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## Flooding burdens students

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Instead of studying for upcoming exams or relaxing in front of the new episode of *The Real World*, students living in the Gilbert Hall Complex spent Tuesday evening, and some of Wednesday morning, trying to prevent their rooms from flooding.

Water from the remnants of Hurricane Jeanne, flooded the halls of the Gilbert F and the Gilbert Annex.

At approximately 4 p.m. Tuesday, the residents of the Gilbert Annex found a puddle forming near the basement door, which eventually began to seep through the bottom of the door and into their hallway.

Becca Bauer, resident assistant for the Gilbert Annex, said once she assessed the situation, she made an urgent call to university maintenance.

"Maintenance basically told us that rain was hitting everywhere on campus and that classrooms were their first priority," she said.

Bauer said residents of the Annex found old sand bags from previous flooding problems in the Annex, but they were too old and worn to work.

"We tried to use the old sand bags," she said, "but they broke immediately and sand poured into the hallway to add to the problem."

Sophomore Dan Fitzpatrick, a resident of the Gilbert Annex, said once the sand bags broke, approximately nine residents of the basement tried to broom the water from the leaking door into the bathroom and down the only drain.

"We pushed that water for two hours," he said.

Sophomore Mathew Valvardi, said the water became too much, despite their efforts, and they tried a different method.

"As much as we fought, we could not bail enough water," he said. "So we, and residents from other Gilbert buildings, got some shovels and trash bags and went over to the volleyball courts and made our own sand bags."

Bob Stozek, associate vice president of facilities, said there was not much the university could have done.

"We had five to six inches of rain in a two hour period," he said. "There was significant flooding across campus, not just on East Campus. This was probably the most intense storm since



Courtesy of Christina Mack

Graduate student Leslie Meyer, a Gilbert hall director, duct tapes plastic to her door to keep water out from Tuesday's storm that flooded her floor.

Hurricane Floyd."

Stozek said the university took some precautions prior to the storm by making sure storm water drains were not clogged with any debris that would have added to the problem.

"There was a big cleanup effort after the rain subsided that lasted well into the evening," he said. "The crews continued the cleanup the next day as well."

Bauer said the Annex and the Gilbert complex did not witness much of the big clean up effort from the university.

"Custodians eventually showed up late Tuesday evening," she said. "They opened up a closet and used a wet-vac for a little bit, but left around midnight and left students to fend for themselves."

The residents of the Annex put their belongings up on shelves and higher places, she said, and spent the evening with friends.

Bauer said she did not know of any property that was damaged during the ordeal.

President David P. Roselle stated in an e-mail message that there was no indication to close the university.

"Earlier in the day on Tuesday, the weather forecast did not indicate that the problem would be as severe as it turned out to be," he said.

"Accordingly, none — or at least very few — of the major institutions in Delaware closed that

day." According to the University Facilities Web site, damage to students' personal property is not the responsibility of the university.

In the Student Housing Agreement, students are encouraged to protect themselves from loss by purchasing appropriate insurance.

Stozek said there were places in which the university knew there were problems in the past, including the Amy E. duPont area, Rodney Residence Halls and possibly Perkins Student Center.

Leah Batey, hall director for Gilbert D, E and the Annex, said East Campus and especially the Annex has a history of flooding in cases of heavy rain.

Valvardi said he has heard of this history as well, and if it is a known fact, the university should be better equipped.

"Someone said this thing happens all the time over here," he said. "It seemed like they were surprised our building was flooding. I think this is poor preparation on their part."

Fitzpatrick said he and many other students had academic obligations the next day.

"I had a quiz the next day, and a test on Thursday," he said. "I didn't need to be pushing water into a drain for six hours."

Residence Life was unavailable for comment.

## Candle caused Fox Run fire

BY BENJAMIN ANDERSEN

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A fire at the Fox Run Apartments that destroyed two buildings Sept. 12 was caused by a candle and plastic lawn furniture.

The fire started when a candle ignited plastic lawn furniture on the second floor balcony of an apartment in the complex near the intersection of Route 40 and Route 72, the State Fire Marshal's Office said. The fire spread quickly, jumping to the third floor balcony before charring and collapsing the roof of the building.

No one was injured, but the fire left approximately 30 residents homeless.

Michael G. Chionchio, chief deputy state fire marshal, said the damage is estimated at \$750,000, but the final cost could be higher depending on the residents' losses.

"This is a pretty big fire," he said. "It was a multi-alarm fire."

Area businesses have organized to help victims of the blaze.

Friendly's restaurant in People's Plaza shopping center held a fundraising Family Fun Night two days after the fire.

General Manager Marie Gehringer said the increase in business that night raised more than \$1,000 for the relief fund. The 30 displaced residents also received a free dinner voucher.

"It was so nice," she said. "So many people came out to give back to help them."

Judy Givens, ministry support coordinator for the Cornerstone United Methodist church said their proximity to the apartment complex led the church to become a drop-off point for donations.

They collected clothing, food, household items and money for the victims, she said.

"People were just bringing [donations] here," she said. "There were a lot of people, it wasn't just people from the church."



THE REVIEW/Jessica Sidoff

Fire officials determined a candle on a balcony caused a fire at Fox Run Apartments Sept. 12 and left 30 residents homeless.

## Police prepared for Homecoming

BY AMANDA LAMAR

Staff Reporter

The university and the city are making extensive preparations for the flurry of activity and large crowds anticipated Saturday for Homecoming, police said.

Cpt. James Flatley, senior assistant director of Public Safety, said they are treating this coming weekend different than others by increasing the number of patrols and officers on duty. Officers' leave and vacations have been limited, he said.

Public Safety officers will work with Newark Police and the New Castle County Mounted Unit, officers on horseback, in the athletic complex area, Flatley said. Delaware State Police will also be on call if necessary.

Sgt. Rick Williams, spokesman for Newark Police, said the vast

majority of officers on the force would be on duty.

"They're making me work," he said, laughing.

There will be a lot of extra patrols and security during and right after the football game, which is when they normally see the most trouble, Williams said.

"They are generally what we call 'order maintenance' problems," he said. "For example, parties or other alcohol related problems."

A few officers will also be stationed at bars in Newark due to the high number of alumni returning, Williams said.

Flatley said it is difficult to say what part of Saturday will see the highest number of problems but last year the trouble was the worst at the end of the football game when a fight broke out in the parking lot.

"It's a long day," he said. "We address [problems] as they come."

The increase in incidents on Homecoming is generally due to the large influx of people on campus, Flatley said. While not everyone causes trouble, extra people mean a greater possibility for a problem to occur.

Williams also reminded drivers to use caution when driving to the game. While no roads will be closed, officers will be situated at major intersections around the stadium where gridlock could be possible.

"The best you can do is be patient," he said.

Officer Darla Hoff of the New Castle County Mounted Unit said eight officers on horseback would be present outside the sports complex before, during and after the game.

"We're just there for crowd

control," she said. "We want to make sure everyone gets safely in and out of the stadium."

Hoff said not to hesitate to approach an officer on horseback if any problems arise.

The unit has not been in attendance at Homecoming since several years ago, even though the university has asked them every year, she said.

The last few years the unit has had competitions on the day of Homecoming that were not in the area so they were unable to attend, Hoff said.

The mounted unit was also present for playoff football games last December, she said.

They have not been in attendance at the university for any other sports games because the crowds are never large enough, she said.

## Candidates vie for 23rd District seat

BY BRIAN DOWNEY

Staff Reporter

The 23rd District state representative seat is up for grabs, and on Nov. 2, Republican Paul Pomeroy and Democrat Terry Schooley will be facing each other in the general election.

Paul Pomeroy, director of business development and marketing for Aloysius Butler & Clark, has been a Delaware native all his life. He is a member of various organizations such as the Delaware Small Business Alliance, Operation Disarm Support Foundation and the Delaware Association of Nonprofit Agencies.

"I've been involved in community organizations for so long that I felt it was time to take it to the next level," he said. "Just to have the opportunity to wake up and

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be able to help my neighbors and friends is a great thing."

Pomeroy said he has a broader and more comprehensive understanding of a variety of issues in Newark. He also said he brings a range of experience to the table, especially in the private and public sectors and will work with tremendous energy and desire in resolving issues.

"I will work with the city of Newark to thoroughly address issues in education, the environment, public safety and how we handle our finances in order to remain economically strong in the future," he said.

As far as education, Pomeroy said he

wants to make the Christina School District the best in Delaware by providing more money and resources to the classrooms. The control needs to be at the teacher and principal level and not the administrative and political level, he said.

In order for the safety of all residents to be ensured, more police need to be recruited. The community, the students and the businesses of Newark are all very important and so is their safety, he said.

To create more business opportunities, Pomeroy said the state needs to centralize its effort toward cleansing and restoring abandoned properties. By doing this, businesses can locate to these prime areas instead of taking up what pristine landscapes are left in

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Courtesy of Terry Schooley  
Democrat Terry Schooley.



Courtesy of Paul Pomeroy  
Republican Paul Pomeroy.



# Bush and Kerry on ... Iraq Reconstruction

*This is the first part in a 10-part series tackling the issues that impact the voter most.*

BY ANDREW AMSLER  
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Both President George W. Bush and Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry have made Iraq's reconstruction and the War on Terror centerpieces of their platforms. Both, however, paint a vastly different picture of progress in Iraq and the state of America's policies abroad.

In his weekly radio address, President Bush acknowledged that pockets of violence still remain in Iraq, but maintains there has been "steady progress" toward peace. In a speech to the United Nations last week, Bush said the country is "on the path to democracy and freedom." He said it is necessary to "stay the course in Iraq" to prove the United States is firm in its stance.

John Kerry has a much different idea of the state of affairs in Iraq. Fueled by a growing insurgency and the recent beheading of two more Americans, Kerry told reporters last week that Iraq has been "mismanaged in every respect." In a speech to Temple University students, he said he would have focused on global terrorism and the hunt for Osama Bin Laden, not Iraq.

A recent U.S. intelligence report predicted three likely scenarios for the future of Iraq: fragile stability, a long grinding insurgency or civil war.

With a war that is costing \$4.4 billion per month, according to Pentagon reports, and heated debates across the country, it is necessary to look at what each candidate has proposed for the future of Iraq.

## Bush

- Following the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, Bush announced a new policy of pre-emptive strikes against nation's suspected of harboring terrorists or deemed a threat to the United States.
- Authorized an \$18.4 billion reconstruction package for Iraq. Recently announced plan to fast-track spending of \$9 billion to fund rebuilding contracts.
- Recently diverted \$3.3 billion in reconstruction funds to programs intended to establish security and law in Iraq, particularly with respect to training and recruiting Iraqi police and military forces.
- Announced preparations to conduct free national elections no later than January, including the establishment of an Iraqi electoral commission.
- Seeking support of the United Nations and foreign governments to "stay the course" in Iraq, but initially entered Iraq without U.N. approval.
- Maintains that reconstruction contracts should be available to countries that contributed to original coalition forces.

## Kerry

- Initially supported invasion of Iraq, but now says he did so based on faulty U.S. intelligence.
- Opposed \$87 billion earmarked for wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Bush claims he has flip-flopped on this issue, citing Kerry's statement that he voted for it, before he voted against it.
- If elected, plans to convene an emergency summit of the world's major powers to form a contact group to ensure the U.N.'s recommendations for rebuilding are carried out.
- Persuade North Atlantic Treaty Organization to make Iraqi security its main effort. This includes enlisting NATO allies to open training and recruitment centers to establish a formidable security force.
- Open rebuilding contracts to other nations and internationalize the rebuilding efforts. Focus on recruiting Iraqi contractors and establish alliances with companies that are not under investigation for fraud.
- Announced need for free elections in Iraq as early as possible, and an effort to train Iraqis to manage safe elections in coordination with U.N. officials.

## Key shortfalls

Before invasion of Iraq, the Bush administration transferred power for Iraqi reconstruction to the Defense Department and the Army Corps of Engineers, which has been criticized by many officials as lending to the lack of reconstruction progress. Has spent only \$1.2 billion of the \$18.4 billion allotted for reconstruction efforts, and previous prediction of

more than 200,000 trained Iraqi soldiers has been proven false.

Kerry has failed to establish a plan for how he will garner the support of NATO and U.N. allies. Both France and Germany have said they will not comply with efforts in Iraq. Relatively mute on how he plans to pull American forces out of Iraq, which currently constitute more than 90 percent of the total security forces there.

Both candidates have been unable to explain how safe elections can be held in the near future when security in Iraq remains tenuous at best, and social divisions plague the country.

— compiled by Andrew Amsler from The New York Times, The Boston Globe, The Los Angeles Times, GeorgeWBush.com and JohnKerry.com

## Coffeehouse Series cracks up Scrounge

BY JIA DIN  
Staff Reporter

Roaring laughter filled the Scrounge as comedians Dan Allen and Marina Franklin graced the Scrounge stage with an arsenal of entertaining jokes Tuesday night.

Despite torrential rains, a crowd of approximately 45 gathered to watch the two comedians at the Coffeehouse Comedy Series, hosted by Student Center Programs Advisory Board.

Allen, a regular performer at the Comic Strip in New York City, entertained the audience with a mix of jokes ranging from ex-girlfriends to racism.

"I'm not a fan of racism, but my family is," he said. "They're always trying to justify it. They say, we're not racists, we're Caucasian enthusiasts."

Allen reminisced about one of his ex-girlfriend's eating habits. "I once dated a girl who was a vegan, which is Latin for freak," he said.

One of her rules about food was not to eat anything that casts a shadow, Allen said.

He poked fun at animal rights groups, such as People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, and said the title of the organization should not differentiate between people and animals.

"That's like having a civil rights group called Whites for the Ethical Treatment of Others and Miscellaneous," Allen said.

In a moment of hilarity, he posed the question: "Have you ever been so lonely you kissed your shoulder?"

When no one responded, Allen quickly answered, "Not me." At one point, he took notice of

an audience member with her arms crossed.

"That body language says I'm off," Allen said. "I think you just like to hug yourself. You kiss your shoulder too, don't you?"

Marina Franklin, who has appeared on "Chappelle's Show" and was a finalist for the television show, "Last Comic Standing," followed Allen.

Franklin looked into the crowd and asked, "Where the black people at? Am I the only one here?"

Her humor touched upon subjects such as ex-boyfriends and black culture.

Franklin recounted an experience with a white boyfriend.

"It's hard dating a white guy. They just want thin girls," she said. "No wonder white girls are always running around, throwing up in the bathroom."

Franklin joked about the times she and her boyfriend walked into black neighborhoods and people asked why.

"Why my sister, my Nubian queen?" The audience hooted as she deadpanned, "I'm like, shit, because he bought me a drink, that's why."

Ending her routine on a political note, Franklin said she hoped people would vote in the upcoming election.

She told the crowd not to vote for Kerry because he fought in the Vietnam War.

"The reason we should vote for Kerry is because he's not Bush," Franklin said.

Sophomore Mary Obringer watched both performances and said she had a good time.

"They always have good



THE REVIEW/Amanda Ayers

Comedians Marina Franklin, as well as Dan Allen, performed at this week's Coffeehouse Series Tuesday night.

comedians," she said. "I come every week."

Franklin, who performs at colleges, clubs and other venues, said she enjoyed performing at the university.

"I'm really hot right now," she said with a grin.

Allen said he loved the university and was glad people showed up for the show.

"They braved the storm," he

said. "It looked bleak, but it turned into a little party."

Junior Damien Dittberner, coffeehouse chair for the SCPAB series, said he found the performers humorous, and was glad they were booked.

"We were a bit concerned because of the weather," he said, "but a good amount of people came."

## Oil reserves to be used for Fla. relief

BY RENEE GORMAN  
Staff Reporter

President George W. Bush announced last Friday that allowing oil refiners affected by Hurricane Ivan to borrow from the National Strategic Oil Reserve is a necessary step in the relief effort.

Hurricane Ivan swept through the Gulf Coast region two weeks ago, disrupting oil refiners along the coast.

Barb Hestermann, spokeswoman for the Louisiana Offshore Oil Port, said five million barrels of oil are typically uploaded each day from deep under the waters of the Gulf of Mexico.

Hurricane Ivan caused the oil super port to close for five days.

"We have some catching up to do," she said.

John Byrne, director of the Center for Energy and Environmental Policy at the university, said the plan to extract from the strategic oil reserve is wise, but after the markets are stabilized, the refineries should replenish the reserve.

"Essentially you're taking oil for a natural disaster," he said. "One would think everyone would want to help with it, and the companies could do their part donating the oil."

Although some officials have speculated that allowing borrowing will drive down the price of oil, Byrne said this is not the case.

It is a short-term action that will temporarily stabilize oil prices in the region of the United States hit hardest by Hurricane Ivan, he said.

Rick Sylves, political science professor, said President Bush had justifiable reasons for borrowing oil from the reserve because Ivan created a disruption to the flow of oil in a major oil-producing region of the United States.

The stabilization of the market is the primary purpose for lending the oil from the strategic reserve, he said. Secondary to this is aiding the victims of Ivan.

"It was not intended to save consumers a few dollars," Sylves said. The purpose of the oil reserve is to give the government a way to adjust any temporary losses in oil supply, particularly in the event of a national emergency, he said.

The Strategic Oil Reserve was created in the 1970s when the government bought the oil for below market value.

Eleanor Craig, economics professor, said the reserve should never have been there in the first place.

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## Profs. debate global warming politics

BY SHARON CHO  
Copy Editor

Whether climate change is a threat to human's life and if the change is human-induced or naturally processed is a debate issue among many scientists.

Laurence Kalkstein, senior research fellow at the university, went before the Congress Sept. 20, to give a briefing on potential impacts of climate change on human health.

In a separate interview he focused on the effects of heat and hot weather, which he said are a major threat to human health.

"Today, heat already kills more people than any other weather phenomenon," Kalkstein said. "More than 1,500 to 2,000 people are being killed a year, while the current hurricane in Florida had slightly over 100 deaths."

David Legates, geography professor, said the temperature has only gone up 1 degree Fahrenheit in the past 100 years.

"It is not as dangerous as many people make [others] believe," he said. "I can change the temperature in the room that much and you wouldn't even notice it."

Kalkstein said he was not sure if the climate change is human-induced or just a part of the natural cycle but he said we have to find the cause.

"If humans are doing it, we need to take step to curb emissions of pollutants," he said. "Gases allow energy of the sun to get to the human surface and they potentially block the heat energy to escape from the Earth."

The importance of a heat watch warning system has been emphasized before the Congress, Kalkstein said, and used by the National Weather Service.

"It can give excessive heat warnings and warn the people ahead of time that weather can cause deterioration in their health," he said.

The heat watch warning system is a city-to-city system, which is located in 20 cities in the United States, Kalkstein said. Philadelphia covers New Castle County.

"When an excessive heat warning arises, it calls the radio stations, TV stations, the weather channel, health department and even the utility services because people might not be able to pay their bills," he said.

Legates said he agrees on the importance of a monitoring system, but he has a different perspective.

"Regardless of what happens in the globally warmed world, we're still going to have storms, rain, droughts and heat outbreaks," he said.

The hurricane at Galveston, Texas in 1900 was devastating, taking more than 6,000 lives because there was no national weather service, Legates said. So, monitoring weather conditions and keeping track of the weather is essential.

"We are in the process of building a much more spatial system of weather conditions, a new system that can be nationwide," Legates said. Kalkstein also discussed the heat wave before Congress, which occurred in Europe in 2003, he said, and evaluated how such a heat wave will affect U.S.

The effect of the heat wave will not be as bad as Europe here because many people do not have air-conditioning in Europe, he said.

Richard Sylves, political science and international relations professor, said Congress is concerned about global warming because of the extremes of weather. Congress funds research agencies or federal government that examine the phenomenon.

"The Congress hasn't made the tough decision to reduce carbon dioxide emission and fossil fuel burnings as other developed countries have done," he said. "They get credit for doing the research, but don't get credit for taking action."

## Police Reports

### MAN ROBBED AT GUNPOINT

An unknown person held up a man behind Pathmark in College Square Shopping Center at approximately 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Newark Police said.

A U.S. Express deliveryman parked his truck behind Pathmark and went inside to shop, Cpl. Tracy Simpson said.

Upon emerging from the building, the man told police he noticed he was being followed, he said.

A man dressed completely in black approached the deliveryman and told him he had a gun and to give him everything he had, Simpson said.

The man produced a black handgun, she said, and the deliveryman turned over approximately \$2 dollars in change, a company gas card and his bag of groceries, which contained cigarettes, blueberry muffins and chicken wings.

The case has been forwarded to Newark Police's Criminal Investigation Division, Simpson said.

### UTZ TRUCK BROKEN INTO

An unknown person broke into two UTZ Quality Foods trucks on Interchange Boulevard between approximately 5:30 p.m. Monday and 5 a.m. Tuesday, Simpson said. The trucks were parked at the

distribution center overnight, she said. Windows were broken in both, resulting in \$250 in damages.

Property removed from the vehicles totaled \$87 and included four cases of crackers, two cases of pretzels, two cans of potato chips, one can of cheese dip, a small toolbox and a black clipboard, Simpson said.

UTZ trucks have been looted before, she said, but there are no suspects at this time.

### MULTIPLE CAR BREAK-INS AT FOXCROFT APARTMENTS

An unknown person forcibly entered three cars at Foxcroft Apartments on Wilbur Street between approximately 1 a.m. and 9:20 a.m. Wednesday, Simpson said.

The three cars experienced broken windows, she said.

A stereo and set of golf clubs were removed from the first car, another set of golf clubs from the second and 150 CDs from the third, Simpson said.

Property removed totaled approximately \$5,020, she said. Damage to the vehicles was estimated to be \$550.

Police said there were no suspects at this time.

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# City goes at it alone to complete reservoir

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The city did not receive any bids to complete the reservoir on Paper Mill Road and will instead use its own contractors.

Construction of the 318 million gallon reservoir, which will be the first to be built in Delaware in 70 years, was put off after the construction contractor, Donald M. Durkin Contracting, Inc., filed a lawsuit against the city for wrongful termination of contract.

Mayor Vance A. Funk III said he feels confident about finishing the project on time and within budget.

"We're committed to completing it by next year," he said, "and if no contractors are willing to take the project, we still have the option of hiring subcontractors to do the

work."

City Manager Carl Luft said Durkin told the city it had reservations about the proposed design of the project and would not finish the reservoir if the city kept the approved design.

The lawsuit arose after the city chose to take Durkin off the project, he said.

"[The city] has had the design reviewed by an independent engineer who said the design was appropriate," Luft said. "It is structurally sound and safe and will be a great resource for decades to come."

Carol Houck, assistant city administrator, said despite the fact that the project has yet to be taken up by another contractor, she is confident the project will be finished by the end of next year.

The city has done tests on the site to prove the design to be safe and is currently preparing the construction site for winter of this year, she said.

The site is being cleaned and secured, Houck said, and city workers have been removing sedimentation.

The court date is set for Sept. 18, and thus far, the judge assigned to the case has denied all motions put forth by Durkin Construction and has ruled in favor of the city, she said.

In the meantime, the city plans on finishing the project, which is 70 percent complete, Houck said.

"Our intention is to compete this very

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THE REVIEW/Jessica Sitkoff

The city's lawsuit with Donald M. Durkin Contracting, Inc., the original company hired to build the Newark reservoir, will be heard in court Sept. 18.

## Drinking-related deaths on the rise nationwide

BY COREY MUNCH

Staff Reporter

Excessive drinking caused the loss of more than 75,000 American lives in 2001 according to a study released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Friday.

In addition, the number of deaths resulted in an estimated 2.3 million years of potential life lost among the deceased, the report found.

Mandy Stahre, epidemiologist for the CDC and co-author of the report, agreed.

"Alcohol is a major public health problem," she said. "It's the third leading cause of death in the U.S."

Dr. Norman Wetterau, member of the American Academy of Family Physicians, said he was not surprised by the statistics in the report.

"Most college students define binge drinking as ten or more drinks," he said. "The actual limit is four drinks per occasion for men, and three drinks per occasion for women."

There are numerous ways excessive alcohol can damage a person's body, Wetterau said. Alcohol can increase chances for liver disease, breast cancer, osteoporosis, increased blood pressure and even brain damage.

"Most people don't seem to be afraid of cirrhosis," he said. "But you tell them they're going to end up in a nursing home and they freak out."

People are much more likely to be violent after they have been drinking as well, Wetterau said. Most of the people who pull guns during arguments have been drinking and are much more likely to have an accident with the gun.

"Binge drinking has a hand in glove relationship with impaired driving and unprotected sex," he said.

In addition to possibly being involved in irresponsible sex or violence, other issues arise when people drink, Wetterau said, including accidents such as falling down or off something, drowning and suicides, all of which are concerns on college campuses.

Cynthia A. Robbins, sociology professor and staff member at the Center for Drug and Alcohol Studies, said she was not surprised by the statistics either.

Young people are especially susceptible to overdosing on alcohol because they are not sure how much will affect them, she said.

"You might have a teenager who drinks half a bottle or a whole bottle of whiskey or something [else]," then the adolescent can pass out, or



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A recent federal study found that approximately 2.3 million years of potential life is lost in alcohol-related deaths.

choke on their own vomit and die in their sleep," she said.

Brewer said the number of binge drinkers among college students is very high. However, the same rate is found among non-college students of the same age and those in the military.

"It is reasonable to expect the number of students who binge drink will continue after college as they get older," he said.

Robbins said the risk for older drinkers may be even higher than younger drinkers. Older people are often taking medications that may complicate the alcohol's effects, or they may sustain more damage from a fall.

Regardless of age, alcohol can be detrimental to health if used in excess, she said.

Dr. Robert Brewer, Alcohol Team Leader for the CDC who co-authored the report, said a new form of software was used in the study that has been able to improve the statistics generated from this analysis.

Alcohol-Related Disease Impact Software is able to provide national and state estimates for deaths that are attributable to alcohol and approximate years of potential life lost due to these casualties, he said.

"The data provides the opportunity to do more studies," Brewer said.

The intent of the report was to characterize the physical health impact of drinking too much and to bring attention to the other effects excessive alcohol can have, he said.

"It is absolutely troubling to see how many people binge drink," Brewer said. "There are lots of young people dying as a result of alcohol as well. We see this study as a call to action."

## Newark inventor develops 'Lasso Key'

BY SHAWNA WAGNER

Copy Editor

A local man has made life a little easier for people who hate fumbling with their car keys.

Reggie Johnson, a Newark resident, created "Lasso Key," a patented device that unlocks vehicle doors and starts the ignition, without pressing any buttons, when a driver is within 30 feet of his or her car. The process is reversed if the driver walks away from the vehicle.

Johnson said the gadget, which took eight years to get on the market, works by radio signal, with a receiver in the car and a remote carried by the driver.

On the product's Web site, Lasso Key is advertised as an anti-theft and anti-cjacking device.

Johnson said with the device installed, it is virtually impossible for a thief to steal a car, even if the thief takes the car keys.

"With the Lasso Key, it wouldn't matter if you stole the keys; you still can't go anywhere," he said. "You'll drive about 30 feet [before the engine stops]."

Lasso Key owners have to keep the remote on them if they want to drive, Johnson said.

He also said Lasso Key has a display function that immediately alerts the owner if the car is being tampered with up to a mile away.

Johnson's company, Lasso Key Technologies, currently has approximately 75 investors, he said. Although the business is based in Glasgow, the devices are shipped from Shenzhen Carscop Electronics Co., Ltd., near Beijing because they are cheaper to produce in China.

So far, through the company's toll-free phone number and Web site, Johnson has taken approximately 100 customer orders for Lasso Key at \$499 each.

Garland Clark, of Enfield, N.C., said he was given the product as a promotional gift over two years ago and he still uses it on his 1990 Nissan Maxima.

Clark, who has known Johnson for many years, said the product is perfect for people who are absent-minded.

"There's times where I just left the keys in the car because you get to the point where you are confident your car's going to be there," he said.

Installation instructions come with Lasso Key, Johnson said, but people who do not like to get their hands dirty might want to hire a handyman to install the product.

Johnson, a self-employed exterminator, said ever since he was a kid he had a fascination with electronics.

"Most people wanted to see what was on TV; I wanted to see what was in it," he said.

While Johnson constantly thinks about new inventions, he said he now realizes how hard it is to get a product on the market.

According to U.S. Patent and Trademark figures, 189,597 patents were issued last year.

Robert Lougher, executive director of the United Inventors Association, said within those numbers, only two to three percent of the patents earned a financial benefit.

He said creators of automobile security systems could have as much success as "The Club," if they concentrate on marketing and production.

"The key to something like [The Club] is that it can be produced cheap enough to sell at a profit," Lougher said.

Johnson said he realizes there is a lot of competition in the car security business, but he believes he will succeed.

Creating and running his own company is hard work, he said, and for every positive situation you come across, you meet a thousand negative situations.

"It's the survival of the fittest if you can overcome the negatives," he said.

## More teenagers hitting the gym to stay in shape

BY KATHLEEN COLLINS

Staff Reporter

The familiar deep sounding grunts at the bench press may be sounding higher pitched than many gym goers are used to. Increasing numbers of young teenagers are joining fitness centers and health clubs.

However, these are not just high school teens joining a gym to stay active for their sport's off-season. Some gyms are seeing more young teens, many as young as 12, joining and getting help from personal trainers.

Avery Faigenbaum, an exercise science professor at the College of New Jersey, said there are several reasons influencing some teens to join the gym rather than a sports team. These reasons go beyond just physical health.

"There are psychological benefits," he said. "Not all kids enjoy playing competitive sports, but still want opportunities to get exercise."

Lifetime physical activities, a new catchphrase in the youth fitness world, include exercises like long distance running, jogging or weight lifting, Faigenbaum said.

"Our goals are long term, not just short term goals like weight loss," he said. "We want to spark an interest in lifetime physical activity to keep them doing exercise for years to come."

Barry Miller, assistant director of recreation at the University of Delaware, also said the decrease in school physical education programs is influencing more teens to take exercise into their own hands.

Budget cuts to school programs leave kids with fewer opportunities to exercise, yet some still want to maintain a high level of activity, he said.

Ray Knight, owner and personal trainer at The Beach Fitness Center in Newark, said there are even more reasons teens join.

"Most play sports and want to be better, so their parents hire a personal trainer," Knight said. "Others may focus on weight loss, but the kids that do come in and join want information about how to be healthier."

The kinds of programs offered to teens vary, but all share the same principles of getting kids to enjoy exercise and to learn what they can do to maintain an active, healthy lifestyle.

Knight said his programs for teens provide personal trainers who will set up a training schedule and routine for each individual based on the goals and abilities of that person.

The programs can vary between cardiovascular and weight training, he said. They also include nutritional counseling, so kids are eating right to match their activity levels.

Another gym that focuses entirely on teens is Teen Fitness Advantage in Wilmington. Owner Myrian Pittass said she developed a program much like Curves.

Curves is a gym franchise that caters to women that want to lose weight. Teen Fitness Advantage works in a similar way, she said.

"Some of the kids have slight weight problems, some are just cross training," Pittass said. "Our program is a circuit of aerobic and strength exercises to get the kids active."

Miller said kids should always be supervised by professional personal trainers and qualified instructors to prevent injury from bad technique or form. Teens often cannot tell when they are doing something wrong or when a weight is too much.

"Heavy, near maximal, or ballistic weight training should be avoided due to developing connective tissues, particularly the growth plates at the ends of the long bones," Miller said.

Faigenbaum also said stressing safety is important to the success of lifetime physical activities.

"These aren't programs like the gym teacher opening the doors to the gym and letting the kids loose, or using mom and dad's gym equipment in the basement," Faigenbaum said. "Kids lifting weights in the basement unsupervised is not advisable."

Miller said despite increasing numbers of teens heading to the gyms for their workouts, obesity rates among children are still rising.

"There still is a huge lack of physical activity throughout the day. We have automated machines for just about everything we do, kids do not walk or ride bikes to school, playing outside has been often replaced with indoor video games," he said. "Fast food and portion sizes are a big part of it."



THE REVIEW/Christine Alahambra

Barbequers cook lamb sausages at a Sukkot celebration hosted by the Kristol Center for Jewish Life.

## Jewish center hosts BBQ for Sukkot

BY SARA HASYN

Staff Reporter

The Kristol Center for Jewish Life sponsored the annual "Raise the Roof Barbecue" Sept. 27 to celebrate the Sukkot holiday, which falls five days after Yom Kippur.

Ian Cooper, coordinator of Jewish Student Life, said during the holiday a Sukkah, a booth like structure, is created to replicate the structures Jewish people stayed in while making the journey through the desert from Egypt when they were freed from slavery.

Traditionally, people eat their meals in the Sukkah during the seven to eight-day holiday and some people even sleep there, he said.

At the barbeque approximately 30 students socialized as they grilled hot dogs, hamburgers and Moroccan sausages. They worked together to build the Sukkah and to make decorations for the structure that included paper chains made from construction paper and signs for the walls.

The Sukkah was constructed from a metal base in the ground outside the Kristol Center. The walls of the structure were made of lattice wood and the roof was made of bamboo-like mats because it is an important belief in the

religion that people are able to see the stars through the roof, Cooper said.

The holiday falls within one of three pilgrimage festivals where Jews would go to Jerusalem and bring different things for sacrifice. In this case, they bring first fruits from their harvest, he said.

"It represents a time when people all come together to celebrate the harvest and our history," Cooper said.

Freshman Evan Zawatsky said he came to the event to be with his friends and to be involved with constructing the Sukkah.

"The event involves both religion and fun," he said.

Senior Jennifer Sidi said the barbeque was important because it brought everyone together.

"It is a good way to connect with other Jewish people," she said, "and a really nice way to celebrate the harvest."

Throughout the holiday, the Kristol Center will sponsor many activities and meals that will take place in the Sukkah, Cooper said.

Alana Zavett, fellow of the Jewish Campus Service Core, said the new feature of the event this year was the portable Sukkah that the organization

purchased, which can be set up like a tent.

It is a transportable Sukkah that can be carried around by people who are away from their home and their Sukkah during the day, providing them with a place to eat their meals, she said.

The pop-up Sukkah will be set up at various locations both on and off campus throughout the seven to eight days for anyone who is interested, she said.

At this year's Homecoming game the pop-up Sukkah will have a spot in the tailgating festivities. The "Fondue and Football" celebration will offer fondue, fresh and dried fruits and challah to students, she said.

Zavett said along with Jewish students, she is hoping to attract non-Jewish students to teach them about the holiday and its traditions.

"It is a fun holiday," she said, "and it is not one that most people are familiar with."

Zavett said she was pleased with the amount of people that participated in the barbeque.

"We had a successful turnout, which hasn't been out of the ordinary because we have great attendance at every opening event this year," she said.



## Study abroad classes cancelled

BY JENNI WRIGHT

At the beginning of every year, professors have the opportunity to propose an idea for a study abroad trip, however, during the past few years, interest in trips to Islamic countries has declined.

The Winter Session trip scheduled for Morocco was cancelled last spring due to lack of student interest. The disinterest may also reflect the ongoing threat of terrorism in Islamic countries.

Lesia Griffiths, animal and food sciences professor, who leads study abroad trips, said while there has been no proof to back the theory, it may be a possibility.

"We have never received concerns from students for reasons concerning terrorism," she said. "Of course there may be that underlying thought, but no one has ever voiced that to me."

During past trips to North Africa and Egypt there has never been any direct confrontation with students regarding Americans' behavior, Griffiths said.

"Students have traveled to locations where there were anti-war and anti-Bush demonstrations occurring," she said, "but the students never felt that they were anti-American."

Thomas Evans, a plant and soil sciences professor, who leads trip to Muslim countries, said Islamic countries have always had a hard time with recruiting.

"It was always hard to recruit for these particular trips," he said, "even before [the Sept. 11 2001, terrorist attacks]."

Even with the war in Iraq occurring, Evans feels Islamic countries are still safe for Americans.

"Morocco is a relatively safe country," he said. "As are all of the

countries, when you use caution.

"This war affects everyone though, just most people at a lower level. I can understand an equal amount of worry from both parents and students."

Matthew Robinson, health and exercise sciences professor, said he had doubts about traveling to Istanbul, Turkey in December 2003, due to recent bombings.

"I was a little apprehensive when I traveled in December," he said. "The terrorist bombing in Istanbul had happened only a month before, but once I arrived in Turkey I had a wonderful experience and at no time felt threatened."

Griffiths said she did not get any indications of problems even the year when students were in Granada, Spain during the Madrid train bombing on March 11.

"I didn't receive any complaints or concerns from parents," she said. "We have a resident of that particular country with the students, they keep the students safe."

Robinson said sentiment in Turkey was against the terrorists, as it is in America.

"I found it interesting that the Turkish people with whom I spoke to were just as angered at the terrorist activities because it frightened away visitors," he said.

Griffiths said there is nothing for students to fear in other countries, but they should remain respectful of the views of that country.

"I would recommend that while students are in a foreign country, that they avoid political demonstrations," she said. "While many foreign citizens like to talk politics with Americans, I remind students to be respectful, and be respectful of the situation."

## Locals compete for state senate

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"Newark and the university have a shared responsibility and need to stay close," he said. "In order to yield results you need to have a harmonious relationship at the state, city and university levels."

The university is an important asset to the future of economic development, he said. The university recognizes shared opportunities and attracts environmentally smart jobs. With more communication and ongoing dialogue there will be more opportunities.

Terry Schooley, director of Kids Count for the state, has been a Delaware resident for more than 20 years and was a past president of both the Delaware School Boards Association and the Christina Board of Education.

"I wanted to take the next step and take action for the policies I've been lobbying for," she said. "I want to be able to help enact pieces of legislation and find programs that will help Delaware."

Schooley said she is interested in

maintaining the quality of life in the district by bringing more jobs to the area, creating better access to affordable healthcare, ensuring kids get a quality education and bridging the gap between the university and Newark.

"It's very important for students to get involved in the election if they are eligible," she said. "They are residents here for four years and they need to have a part in the community."

As a university employee and a Newark resident, Schooley said she will work to make tuition and rental properties more affordable, make the streets safer for bikers and pedestrians, and explore more options for public transportation.

She said making children's educations better in the district is a complex issue, however, achievement levels have been improving. Schooley said she plans to make classes smaller and give teachers the resources they need to properly educate their students.

"I believe a good education is key," she said. "It does not bode well for us if the future of the state is not well educated."

Schooley also wants to expand the Delaware Healthy Children's Program and the Senior Prescription Program so more people will be covered. Since it is expensive for small businesses to provide healthcare coverage to their employees, she said she will work toward creating more affordable healthcare.

Schooley said she plans on finding ways to attract industry to Delaware that will be able to pay its employees a livable wage and the university is a key factor in that.

Not only does the relationship between Newark and the university need to be close for business purposes, but it needs to be close to help create a safe community, she said. By working on addressing underage drinking and other drinking problems, the value of the area rises because the community as a whole will feel safer.

"The city council, state legislature and university are very fortunate to have the relationship they do," Schooley said. "We need to continue that if we are to have a successful and safe district."

## Newark hires subcontractors for reservoir

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important project and once it's built, it will be impossible to say it cannot be built," Houck said.

Funk said the city does not feel the legal issue with the former contractor had any affect on other contractors' decision not to take up the bid.

"All the people I know in construction are swamped with the jobs they already have," he said.

Luft agreed the lawsuit is not deterring receiving bids on the reservoir.

"You can't anticipate lawsuits," he said. "We've talked to some contractors who actually had no problems at all with the litigation, but still have been delayed because of last year's wet weather."

Luft said the city intended to complete as much of the project as possible with small work crews and to have a contract with a construction firm by March of 2005.

"This is just one [project] where we happened to have a problem," he said. "We've hit a snag here, and we'll deal with it."

Former Mayor Hal Godwin said he initiated the project to upgrade the city's water supply after he took office in 1998.

"The reservoir is the largest piece of the puzzle [to upgrade the water system], and since it's the biggest piece, it is taking the

longest," he said.

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## Building design wins awards

BY ZARINAH HAMEEN

Staff Reporter

The renovation of Mechanical Hall, which houses the Paul R. Jones Collection of African-American Art, received two awards from the Baltimore and Maryland State American Institute of Architects Sept. 13, just five days after the exhibit opened to the public.

Amalia Amaki, curator of the collection, said the building was designed around the collection.

"The architects took into consideration the work and space provided, and they were very sensitive to Paul Jones's vision and how he wanted it to look," she said. "The art and space work well together."

Mechanical Hall, which has been used in the past to house veterans returning home from war and also as a ROTC training facility was completely changed in the renovation.

Amaki said the renovations are dramatic and have surprised many visitors.

"People who were familiar with Mechanical Hall were shocked and strangers to the old building were equally shocked," she said.

Steve Zieger, one of the three architects who designed the building, said Zieger-Snead,

LLC was very careful in coming up with the new design for Mechanical Hall.

"We really wanted to respect the original historic building, while giving it a modern look for the art gallery," he said. "We wanted the building to be simple yet direct."

The structure features exposed brick so the character of the original building can be contrasted with new elements, he said.

He said the "classy entryway" was specifically designed to highlight the exhibit.

Zieger-Snead has already received its award from the state of Maryland and will receive its second award from the Baltimore chapter of the American Institute of Architect on Friday October 15, at an official ceremony at Clipper Mill Foundry Building in Maryland, he said.

Amaki said the new gallery helps attract visitors to the collection.

There have been as many as 800 visitors on one weekend, she said.

Janis Tomlinson, director of University Museums, said the renovations went on for a year and a half.

"All the time paid off because visitors to the gallery were very impressed," she said.



THE REVIEW/Jessica Sitkoff

Architects who redesigned Mechanical Hall received two awards from Baltimore and Maryland State American Institute of Architects Sept. 13.

## Refineries borrow oil

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"If the price of oil goes higher than \$50 per barrel then people will conserve more," she said.

The Strategic Oil Reserve encourages oil companies to not maintain reserves themselves for stabilizing the market, she said. The government doling out oil during emergencies gives the companies little incentive to stabilize themselves.

Sylvester said Bush, who criticized former President Bill Clinton for allowing borrowing from the reserves during the 2000 election, has left himself open to criticisms that he is acting for political gain.

White House Press Secretary Scott McClellan stated in a press release that borrowing from the reserve has nothing to do with politics.

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# Editorial

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## Flooding

Rain, rain go away... seriously, Tuesday afternoon, evening and night, the university was pelted with more than six inches of rain from the last remnants of Hurricane Jeanne.

The results were flooded streets, overflowing gutters, road closings and most importantly, extremely hazardous conditions for students.

University president David P. Roselle decided not to close the university because the weather forecast did not call for such conditions and most other major institutions in Delaware remained open.

The Review realizes that weather forecasts did not predict such severe conditions, but we also wish Roselle himself took an evening stroll through campus through the treacherous downpours. Facing rain that the largest umbrella could not have stopped, we think after his stroll, Roselle would have been whistling another tune.

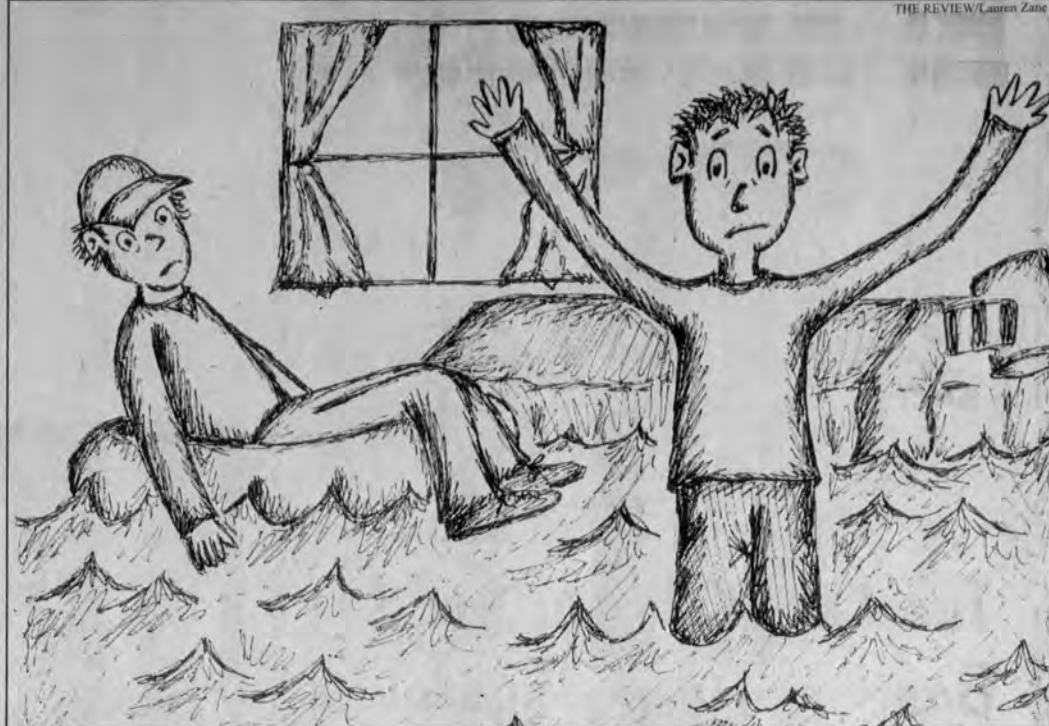
The university should have closed at 6 p.m. Tuesday. That decision should not be based on

other institutions, which cannot be compared to a university setting, it should be based on student safety. We should not have been required to brave tornado-like elements to make it to a night class on time.

As a result of the rain, Gilbert F residence hall and the Gilbert Annex flooded, forcing students to try and control the water, with little from university maintenance.

The students of these residence halls first turned to sandbags from previous flooding, which were too old and dilapidated to work. Sweeping the water into nearby drains also failed, so they then struggled to make their own sandbags from sand taken from the volleyball court of the Harrington Beach.

Facilities said they were more concerned with classroom upkeep. We think residences hall, where students live 24/7, should have been their primary concern. It is ridiculous that students had to brave such horrendous conditions to make it to class and save the belongings in their rooms.



THE REVIEW/Lauren Zane

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## Letters to the Editor

### Possible reinstatement of draft overshadowed by presidential election

I understand that the upcoming election is an important issue and needs coverage in The Review, but I feel there is another issue that should be addressed and I haven't seen it mentioned at all. There is a bill before Congress right now that would reinstate the draft. I think this bill deserves some coverage because it affects every student on this campus. The new bill calls for a draft of males and females ages 18 to 26. That means that everyone here would have to register for selective service. This bill could come into effect as early as next spring, and higher education would no longer be an acceptable reason to postpone or avoid being drafted.

This bill is an important issue and has been overshadowed by the upcoming election. There had been barely any mention of it in the media, and yet it is something that could change people's lives dramatically. I think that it deserves more attention than it's been getting, and people should know to write to the House of Representatives about this. They should also tell their parents and family members to write. More should be made of this issue than has been because we are all at risk.

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### Trabant parking garage fire extinguished well by university and Aetna workers

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Pete Danby, University Police, Aetna Hook, Hose and Ladder Co. and Occupational Health and Safety for a job well done at the Trabant Parking Garage on September 27. The quick response, team effort and dedication to the task at hand contributed to extinguishing the vehicle fire quickly.

Though they were at the garage in August for training, this is the first time in 10 years that Aetna had to respond there for a live fire. The fire company utilizes the Trabant garage for annual high-rise response training. The years of training paid off. University Police and Danby were able to contain the fire under the hood of the vehicle with wall extinguishers until they arrived. The parking garage structure and neighboring vehicles were not damaged due to the quick response of all parties. Special thanks to OHS and Grounds Services for the clean up of debris as well.

Parking Services also thanks the parking patrons who waited patiently to return to their vehicles in the garage.

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## Kerry bashed in ads Dining Services need worker promotions



Shawna Wagner

### Politics As Usual

President George W. Bush's campaign rolled out a television advertisement last week that features Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry windsurfing off Nantucket Island and claims his positions shift "whichever way the wind blows."

As Kerry tacks back and forth to the strains of the Johann Strauss' waltz, "By the Beautiful Blue Danube," the advertisement asks, "In which direction would John Kerry lead?"

While the commercial attacks Kerry for position waver on everything from Iraq to Medicare, the image of the candidate windsurfing is by far more damaging.

I have no doubt that Kerry is an avid athlete. There is plenty of media footage showing him kite surfing, snow boarding, biking, etc.

The problem is that the Republicans use those images to draw cultural differences between Kerry and Bush.

Kerry is seen as the Boston Brahmin senator who has a rich, exotic wife and expensive hobbies. Bush, who is no less a blue blood than Kerry, plays the Texan cowboy with the wholesome librarian wife. While Kerry surfs the waters off the Nantucket shoreline to relax, Bush goes to his Crawford, Texas ranch and hacks away at brush.

Bush makes his good-old-boy charm vital to his image. He swaggers in broken-in, grimy cowboy boots and hat. His big belt buckle holds up his dusty, worn jeans. He speaks colloquial Texan-talk with a twang.



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Most average Joes in this country are attracted to Bush's down-home appeal. When asked, Joe will most likely say he is voting for Bush because he is "more like me."

See, blue collar Joe doesn't understand a guy like Kerry. He can't relate to a candidate whose khaki pants are neatly pressed and evenly creased. And he's not impressed by Kerry's impeccable manners.

Unlike Joe and his bar buddies, Kerry likes writing poetry and playing the guitar. He is more introspective and sometimes thought of as aloof.

Average Americans feel Bush is more approachable. They believe that a scruffy Texan-ranch getaway is more within their reach than a mansion in Beacon Hill. And they understand Bush's verbal flubs more than Kerry's long-winded senatorial speech.

Yet, Bush will never be hailed as a great communicator. He will never move people like Ronald Reagan did in the '80s or Bill Clinton in the '90s.

When Clinton ran against former president George H.W. Bush in '92, he had a people-ori-

ented message of hope for the future and an empathetic "I feel your pain" campaign style that connected with voters.

Kerry can't pull this off because he lacks Clinton's street credibility and charisma. And it's still unclear as to whether or not he will make any connection with voters before Nov. 2.

However, Kerry should not be fully blamed for his "out-of-touch" image.

The Bush campaign tries to spin any picture of the wetsuit-clad candidate into a campaign wipeout moment similar to Michael Dukakis' helmeted head poking out of the Army tank.

They want people to believe that a man who loves water sports does not share average American's values.

For some, this kind of mischaracterization is persuasive. Unless the tides turn, the Republicans will attack Kerry harder in the upcoming weeks. And there doesn't appear to be any break for Kerry on the horizon.

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Ben Andersen

### Ben There Done That

that kind of policy, often at least feign one. Except for ARAMARK, the company with which the university contracts all of its dining services.

All of the food service on campus is staffed by ARAMARK: the dining halls, the student centers, the vending machines -- all staffed by ARAMARK. This frightening monopoly is disturbing and the most likely reason that food prices have been on the rise every year. In addition, their promotion procedures are atrocious.

Working in dining services for three years introduced me to many friendly, personable and qualified individuals who should be accelerating up the ladder in the university Dining Services. Many of them happened to be minorities. So why are all of the middle and upper management positions dominated by white men?

It is easy to distinguish between the management and the workers by the color of their collar. Managers wear white collared dress shirts and ties, while lower workers don blue shirts (fittingly with blue collars). Besides their attire there are a few variables that set the two groups apart.

Education is the first, and probably most important attribute of ARAMARK management. They are all college educated in programs similar to the university's hotel and restaurant management program. The blue-collar workers are not. Many of the middle managers are young, fresh out of college, while there is a great variance in the ages of the lower workers. The managers are predominantly white and the workers are predominantly black.

The only arguable reason not to promote the blue-collar workers is their lack of education in the restaurant field. However, most have experience and qualities that more than qualify them for the management positions.

There is a rapport between the blue-collar workers and the students who they serve everyday. A friendly relationship with the students will create an atmosphere where grievances about price or food quality can be debated and discussed.

Dining Services is constantly looking for student input on what to serve. As unbelievable as it sounds, student opinions matter. Why do you think there are online surveys taken every year? They want to know what works and what does not. No student feels comfortable walking up to a man in a suit to ask why the food is so expensive or to tell him what a great idea the ping-pong balls for sale in the Harrington Market is. Walking up to the former cashier from the Scrounge or the ex-Taco Bell employee from Trabant University Center would be much easier.

Beyond establishing real communication with the customer, promoting minority and non-minority candidates from the available wide pool provides the one thing lacking from dining services now. No one has practical experience. The blue-collar workers know how many hamburger buns need to be ordered and that business id dismal Friday afternoons at the Euro Bistro in Morris Library.

They know what people eat in the dining halls and what they avoid. They know to defrost the strawberries before putting them in the parfaits so they do not make a watery yogurt mess. They know when it will get busy in the dining hall and when they do not need to schedule so many part-time workers. They know, from working with other blue-collars everyday, who works hard and who takes naps in the backroom.

If there is a belief that these people cannot do the job, please look past the prejudices that come with education. As a January graduate I am all for hiring staff right out of school, but as a university student and a Dining Services aficionado, I realize the practical experience these blue-collared workers have in their areas is worth 20 times whatever can be learned about our school's situation from a classroom.

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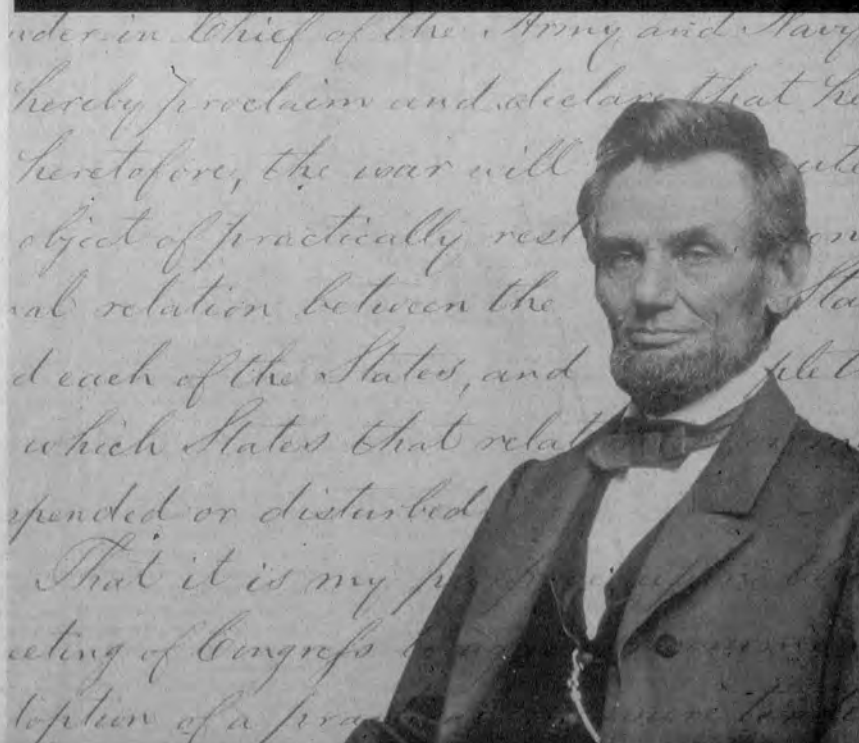
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THE REVIEW/Michael Berk

# HOMECOMING 2004

BY LINDSEY LAVENDER

City News Editor

"Ooh, nice paint job," the woman said seductively as senior Taylor Simpson made his way to the bathroom during the Sept. 11 football game against Towson.

"Can I touch it?" she asked as she pointed to the American flag painted on his chest.

This was Simpson's first game joining eight other guys who show their Delaware spirit on their chests, and although the paint never fully dries, he decided, "Why not?"

Senior Michael Halajian says he and two other friends, senior Rob Sanderson and senior Andy Force, got the idea at the beginning of last season's playoffs and painted "U of D" on their chests.

"It was chilly, but it got us pumped up," he says, "and we even had Keeler talking about the 'crazy kids painting their chests' at the pep rallies."

The guys decided they would maintain the paintwork as long as the team kept winning, and they stayed true to their word, even attending the championship game in Chattanooga in 20-degree weather.

"There are so many of us now that we will see how many stick with it when it's cold," Halajian says. "In Chattanooga, all we had on were hats and gloves — and paint."

The trio braved the winter chill until the last five minutes when they had to take a two-minute break huddling in front of the heater in the men's bathroom.

Simpson says he joined his friends because it seemed like it would be a ball.

"I want to get painted up," he says, "and on

Sept. 11, it was really cool to have a bunch of old guys saluting me and calling me Captain America."

Senior Michael Berk says he and Jeff Benjenk, Steve Vitale, John-Paul Chase, and Kurt Schmidt, all seniors, wanted to get in on the action.

"We plan on attending every home game this season," Berk says.

In order for the gang to indulge in school spirit, Berk says they throw down approximately \$20 per week, mostly at the National Five and 10 on Main Street.

"It takes about 45 minutes altogether to get ready, and we usually start about an hour before we head into the game," he says.

There was an exception on Sept. 11, when the boys painted the letters "NYPD FDNY" on their backs.

"That took a little over an hour," Berk says, "but the response was worth it."

The basic structure of the chest painting, he says, is for it to look like a cut-off T-shirt, with blue paint covering their upper body and then a designated gold letter on each chest.

"The removing the paint is a pain in the ass," Halajian says. "It turns the tub blue."

When the guys painted "FDNY" on their backs in red, Berk says the letter remained there for a week before it finally washed off.

"It can get all over you," Simpson says, "but it's half the fun."

Besides the reactions they receive, Simpson says the group is treated almost like V.I.P.

"We don't have to wait in line or show our ticket stubs if we re-enter the stadium," he says,

"and we get great standing seats really close to the field."

"Security guard Jim is awesome," Halajian says, "and he doesn't mind getting paint all over him."

Simpson and Berk say their paint jobs are also a great way to pick up ladies.

"Well, it's obvious they're looking at us, so I just walk over there and start talking," Simpson says. "It's a good in."

Berk describes the group in comparison to the "dude at the Jets game."

"This guy isn't a mascot but he's there every week in a Jets jersey and a fire hat making the crowd go crazy," he says, "and that's just like us."

Berk says their tailgating consists of barbequing, drinking, throwing the football around and then gearing up for the game as they smear themselves with school spirit.

"It's a good break from the week just to let loose and show your school spirit," he says. "If you don't plan accordingly, your buzz wears off and you get cold."

Once half-time ends, everyone who walks by the gang is fair game to get a touch of paint, he says.

"We'll put a little paint on someone's cheek or give the girls we know a hug," he says, "but it's all in fun."

More than likely the guys will paint themselves in the parking lot on Homecoming, but Berk says they are unsure if they will attend the game.

"We are like the team's second cheerleaders," Simpson says, "so we will definitely be cheering from the parking lot."

Friday, Oct. 1, 2004

**A Century of African-American Art:**

The Paul R. Jones Collection

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Place: Mechanical Hall and Old College

**Reception for all Reunion Classes and Delaware Diamonds:**

Time: 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Place: Mentors' Circle

**Third Annual Art Loop:**

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Galleries in Mechanical Hall and Old College will be open as well as the various art studios.

Saturday, Oct. 2, 2004

**Men's and Women's Tennis Alumni Exhibition:**

Place: Delaware Field House Time: 9:00 a.m.

**Reunion Row:**

Place: Football Practice Field

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

**Football Game:**

Fightin' Blue Hens vs. University of Maine

Time: Noon

Place: Tubby Raymond Field at Delaware Stadium

**Concert:**

Bit O' Rhythm and Delaware Steel Concert hosted by the Music Department

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Place: Loudis Recital Hall

Sunday, Oct. 3, 2004

**Coast Day**

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Place: Lewes Campus

Cost: Free admission; \$2 parking

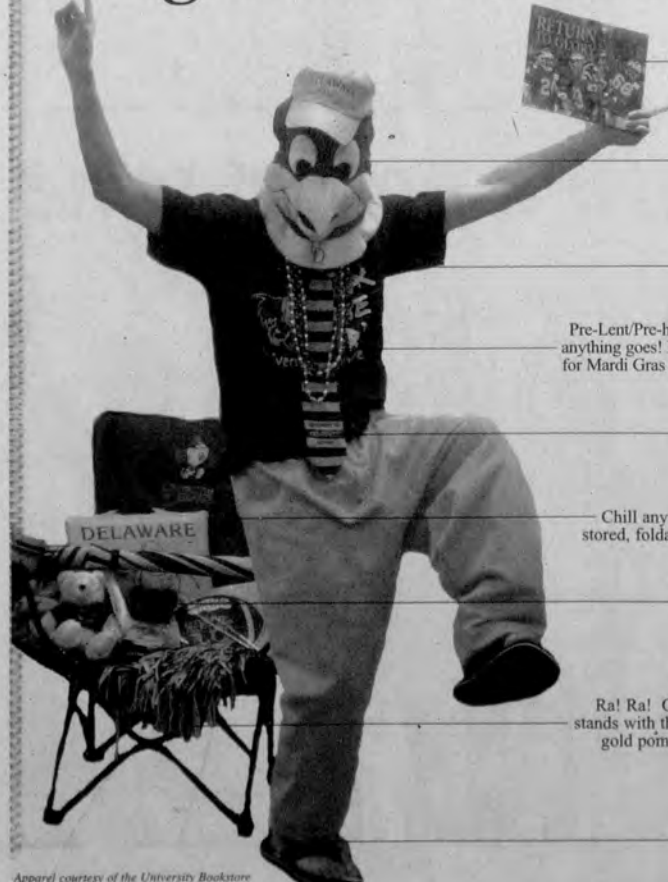
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# Emotion can't pull '49' from ruins

Ladder 49  
Touchstone Pictures  
Rating: ★★ 1/2

## Sneak Peek HOLLYWOOD

So much for happy endings. "Ladder 49" brings to the screen the harsh reality of firefighting — the toll it takes on every firefighter's mental and physical health, the strain it puts on familial relationships and the dangers involved, including the possibility of death.

Jack Morrison's (Joaquin Phoenix) life flashes before his eyes as he is trapped in a burning building and his colleagues try to locate him. Although he rescues another man from the 20-story building engulfed in flames, he can't escape as the floor gave way and he falls several floors, injured amidst the rubble.

The bulk of the film flashes back to major events

in Morrison's life from when he started as a rookie, such as him putting out his first fire under the guidance of Chief Mike Kennedy (John Travolta). He replays the first time he meets the woman of his dreams, Linda (Jacinda Barrett), their wedding day and the birth of their first child.

At times during these flashbacks, however, it is difficult to grasp how much time has elapsed in Jack's life. The film jumps from the couple having a newborn to having two young children. Over a span of 10 years, neither Jack nor Linda look as if they aged a day and viewers are left wondering why the fast forward button was on for so long.

Even if the film's purpose is to show the most vivid memories of Jack's life, scriptwriter Lewis Colick ("Domestic Disturbance") could have at least made the transition a little smoother for viewers.

Linda should have some serious stress lines if 10 years pass and she has been dealing daily with the possibility of having her husband killed in the line of duty. Her fear only heightens when one of Jack's coworkers is killed in a fire and another seriously injured.

Regarding visual effects, director Jay Russell ("My Dog Skip") incorporates amazing fire scenes, which look extremely realistic and get the adrenaline pumping.

The camaraderie amongst the fire squad (Morris Chestnut, Kevin Daniels, Robert Patrick, Balthazar Getty, Billy Burke and Tim Guinee) is also portrayed well as the men play games and pull pranks on each other, but then spring into intense action whenever the fire alarm sounds.

Many of the firefighter characters never completely develop and viewers will leave the theater not remembering most of their names.

Even though Travolta plays the fire chief, his role is minor compared to that of Phoenix's.



This would lead one to believe a greater emphasis would be placed on the strife Jack's job causes his wife and his children, but there is never a chance in the film to completely tackle these issues.

The technique of employing flashbacks is risky, and Jack's memories aren't strong enough to make this film a hit.

Phoenix does extremely well showing the grave emotional effects losing a friend on the job can have on a person. Although the firemen frequently celebrate at the bar when victory emerges, alcohol also proves itself a way to forget pent up feelings from seeing so much wrong happen to firefighters who are trying to make things right.

The film does a great job tugging on viewers' emotions, but the question is whether people will see the brighter side of a mostly depressing movie.

On the other hand, some of the characters did not act emotional enough considering the seriousness of the film. Although Jacinda Barrett's acting was

mediocre, she lacked the intense emotion needed to realistically portray a fearful but supporting wife.

And yes, it's heartfelt when Jack wins an award presented by a young woman he saves from a burning building, but even smaller characters like her could have shown a lot more emotion: She could have died, so why wasn't she crying tears of joy for being alive ... this calls for more than a handshake and thank you.

The film is different in that it tries to take an inside look at the complexities of being a firefighter and is a nice concept in light of the courage endured by firemen after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, but it really doesn't make for a comfortable viewing experience

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### The Gist of It

- ★★★★★ "Grease"
- ★★★★★ "Saturday Night Fever"
- ★★★★★ "Pulp Fiction"
- ★★★ "Look Who's Talking"
- ★ "Michael"

### "The Yes Men"

MGM Studios

Rating: ★★ 1/2

Thanks to Michael Moore, the documentary is back in style. They are sources of some of the most rich and imaginative filmmaking in the industry and command an intelligent audience. As a result, they often amass severe criticism.

In order for a documentary to be successful, it must acquaint the viewer with a certain subject matter and present facts along with the filmmakers' opinions. To audiences, a good documentary always appears spontaneous and unforced. "The Yes Men" exemplifies perfection in documentary making.

"The Yes Men" are a group of anti-corporate activists whose goal is to seek out wrong-doing in the corporate/political world and make the public aware of it through elaborate pranks.

While the concept of pranks may seem childish or immature, don't confuse The Yes Men with amateurs. Their pranks are carefully orchestrated and have a determined social significance representative of the highly intelligent people they are.

The Yes Men sum up their actions as "identity correction," meaning they steal the identities of criminals and try to make them honest.



Andy Bichlbaum and Mike Bonanno, narrators and stars of the film, pose as official representatives of the World Trade Organization. They attend conferences and give lectures across Europe and the United States to expose the inhumane nature of the WTO.

This documentary is hilarious, simplistic and most importantly, honest. It shows decision makers believe almost anything from organizations willing help them reach the top. It asks the audience to consider one key question: What can't corporations get away with?

In a potent display of biting corporate and political satire, "The Yes Men" provides countless laughs from start to finish. In every scene, something inventive and witty happens and you simply can't get enough.

This film will surely be regarded as one of the best documentaries of all time — don't make the mistake of letting this one pass you by.

—Matthew Feldman

### "First Daughter"

20th Century Fox

Rating: ★★

Being the president's daughter is a tough job and Katie Holmes proves it, keeping her wholesome girl image as Samantha Mackenzie, the well-mannered, conservative dressing, only child of a president up for re-election.

Sam is as naive and sweet as you may expect for someone raised in the public light (and for someone played by Katie Holmes), but is also a two-sided character, torn between her political family and a desire to be a normal college student.

A girl should see this movie with her mom or best friend, unless her boyfriend's into fluffy plots. Director Forest Whitaker does a good job making a feel good movie, one that is not too mushy or graphic.

Consumed with a re-election campaign, the president and first lady (Michael Keaton and Margaret Colin) send their daughter off to college in California and soon realize it may have been a mistake.

Scenes when Sam gets acquainted with college life passed too quickly, while others, like dancing at presidential balls, were too drawn out.

Sam's love interest, James (Marc Blucas) was convincing in his role, as he exchanged adoring glances



with Sam. Knee-high boots, daisy dukes, a blonde wig and a strip tease at a bar land pure and shy Sam on the cover of every tabloid in the country, and in hot water with the White House.

The first lady says Sam's rebellious behavior might hurt her father's chances for winning, in a plot that becomes reminiscent to the Bush daughters' ordeal.

Scenes depicting dorm life were all but realistic, as well as the portrayal of the White House was wrong.

The disappointing ending leaves the audience thinking that perhaps it was left open for a sequel, but a sequel definitely cannot be made. There is no true sense of reality in this movie, just pure entertainment.

If looking for two hours to do nothing and not have to think too hard, this is the right movie to see.

—Brook Patterson

## SAY WHAT?

The Review asks students:

How do you show your school spirit?

—compiled by Leah Conway



Jill Piaskowsky  
Junior

"I own a lot of Delaware gear from the school store."



Jay Dehitta  
Sophomore

"I go to the football games."



Marshona Morris  
Freshman

"I have a bag with YoUDee on it."



Jane Martin  
Graduate Student

"I wear UD clothes."

## feature forum

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## Football pride with a box of wine

has been my home for the last three years.

Do I prefer socializing to actually watching the teams run back and forth? Clearly. But you better believe I turn around and cheer when the crowd roars, even if I'm unaware of what is actually taking place.

Isn't the football game a big social orgy anyway?

Look at the tailgaters who barbeque and throw down the Pabst Blue Ribbon by the case in the parking lot; some of them never make it past the bumpers of their Buicks. I often feel completely justified in my need to remain oblivious to the game, after all, isn't showing up enough?

Football games were the place to be in my formative teenage years, even when the Milford High School Buccaneers stood a better chance of catching the Clap than they did winning. I still showed up, cheered for the people I generally scoffed at for being meatheds and showed my pride, even if I was more concerned with my hair than what was happening on the 45-yard line.

Tradition always seemed more important than anything else — it's the one constant reminder of the country boy that exists under this mountain of styling wax, Burberry cologne and dark sunglasses. I remain dedicated to it much more than I care to admit most of the time.

I also understand the importance of a

football team to a school. I've seen the lines to get into the stadium on Saturdays — football is alive and well at UD. Not to mention the I-AA Championship tag drawing in even more Blue Hen fans. It's like Mug Night at the Balloon, or drug deals on Madison Drive, football is just part of the "Fall on a college campus" experience.

Like the first whiff of chimney smoke and comforting flavor of apple cider and pumpkin pie, an autumn without football is like a drag queen without duct-tape.

Where else can I go on a Saturday that affords me the luxury of guacamole, Old Milwaukee, the UD band and all the gossiping I can muster.

I would be hard-pressed to experience the same odd euphoria watching team A play team B on whatever channel plays sports.

So once again, here I am — 24 years old, awaiting another homecoming game with anxious anticipation.

Chances are I will show up tanked on boxed wine, rambling on about deadlines, hemlines and the new Jimmy Eat World album to the poor souls who have the misfortune of accompanying me.

This time though, if you see me clapping, be a friend and explain to me what it is I'm actually clapping for.



THE REVIEW | Lauren Zane



# Psychology of a sports fan

'I'm the world's only professional tailgater.'

— Joe Cahn, the 'Commissioner of Tailgating'

BY ANDREW G. SHERWOOD

Administrative News Editor

There are normal sports fans, and then there are wildly fanatical sports fans. What is a hobby for some is an obsession for others.

Joe Cahn, once the owner of the New Orleans School of Cooking and now the "Commissioner of Tailgating," is a sports fan, to say the least.

"Oh, I'm certifiable. No doubt," Cahn says. "Why else would anyone do this?"

In 1996, Cahn sold his business and his house, bought a motor home and hit the road to explore what he calls "the new American community" — tailgate parties.

He says he has always been a sports fan and began tailgating in his college days as a student at Louisiana State University.

"I wouldn't call most sports fans crazy," he says, "but there are a few odd balls like me floating around."

Since Aug. 9, Cahn has been on a tailgating tour across the Midwest, the South and the East Coast.

When the Blue Hens football team played West Chester on Sept. 18, the commissioner himself was here as part of his tour.

"The Commissioner's job is to promote tailgating," he says, "the celebration in the parking lot."

He says it's the new community social

and the biggest weekly party in the nation. There are extreme tailgaters, and then there's Joe Cahn.

His passion for tailgating takes on a business-like organization, including a caravan of campers called "JoeMobiles," and a support staff with positions varying from chefs to secretaries.

"I'm the world's only professional tailgater," he says. "We've driven the JoeMobiles over 250,000 miles, visited hundreds of cities and eaten our way through 370 tailgating parties."

During his "Tailgating America Tours," Cahn traveled to all 32 NFL stadiums, more than 73 college stadiums and nine NASCAR tracks.

"We've used 39,682 gallons of gas in the process," he says.

Food is one of his favorite parts of the tailgating experience.

"Jambalaya," he says. "Oh yes, I've served 137 pots of it since I started touring."

Gordon Dizenzo, sociology professor and expert in social psychology, says although some might be off-the-wall, the majority probably are not.

"Sports fans are like most people," Dizenzo says, "they really just want to have a fun time."

Of course, he says, behavior of a sports fan can go to the extreme.

"Like any subgroup of society, normality does not always exist for the entirety of the group," Dizenzo says.

"There's a difference between wearing your favorite team's jersey and clinging to a team's glory days for life. It can go too far."

Christian End, a social psychology professor at the University of Missouri-Rolla who specializes in sports psychology, says there are reasons behind a normal fan becoming fanatic.

"People want to categorize themselves as part of the in-group," he says, "and all others as part of the out-group."

Fans of opposing teams are not seen as friends or equals, they are enemies, End says. During games, opposing fans don't socialize.

"Seating arrangement at games is usually segregated," he says. "This really contributes to the favoritism of the in-group."

Recent studies show even the language used to refer to in-group and out-group status helps create inter-group bias.

By using pronouns such as 'we,' 'they,' 'us' and 'them,' bias and fan anger is all the more emphasized, End says.

"Fans who say 'We're going to win today, and they are going to lose' are viewing themselves as part of the team and demonstrating inter-group bias."

End believes self-worth is the most



Courtesy of Joe Cahn

Joe Cahn, the "Commissioner of Tailgating," exemplifies the extreme fan.

common reason for a fan to become obsessive.

"A lot of these people are motivated in ways that maintain or boost their self esteem," he says. "Most of these people are normal."

But there are extreme cases.

End says intensely active fans can demonstrate a process called deindividuation, where they can lose touch with reality.

People can lose their self-awareness, he says. It's like people seem to lose or change part of their identity and take a whole new identity when engrossed in

sports. "Often times people are swept up in the moment of a sporting event and they lose their individuality and act as a group," End says.

An extreme situation is when one group of fans strikes out against the opposing team's fans. The result is a riot.

But generally, sports fans have a more subtle way of expressing their devotion. "They cheer, wear team colors and paint their faces," he says.

"This is an acceptable way of acting as a sports fan."



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## TAILGATE LIKE A PRO

The hottest grills and gear for pre-game fun

BY AMY KATES

Entertainment Editor

As Homecoming Weekend is upon us, students take proper precautions to make sure a responsible, festive afternoon is planned, asking informative questions like, "Am I bringing the ice-luge or are you?"

Although many students will purchase tickets, don their blue and gold attire and genuinely look forward to catching the football game, most students will participate in one of the hottest growing events this year: tailgating.

P.J. O'Neil, vice president of sales and marketing for The American Tailgater Company, has a tough life.

"What do we do? We tailgate. That's my job, to go out and tailgate," he says. "There's never a bad day when you're having a good tailgating party."

Feeling an urge to change majors? Not so fast. Although tailgating for a living seems like the perfect job, O'Neil stays extremely busy due to the increasing number of venues for tailgating.

"We cater to events across the board. Football, baseball, NASCAR, Jimmy Buffet, you name it," O'Neil says. "If The Dead were still around, we'd be out there, too."

Seasonality plays a large role in what the popular venues are for tailgating, he says. For example, right now the biggest events are both NFL and NCAA football, but the attention will switch to NASCAR as February approaches.

O'Neil says the largest change in trends regarding tailgating is the fact that an increasing number of people are not buying tickets to sporting events anymore, they simply come to enjoy the asphalt atmosphere of a good tailgating party.

Another new change in tailgating is the amount of money participants are spending on tailgating gear and equipment.

"The parties are getting bigger, people are buying more expensive gear," O'Neil says. "They are buying full system grills with caps and CO2 systems and cooking for anywhere from 50 to 100 people."

Due to consumer desire to purchase bigger equipment, he says there is a game of one-upping constantly taking place in the lots.

"If someone sees Joe got a new grill, Bob has to get a better grill and if Bob pulls out a blender that can be plugged into the lighter, Joe buys one of our gas-powered blenders," O'Neil says.

That same mentality feeds into recipes as well, he says, and it's certainly no longer just about whose Ball Park Frank is bigger.

"People are becoming more creative with their menus as well. It's no longer just hotdogs, hamburgers and bratwursts," he says. "People are doing gumbo and jambalaya. People are trying to get into new things, like pheasant soup. We saw a guy in Chicago with a giant grill with a whole pig just roasting in it."

O'Neil says the company tries to market products for tailgating that are not mass produced, but rather fan produced.

"It's really people all over the country who are having these great, wonderfully strange ideas daily," he says, "and one of our biggest points of differentiation

between other companies is that we are trying to go out and find these people."

The company's Web site offers wacky tailgating gadgets like the Daiquiri Whacker Gas Powered Blender and Fan Brands Barbecue Grilling Irons that allow the user to brand their favorite team logo right into the meat on the barbie.

"These products are the result of people trying to build things in their basements and garages," he says. "That's how the gas powered blender came to be. They started making it, we started selling it."

O'Neil says although tailgating gear is changing, certain essentials will always be necessary.

"People will always need grills, coolers, tables, food, beverages, barbecue tools like spatulas, tongs, things like that, as far as gear goes," he says. "The tradition of tailgating being a family event will also not change."

College campuses are one of the company's largest markets and the University of Delaware is no exception.

"We do have a number of Blue Hen customers. They love our stuff," he says. "We send tons of stuff out to Delaware annually. The unfortunate thing is they don't have a lot of logo gear."

Weber-Stephen recently conducted their second annual study of American tailgating habits and found people are grilling now more than ever, says Sherry Bale, director of news media relations for Weber-Stephen Products Company.

"Grills are more accessible to people now. The portable grills are a lot better than they were five years ago and so people can cook a wider variety of food, thus more people are grilling in general," she says. "Grilling isn't just for warm weather anymore. Eighty-five percent of the country has at least one grill."

The company also gathered information regarding women's attitude toward grilling, she says, and ladies are holding their own when it comes to tailgating.

"I think it is just a natural progression from grilling in the backyard to taking the grill to the game," she says. "I am sure there are still many homes where that is the man's area, but 10 years ago I would say that the number of women grilling was probably a fourth to the number of men grilling, and now it is about half and half in the household."

"Women are also simply getting into sports more."

Bale says Weber-Stephen offers some quick how-to's for the tailgating elite.

Apparently, putting the lid down has a functional use outside of the bathroom, she says.

"While some grilling gurus may tell you to grill with the lid up, you really should grill with the lid down," Bale says. "Grilling with the lid down will reduce the chances of flare-ups and cook your food faster and more evenly."

Another important tip is to not "flip out," Bale says.

"You're practicing the art of grilling, not a circus act. Unless the recipe calls for it, flip your food just once."

## Game day recipes

Spice up your parking lot experience

BY LAURA BOYCE AND CHRISTOPHER MOORE

Features Editors

Although dinner off the back of a truck sounds like a lot of work and planning, it's easier than you might think. Take the game day party to the parking lot and fill your belly with some good eats before finding a comfy spot in the stands.

Pop up tables and chairs and turn your parking space into a full-blown parking lot paradise. These recipes scream victory.

### Chicken Wing Dip

Spice things up a bit and dip some chips into a yummy treat that might require the purchase of Tums later on.

- 16 oz. cream cheese
- 2 c. hot sauce
- 2 cans shredded chicken breast drained
- 2 c. shredded cheddar cheese

Mix hot sauce and cream cheese and melt in microwave. Mix together with chicken and shredded cheese and bake for 30 minutes at 350 degrees. Add more shredded cheese on top if desired, bake until brown.

### Beer Batter

Chicken, fish, fries or veggies, beer (not just for drinking). Dip anything your heart desires (that can be fried) into this tasty mix and cook it up.

- 2 c. flour
- 1 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 2 eggs
- 12 oz. beer

Mix ingredients. Dip food of choice. Fry in oil.

### Tater Tot Surprise

Surprise! It's so good even your carb-counting friend will dig in.

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| 1 can Durkee French fried onions | 1 c. cheddar cheese |
| 1 lb. hamburger                  | 1 bag tater tots    |
| 1 can stewed tomatoes            | 1/3 c. milk         |
| 1 box chopped broccoli           | 1 medium onion      |
| 1 can cream of celery soup       |                     |

Brown hamburger with onions, basil seasoned salt and garlic powder to taste. Line a 13x9 pan with tater tots, bake 10 minutes at 350 degrees. Mix cooked hamburger, tomatoes, broccoli and 1/2 of the french fried onions together and pour over tots. Mix milk, soup and 1/2 c. cheddar cheese, pour over pan mixture. Bake at 350-375 degrees for 30 minutes. Take out, cover with remaining cheese and french fried onions, bake until brown.

### Dogenitit's Tex-Mex Dip-O

Easy and delicious. This dynamic dip pumps up any gathering from the parking lot to the after party.

- 1 box Mexican Velveeta
- 1 lb. ground turkey
- 1 jar salsa
- 4 tbs. sour cream

Microwave Velveeta until melted. Brown turkey and mix into cheese. Mix in salsa. Microwave to desired warmth. Swirl in sour cream.



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Sophomore midfielder J.D. VanAcker and the Delaware men's soccer team face George Mason today at 7 p.m. and James Madison on Sunday at 2 p.m.

## UD opens CAA play

BY GREG PRICE

Staff Reporter

After a convincing victory last Tuesday against Navy and an unfortunate rainout against Rider Tuesday night, the Delaware men's soccer team begins Colonial Athletic Association play on the road this week against George Mason (4-3) and James Madison (7-0-1).

The Hens are 3-4 on the season and must face an undefeated powerhouse in James Madison, and a George Mason team that has shutout three opponents this year, and is 2-1 at home.

"I think Mason is the better team," said Hens' head coach Marc Samonisky. "They have a real quality schedule."

"James Madison hasn't played a real strong team yet," Samonisky said.

Although the Hens have a sub-.500 record, each of their wins have been very impressive.

They defeated then No. 24 ranked Central Connecticut St. 2-1 on Sept. 8. It was the first time Delaware had ever beaten a nationally ranked team.

The Hens followed up on that historical performance with a 7-2 win over Mount St. Mary on Sept. 15. The Hens offense was

sparked by freshman forward Sobhan Tadjalli, who scored four goals on as many shots to add one more victory to Delaware's win column. Tadjalli leads the team in goals, points, and shots for the season.

"He's obviously a talented player, but his quickness and ability to take on defenders make him dangerous," said senior goalkeeper and team captain Kyle Haynes.

In the double-overtime win against Navy, the Hens played superb defense for all 103:47 of play. They held Navy to just six total shots and only two corner kicks. Haynes had three saves and also recorded his first shutout of the season.

In every one of Delaware's wins, the team has outshot its opponent.

The Hens out shot their opponents 36 to 27 in each victory and are 3-0 at home this season.

"It's pretty much just a matter of going [all] out from the start and attacking, not just sitting back and defending for 90 minutes," Haynes said.

James Madison will be a tough opponent for the Hens to trump. First, The Dukes averaging 2.05 goals a game and are holding their opponents to just

0.48 goals a game and have completed four shutouts this season.

George Mason, while its record does not show it, has played very well this season. They average 2.14 goals a game with a shooting percentage of .139. They also pass the ball well with 13 assists on the season, while Delaware has nine assists and the same amount of goals at 15.

In spite of these striking numbers and records, Delaware seems to be confident in their abilities.

"We tied them both last year, so we know that we can play with them," Haynes said.

Last season the Hens tied both teams 1-1 and went to double overtime.

Against George Mason, the Hens were out shot 6 to 10 and had zero corner kicks compared to George Mason's six.

Delaware, unlike the George Mason game, out shot James Madison 14 to 12 with seven corner kicks to four.

Delaware squares off against George Mason first this Friday at 7 p.m. and then James Madison Sunday at 2 p.m.

## Volleyball faces tests

### Tribe, Seahawks to visit UD

BY CHRISTINE PASKA

Staff Reporter

Two important conference games will keep the Delaware volleyball team's mind off of this weekend's Homecoming festivities.

The Hens will continue conference play this weekend as they face William & Mary today at 7 p.m. and UNC-Wilmington at 7 p.m. on Saturday at the Barbara Viera Court.

After defeating Hofstra, 3-0 for the first time since 1997 on Wednesday evening, the Hens are looking to continue their home winning streak and pick up important wins at home to begin conference play.

In last seasons match-up between Delaware and William & Mary, the Hens came out on top both times and in their last meeting near the end of the season the Hens were able to blank the Tribe 3-0 at home. Delaware has won five out of the last seven meetings between the two teams.

William & Mary enters the game 9-5 on the season and 1-0 in conference play.

Head coach Bonnie Kenny knows that there is no easy team in the conference and that William & Mary has improved from last season so they can't expect an effortless win.

Junior middle-blockers Carly Huffman and Caitlin Geraghty and senior setter Amy Owens lead the Tribe. In the teams last meeting Geraghty recorded six of the Tribes 18 blocks.

The Hens will be up against another tough opponent when they square off against UNC-Wilmington on Saturday night.

"UNC has a new coach this year and they have been doing real nice things," Kenny said. "They have good emotion and chemistry

and are going to be a tough team."

In the teams first meeting last year the Hens fell to the Seahawks in Wilmington but avenged their 3-1 loss on the road by winning 3-0 at home.

UNC-Wilmington is 2-8 on the season and coming into the game on a six game losing streak. The Seahawks are led by freshman outside-hitter Kate Bennett and sophomore setter Lacey White. Bennett has recorded 103 kills, 130 digs and 17 service aces so far this season.

"In order to win we have to be aggressive at the net," Kenny said. "We have to have a good balanced attack and be running on all cylinders. We need to have four people hitting in double digit kills if we want to be successful."

Coming off of a four game winning streak and the huge win over Hofstra the women are entering the weekend with confidence

and high aspirations for the rest of the season.

Kenny said right now the Hens are focusing on executing as a team and in the second half of conference play they will begin analyzing the aspects of their opponents to help record the wins.

"Our goal is to win the conference and get to the tournament," Kenny said. "We need to have well above a winning record to get there and this is just the beginning. It is only October and we have a ways to go."

Despite having a ways to go the women have started out on the right track and look to this weekend to pick up some important wins on home turf.

"It is always important to win," Kenny said. "We better take care of our home turf. We have to protect our house."



THE REVIEW/Jessica Sitkoff

The Delaware volleyball team welcomes two CAA rivals to Newark this weekend: William & Mary and UNC-W.

## Tennis shuts out St. Joe's

### UD records milestone 300th win

BY SCOTT YAFFE

Staff Reporter

More than a victory was recorded Wednesday afternoon as the Delaware women's tennis team defeated St. Joseph's 7-0 for the program's 300th victory.

"The girls played very well today and I'm feeling very optimistic about our season," said 13-year Hens head coach Laura Travis.

The No. 1 and 2 singles players for the home opener, freshman Susan Pollack and sophomore Sari Shuster, showed the Hawks they were no joke. Pollack won her singles match 6-0, 6-1 against Nicole Morrison while Shuster won 6-2, 6-0 against Michelle Savage of the Hawks.

"I think our team has improved tremendously this year," Shuster said. "We are very strong and believe we are going to do extremely well."

As doubles partners, Shuster and Pollack took a dominating lead and never turned back as they went ahead and overpowered Jessica Swanderski and Morrison 8-2, making the Hens 23-4 in doubles play this season.

Junior co-captain Katie Miller duelled with the Hawks' Dina DiGiacomo in an intense match. After DiGiacomo took the lead, Miller rallied back to win crucial points in her victory at the No. 4 singles spot, 7-6 (8-6), 6-3.

Also picking up singles vic-

tories for the Hens were sophomore Liz Perlow, who defeated Swanderski 6-1, 6-0, sophomore Jamie DeGraffenreid, defeated Erica Guers 6-3, 6-2 and junior Stephanie Riddle defeated Alisa ZanMeter 6-2, 6-7 (4-7), 7-5 to complete the sweep giving Delaware the seventh point, making the win official.

At 5-0 this year, the Hens will try to keep their record flawless as they play an exhibition match against past Alumni during Homecoming weekend.

The regular season continues against Villanova Oct. 5 at 2:30 p.m. behind the field house on Delaware's home courts.

## Hen Peckings

Former women's track and field star Tychia Smith was named NCAA Woman of the Year for the state of Delaware on Tuesday.

The award recognizes female student-athletes for achievements in athletics, academics and community service.

Smith, who graduated in May, holds eight school records and won six individual meet titles in her four-year career with the Hens.

She was a co-captain last season and led Delaware to 5-1 record. She placed fourth in 4 x 100 meter relay and fifth in the 400 meters, along with four other top nine finishes at the Colonial Athletic Association Outdoor Track and Field Championships in April.

Delaware has produced 12 of the last 14 winners of the award for the state. Julie Van Deusen, a former Hens' diver, won the award in 2003.

-Compiled by Tim Parsons

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## Commentary

MATT AMIS



## Pushin' to the limits

Over 20 years after the fact, *Push It to the Limit* stands to me as one of the corniest, most out-of-place songs in movie history. As the title theme from the venerable and supposedly bad-ass movie *Scarface*, the tune contains lyrics like: *Hit the wheel and double the stakes/throttle wide open like a bat out of hell and you crash the gates (crash the gates!)*, and instrumentation that would make the guys from Journey puke. The overall experience is more awkward than the Rocky-Apollo Creed seaside embrace in "Rocky III."

But wait. Despite the horribly awesome song, pushing it to the limit is great. Seriously. I can guarantee there's going to be plenty of limit-pushing happening this Homecoming weekend.

Think you've had enough to drink? *Push it to the limit*. That guy won't stop asking for your phone number until you kick him in the balls? *Push it to the limit*.

Tony Montana taught us that pushing it to the limit is what makes this nation great. With a smile, some elbow grease and a snout full of coke, we can accomplish anything.

But filling a column with hackneyed picks and awards that correspond with lines from "Scarface"?

Sing it with me.

LIMIT!

Alright, so here goes:

**Frank Lopez:** Lesson number one: Don't underestimate the other guy's greed!

**Elvira Hancock:** Lesson number two: Don't get high on your own supply.

The first quote goes out to the NHL, its players and its fans. It's no secret that the lockout isn't being received with the same fervor as October baseball or say, Dick Verneil's latest antics, but the NHL brass has taken an already-horrible situation (TV ratings lower than WNBA games) and pounded it into the ground.

The greedy players won't accept a salary cap; the greedy owners won't accept anything but a salary cap. No hockey for nobody.

**Tony Montana:** I always tell the truth. Even when I lie.

To Shaq and Kobe. After years of putting us through the guise of a bogus, insincere working relationship, how great is it that the gloves are off now?

I mean, lyrics in one of Shaq's rap songs are one thing, but now he's giving Kobe advice on women? Ouch, babe! Why isn't this a steel-cage PayPerView event yet?

**Bernstein:** Every day above ground is a good day.

To the Jacksonville Jaguars and the Atlanta Falcons, arguably two of the worst 3-0 teams I've ever seen.

Both these teams are eerily similar to the 2001 Chicago Bears, who utilized a cushy schedule and a decent defense on their way to 13 wins.

Mark it down: the Falcons lose to Carolina and the Jags lose to Indianapolis this week.

**Tony Montana:** You wanna play rough? Okay. Say hello to my little friend!

Far and away the most popular line in "Scarface" goes to the biggest thing going in sports now: Barry Bonds. And part of me truly believes he's enjoying this monstrous success now considering all the stiff and the beat writers who've spat on him along the way. The 'random' drug test he got last Friday is just another example.

**Tony Montana:** Every dog has his day.

To the Delaware Blue Hens, who, despite not being dogs at all, will eat many a heapin' bowl of Black Bear soup on Saturday.

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## Hens serve shutout to Hofstra

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Just as David had Goliath and the Red Sox have the Yankees, the Delaware Blue Hens volleyball team has the Hofstra Pride. Wednesday night the Hens downed their arch nemesis, Hofstra, 3-0 in front of an electric crowd at Barbara Viera Court.

Going into the match, Delaware (1-0) had an 11-match losing streak against the Pride (0-1).

In the first game, the Hens did not hesitate to charge the net and take control of the game defensively, out-blocking Hofstra 10-5. Delaware appeared to be a brick wall at times, refusing the Pride's spike after spike. Key blocks came off the hands of junior Niecy Taylor, senior Sarah Engle and freshman Colleen Walsh.

Offensively the Hens were out-killed 15-13, but they did hit the Pride where it hurts, the scoreboard, as the Hens won the first game 30-26.

"[Senior captain] Val Murphy pulled two blockers on her a lot," head coach Bonnie Kenny explained. "This opened up the outside attack for us."

In the second game Hofstra looked like their old selves while leading 24-12. Just when everyone expected Delaware to wave the white flag and surrender the game to the Pride, the girls fought back. What the girls lacked in kills and blocks in the second game they made up for with heart and determination.

"Our serves definitely helped us in that comeback during the second game," Murphy said. "None of us wanted to give up, we knew we still had a shot."

The Hens rallied back, scoring six straight points to pull within one at 24-23. The rally came thanks in part to senior Taylor Govaars spectacular serving, when she served three aces.

Delaware's never say die attitude led it to a 30-28 victory and only one win away from bringing an end to Hofstra's long reign of breaking the Hens' hearts.

The third game was a grudge-match in which both teams refused to lose. Offensively, freshman Clair McCormack led the charge for the Hens, tallying several kills and ending the match with 18. However, once again the Hens found their backs to the wall, down at game point 29-27.

In true Hen fashion, the girls used their grit to come from behind and tie the game 29-29; thus taking it into overtime. Up 31-30, and in need of one point, freshman Allison Lutz of Delaware set the ball, for one of her 46 assists in the match, allowing Engle to slam it onto the floor of the Hofstra side.

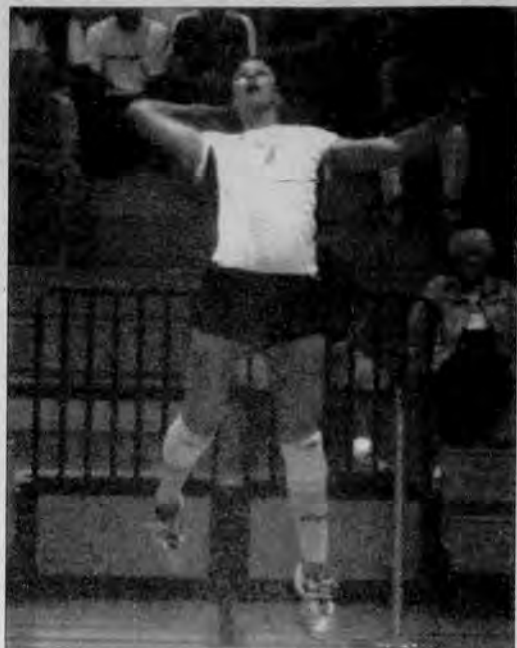
"We had a lot of momentum after the second game comeback," Murphy said. "We came out in the third game on fire."

It seemed only fitting the match would end in overtime with the senior, Engle, who had to suffer through the losing streak against Hofstra the past three years, spiking the ball to win the match.

"Hofstra is a great team," coach Kenny said. "Tonight we were the better team though; I'm proud of the effort and poise of all our players tonight."

With the win, Delaware stays undefeated at home this year with a record of 5-0. It also gives the girls a 1-0 record in the Colonial Athletic Association league.

Although they knew full well they have a match coming on Friday against William & Mary, the girls were not afraid to celebrate and bask in their nail-biting win against the Pride. Although their team name is the Hens, they were the ones who walked away with pride Wednesday night.



THE REVIEW/Jessica Sitkoff

The Delaware volleyball team shutout CAA rival Hofstra Wednesday night. It was the Hens' first win over the Pride in 11 matches.

## Murphy leads by example

BY CHASE TRIMMER

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Cheers of acclamation resonated throughout the gymnasium at the Carpenter Sports Building, but the volleyball game against Hofstra had not even begun. The fans standing on their feet at Barbara Viera Court Wednesday night were honoring one of the most exemplary student-athletes in the Delaware community for her accomplishments on the court.

Senior Val Murphy was recognized for reaching her 1,000th career kill earlier this season.

The second year co-captain of the Delaware volleyball team is not a loud person on the court, not with words anyway.

Murphy is a leader by example and her performance in little over three years at Delaware has been one powerful example of dedication, humility, and a strong commitment to team unity.

"She's not someone who you question their dedication," head coach Bonnie Kenny said. "She actually has to miss practice today because of a class and she asked us for a workout plan because she needs something to do."

"[Co-captain Nicole] Stuka and I try to be positive," Murphy said, "and I just try to go out there and do my job and do the things that I'm supposed to do, like block and hit. I think that's more motivating than yelling."

Murphy grew up in Round Hill, Va., a place not nationally recognized for volleyball. Since the sport was not as prevalent as basketball in her small hometown and there were few opportunities to play against experienced teams, Murphy and her younger sister, Lorraine, traveled more than an hour to play for a club team close to Washington, D.C.

Murphy was a basketball player with dreams of one day playing the game in college before she began playing volleyball in ninth grade. Her athleticism helped her pick up the game quickly and her dream of playing a Division I sport changed just a bit.

The Virginia Player of the Year and second-team All-Regional selection for basketball in 2001 decided that Delaware was her school of choice after the Hens moved into the Colonial Athletic Association.

The switch in conferences influenced her decision because it meant her family would be able to see her play more often.

Growing up with six kids in one house might make it pretty hard to go to a school far from home, but Bill and Kathy Murphy instilled commitment and dedication to an active lifestyle in all of their children.

Valerie is a health and physical education major and captain of the volleyball team's recently established mentor program.

The Hens' program was inspired by the Women's Sports Foundation's GoGirlGo! fund-raising and activism campaign, which has a goal of getting one million girls physically active over the next three years and aims to improve the lives of girls through physical activity.

Murphy and her teammates have been in contact with local girl scouts and are coordinating efforts to introduce different exercises to girls in the community. The team hopes to set good examples of an active lifestyle by participating in the exercises and by bringing the girls to a few matches.

Murphy has received several awards and honors throughout her career. She has been named to the all-tournament team in three of the Hens' four tournaments this season and was a second-team all-CAA selection in 2003. Murphy has led Delaware in kills for the past two seasons and her consecutive matches played streak of 225 is the longest ever at Delaware.

But when asked what has been the most rewarding part about her career at Delaware, Murphy replied, "Definitely the friends."

Murphy said she was surprised Wednesday night by the ceremony before the game.

"I didn't know that I hit one thousand yet."



THE REVIEW/Rob McFadden

Senior cornerback Sidney Haugabrook stands over UMass wide receiver Nate Hasselbeck after making a big hit last Saturday.

Bring on the Bears  
Delaware seeks fourth straight, A-10 supremacy

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All things considered, the Delaware football team is in pretty good shape right now.

After a rocky start in which the defending National Champions lost its season opener to New Hampshire, the Hens finally seem to be getting on the right track.

After traveling to UMass last week and coming away with a convincing 21-7 win over the Atlantic-10 rival Minutemen, Delaware (3-1, 2-0 A-10) may have proved to the rest of the conference that it's still the team to beat.

However, the No. 8-ranked Maine Black Bears may have something to say about that.

After traveling to SEC country and coming away with a 9-7 win over Mississippi State on Sept. 18, the Black Bears are heading into Saturday's matchup with the Hens with a great deal of confidence.

The game will be the A-10 opener for Maine, who lost its season opener to Montana, before shutting out Northern Colorado and edging past Mississippi State.

Last season, Delaware needed a 21-point comeback and a Brad Shushman field goal to squeak past the Black Bears 24-21 in overtime. The Hens trailed 21-0 as the third quarter was winding down before quarterback Andy Hall's touchdown run finally got the Hens on the board.

Delaware also used an 80-yard punt return by Sidney Haugabrook to propel them all the way back to defeat Maine in overtime.

"Last season, we thought Maine was the most talented team in the A-10," head coach K.C. Keeler said. "If there was one team I didn't want to play in the National Championship game, it was Maine."

This season, sophomore quarterback Ron Whitcomb and senior running back Marcus Williams are leading the attack for the Black Bears, while the defense is giving up just 11.3 points per game, good enough for second in the A-10.

Williams is averaging 82 yards per game on the ground, while Whitcomb is averaging 156 yards passing per game.

"When Williams gets going North and South, that's when he becomes very dangerous," Keeler said. "We need to keep it low-scoring and not let Williams get into the flow of things."

On the Delaware side, junior quarterback Sonny Riccio may be coming off his best game for Delaware, perhaps not in his passing statistics, however, Riccio rushed for 70 yards on 17 carries and began to emerge as an offensive leader for Delaware.

"Sonny was in total command out there," Keeler said. "He's really grown in this offense and collectively we're moving in the right direction."

Senior running back Sean Bleiler is also coming off his finest game as a Hen, rushing for a career-high 110 yards and a touchdown in the win over UMass.

Delaware also welcomed the return of junior wideout David Boler, who made his presence felt by catching the go-ahead touchdown pass from Riccio in the fourth quarter.

The Hens' defense dominated the game against UMass, holding the Minutemen's All-American wideout Jason Peebler to just once catch for seven yards in the first quarter.

Kickoff for Saturday's game against the Black Bears is set for 12 p.m. at Delaware Stadium.