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Presidential candidate Grace Pedersen sets sights on a sustainable future for the university

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When Grace Pedersen walks around campus, she sees brick buildings and students, just like most others. But Pedersen, although light and optimistic in demeanor, can't help but see the problems underneath — an ill-designed transportation infrastructure, the wasteful use of campus electricity, how global climate change is impacting people here in Newark.

To address these problems head-on, Pedersen is running for Student Government Association (SGA) president as one of four candidates vying for the position.

Pedersen, a junior environmental studies and public policy major, joined SGA in her sophomore year at the suggestion of current student body president Natalie Criscenzo, serving as academic affairs senator for the College of Earth, Ocean, and Environment this past year. Pedersen's campus leadership extends beyond SGA, however, as she has participated in and led environmental sustainability projects from her freshman year to the present day.

Although constantly active, Pedersen's efforts have not always been successful. She cited a recent effort to convert the university to renewable energy, a plan that the university rejected, forcing her to assess other options.

"We were attempting to pursue renewable energy, but it looks like funding isn't there," Pedersen said. "So we're taking other avenues and looking to be strategic to make our electricity consumption more efficient."

While the university's efforts to increase its student population might raise concerns for somebody like Pedersen, as more people presumably need more electricity, she sees it as an opportunity for "smart growth," in which ground-up building projects, such as Science, Technology and Advanced Research (STAR) Campus development, make conscientious efforts to sustainably accommodate students.

In addition to her sustainability goals, Pedersen intends to expand SGA's presence on campus, noting a trend of "exclusivity" among student groups. To Pedersen, SGA can be a centralized mediating tool, designing programs and initiatives that bring otherwise

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SGA President hopeful Kevin Peterson hopes to "implement actual improvements" if elected

KATHERINE NAILS
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When deciding to run for Student Government Association (SGA) student body president, Kevin Peterson was faced with the question of whether, as an undergraduate student going into his fifth year, he should take charge, or make way for younger leaders. Ultimately, he decided that he wanted a chance to implement his vision for the future of the university.

"I really want to change the sexual assault policy, and I really want to implement actual improvements," he said.

Peterson is the presidential candidate representing the Blue Party, which, other than Peterson, consists of Corinne Bogan, Sarah Amalfitano, Brennan Weber, Gianna Lorusso and Mia Carbon. The Blue Party, which was formed this year, has members running for various offices in this year's SGA elections, which are being held from April 16-18.

His experience at the organization began during his junior year, during which he served as the finance senator. His personal experience with sexual assault prompted him to join SGA to help promote change. Peterson currently serves as the executive vice president for the organization, and has helped improve SGA's online presence.

"The big thing I did was getting the website together," he said.

In addition, Peterson has worked with the Faculty Senate on the recent proposed amendments to the non-discrimination policy, has helped to organize the first It's On Us, kNOW MORE Rally Against Sexual Assault and implemented a new caucus structure to the Student Senate.

Next year, regardless of whether or not he wins the presidential election, Peterson hopes to work toward the creation of more comprehensive mental health resources and the improvement of resources for sexual assault survivors.

He has begun to work with university

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Meet presidential candidate Nicholas Makos

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Student Affairs Editor

Nicholas Makos, one of four candidates vying for the position of student body president, wants undergraduate students to know that he is ready to bring a business-oriented mindset to the Student Government Association (SGA).

"Politics is the problem with government, unfortunately, and we need a new way of thought," Makos said. "I think that I think more like an entrepreneur."

This aligns with his academic career as a junior studying operations management, international business studies and history. He has been actively involved with the Alfred Lerner College of Business and Economics, acting as the academic affairs senator for Lerner college for the past two years.

He also holds a position on the Lerner College Student Advisory Board, which he describes as being similar to "a small SGA for Lerner." His Lerner College Infrastructure Improvement resolution is currently in progress, recently reaching phase two.

"I think that I have made real change that

you can look back on and see," Makos said. "I've passed multiple resolutions, I've brought multiple resolutions to the table."

In terms of operational experience, Makos is the acting senior vice president of operations of Alpha Kappa Psi and the chief operating officer of Lazarus Rising, a non-profit organization dedicated to combating homelessness through assisting with tasks like job searches and interview preparation.

Through his leadership positions, he has learned that he prefers openness and conversation. One of his primary goals as student body president is to host more open forums and increase student awareness that SGA not only exists, but wants to hear what undergraduate students have to say.

"Let's have more open forums, like the multicultural center for example," he said. "A lot of students showed up to that. And you know what that showed the administration? That the students are passionate."

In addition to creating more conversation between the student body and SGA, Makos is also hoping to make a difference in terms of carrying out SGA resolutions.

"When they [Faculty Senate] put up poli-

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Shane Dorsey: Candidate for student body president

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Shane Dorsey, a junior studying political science and public policy, is running on a platform that centers on expanding student outreach at the university and expanding the scope of the Student Government Association (SGA). Dorsey seeks to improve several aspects of the university if elected, with a particular focus on expanding academic resources and improving safety measures on campus.

"SGA right now is relatively inefficient," Dorsey said. "I just think there could be a lot more being done than we are currently accomplishing."

Dorsey became involved in SGA at the beginning of his sophomore year. He credits former SGA student body president Matthew Rojas for helping him become involved in SGA, as the two are both members of the fraternity Theta Chi. Currently, Dorsey is serving as the president of Theta Chi and also as a student affairs senator for SGA. He co-chairs the Student Wellness Caucus, where he has looked to improve safety for students

at the university.

"One of the things I looked into this year was expanding the blue light system on campus," Dorsey said. "The system is a great way to help students stay more secure, but through my research I found that it wasn't possible to expand."

Although Dorsey wasn't able to accomplish this task, he has contributed to other new initiatives at the university, such as late-night dining hours. Though SGA has had some past success in outreach, Dorsey believes the organization needs to do a better job going forward and that he would be the candidate that would best address those concerns.

One of the problems that Dorsey believed SGA could do a better job of is in the realm of social media.

"The reality is you look around and the majority of people are on their phones and people are always using technology," Dorsey said. "We have been promoting stuff on social media. I just think we haven't hit that breaking point yet ... My goal is to change the culture so people look forward seeing what we have to offer and even participating in

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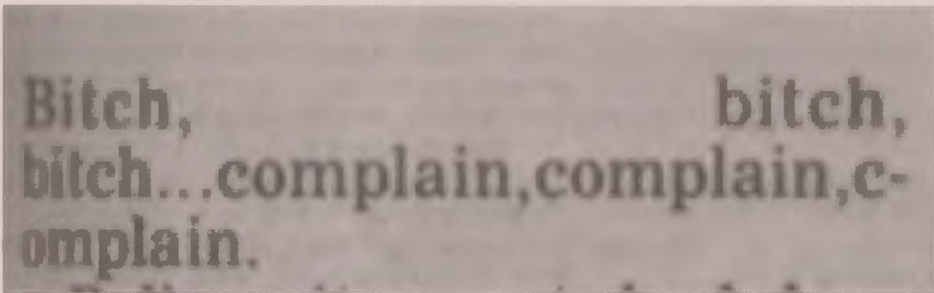
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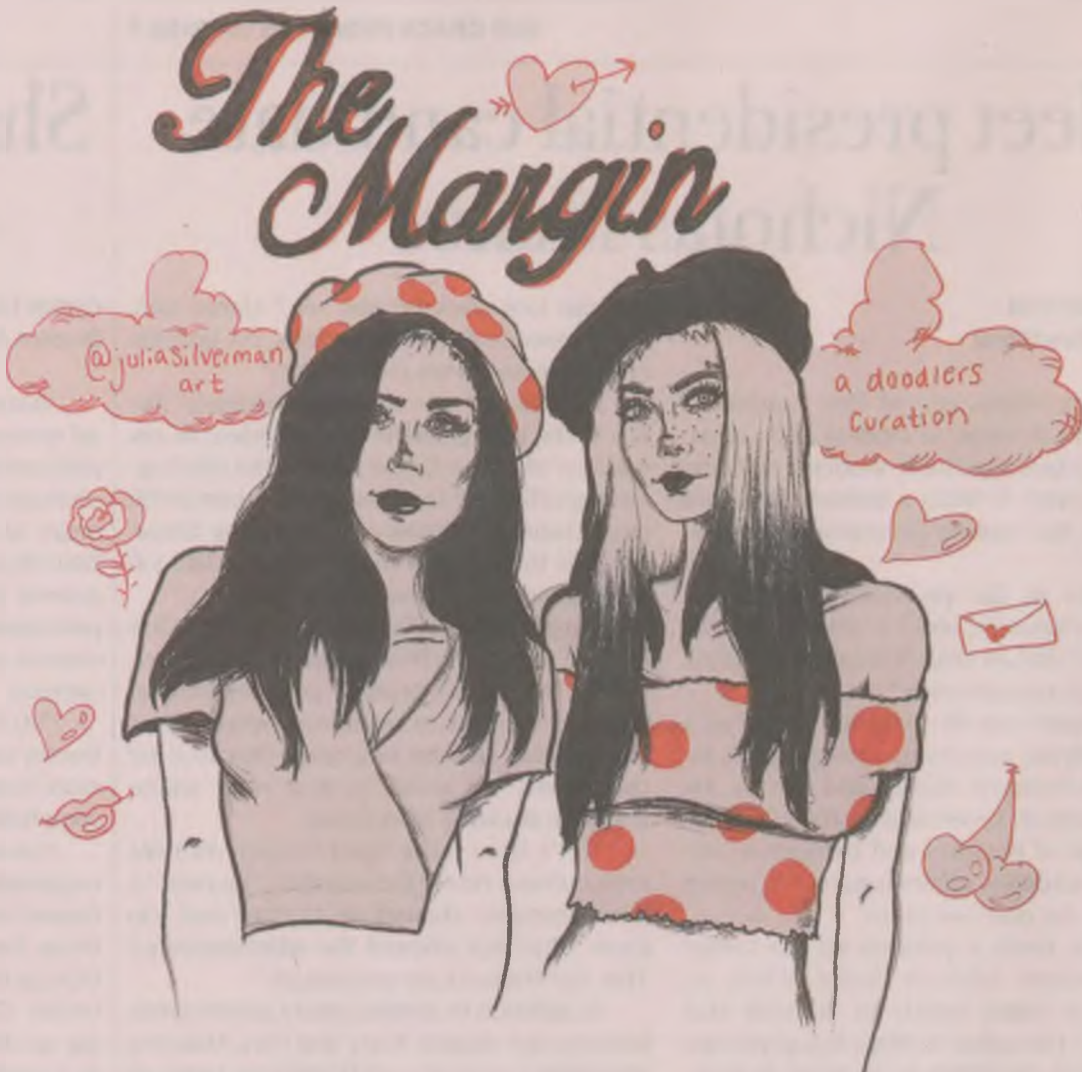
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distant campus groups together.

Pedersen also aims to ensure that student voices reach the university's upper administration. SGA representatives are often invited to participate in university decision-making, sending voting members to the Faculty Senate and sitting in on Board of Trustees meetings, and Pedersen believes that her past experience qualifies her to be a force in administrative affairs.

"I think my long history of trying to pioneer environmental initiatives on campus will really lend itself to that," Pedersen said. "I have developed an incredible patience dealing with the bureaucracy here."

Noting previous difficulties with transitions between SGA administrations — leading to innumerable difficulties this past year, such as the cancellation of fall elections and a broken website — Pedersen hopes to utilize the summer by making connections with student groups and keeping up with ongoing SGA projects. This year, Criscenzo made sustainability a focus of SGA, and Pedersen thinks that her agenda will bring continuity to the transition, putting SGA in a better position to effect change.

Pedersen also intends to make pedestrian safety a priority as president. In her freshman year, she witnessed the tragic death of student Matthew Rosin, who was hit by a bike on the Trabant Patio, and has since seen too many "close calls."

"I feel like it's a consequence of an incompatible transportation infrastructure, and just a lot of kids that don't have experience with the same infrastructure that we have," Pedersen said. "For the past two years, I've been working on an educational campaign to try to get people to just be aware of the dangers that occur on campus."

Shane Dorsey

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some of the initiatives we have to offer."

According to Dorsey, part of SGA's inefficiency stems from not having a consistent platform year to year.

"I have been talking to Natalie Criscenzo lately about the projects she is working on and the projects that she hopes to see done on campus, so that whoever takes over next can continue that," Dorsey said. "A lot of the projects we want to work on cannot be accomplished in two semesters."

The election cycle has been a topic that Dorsey said has been discussed in recent meetings, which has led to the creation of an election caucus. Dorsey would like to see all elections take place in the spring, but also do it in a way that does not leave out incoming freshman.

"We are bound to have the largest freshman class in school history this year," Dorsey said. "You don't want to leave those people out. It would be advisable to whoever is in charge of student government next year that freshman are contacted day one or maybe even before they come into the school."

Dorsey promised that, as SGA student body president, he would actively find out what students want to see as the school year progresses. He mentioned that he would like to see an increased polling and engagement between SGA and the student body.

"In order to stand up for the students, you have to understand what the students want," Dorsey said. "It's going to start with that and grasp where students are at on certain issues so that when the leadership goes to these Board of Trustees meetings and meets with President Assanis and the administration that we are being open, transparent and accurate in explaining to them what the students want."

Kevin Peterson

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faculty to discuss the addition of another counselor to the Center for Counseling & Student Development to lift the strain off of their resources and accomodate the university's growing population.

"The university is clearly signaling that they want to expand and grow, and often they don't really think of mental health as an added resource," he said. In addition to this, he hopes to add online counseling services, and make counselors more accessible to students on North Campus.

"No matter what happens, I'm going to be pushing and lobbying Assanis and [other administration members] to fill the vacancies," he said.

To combat sexual assault, and make the reporting process easier on survivors, Peterson hopes to implement a system similar to Calisto, which allows survivors to log their assault without it being immediately seen. When the survivor is ready, they can choose to have the report sent to Title IX administrators. Callisto also gives the option to enter the assailants name under the condition that, if another log is made that names the same individual, a Title IX coordinator

will be made aware of the repeat offender.

In addition to mental health and sexual assault initiatives, Peterson said that, while he thinks tuition increases are necessary and healthy, he wants to work with administration to allow current students to be grandfathered into future increases and be sure that current increases will be directly beneficial to current students.

Weber, a junior who serves as SGA's public relations senator, is running for vice president of external affairs alongside Peterson as a member of the Blue Party. He thinks that Peterson's personality makes him a natural fit for political office.

"I think it's obvious that you can tell that he is meant to do something in politics," Weber said. According to Weber, Peterson's sensibility and tenacity would help to make him an effective leader if elected.

"He has a goal in mind and he stops at nothing until he gets that accomplished," Weber said. "I think he sets really realistic goals, and he sets his mind to things that are attainable to accomplish and he gets those done."

Nicholas Makos

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cies and they pass policies, they become law," he said. "I think student government needs to work in a direction where what we pass also becomes law. Right now, the policies we pass are goodwill pieces of paper that don't actually do anything. It's almost a waste of the students' time to get involved in SGA if they don't see real implemental change."

Makos continued by explaining that SGA "used to not really be that well known on campus" but he is optimistic that this can change. By the end of what would be his tenure, he hopes to expand SGA's current membership of less than 40 to over 100 by "inspiring students to get involved."

"In the past, SGA has been very elitist and cut off from the student body," he said. "That's something I don't want to see going forward."

Instead of having students apply directly into upper-level SGA positions, he is hoping to create an entry-level position that is less of a time commitment, but can be used to foster students' passion for student government. The idea originally failed in Senate, but he is determined to implement it in the upcoming year.

The idea of refusing to give up has become part of Makos' personal motto.

"I believe that the best way to get an answer is to ask a question," he said. "You're never going to get an answer if you don't try. And I'm willing to try; I'm willing to be told no 100 times if I get told yes once."

In terms of platform, Makos has highlighted working on student orientation. He explained that a student's first day at the university is significant, not only for the student but also for the university. The student does not know much about the university climate and Makos believes that introducing university policies surrounding student wellness and diversity and inclusion at that point is important.

He has also expressed strong interest in reinstating a Greek Council, the removal of which he called "detrimental," to create a more open dialogue between Greek organizations. Without the Greek Council, he believes that there is no way to lead the organizations or pass universally agreeable policies.

"This year is pivotal," he said. "It's going to be a real inflection point for the Student Government Association."

“Are we supposed to wait until the day after a mass shooting happens to do something?”: University students hold rally advocating for stricter gun laws

HANNAH MCKENZIE
Senior Reporter

Local residents and legislators joined university students on Tuesday for a gun rally advocating for the implementation of stricter gun laws that would make guns less accessible to the general population.

In the weeks following the tragic events in Parkland, Fla., where a young shooter opened fire at his high school and took the lives of seventeen classmates and teachers, the gun control debate has intensified, exposing the complexities that surround the controversy.

Last month, students across the country planned and participated in a walkout during school hours, a tribute to those lives lost in Parkland and to all others who have fallen to gun violence.

Similarly, a little over a week later, hundreds of thousands took part in March for Our Lives, a demonstration held in cities throughout the nation where individuals expressed their commitment to diminishing the presence of gun violence in America.

The event took place on North Green and was hosted by College Democrats, along with a number of other political groups and bipartisan organizations on campus, including Young Progressives Demanding Action (YPDA), Democratic Socialists of America (DSA) and Students Against Gun Violence (SAGV).

Five individuals, a combination of political candidates and elected officials, each involved in some facet of local government, were invited to take the stage to share their current efforts and opinions on the complexity of the Second Amendment.

While a majority of those in attendance were in support of stricter gun laws, a handful of opponents were also present, standing for their rights to own guns and what they believe to be a constitutional right.

Siwa Versnel was among the students who attended the rally.

A junior political science major and member of DSA, Versnel is invested in the issue and has become increasingly involved in advocating for gun laws over the past few months.

"Parkland was more of a catalyst for me than previous mass shootings ... it really hit me," Versnel explained. "I did a lot of reflection, closely followed the event and actively participated in a number of demonstrations surrounding the tragedy."

Attending the university's rally was an apparent next step for Versnel, who had taken part in Wilmington's March For Our Lives, participated in the nationwide walkout last month and sat in on a hearing in Dover that sought to raise the minimum age of gun ownership in Delaware.

"Issues die when people stop caring, we really need to stay engaged," Versnel said.

Elizabeth "Tizzy" Lockman, a midterm candidate for Delaware's state senate and a graduate of the university, echoed the importance of continued community attention and diligence.

She emphasized that the current ease of gun accessibility is not strictly relevant to mass shootings.

Having grown up in the area and now raising a daughter in Wilmington, Lockman has become accustomed to the ramifications associated with gun violence.

According to USA TODAY, Wilmington has the highest number of teen shootings per 1,000 people, making it the most dangerous city in the country.

Lockman argued that these numbers are rooted in systemic issues and that the key to addressing them is looking at the larger picture.

"The plague of gun violence is about public health, specifically mental health, poverty and inequality," she said.

A student during the 1999 Columbine High School massacre in Littleton, Colo., in which two teens went on a shooting spree, killing 13 and injuring more than 20 oth-



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College Democrats, YPDA, DSA and SAGV organized a rally in response to the ongoing gun debate, inviting Delaware politicians to promote tighter restrictions on firearms.

ers before committing suicide, a mother during the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in Newton, Conn. in 2012, where 20-year-old Adam Lanza fatally shot 20 young children as well as six adult staff members, and now a candidate for local office in the midst of last month's Parkland High School tragedy, Lockman refuses to accept habitual gun violence and loss as the "new normal."

Public safety is at the forefront of Lockman's campaign which will culminate with elections during Delaware's Democratic primary in September.

Senator Bryan Townsend, the current state senator for Delaware's District 11 and a university graduate, highlighted that in order for real change to occur, citizens need to shift current mindsets and approaches to gun violence.

"We cannot allow this narrative that one proposed bill doesn't fix everything so therefore it dies and disappears ... Everyday across the country we lose people who could have been saved if we had more reasonable gun laws," Townsend said.

In the weeks following Parkland, Townsend has received an influx of messages from people both in favor and against his work to tighten Delaware gun laws.

He told the audience that the opponents of increased gun legis-

lation often defend their position by claiming that there has never been a major mass shooting in Delaware.

Each time he is met with this justification, Townsend said he asks — "are we supposed to wait until the day after a mass shooting happens to do something?"

Townsend recognizes the obstacles that stand in front of him and fellow speakers at the but hopes that individuals who are passionate about the issue will remain persistent.

The key, he said, is for people to make it clear that their support of local officials depends on their approaches to handling gun policy.

"We need to fight hard, passionately, safely and respectfully for gun laws," Townsend said.

David Bentz, state representative for District 18 and a university graduate, is currently leading efforts in Dover to combat the mental health side of gun violence.

He agreed with Townsend in that progress is only possible if people continue to engage and fight for their beliefs.

"This cannot be an issue that gets people's attention only after a tragic event occurs," Bentz said. "We won't see progress until we match the intensity of gun law opponents advocating for the status quo."

“Restorative Justice”: Criminal justice reform lecture by Chris Johnson

MITCHELL PATTERSON
Senior Reporter

On April 10, the Young Progressives Demanding Action (YPDA) hosted Delaware Attorney General candidate Chris Johnson in Memorial Hall for a discussion of his plans to reform the state's criminal justice system.

Johnson, a graduate of the university's Alfred Lerner College of Business and Economics, recently resigned as Gov. John Carney's deputy legal counsel. On Jan. 29, he entered the race for state attorney general against three fellow Democrats and a Republican.

“As attorney general, my focus would be taking decisive policy and legislative action to create a people-first criminal justice system,” Johnson said. “So far, I've just seen these ‘tough-on-crime’ laws in our justice system add to the debt and cause problems.”

Johnson was raised in Philadelphia where he attended a Quaker school, which he claims informed his charitable political philosophy. Upon graduating from the Delaware Law School at Widener University, Johnson joined the legal team for the Barack Obama campaign for reelection in 2012, where he began specializing in voter protection and increasing voter turnout.

Following his time with the Obama campaign, Johnson entered private practice as an attorney. As counsel for the City of Wilmington Law Department, where he was tasked by the mayor with reforming the police, he gained first-hand experience in Delaware's justice system.



YPDA hosted Delaware Attorney General candidate Chris Johnson for a discussion on criminal justice reform.

“Having lived and worked in Delaware for so many years now, most people don't really ask about my grand political reform plans, you know?” Johnson said. “They ask me about how they can get jobs. They ask me about how to make a living. These are the concerns that the justice system ought to be looking at.”

Johnson promises to be proactive as Delaware's attorney general by working with lawmakers to produce progressive legislation and public policy proposals.

“There are three main steps to reforming Delaware's [criminal justice] system,” Johnson said

during his lecture. “First, we need to recognize the problems themselves. You can't actually move towards any solution without doing that.”

The primary problems with the criminal justice system which Johnson diagnoses are overcrowded prisons system and understaffed courts. Johnson does not believe that private prisons ought to be a solution to the prison overcrowding issue. He believes that the disconnect between the police, judiciary and communities contributes to the system's dysfunction and inefficiency.

“Second, we need to build trust

between communities and their justice systems,” Johnson said. “Because the system is dependent on a good relationship. A lot of people are distrustful of the state government. Immigrants don't come forward to work with the justice system because a lot of the time they're afraid of being turned over to the federal government. That all needs to change. So third, we need to focus on making good laws that put people first.”

The idea of prioritizing the needs of citizens in the justice system is representative of Johnson's reform agenda, which he summarizes as “restorative justice.” He

plans to implement better early-intervention programs to the criminal justice system in order to help defendants avoid unnecessary sentences.

In addition to supporting the decriminalization of recreational marijuana use, Johnson opposes the death penalty and harsh mandatory minimum sentences. He believes that working more closely with those accused of crimes, and establishing a more open presence in crime-ridden areas could unburden the justice system, allowing it to focus on rehabilitating convicted criminals.

“Surely, we can do a better job of reintegrating many prisoners into society,” Johnson said. “Re-entry is a two step process. [Convicts] need to be reformed in prison, and we need to provide the resources for them to function out in the world, in society.”

Johnson emphasizes rehabilitation because he sees Delaware's criminal justice system as being plagued by a high rate of recidivism and prisons filled over capacity. He applauds a recent piece of legislation passed by the Delaware's state Senate which aims to reduce the usage of cash bail by judges in order to assist poorer defendants who are unable to pay.

“I think almost 97 percent of cases in Delaware end in plea bargains,” Johnson said. “Low income and communities of color are, without a doubt, most affected by these practices. Recidivism is a vicious cycle, and we need to find ways to help people stay away from going back to jail.”

Republican U.S. Missouri Senate candidate speaks to YAL

MITCHELL PATTERSON
Senior Reporter

Flying in from Missouri, Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate in Missouri, Austin Petersen came to the university on April 10 to give a lecture in Gore Hall, hosted by the Young Americans for Liberty (YAL).

Upon his arrival in Gore Hall, Petersen declared that the university, along with all other American colleges, would be “ground zero for free speech,” referencing a trend of conservative public figures being blocked from speaking on certain campuses.

Petersen is running against Missouri Attorney General Josh Hawley for the Republican nomination for the U.S. Senate to challenge Democratic incumbent Claire McCaskill in November.

Petersen, a professional political commentator and pundit, is a native of Peculiar, Mo., although he currently lives in Kansas City, Mo. He worked as an actor in New York City and Washington D.C., and later founded the Libertarian Republic, an online news magazine, and the Freedom Report podcast.

Petersen has differentiated himself from Hawley by relying primarily on grassroots support and individual donations for his campaign. According to the Riverfront Times, a St. Louis newspaper, Petersen has set the national record in digital currency campaign donations after receiving \$4,500 worth of bitcoins.

After initially supporting Rand Paul during the early stages of the U.S. presidential campaign of 2016, Petersen ran himself for the Libertarian Party's nomination for president, a race he lost to New Mexico Gov. Gary Johnson. Critics question

Petersen's decision to jump ship to the Republican Party, however Petersen claims to have maintained his fiscally conservative and libertarian values.

“I have changed zero of my principles,” Petersen said. “The GOP is just my vehicle to bring liberty back to America.”

Although he applauds President Donald J. Trump's deregulatory agenda, Petersen fears that too much power has been vested in the executive branch of the federal government at the expense of the legislature. If elected to the Senate, Petersen would advocate reduced government spending, lower taxes, rolling back various regulations, reducing America's military presence overseas and decriminalizing recreational drug use.

“When it comes to marijuana, politicians are behind the times,” Petersen said. “The war on drugs has been a bloody war on our own citizens, and it has had racial undertones.”

Whereas many Libertarians allow for women's abortion rights, Petersen stands totally opposed to the practice, which he perceives to be the “murder of an unborn human being.” Petersen advocates defunding Planned Parenthood Federation of America and overturning Roe v. Wade. He believes that citizens who may be likewise ethically opposed to abortions should not be forced to pay taxes to an organization providing abortion services.

Petersen is a staunch opponent of gun control legislation. In September 2017, he was banned from Facebook after giving away an AR-15 rifle as a campaign promotion. The ban was lifted after a report by Fox News and the New York Post revealed that Sheryl Sandberg, the



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Candidate for U.S. Senate in Missouri gives lecture hosted by YAL.

chief operating officer of Facebook, was one of McCaskill's top political donors. On March 6, Petersen announced a second AR-15 giveaway on Facebook, and his personal account was immediately banned again.

In response to efforts to pass stricter gun control legislation in the wake of mass shootings, Petersen has called for conservatives to demand expanded Second Amendment rights.

“No tragedy justifies the government taking away our constitutional rights,” Petersen said. “Now that a former Supreme Court justice has openly argued for repealing the Second Amendment, we need to stop waiting on the defensive. We need to go on the offensive. No more compromises and concessions.”

Petersen advocates a repeal of the National Firearms Act of 1934, which imposed regulations and tax-

es on the manufacture, sale and interstate transport of certain types of weapons, and former Rep. William J. Hughes' Amendment to the Firearm Owners' Protection Act of 1968, which banned civilian ownership of new machine guns. He supports the passage of the Hearing Protection Act, which would decriminalize gun silencers, and the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017, which would validate concealed carry permits across state lines.

“What is the militia [in the context of the Second Amendment]? It is the whole of the people, minus a few government officials,” Petersen said, citing a speech by George Mason at the Constitutional Convention of 1787. “The fight now must be to expand liberty. Now, all we can do in Washington [D.C.] is debate how to take it away.”

Newark City Council election results

ROSS DOTY
Senior Reporter

In Tuesday's City Council election, incumbent Jennifer Wallace, District 3, and Jason Lawhorn, District 5, both won their elections handily.

Council member Wallace won District 3 by more than 150 votes, securing 333 votes to challenger Ricky Nietubicz's 151. Wallace won convincingly with close to 69 percent of the vote. While still an overwhelming victory, it was less decisive than in 2016, when she captured nearly 84 percent of her district's votes.

In District 5, Jason Lawhorn received more than triple the number of votes as second place finisher Lena Thayer, receiving 317 votes to Thayer's 97. Neel Barua received 55. Lawhorn was endorsed by outgoing Councilman Luke Chapman.

Lawhorn has lived in Newark for 20 years, and currently works as a research manager at Advanced Materials Technologies in Wilmington, a company that designs materials for researchers in the realm of separation science. Lawhorn is the vice president of Newark American Little League.

Running unopposed, Stu Markham will serve his seventh term as district 6 councilman.

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EDITORIAL

“America Has Multiple Drug Problems— We Just Don’t Talk About Them”

We are Ignoring a Third of Drug Overdoses

By the end of 2016 there were 63,632 reported deaths due to drug overdoses in the United States—a number slightly shy of being able to fill the Delaware football stadium three separate times. Out of those deaths, opioids killed a clear majority with exactly 42,249 deaths attributed to opioid overdoses, about 66 percent of all overdose deaths according to a CDC report. By that time, the nation was facing the largest drug problem in its history, and it was beginning to garner attention from high-profile policymakers. The 2016 election helped to shine the light on this long-silent killer, and since gaining more wide-spread public attention, the US officially declared opioid overdoses to be an epidemic. With more open conversation about opioid abuse and addiction, there has been an increasing hope that we will be able to respond appropriately to the opioid overdoses. But what about the other 21,383 people that didn’t die from opioids in 2016? We still haven’t addressed a stadium’s-worth of people.

We don’t realize the extent of our drug problem.

One of the most challenging aspects of drug-abuse is that it often isn’t thought of as one of the “big killers” by the public, but the numbers tell us a different story. Drug-abuse kills very effectively. In fact, drug overdoses have killed more Americans in the past 17 years than all the major U.S. wars in the past century combined. Despite this massive death toll, we have just begun talking about only half of the drug deaths since 1999, leaving well over a quarter of a million out of the national conversation. I don’t mean to belittle the opioid crisis. It is unambiguously one of the worst manmade health disasters of this century, but it isn’t the full story. The issue is bigger than just opioids, and for now it seems that we are content keeping other silent killers among us.

Substance abuse may not discriminate, but health care does—it determines who gets help.

Toward the end of his tenure, President Barack Obama summed up the extent of drug-abuse saying, “it doesn’t discriminate; it touches everybody,” and there’s plenty of proof to his claim. Regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or socio-economic status, no group has been immune to substance abuse and addiction. But his statement is incomplete. While substance abuse doesn’t discriminate, our health care system does, and it’s a major reason why we notice such disparities among different communities. We’ve seen this already with opioids. From numerous studies, doctors have been shown to prescribe less pain medications to black Americans compared to their white counterparts with similar pain descriptions. Ironically, this discrimination spared black communities from the initial wave of opioid overdoses that decimated white communities. But this cannot justify an implicit double standard imposed on black communities by

health care for chronic pain management. Public health advocates have been arguing that opiates, especially heroin, were a major public health problem for decades in black communities, yet these advocates received little help. Today with a greater number of middle-to-upper class white citizens developing heroin addictions, US public attention is fixated on heroin abuse, but had we acted sooner, the story might have been different. The problem now is that opioid overdoses are being framed as a predominantly white problem, but opioid overdose rates for black Americans have caught up with that of whites meaning that black communities as just as hard hit. The consequence is that black communities are, once again, in the vulnerable position of being left behind in the crisis.

Framing the Drug Problem Around Just Opioids Oversimplifies the Issue and Its Solutions

Let’s take another look at the 21,383 people killed by non-opioid related drug overdoses in 2016. Of this group, 11,201 deaths—more than half—were due to cocaine. Although more studies will need to be done, it seems that there are two reasons why cocaine hasn’t been on the national headlines. First, opioids have been the major cause behind drug overdoses and the panic has pushed national attention into

a tunnel vision. Another reason is that cocaine primarily affects black and African American minorities, and as we’ve seen before, insufficient attention is given from the larger public until it is directly affected.

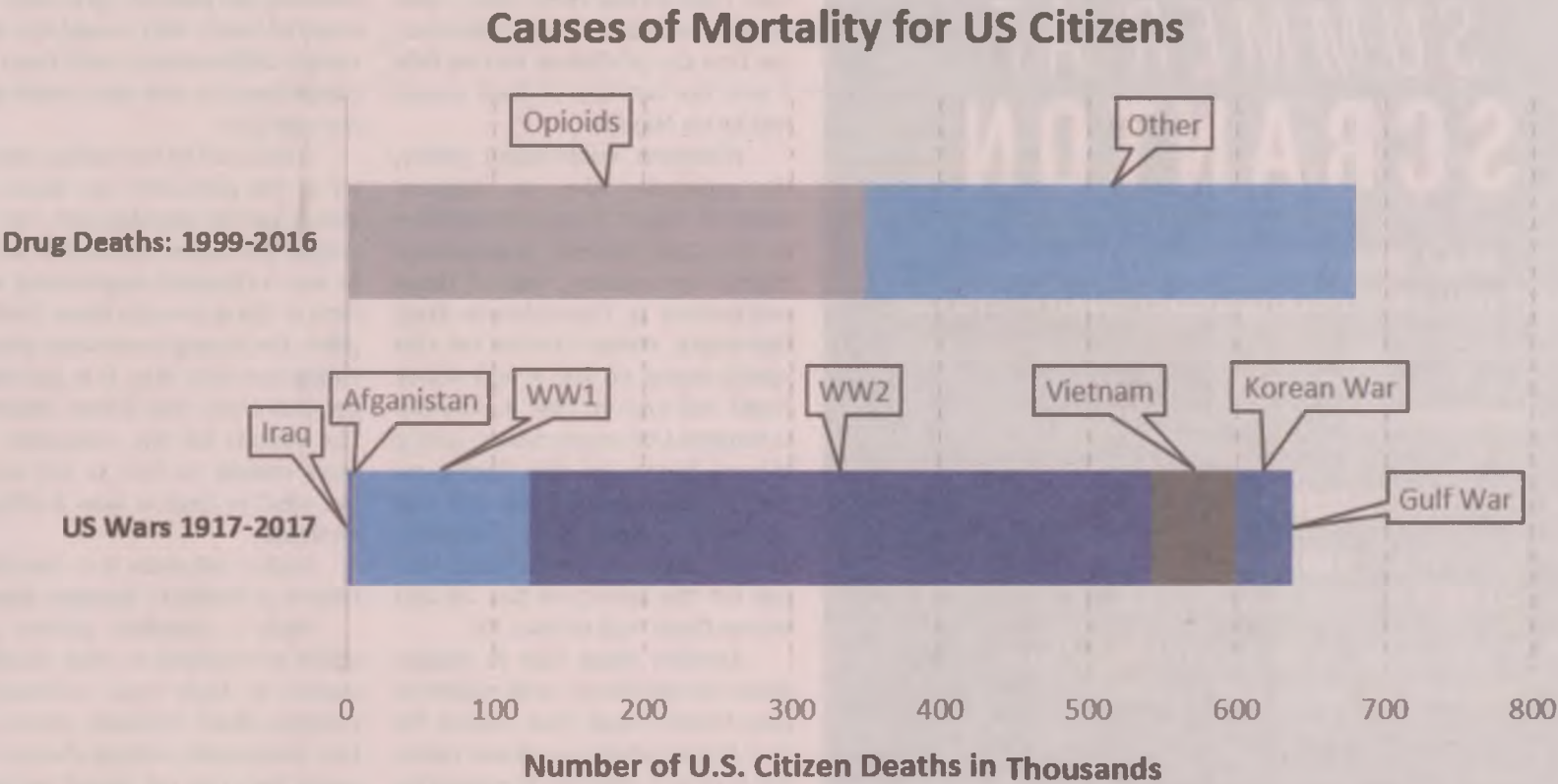
Yet, if we look at the numbers again, we see eerie similarities to the opioid crisis. The mortality rate due to cocaine in black communities is comparable to current heroin mortality of white communities—yet no one is talking about it. It is an unaddressed silent killer, and by similar standards, it is an epidemic for black Americans. Unlike heroin in the black communities of 1979-1998, we have the chance right now to address the cocaine issue before it potentially crosses over into wider public abuse and serve alongside our fellow Americans. The U.S. is learning to acknowledge that there is a stigma associated with drug addiction, and this has prompted incredible progress for policies centered on harm reduction and supportive advocacy. However, if we continue to view the drug crisis as opioid-specific we will be doing ourselves a disservice.

By classifying this crisis as opioid-specific, opioids are viewed as exceptions rather than representative cases of drug addiction and its struggles. This means the progressive successes we achieve toward opioids won’t carry as well into other facets of drug abuse—

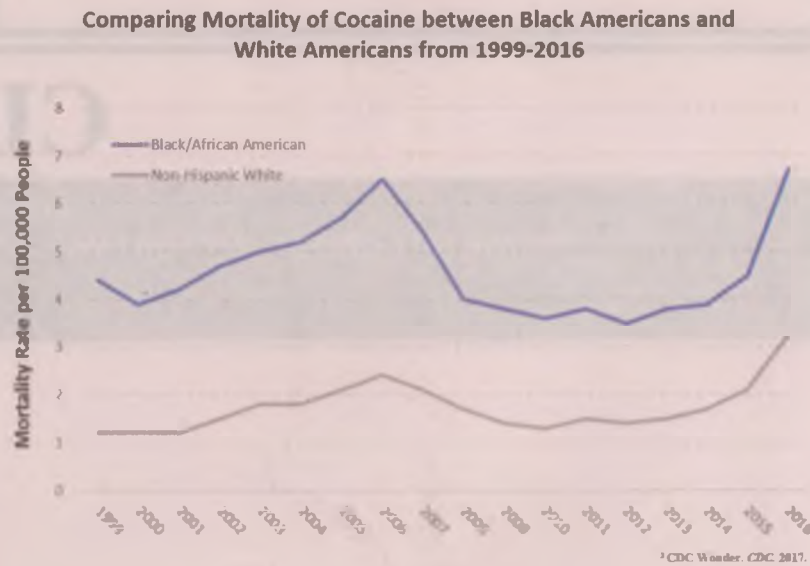
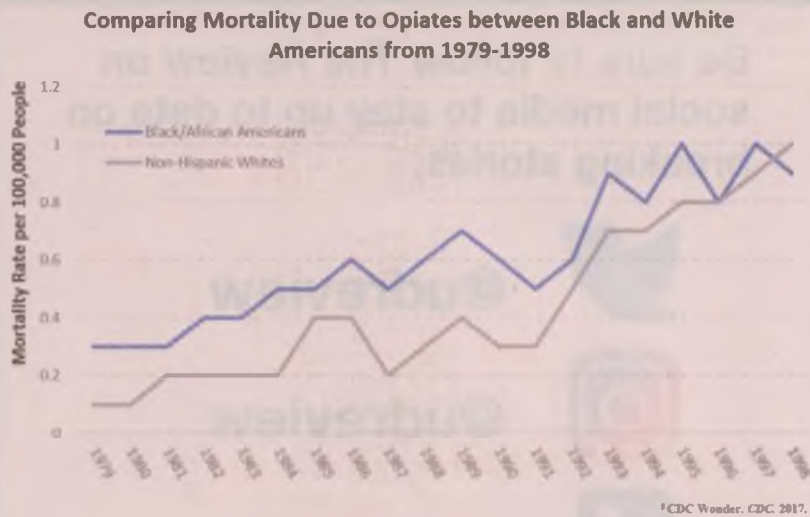
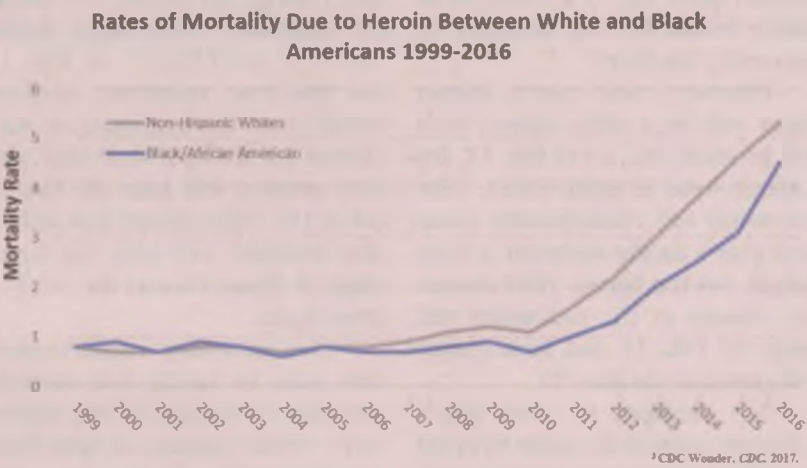
and cocaine addiction is a perfect example.

We need more national conversation about drug addiction, and this involves recognizing that drug-abuse faced by specific communities can easily translate into a greater public health threat. We should be expanding the scope of the opioid crisis beyond opioids. America doesn’t just have an opioid problem; it has a drug problem. The real question is whether we will learn from our current crisis to prevent an even larger one knocking at our door or if we will find ourselves 5 to 10 years later with many more stadiums full of regret.

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EDITORIAL

The university's unorthodox academic calendar is a detriment to students

As it has for decades, the spring semester at the university starts later and consequently ends later than almost every other comparable university. This semester, the first day of classes was on Feb. 5 and the last day of final exams will be on May 24.

Whenever considering policy, the university likes to compare itself to other major universities in the same general geographical region. For context, one of those universities is Pennsylvania State University, whose classes for this spring began on Jan. 8 and whose finals will end on May 4. Another is Rutgers University, whose spring classes began for this Spring on Jan. 16 and whose finals will end on May 9. A third is the University of Maryland, whose classes began for the Spring on Jan. 24 and whose finals end on May 18.

Another thing that is unique about the university is its relatively long winter break. One reason for that feature of the academic calendar is to give students the opportunity to enroll in classes during the winter session.

This year's winter break was from Dec. 19, which was when fall classes ended, to Feb. 5, which was when spring classes began. That roughly adds up to a seven week winter break for the majority of university students.

However, next year's winter break will be a week longer, as it will go from Dec. 15 to Feb. 11, for a rough total of eight weeks. That extension will consequently make next year's spring semester a week longer. For the Spring 2019 semester, classes at the university will begin on Feb. 11 and final exams will conclude on May 30.

The changes to next year's schedule were likely made to avoid a conflict between Commencement ceremonies and Memorial Day Weekend. Such a conflict is present this year, when Commencement will take place on May 26, the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend.

It makes sense for the university to want to avoid such a conflict. However, why would the semester be pushed up a week instead of back? Why would the university differentiate itself from its competitors by one more week and not one less?

A late end to the spring semester at the university has been the status quo for decades now. For example, my father recalls that when he was a chemical engineering student at the university from 1984 to 1988, the spring semesters always ended late into May. It is just how the university has always done it. The reason for the semesters always ending so late is not clear, but what is clear is how it affects students.

Such a schedule is a clear detriment to students' summer plans.

Such a schedule affects the ability of students to take summer classes at their local community colleges. Many students choose to take community college classes because they can get ahead on their degree requirements and have to pay much less for those classes than they would if they were taken at the university.

For example, my local community college, Brookdale Community College in Lincroft, N.J. breaks its summers into three terms. The first term begins on May 14. For this year, university students would miss the beginning of such classes by 10 days. Next year, that first session will start on May 20 (of 2019). That means that university students will miss the beginning of those classes by 10 days once again.

The university could counter this point by saying that students can take advantage of the university's winter session to take those supplementary classes, but price of winter session classes at the university, including housing, is far more expensive. Those easily transferable classes would be much cheaper in price if they were

to be taken at a community college.

The university's academic calendar also affects the ability of students to get summer jobs and internships. As a political science student, I am particularly interested in Congressional internships during the summer. The offices of one of my home state's senators, Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ), break their summer interns into two summer sessions. The first session begins on May 21. If I were to get such an internship, I would have to miss the first four days of the internship.

Though Sen. Booker's office would be willing to accommodate my schedule in that regard, as I confirmed in a phone call, it shows just how late the university's spring semesters end.

If I were a business looking to hire college students over the summer, and did not have specified sessions like many Congressional offices, it would be natural for me to want someone who can start as soon as possible. A student from Pennsylvania State University, whose semester ends on May 4, would naturally get an advantage over a university student who would not be able to start working at that job for 20 more days.

The university's unorthodox academic calendar puts students at a clear disadvantage with regards to students at other competitive universities. When the semester ends in late May, which it always has, the abilities of students to take community college classes over the summer and obtain summer internships and employment are negatively affected.

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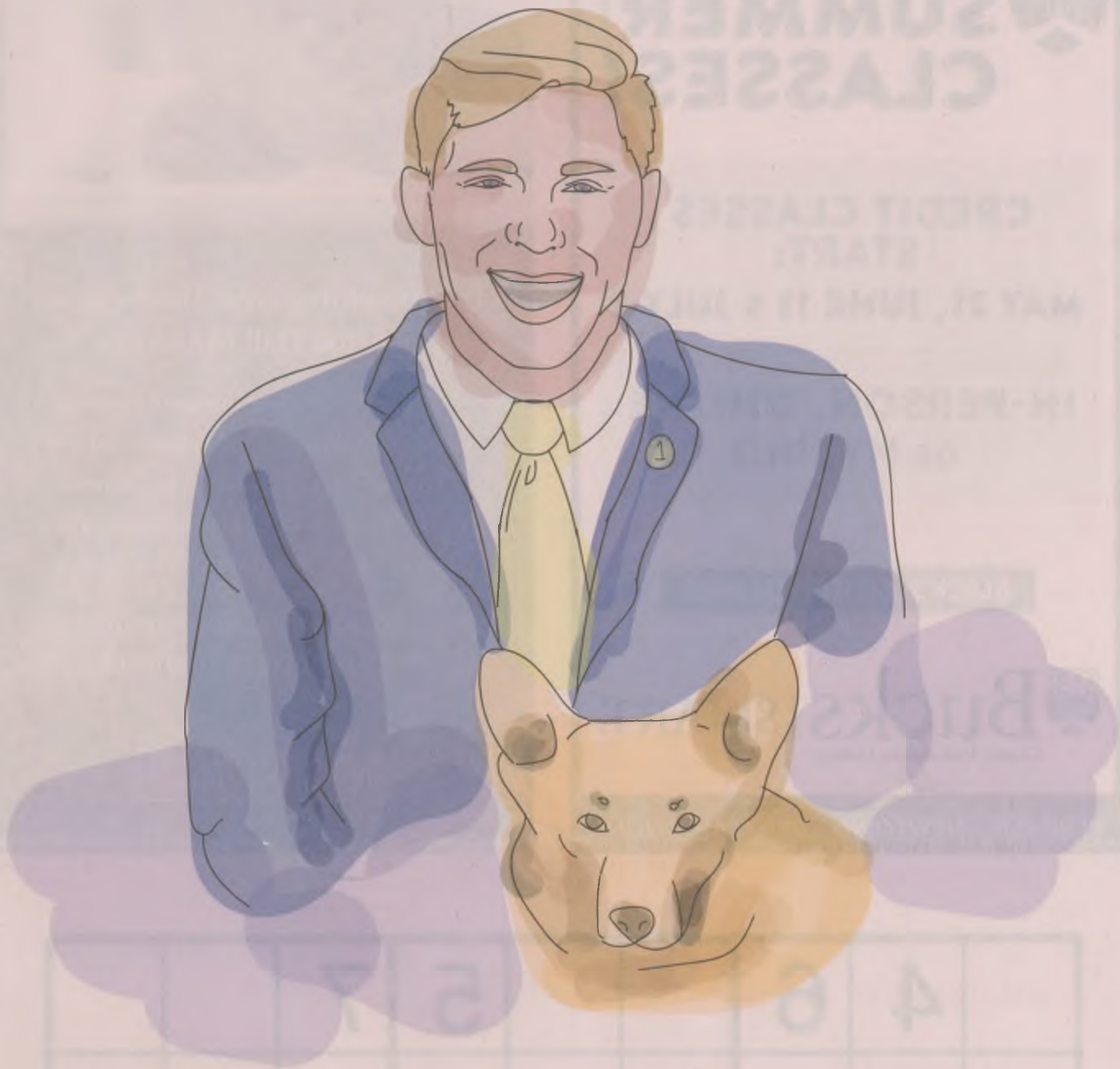
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EDITORIAL

Peterson for president, with some conditions



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This year's Student Government Association (SGA) election for student body president requires a more strenuous decision-making process than recent years, with four opponents fighting for the single seat. Although The Review does not unconditionally espouse the platform of any one candidate, one is more fit to serve than the rest.

Following Matt Rojas's blunder of a presidency, SGA has not served as an adequate mouthpiece for the concerns of the student body and, more specifically, the minority student voices who are too often silenced by the administration. It became clear that students need to be more conscientious with their votes, and this year's student body president, Natalie Criscenzo, made good on those votes throughout her active and relatively productive term. In other words, SGA is slowly regaining its respectability.

With the hope that Criscenzo's precedent will have a lasting impact, The Review endorses candidate Kevin Peterson, who served as executive vice president

alongside Criscenzo, for the 2018 SGA presidential election. It is The Review's hope that he will amplify diverse student voices and follow through on campaign promises, particularly those regarding increased mental health resources and disability services on campus, among other things.

To be clear: The Review does not endorse the nauseating Blue Party video propaganda, nor do we speak to the other Blue Party candidates and we are not endorsing the Corgi (although we might if we could).

The Review approached this endorsement as a sort of process of elimination, as we did not find that any candidate fully represented all of the current needs of the student body. Nicholas Makos brings few substantive plans to the race, and his language of running SGA like a "business" elicits eerily Trumpian images. Shane Dorsey, although better at articulating his vision — he believes in more SGA transparency and hopes to expand the blue light system — lacks the experience and critical

edge required of the position. The blue light system, for instance, is demonstrably ineffective, and expansion is not the solution.

Grace Pedersen, on the other hand, brings the experience, vision and composure that the position requires, and her diligence with promoting sustainability projects on campus is admirable. Through such projects, Pedersen has dealt firsthand with the difficulties of the administration, and her past experience on SGA most certainly qualifies her for the position. Her interest in reviving the Climate Action Plan is promising, and her dedication to pedestrian safety ought to be reassuring to all students.

Ultimately, however, Peterson's experience with SGA and throughout the university community — involved with SGA's internal improvements this year as a cabinet member, serving as a voting representative on the Faculty Senate and actively representing students in the non-discrimination policy and multicultural center debates — gives him the edge.

Although at times hasty in his public judgements and by no means the perfect candidate, Peterson gives a damn. He has the fire and dedication to confront the administration head-on and represent students at this critical moment, as the university barrels forward with a new college, student expansion, Science, Technology and Advanced Research (STAR) Campus development and the Delaware First campaign.

Ultimately, Peterson is in a position to carry the torch of his predecessor, Criscenzo, who made strides in remedying Rojas' missteps and set a proper model for how a president should conduct themselves and treat the position going forward. But carrying the torch does not mean emulating the past, and Peterson has an obligation to take the next steps that Criscenzo didn't, often wrapped up with the technical nightmare that she inherited. The bar, in other words, is that much higher.

It is imperative that the student body participates in

campus democracy and votes for their preferred candidate in the upcoming SGA presidential election. Partaking in this process is one of the most productive ways that students can get involved and have their voices be elevated. By casting a vote for Peterson, The Review believes that the student body will be better represented among administrators who often ignore the desires of the students they are paid to protect and listen to. But that's just our opinion. Get out and vote, exercise your voice on campus and choose the candidate who is the best fit for the student body.

Due to a personal relationship with candidate Nicholas Makos, Executive Editor Mike Henretty recused himself from the writing of this endorsement. Additionally, two other Review staffers, Ross Doty and Jacob Wasserman, are members of SGA and were not involved in drafting the editorial.

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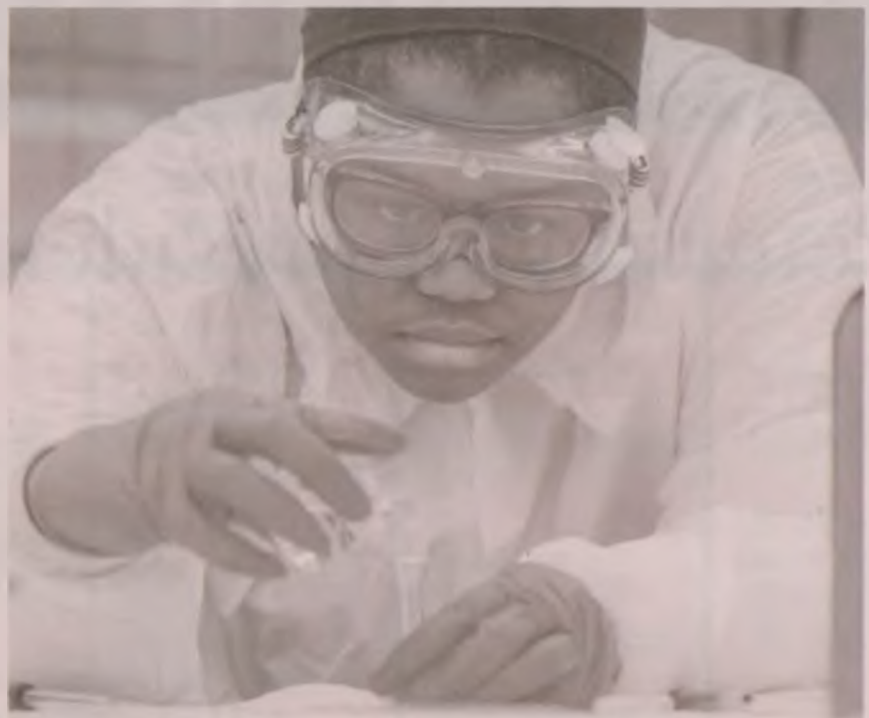
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Friends 4 Friends hosts first annual event to honor student lost to suicide



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New RSO aims to raise awareness for mental health on campus and suicide prevention by bringing students on campus together.



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The Blue Hens will need to bring some heat back to their bats.

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Friends 4 Friends Continued

LUCY MOSS
Senior Reporter

On Sunday, a new Registered Student Organization (RSO) "Friends 4 Friends" hosted their first annual Mental Health Awareness and Suicide Prevention Walk on The Green that included speakers, live music, games, free food, raffles and much more.

Friends 4 Friends is a new organization on campus that was founded in September, 2017, after the loss of student Connor Mullen to suicide. His friends started the club to raise awareness about mental health as well as the quality and quantity of mental health resources on the university's campus. The club is dedicated to honoring Mullen's life as well as other lives that were lost to suicide.

"We started Friends 4 Friends in September in honor of Connor. We lost him to suicide in September 2016 and after he passed we got together and we talked about where things went wrong, and how we could've been a better friend," enior Kelly Marzoli, Friends 4 Friends events coordinator said.

The event started with guest speaker, Dennis Gillan, a mental



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health advocate and motivational coach who dealt with the suicide of his two brothers. Gillan's goal is to save lives by combating the stigma around mental health. Three university students also stood on stage and shared their stories

and journeys with mental health, followed by a 5K walk around The Green.

"In general, in the college environment, we live in surface level conversations," Marzoli says. "We need to take the time to talk

about how we feel and the things we're going through. We wanted to have an event for this topic at a magnitude that has never been before. We wanted to start a campus wide conversation, accumulate an event, add the hype, get the word

spread on campus and then get people to actually see the event come to life."

Other students shared why they joined Friends 4 Friends and why they feel it is an important addition to campus.

"I joined to improve the quality and quantity of care on this campus, erase stigma and show it's cool to care about each other and talk about what's going on in your life," senior Sam Tumminello says.

According to senior Kelly Snyder, the club began a needed conversation around mental health, saying the club challenged individuals to question their attitudes and not judge others off the bat.

"I think mental health issue awareness is improving even more since Friends 4 Friends [started on campus]," Senior Julia Jeannette says.

Destination Delaware delivers a glimpse of campus life to potential students

BIANCA THIRUCHITTAMPALAM
Senior Reporter

After months of filling out applications, obtaining recommendations and eagerly awaiting acceptances comes one of the most difficult decisions in a graduating high school senior's life: deciding which college to attend.

Clubs and activities, course offerings, dorm conditions and a campus' atmosphere are all factors that potential students take into account before deciding where they feel happiest spending their next four years. To guide students through this trying time, the Destination Delaware program offers two days of tours, talks and entertainment to immerse potential students in university academics and culture.

This year, the Destination Delaware program took place April 13 and 14. According to admissions counselor Natacha Reyes, who played a role in planning this year's Destination Delaware event, the purpose of the event is not only to offer an inside look at campus life, but to encourage students to pursue collegiate dreams.

"The students that come are underrepresented students, so students of color, first generation [college students], and [students from] low income [households]," Reyes says. "We want to create access for them to college and see that this is within their reach."

On Friday, students were taken on an interactive walking tour of the campus. Additionally, Reyes notes that the students selected for the program are "allowed to meet with deans of different colleges, attend different academic lessons [and] they get the director of admissions to speak with them." Students also engage with Diversity Enrichment

Leaders, who answer questions about admissions and campus life.

While Friday's events primarily deal with the academics and sights around campus, Friday night's Kaleidoscope event — a showcase of talented organizations around campus — helps give potential students a feel for the culture and activities of the university.

The Kaleidoscope showcase displayed a variety of high-energy performances, many based around dancing or singing, performed by multicultural Resident Student Organizations (RSOs) and multicultural fraternities and sororities. Performances included everything from belly dancing to stepping to a gospel choir.

Jarinat Sola-Rufai, a sophomore majoring in medical diagnostics, was one of the many performers featured on Friday night. Sola-Rufai is the president of a university gospel choir, and although this is her choir's first year participating in the Kaleidoscope showcase, she recognizes its importance in representing the university's multicultural organizations.

"It literally broadcasts all things at campus, especially multicultural things," Sola-Rufai says. "We're a predominately white institution, so I think that it's wonderful that people can see [organizations] that are not."

Students are also paired with a mentor, who is responsible for hosting them in their dorm for a night. Rajvi Thakkar, a sophomore majoring in medical diagnostics and a sister of the Lambda Theta Alpha sorority, recalls from her experience hosting students last year that the job of mentor was more than just providing a room for the student to sleep in; they also acted as guides and confidantes for all topics college-related.

"I actually had two students," Thakkar says. "One was from



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Destination Delaware gives underrepresented students a glimpse at campus life before they begin their college career.

California and the other one was from New Jersey, so they were both out of state students who knew nothing about UD. I gave the students I hosted my phone number, and they still reach out to me and ask for advice. Having a connection with somebody, regardless if you go here or not, is just a nice thing to have."

Thakkar, being both a racial minority — she is Indian — and a first generation student, believes that the diversity students see at Kaleidoscope and throughout the Destination Delaware event is

important to their college decision.

"Seeing the kids here today, I can see how diverse the incoming class could possibly be with all these students that are potentially going here," Thakkar says. "I think if you see people of color already at the university and you're a person of color, you see how welcoming the university can be, [and] you're more likely to go there."

Reyes echoes Thakkar's statements, as she believes in Destination Delaware's power to ease any worries and questions

students from underrepresented backgrounds might have before choosing to attend the university.

"College can be very intimidating [and] we can make it less scary by bringing them in a small group where they feel more comfortable," Reyes says. "That's the goal, we want them to see themselves here, as a UD student."

Movie Review: “A Quiet Place”

ETHAN KAHN
Events and Culture Editor

From the film's earliest scenes to its final one, “A Quiet Place” ups the ante on long-held horror tropes and applies them in a fresh context. In the movie, silence serves to offer not only a buildup for the pop-up of a frightening image, but a defining force in the movie. The film's first act quickly establishes a world in the near, almost post-apocalyptic future where blind, vicious creatures who hunt by sound have decimated most of the human population. Remaining survivors are condemned to a difficult life where making the softest of sounds can ensure a swift death.

The Abbott family’s grim and demanding existence is thoroughly marked by their home and how they have adapted themselves and their environment. The sand-covered trails they lay over common walkways near their house, the cloth and soft fabrics that cover most of their belongings, the security measures like distraction flares that encircle the perimeter and their use of sign language to communicate help them to survive day to day.

The absence of sound from the family highlights a number of features in the film. The rustling of leaves, gently flowing river water and the rare, muffled speech from characters is emphasized by the otherwise infrequent sound. In addition to the dialogue and ambient noise of the forest, viewers are drawn to visual expressions of



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“A Quiet Place” highlights the absence of sound.

the characters and how they emote with more scrutiny. Fortunately, the entire cast is able to capitalize on the more direct spotlight and deliver emotional, believable performances. Particular standouts include Emily Blunt, whose pregnancy halfway through the film forces her to grapple with the pain, stress and

fear associated with giving birth in a horrific world. Millicent Simmonds also steals the scenes she appears in as the daughter, Regan, whose real-life deafness adds genuine, natural depth to her character. For her, silence plays a unique role as she struggles to hear in a world with no sound. While eventually

rejecting the attempts by her father (played by John Krasinski, who also directed) to build her new cochlear implants, she realizes the device offers her an unique defense against the monsters, without spoiling anything.

At 95 minutes, the film is able to effectively tell the Abbotts’ story

and their plight without overstaying its welcome, and as a film that pulls elements from both drama and horror movies, “A Quiet Place” succeeds as both.

Album review: Kali Uchis’ “Isolation”

JACK BEATSON
Arts and Entertainment Editor

Five years ago, Tyler, the Creator was hardly the person you'd expect to be seriously breaking creative musical ground and impressing critics worldwide. But on his 2017 album “Flower Boy,” he proved any naysayers wrong by displaying one of the most creative pieces of work that I and many others had heard in a long time. “See You Again,” a fan-favorite track, featured the gorgeous vocals of Kali Uchis, and the song (along with her single “After the Storm” which featured Tyler) inspired me to check out the Colombian singer’s discography.

Uchis recently released her second studio album entitled “Isolation.” The record begins with “Body Language,” a fitting samba-like tribute to Uchis’ ethnic background. Accompanied by a constantly grooving bass guitar and soaring woodwind instruments, “Body Language” is a short and sweet introduction to “Isolation,” and roped me in instantly. On “Miami,” the funky bass and electric guitars continue, but this time the percussion section sounds more like a trap beat — surprisingly, it mixes perfectly. Uchis’ voice cuts through the instrumentals like a knife through butter, and the chorus on this track is insanely catchy.

“Just a Stranger” continues with the pattern of an incredibly catchy chorus, this time delivered by Steve Lacy, another artist who assisted with Tyler, the Creator’s “Flower Boy.” The next five or so tracks kind of blurred together for me as I listened — there are some great moments in the songs, but none of the songs of the

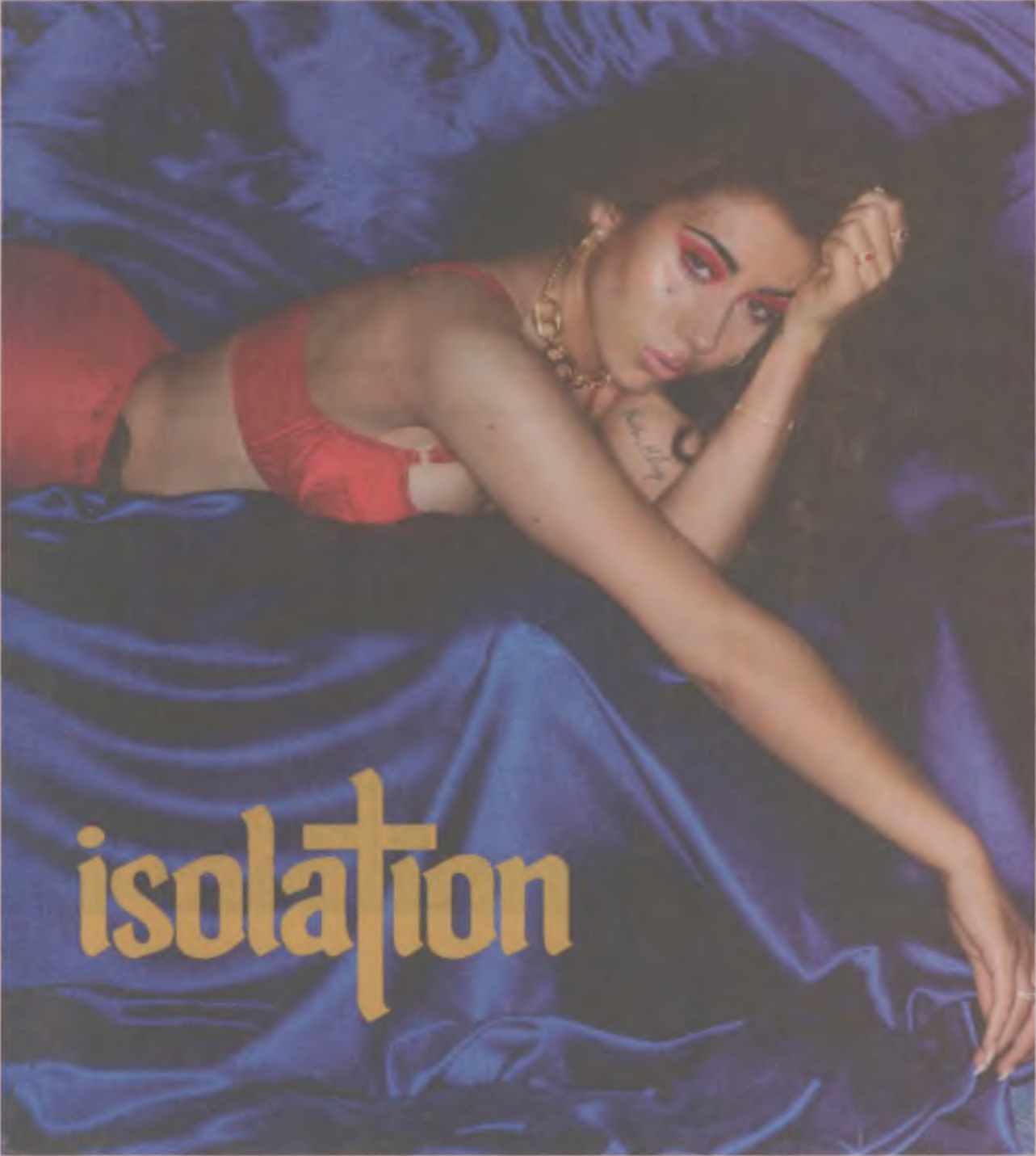
section from “Flight 22” to “In My Dreams” really stood out to me as solid tracks. For example, the groove on “Tyrant” is great, but most of the vocal performance is pretty forgettable. “In My Dreams” brings a change of pace, as it’s a fast and upbeat song rather than the slow grooves that have been prevalent up to this point.

“Tomorrow” is a fantastic, Tame Impala-inspired track that really stands out, especially after the interlude “Gotta Get Up.” The track is snuggled between that and another interlude entitled “Coming Home.” The aforementioned breakout single featuring Tyler, the Creator, “After the Storm,” is a prime example of some plain old great songwriting. As demonstrated on Tyler’s track “See You Again,” the duo compliment each other unexpectedly well, with Uchis’ delicate falsetto against Tyler’s deep, gravelly voice.

The last two songs, “Feel Like a Fool” and “Killer,” are two of my favorite tracks on “Isolation.” “Feel Like a Fool” brings back the catchy hooks and choruses of the beginning of the record, and “Killer” is a perfect little groove track to close the record.

Overall, I really enjoyed “Isolation.” Although it’s a bit too long for my taste, I still find it to be packed with catchy and original songwriting, and Uchis’ smooth singing is something I could listen to all day. After her recent Coachella performance, she is sure to blow up soon, and I can’t wait.

Tracks to listen to:
“Miami”
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MEN'S TEAM PUTS DALY'S TRANSFER IN REARVIEW MIRROR



COURTESY OF DELAWARE ATHLETICS

Ryan Daly announced his decision to transfer to St. Joseph's on April 8.

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On the second floor of the Bob Carpenter Center, inside the spacious office of Delaware men's basketball Head Coach Martin Ingelsby, lies a whiteboard, just a few feet beside the 39-year-old's desk.

The board is organized, consisting of solely the last names of every player Ingelsby plans to have on his 2018-2019 roster. But in recent weeks, those plans have changed.

No longer does Ryan Daly, the stocky but tireless guard who scored 1000 career points in two seasons at Delaware, appear on the whiteboard.

"Trying to keep moving on," Ingelsby said with a grin.

Following his March 23 transfer from Ingelsby's program, Daly announced last week that he'd be heading home to Philadelphia to play his final two years with St. Joseph's. The former CAA Rookie of the year and two-time CAA all-third team member was on pace to become a top-five scorer in Delaware men's history.

"We [were] fortunate to get him and we developed a great relationship with Ryan, really good rapport," Ingelsby said. "He's a kid that I'm proud of, I think really got better in our basketball program. Unfortunately he didn't want to stick it out and decide to be a part of what we're trying to build moving forward."

A player who committed just a day after Ingelsby was hired to Delaware in May 2016, Daly had been synonymous with the new-look Blue Hens program following Monté Ross' firing in in March 2016.

The only players who were on the Delaware roster prior to Daly's arrival and still remain on the roster are starting forward Eric Carter, backup guard Darian Bryant and bench player Curtis Lochner.

"We're going to be fine," Carter, a redshirt senior who joined the program in 2013, said. "He made a decision that's going to better him and his family from what they see and we respect it and wish him well, but we have to keep going. The train doesn't stop, and we're just going to keep on working as a team and collectively getting better in the offseason."

As Daly's name is removed from Ingelsby's whiteboard, two new names appear: Ithiel Horton, a talented guard from Roselle Catholic High School in Vauxhall, N.J., and Matt Veretto, a 6'7" forward from Manchester, Conn., who Ingelsby praised as a versatile and high-character forward. Horton committed to Delaware in November and Veretto just last week.

Returning players include Carter, Ryan Allen, the reigning CAA Rookie of the year, and Kevin Anderson, a dynamic guard who missed most of his freshman year with a knee injury;; role players Darian Bryant, Jacob Cushing, Chyree Walker and Collin Goss; Lochner; and walk-on Connor Rufo.

Ingelsby noted that April is a critical recruiting month for him and his staff. The Blue Hens have four open scholarships.

Carter, Allen and Anderson will carry the load next season in Daly's absence. Allen scored just under 16 points a game last season en route to winning the top rookie honor.

"Ryan Allen, that's my right hand man," Anderson said. "Whenever I'm

doing something, he's doing it too. We're stuck together at the hip a little bit. We know this is our team next year and we really have to take over a little bit."

Anderson continues to recover from knee surgery and said he expects to be back in the court in four to five months.

Allen, meanwhile, whose right shoulder had been taped up consistently throughout this past season, had surgery to repair a "little tear in his labrum," according to Ingelsby. Ingelsby said doctors believe the injury happened before Allen arrived at Delaware. Following surgery, the Delaware coaching staff expects Allen to be cleared to resume full basketball activities by the end of the summer or the beginning of the fall.

Should both Allen and Anderson remain healthy, their sophomore year developments will be crucial to their team's success this season. Besides Carter, only one player on the Blue Hens roster has more than two years experience in a Delaware uniform (Curtis Lochner), and only two players on the roster have more than one year experience with the team (Darian Bryant, Jacob Cushing).

Up to 11 Delaware players -- assuming Ingelsby uses all four remaining scholarships -- will have either none or one year experience in the program.

As the lone veteran on Ingelsby's squad, Carter has embraced the leadership role.

"I think that coming in in the summer is a huge lift because it's not just basketball -- you have to balance academics and learn the system of college itself before the basketball court, so just trying to show them leadership and guidance

and giving them a second hand off the court ... I've bought into playing that role of almost a big brother to some of the guys, so that's what I'll continue to do and try to help them along the way," Carter said.

Ingelsby praised Carter as "the best big guy in our league" (the CAA) and highlighted the Anderson-Allen combo as having the potential to be the best backcourt in the conference.

With Daly now absent from the program he steered for two rocky years, attention turns to the two

rising sophomores.

"Ryan [Allen] got unbelievable experience as a freshman this year, Kevin [Anderson] did until the injury, but those guys are chomping at the bit and I grabbed them after Ryan Daly left and said 'Hey, more shots for you guys now,'" Ingelsby said.



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Head Coach Martin Ingelsby (center; arms crossed) begins preparation for the 2018-2019 season without his leading scorer, Ryan Daly.

BLUE HENS BASEBALL REACHES HALFWAY POINT

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Sitting at fifth in the CAA standings more than halfway through the season, the Blue Hens baseball team needs a jolt of life. Although solid pitching has kept the team afloat, the bats need to improve if the team wishes to recapture the magic of last year's Cinderella run.

The Hens have relied on a host of homegrown pitchers in their rotation throughout the year, including junior Kyle Hinton. The Salesianum product has been the workhorse of the rotation thus far, amassing a team-high 52.2 innings pitched accompanied by 52 strikeouts in nine appearances. Hinton also flirted with a perfect game earlier this season, as he retired his first 18 batters en route to a 2-1 win over Monmouth on March 10. The junior looks to add to his postseason resume this May: last year he pitched the final seven innings and earned the victory in the CAA championship game against UNCW.

Along with Hinton, the Hens will rely on their veteran leadership down the stretch in seniors Nick Spadafino and Colman Vila, who Head Coach Jim Sherman identified as "our two most vocal and experienced guys." Spadafino, a Dover High School graduate, while 0-4 this year, has a 16-10 overall career record and looks to settle down as the season progresses.

The lone freshman of the



COURTESY OF DELAWARE ATHLETICS
The Blue Hens are 17-15 on the season and 5-4 in conference play after taking two of three from UNCW this past weekend. .

group, Billy Sullivan IV, has been one of the best pitchers in the CAA this year. The St. Mark's product boasts a record of 4-1 and a fastball which sits in the mid 90's. His pitching stats sit atop the CAA leaderboards — his team high 57 strikeouts and 1.99 ERA are good for fifth and fourth in the conference, respectively.

The bats have been hot and cold throughout the year, as they've struggled to accumulate critical hits in clutch-time scenarios. The team is 0-20 in bases loaded scenarios, a stat all too representative of their year on offense.

Coach Sherman remarked on their 11-0 loss at Michigan March 31, which was a microcosm of their batting woes this season.

"The guys got frustrated.

I think we were a little embarrassed in one of the games up there," Sherman said. "It was a cold, windy, rainy day where we got beat 11 to nothing. It was probably one of the worst games of the season ... we call [those days] mulligans."

The team's personnel has changed since their postseason run last May. From the end of last season to this one, the team's batting average dipped from .310 to .234. "Go back to the offensive end, I'm not saying these guys aren't as talented, they're just not allowing things to fall in their favor in terms of big hits," Sherman said.

One player to keep an eye on is junior infielder Nick Patten, 2018 D1 Baseball CAA Preseason

Player of The Year. Patten's batting average is down from .312 last year to .239 now, however Sherman believes he's turning the corner.

"Just lately, within the last two weeks, you can see it turning in his favor. I see him more relaxed, he's more of an easy-going type of guy, so it's good to see him not putting so much pressure on himself I think we'll see the best out of Patty in the next couple weeks."

Sherman pointed to the team's 5-2 extra innings win to get back to .500 against Hofstra on April 8 as the unofficial "restart point" of the season. Since then, the team is 4-1 with wins over UNCW and Lehigh. Similar to this campaign, last year's tournament team was middling in the conference standings at the midway point, before securing their postseason spot.

"You have different clicks you can point to in a season, you have low times, you have high times, and you have real high times," Sherman said. "We haven't had that real high time, we've kind of had more low, to midrange, so hopefully there's an upclick. That's what we did last year, we had a real upclick in the last third of the season."

With 23 games remaining until the start of the CAA tournament, the Hens look to round into form and find their stride heading into tournament play.

Sports Commentary:
Should Daly be celebrated or cursed?

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After two years of rebuilding under Head Coach Martin Inglesby, the men's basketball team finally possessed something it hadn't truly experienced in half a decade: hope.

Then Ryan Daly announced that he would transfer out of the program.

Daly, the Blue Hens leading scorer in that two-year period and the former Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) Rookie of the Year, has decided to transfer to St. Joseph's University near his hometown in Philadelphia. He had become the face of the rebuild here at Delaware. He was an icon. He was the symbol of a rebounding athletics program after years of misery.

Daly may have made the choice for personal reasons. After all, he will be a legacy student at St. Joseph's; his father, grandfather and mother all attended the school. He has not publicly expressed any dissatisfaction with the coaches and players here at Delaware that might motivate him to leave. On the contrary, he praised those he worked with in the basketball program.

That doesn't change the fact that he is betraying not only the players he has competed with for two years, but also the students of the university who had thought they might be witnessing a revitalization of the basketball team that had once competed in the NCAA tournament.

The team will not be without talent in the seasons to come. Ryan Allen became the second Blue Hen in a row to win CAA Rookie of the Year and was our leading scorer after Daly. Kevin Anderson went down with an injury midseason but flashed the potential to be a star before that occurred. Eric Carter will be an important veteran cornerstone of the team as he enters his senior year this fall. These players will be the core of any future success and are all set to return as Blue Hens next year. But Daly was the leader of the team in more ways than one and will leave a hole that will not easily be filled.

Should we celebrate the man for what he did in two seasons as a Blue Hen and wish him well in his future career? Or should we mourn his absence and curse his name for showing us a glimmer of hope — only to snatch it away? Despite the apparent contradiction, perhaps it is most fitting to do both.

Northeastern was the team that ended our season in the CAA tournament this year. However Daly was the one to end our hopes that 2019 might just be the breakout year for this young Delaware team.

A widely known proverb says "a person either dies a hero or lives long enough to see themselves become the villain." In two successful seasons, Daly lived long enough here to become the villain.

HENS TAKE TWO OF THREE FROM UNCW, SHUT DOWN IN SERIES FINALE

TYE RICHMOND
Staff Reporter

The university baseball team lost to the University of North Carolina Wilmington on a rainy Sunday afternoon, 10-0, ending their four-game win streak.

The Blue Hens unveiled their 2017 CAA championship banner on Friday, and proceeded to win the next two games against UNCW.

Sunday, the Hens' bats cooled off and Delaware mustered only two hits. UNCW starting pitcher Gage Herring allowed one hit in six innings, and carried a no hitter through five and one third innings.

On the other hand, the UNCW bats heated up and recorded 10 hits. Ryan Jeffers of UNCW went four for four and was a triple short of a cycle.

Delaware was down only three runs in the sixth inning. They allowed seven unearned runs in the final three innings

and had four errors on the day. The errors and weather caused many problems for the Blue Hens during Sunday's game. Following a six-minute rain delay, UNCW scored seven runs to close out the game.

One bright spot for the Blue Hens was Chris Ludman, who made two great plays. In the first play, the ball was hit straight at him, and he caught it and doubled on the runner at first. Next, he made a diving catch from the mound to get the batter out.

The Blue Hens are now 17-15 overall and 5-4 in the CAA, and will play Tuesday night for the Liberty Bell Classic Championship game at Citizens Bank Park against Lafayette First pitch at 7 p.m.



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Delaware's four-game win streak was snapped after their 10-0 loss to UNCW, Sunday.

Blue Hen Of the Week



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Billy Sullivan IV

The freshman pitcher tossed seven shutout innings and struck out a career-high 16 hitters en route to claiming the CAA Pitcher of the Week honors. In eight starts this season, Sullivan IV is 4-1, with a 1.99 ERA and a team-high 57 strikeouts. Batters are hitting .194 against the right-hander.



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