reactions and, finally, don't pop any blisters. Consult a health care provider if you develop a headache, rash, nausea, vomiting or a fever.

What may happen to your skin after years of unprotected exposure? The skin develops brown

areas known as "liver spots" as well as thickens, sags, and wrinkles. The eyes may develop cataracts. With long-term exposure to the sun, the risk of cancer increases. The three main types of skin cancer are basal cell, squamous cell, and melanoma. Basal cell usually occurs in those with light hair and complexion; those who easily burn and don't tan. It appears as shiny, fleshy, slow-growing nodules. Squamous cell usually appears on the face, ears, lips, and mouth of fair-skinned people as red, scaly, patches. If detected early, both types have a high cure rate. Melanoma, the most dangerous form, usually appears as a dark brown or black mole with an irregular border. Lesions may become red, blue, or white. The most common sites for melanomas are the upper back in men and upper back, chest, and lower legs in women. Consult a clinician to examine suspicious lesions.

Tanning at a salon is not a healthy way to achieve a golden glow. Rays from tanning beds can penetrate deeper into the skin. As for "suntan accelerants," the FDA warns against their use. Artificial tanning agents, which stain your skin, are generally safe.

Remember the sun's rays are everywhere so take precautions year-round whether skiing, hiking, sunbathing, in the car, or out for a walk.

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Exercise good hydration

Summer will soon be upon us and a great deal of our activities will be outdoors. One of the most serious health concerns related to summer exercise is heat-related illness. Prevention is, of course, the best medicine. Most cases of heat-related illnesses are a direct consequence of dehydration. Proper hydration is extremely important when exercising in warm weather because our main cooling mechanism is sweating.

Many people think they should only drink when they are thirsty. This is not true because most people's thirst mechanism does not activate until they are 1–2% dehydrated. Waiting until you are this far dehydrated can be very dangerous since central nervous system changes begin at a 3–4% water deficit.

The best way to prevent dehydration is to drink water routinely throughout the day. When you are planning to exercise later in the day, you should superhydrate to prevent excessive water loss while exercising. A decrease of body weight greater than 1% with exercise is considered dehydrated. The following is an easy, reliable strategy to prehydrate by drinking cool, uncarbonated water:

- Two hours before exercising, drink 20 oz.
- A half-hour before exercising, drink 8–16 oz.
- Every fifteen minutes during exercise, drink 4-6 oz.
- In the first 1-2 hours after exercising if the

activity was very strenuous or lasts longer than 40 minutes, you should drink another 32–48 oz.

Water is the best solution for hydration. Sports drinks can be used for some carbohydrate replacement during

endurance events. Caffeinated or carbonated beverages should never be used for hydration. Have a safe and enjoyable summer.



Smooth Pedalling

Keeping the Ride Safe and Comfortable Marc R. Silberman, M.D.

roper bike fit is essential for comfort, injury prevention and performance. There are three contact areas a rider makes with the bicycle: the pedals, the saddle, and the handlebars. By addressing these sites with simple rules of thumb, a rider may be set up properly.

A proper frame size is the first step. Most respectable bike shops will be able to properly fit you. Remember that the shoe-pedal interface should be set up such that the balls of your feet contact directly over the spindle of the pedal.

The saddle should be approximately parallel to the ground. Stand and shift your

weight periodically to prevent prolonged pressure in the pubic arch. Set the saddle height so your knee is flexed 25 to 30 degrees with the pedal in the 6 o'clock position. If your saddle is properly positioned, you should have no numbness, pain, or discomfort. The saddle fore-aft position should be set so your kneecap is positioned directly over the pedal spindle when the cranks are

horizontal to the ground.

Neck, shoulder, or back pain, may indicate improper handlebar position. The height difference between the top of the saddle and handlebar should be about 1 to 4 inches, depending on your flexibility and upper torso length. The reach should be set so your torso is flexed 45 degrees and your elbows have a slight bend when holding the bars.

Most overuse injuries can be prevented with proper positioning. Knee pain is the most common complaint. Anterior knee pain may be a result of a saddle set too low or too far forward. Posterior knee pain may be the result of a saddle set too high or too far back.

Always wear a proper fitting helmet and follow the rules of the road. Spills can occur in the parking lot and at low speeds. These spills can result in a serious injury, such as a concussion or a clavicle fracture. Always be wary of cars. Assume they do not see you. If riding at night, which is not recommended, wear reflective gear, turn on your rear flashing lights, and headlights.

Cycling should be safe, pain free, and comfortable. If you have any questions, consult a sports medicine physician skilled in fitting cyclists.

Suggested reading: Burke, Edmund R. and Andrew L. Pruitt, "Body Positioning for Cycling," in *High-Tech Cycling*, Edmund R. Burke, ed., Human Kinetics Publishers: Champaign, Ill., 2003, pp. 69–92.

May is Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month www.aad.org/public/index.html

Bumps & bruises

Many of our students will be going to summer jobs at the end of this semester. Some will participate in recreational activities or friendly competitions. Inevitably, someone will get a sprain or strain.

Here are some first aid tips for minor injuries.

- · Protect from further injury.
- · Relative rest.
- Ice for 20-minute intervals over the next 3 hours.

- Compress with an ace wrap or tight garment.
- · Elevate the injury above your head.
- · Safely return to normal activity.

If the injury is more serious, go to the local emergency room or your Primary Care Physician if you are away from campus. On campus, the Student Health Services can provide many levels of care for your injury. All of our medical staff are able to treat a minor injury.

FEELING THE BURRE

What is heartburn? Heartburn, or acid indigestion, is a burning feeling that starts low behind your breastbone. This feeling might move up into your throat or may give you a sour taste in your mouth. Doctors call it gastroesophageal reflux disease or GERD.

What other symptoms can heartburn cause? You might spit up stomach acid, have chest pain, nausea, hoarseness, a cough, or shortness of breath.

What causes heartburn? Heartburn is what happens when stomach acid moves from your stomach up into your esophagus, the tube that connects your mouth to your stomach. Sometimes this happens because the muscle between the esophagus and the stomach is weak and can't stop the stomach acid from backing up.

What can trigger heartburn? Many things can trigger heartburn, and triggers are different for different people. They can include:

- Eating fried, spicy, and fatty foods or chocolate.
- Drinking carbonated beverages, citrus juices, peppermint, or coffee.
- · Smoking.
- · Being overweight.
- Taking certain medicines that affect the muscle between the esophagus and the stomach such as antibiotics, heart, and blood pressure medications.
- · Lying down right after eating.
- · Wearing tight-fitting clothes.
- Having a disease that weakens the muscle of the esophagus, such as diabetes mellitus.

How can I avoid heartburn? A few simple steps can help you avoid heartburn:

- · Stop smoking.
- · Stop drinking alcohol.
- Try not to lie down for at least 3 to 4 hours after eating.
- · Maintain a healthy weight.
- Avoid the foods that trigger heartburn episodes.

How can I treat my heartburn? For immediate relief, you can take antacids like Mylanta, Maalox, Tums, and Rolaids. You can also take over-the-counter beta-blockers like Pepcid AC or Zantac 75. If you have frequent symptoms and are using antacids regularly to control heartburn, you should see your physician.

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