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Police rule out foul play in train death

BY KATIE GRASSO
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New information surrounding last Sunday's death of freshman Rachel Payne has surfaced, according to Newark Police.

Payne was struck and killed by a CSX train on the railroad trestle above North Chapel Street on her way home from a fraternity party.

At approximately 3 a.m., two witnesses reported seeing a person staggering on the trestle, according to Sgt. Rick Williams.

The witnesses went up to the trestle to help get the person off the tracks, but when they got there, they lost sight of the person.

"That is when they heard the whistle of the train and got off the tracks," he said.

While police wait for toxicology reports to come back from the state, they are continuing the



Courtesy of Public Safety
Freshman Rachel E. Payne

investigation, however Williams said they ruled out foul play.

The police will continue to investigate the undisclosed fraternity that held the party, he said.

If anyone has any information or saw Payne the night of the incident, call Lt. Susan Poley of the Newark Police Department at 366-7110 ext. 141.

Newark train accidents

Sept. 12, 2004: Freshman Rachel E. Payne, 18, is killed on the South Chapel Street trestle.

Nov. 6, 2003: Travis Stamp, 22, is injured while trying to dodge an incoming train by crossing in front of it.

Aug. 18, 2003: Duk Chon, 22, and his 7-year-old passenger are injured after Chon sped through a crossing and into a train. He was arrested for ignoring the warning signals.

Nov. 2, 2002: Three students save Bernard Caulk, 57, who was intoxicated, from his stalled car just before impact on West Main Street.

March 11, 2001: William Hoffman, 20, survives a 14,000-volt shock after climbing on a train car and touching an electrical wire.

Jan. 26, 2001: Professor H.T. Reynolds, 60, loses his arm while attempting to photograph railroad tracks.

Nov. 1, 1999: Freshman Zachary T. Holtzman, 19, is killed under the Apple Road bridge.

July 15, 1999: Pedro Martinez, 33, is killed when his car is struck during a police traffic stop.

July 14, 1999: Two men in a car and a pedestrian are injured when the car is struck and then dragged along the tracks on West Main Street.

— Compiled by Mike Fox

DECISION ★ 2004

Who are you calling a flip-flopper?

The Review analyzes how Bush and Kerry show inconsistencies

BY ANDREW AMSLER
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With the presidential race less than three months away, both President George W. Bush and presidential candidate Sen. John F. Kerry, D-Mass., are going out of their way to affix labels to each other.

One label frequently used by the Bush administration to undermine Kerry is the now infamous "flip-flopper" line.

When President Bush speaks on the campaign trail, crowds of supporters chant "flip-flop, flip-flop" every time Kerry's name is uttered. Visitors to Bush2004.com can even entertain themselves with "Flip-flopper Olympics," a computer game that runs the gamut of Kerry's flip-flops.

But does such a label really work, and is the flip-flopper mentality unique only to Kerry?

Joseph Pika, political science professor, said he believes the term "flip-flopper" has taken its toll on the Kerry campaign.

"It creates an image that is difficult [for Kerry] to overcome," he said. In political campaigns, labeling opposing candidates is a powerful and effective form of criticism.

A recent poll by The Project for Excellence in Journalism suggests that this assessment is correct.



Courtesy of JohnKerry.com
Sen. John F. Kerry



Courtesy of GeorgeWBush.com
President George W. Bush

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Activist promotes community values

BY JIA DIN
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Internationally renowned artist and social activist Lily Yeh will be working with the university to use artwork in an attempt to bridge the gap between the campus and local community.

Born in China, Yeh grew up in Taiwan and has lived in Philadelphia for more than 40 years. Currently the university's artist in residence, she has worked on numerous projects that have transformed communities.

Yeh said she is delighted to be involved with this effort to create a stronger connection between the local black community and the university through artwork.

"The university is really taking a lead in making an effort to start something meaningful here," she said. "Everyone can become enriched and energized by this contact and knowledge."

Yeh said she senses a lack of strong ties between the predominantly African-American neighborhood known as "The Village," situated near Cleveland Avenue and Route 896, and the university.

"Some people there have this phantom memory of their community," she said. "They feel that the university is taking over."

By recognizing the importance of diversity and larger community outside of the university, Yeh said a stronger relationship could be built among the people of Newark.

"The dynamic between local neighborhoods and the university is fascinating," she said.

Yeh said she will be working directly with university art students, especially graduate students and members of the community, to produce art such as films, quilts, sculptures and various other pieces.

Yeh and university graduate students have been holding story-



Courtesy of Lily Yeh

Artist and social activist Lily Yeh (right), who has worked with inner-city groups, will be coming to Newark to help bring the city and university together with community projects.

telling sessions with members of the local African-American community at the Elks Lodge on West Cleveland Avenue, where resi-

dents recount their experiences and express themselves.

Graduate student Rebecca Dietz said the sessions are docu-

mented in an effort to piece together a history of the neighborhood.

Yeh said she hopes to reach out to local churches and other areas.

Virginia Bradley, chairwoman of the fine arts and visual communications department, said Bernie Herman, director of the Center of American Material Culture Studies and art history professor, initiated talks with Yeh over the summer.

Herman was interested in Yeh's work at The Village of Arts and Humanities, a non-profit organization based in Philadelphia, and began discussing her possible involvement with the university.

Yeh said as founder and director of The Village of Arts and Humanities, she, along with the community, transformed abandoned lots into gardens, renovated houses, held art workshops, created parks and helped low-income families prosper and grow in the inner city of north Philadelphia.

"The Village' is my multi-dimensional living sculpture, 18 years in the making," she said.

Bradley said Yeh will make 40 visits to campus throughout the year to work on various projects with university students and the black community of Newark and the work will culminate with an event in the beginning of 2005.

"Lily will be working to build bridges between the campus and the community," she said. "Students will be involved in the project and it will hopefully make them more aware of diverse issues in the local community."

Yeh said students can be directly inspired by their surroundings.

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Football attendance squeeze breeds student resentment

BY LISA ROMANO
Staff Reporter

As fans lined up to enter the football stadium and cheer on its team at the second game of the season Saturday night, many students were disappointed to find out there was no more room.

After winning last year's Division I-AA National Championship, the football team has seen a resurgence of crowds at their games.

Edgar Johnson, director of athletics, said the first two football games of the 2004 season have drawn the largest crowd in more than 15 years.

Stadium seating has a capacity of 22,000, and there is room for an additional 700 people to stand, he said.

"The earlier you get there, the better," Johnson said.

Once the stadium has reached its capacity, no one else is permitted to enter for safety reasons.

Capt. James Flatley, assistant director of Public Safety, said his department works with athletics on safety issues.

If the stadium is full and athletics asks for Public Safety's help, officers will assist them by not letting anyone else in the stadium, he said.

The student section seats approximately 2,200 people, although standing room and areas in sections A and N in the grandstands are reserved for students as well, Johnson said.

At Saturday night's game, local school marching bands were invited to play as part of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attack memorial tribute and they assembled in the overflow student section.

Students also have the option to buy tickets in advance of the game, he said.

Junior Amy Eckhardt said she and her friends spent a good amount of time looking for parking and then were not allowed into the stadium.

"I did not think arriving a half hour late would be a problem because I thought at half time they would let more students in," she said.

Arriving at the front gate, Eckhardt said she thought it was strange there were students just standing around, but they were also turned away.

"I think students should be able to go to their own football game," she said.

From now on Eckhardt said she is going to buy her ticket in advance at Trabant

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THE REVIEW/File Photo

Students cheer the football team during a recent game, but limited seating forced some to be denied entry.

Red Cross faces budget shortfall

BY ANDREW G. SHERWOOD
Administrative News Editor

Damage estimated at more than \$65 million from hurricanes Charley and Frances have left the American Red Cross with a dwindling Disaster Relief Fund.

Kara Bunte, spokeswoman for the American Red Cross, said initial assessments show this could be the fifth most expensive response in Red Cross history.

The Red Cross has at least 300 volunteers in Florida, she said, and more are on their way.

"This has really prompted us to launch a nationwide fundraising campaign," Bunte said, "and now that Ivan is getting closer, we really need contributions."

Having raised only half of the projected \$65 million, she said, the Red Cross is desperately seeking donors.

The Red Cross usually relies on private donations, Bunte said, but a new proposal by President George W. Bush, which would send more than \$3.1 billion to areas where relief is needed most, could aid in reducing the disaster fund shortage.

"If Congress grants this proposal, the Red Cross would be given \$70 million," she said. "This would be great, especially because we can't gauge the effects of Ivan yet."

Mark Tinsman, emergency services director for Red Cross of Delmarva, said the money that keeps the Red Cross going largely comes from private donors.

"All of the American Red Cross's disaster assistance is free," he said, "and all of our resources come from donations, usually by private donors and most by large corporations."

One unique characteristic of the disaster fund is its ability to be shifted to where resources would provide the greatest benefit, Tinsman said.

"[Hurricane] Ivan looks like a bigger storm than the other two, so we've got to be ready."

— Kara Bunte,
American Red Cross spokeswoman

"When people donate to the local chapter's disaster fund, it all goes to the same place," he said, "and it can be used anywhere, wherever it's needed."

The regional chapter has sent its emergency response vehicle and 38 volunteers to Florida to aid in the relief effort, Tinsman said.

Pat McCrummen, financial officer for the Red Cross, said shelter, food and counseling are the most expensive components of the organization's relief activities.

"The fact is, unlike other entities facing similar revenue challenges, we cannot cut back programs or services," he said. "We simply always have to be there for those who need us, and as soon as they need us."

In response to the two hurricanes, McCrummen said the Red Cross has mobilized a massive relief effort.

More than 250 shelters were opened across the affected area to provide emergency shelter and food to local residents, he said.

Currently, the Red Cross is serving 200,000 meals a day, McCrummen said, and the \$800,000 currently available in the disaster fund is declining each day.

"The Lily Endowment, a long time Red Cross supporter has made a gift of \$5 million, which is being used to provide immediate food, shelter and counseling to victims," he said. "Donations like this allow us to mount an instantaneous and expansive disaster operation, but they don't effect the Disaster Relief Fund."

Bunte said the hardest thing is waiting for Hurricane Ivan to make landfall and knowing that it may cause more damages than the last two.

"Ivan looks like a bigger storm than the last two," she said. "So we've got to be ready."

Volunteers help children play sports

BY MONICA SIMMONS
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Forget David Beckham and large stadiums. For university alumni Sean Greene and Brian Ehret, soccer is synonymous with snacks of orange wedges and Saturday morning games.

Ehret and Greene are coaches for the Cheetahs, a Newark Parks and Recreation soccer team for 10 to 12-year-olds.

Both coaches glide along the sidelines at Kells Park on this particular morning, offering encouraging words as their players face off against their opponents, the Fireballs.

As halftime approaches, Ehret and Greene manage several blunders, including one of their players dribbling in the wrong direction and another casually leaving the field when substituted.

"You're not off the field yet," Ehret shouts. "Pump those arms!" All of these errors help remind Ehret and Greene that no game should be taken too seriously.

"One of the girls said to me earlier this season, 'You're not what I pictured,'" Ehret said. "The

kids relate to us a lot better because we're a lot younger than most of the coaches in the league."

Greene said his interest in coaching peaked four years ago when one of his friends volunteered as an assistant coach for a youth basketball team.

Greene and Ehret volunteer for the city's youth sports program year round, coaching soccer in the fall, basketball in the winter and baseball in the spring.

"I teach fifth grade, so coaching helped me get ready for the classroom," Ehret said. "They don't realize they are learning until it starts to click on the field."

Greene said they enjoy coaching younger kids because the game is not as competitive or serious.

"It's great to watch when one of them is struggling with a skill and then finally get it down," Greene said.

Ehret and Greene agree the greatest challenge they face is their players not listening.

"It was more of a problem when we would coach 7 and 8-year-olds," Ehret said. "With these guys, most of them want to be

here."

Another problem they run into is competitive parents, both on and off the field, he said.

"It's hard to watch when a parent is coaching his own child's team," Ehret said. "I tend to think Sean and I have an advantage because we're unbiased."

Greene said one of the worst examples occurred last spring when he and Ehret were coaching youth baseball.

"We happen to win that day and the coach from the other team approached his child and said, 'You're the reason we lost today,'" Greene said. "I mean, how can you blame one player, let alone your own kid, for a team's loss?"

Ehret said students could benefit from volunteering outside of the university environment.

"It's amazing how how many people I recognize," he said. "I can't even go into Pathmark without running into someone."

Greene said coaching is not as time consuming as students might think.

"It only takes up two to three hours a week," Ehret said. "The time flies anyway because we're

having so much fun."

By the time the final whistle blows, the Cheetahs emerge victorious, winning two to one. When the congratulatory hugs and high-fives cease, Ehret and Greene line up their players to shake hands with the other team.

"Of course it's great when we win," Ehret said, "but that's not why we're here."

Joseph Spadafino, recreation superintendent for Newark's Office of Parks and Recreation, said that while six to eight coaches for the city's youth sports program are college students, there are various volunteer opportunities throughout the year.

"Coaching is just one of many opportunities available to students," he said. "We can even accommodate student groups looking to get involved."

Spadafino said while the office of Parks and Recreation generally receive approximately 60 volunteers annually, the office is looking for more volunteers this year.

To become involved, call Newark Parks and Recreation at 366-7060.

Roommate roulette: how are students matched up?

BY CHRISTINE ALHAMBRA
Staff Reporter

Every college freshman or transfer hopes to get the roommate who is perfectly compatible with them.

Unfortunately, many students have not had such luck.

Linda Carey, director of Housing Assignment Services, said the first step of housing assignments is filling out a housing preference form.

The three main factors considered on the form are location, room type and preferred roommate, she said. Age, major and race are not considered in the assignments.

However the university would not pair up a 19-year-old with a 26-year-old.

The information filled out on the housing preferences form is put into a computerized program that matches roommates according to their choices, Carey said.

Assignment forms contain questions about preferred study environment, musical tastes, whether someone is a morning person and cleanliness.

Most importantly, attitude toward alcohol use is the survey question considered above all when matching roommates, she said.

Despite the effort, housing assignment services uses in matching students, some students are not happy with the roommate they end up with.

Freshman Marissa Paskewich said she felt the roommate survey did not do a good job.

"We don't really have that much in common," she said of her roommate. "I guess it's not always such a bad thing because if I was living with my best friend, it could have had outcomes."

Carey said last Spring Semester HAS processed 400 room changes. Carey said Spring Semester is usually easier to get a room change because students graduate or study abroad.

Senior Young Mbagaya, who transferred to the university last year, said he and his roommate rarely communicated.

"We spoke three times a week," he said.

Carey said some students' dissatisfaction is due to location, or medical problems, but most often it is a problem with their roommate.

"Some summer changes occur because something happened over summer and they no longer want to room together," she said.

One student wanted to change rooms because her roommate dated her boyfriend over summer break, Carey said.

Delaware is one of the few schools that offer room changes year round, she said.

"We try to accommodate students as soon as a space opens up," Carey said. "Many other schools offer a room change one time and that's it."

Kathleen Kerr, director of Residence Life, said once students are moved in to their new room, Residence Life works to help them adjust.

"A few days after move in, students are asked to fill out roommate contracts, which encourages them to have conversations," she said.

Not all students, however, are unhappy with their assigned roommates.

Freshman Kimberly Volz said she feels her roommate match was a success.

"My roommate and I have the same personality," she said.

Volz's only complaint was the location



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Students' roommate selection process can result in unhappy housing situations.

where she was assigned.

"I requested East Campus and got Pencader," she said.

Carey said this summer HAS had more than 850 room change requests for Fall Semester, all from returning students. Of the requests, 545 were females and 328 were male.

Kerr said students should be open minded when dealing with a new roommate.

"If you and your roommate are totally different, you may be great roommates," she said. "If you don't hang out all the time, you won't get sick of each other."

In the News

U.S. PUTS SAUDIS ON LIST OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM VIOLATORS

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The United States bowed to domestic pressure Sept. 15 and named Saudi Arabia as one of the world's worst violators of religious freedom.

The Middle Eastern kingdom was listed for the first time as "a country of particular concern" in the State Department's annual Report on International Religious Freedom. By law, the listing requires the administration to consider possible action against Riyadh, including sanctions.

"Freedom of religion does not exist," the report stated in its assessment of Saudi Arabia. "It is not recognized or protected under the country's laws and basic religious freedoms are denied to all but those who adhere to the state-sanctioned version of Sunni Islam."

The Saudi government officially allows only the strict Wahhabi school of Islam, restricting the practice of other Muslim sects as well as other religions, including Christianity.

Saudi Arabia joined Vietnam and Eritrea as newcomers to a list that already includes Burma, China, Cuba, Iran and North Korea. Wednesday's actions, which reportedly came after months of agonizing within the State Department, marks the first time a close ally of the United States has been included in the category.

VIOLENCE PUSHING IRAQI ELECTIONS OUT OF REACH

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Chances that Iraq will be able to hold credible national elections in January, as promised by its interim leaders and the United States, are rapidly slipping away as insurgent violence sets back preparations and keeps parts of the country out of reach of election organizers, according to a growing number of regional specialists.

Elections for a national assembly are key to the American strategy for transforming Iraq into a democracy that will serve as a model for reforms throughout the greater Middle East and are widely seen as a measure of U.S. success in stabilizing the country. Many Iraqis also are eager to vote as a way of gaining control over their destiny.

Analysts said the plans are looking increasingly unrealistic amid a rising death toll from insurgents, such as the Sept. 14 car bombing in Baghdad and a shooting attack on Iraqi police that together claimed at least 59 lives.

CANDIDATES MUST AGREE ON DEBATES

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The debate over the debates must end soon was the gist of a stern letter the Commission on Presidential Debates sent to the campaigns of President George W. Bush and Democratic challenger Sen. John F. Kerry this week.

The commission, which coordinates the quadrennial event, told the campaigns they must settle their differences over the fall debate schedule by Monday if the group is to meet a variety of logistical deadlines.

These are very demanding, exacting television productions, Janet Brown, the commission's executive director, said. "It isn't something you can turn around and do overnight."

The organization sent a similar letter to the campaigns last week, but Brown said it hasn't heard from either side.

The commission has proposed holding three presidential debates and one for the vice presidential contenders. The first is scheduled for Sept. 30 in Coral Gables, Fla. The others are slated for Oct. 5, Oct. 8 and Oct. 13.

Former Secretary of State James Baker III, the president's debate negotiator, and attorney Vernon Jordan Jr., who is handling the negotiations for Kerry, are continuing their discussions. The Kerry campaign agreed to the commission's schedule earlier this summer, but the Bush campaign has taken no official position, except that there will be debates.

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

Police Reports

CAR BROKEN INTO AT EMBASSY SUITES

Unknown persons broke into a car on South College Avenue between approximately 11 p.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. Sunday, Newark Police said.

The owner parked his car overnight at Embassy Suites, Cpl. Tracy Simpson said.

A side rear window was broken and approximately \$6,500 in items was removed, including two laptops and a briefcase holding a camcorder and a digital camera, she said. Damage to the vehicle was estimated at \$100.

The owner failed to report the incident to police until Tuesday, Simpson said, when he realized he needed to do so in order to collect insurance money.

There are no suspects at this time, she said.

CLOTHING HELD HOSTAGE

A known person removed two duffel bags full of clothes from an East Main Street apartment Monday between approximately 12 and 12:30 a.m., Simpson said.

The woman told police she received a phone call from the suspect informing her the clothes had been taken and would not be returned until a monetary debt owed to her by the clothes' owner was repaid, she said.

Police then contacted the suspect, Simpson said, who admitted to taking the clothes and said that

she would return them upon reimbursement of her money.

CRIME ALERT ISSUED FOR EAST MAIN STREET

Unknown persons broke into the car of a university student on East Main Street between approximately 2 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sunday, Simpson said.

A Pioneer car stereo, worth \$160, was removed after the left rear window of the vehicle was broken, she said, resulting in \$100 in damage.

This event is the latest in a series of break-ins since early summer, Simpson said. Police issued a crime alert Thursday in response to numerous vehicle break-ins on East Main Street. A total of 18 break-ins have been reported since the beginning of June, and many more have gone unreported.

These incidents have amounted totals of \$3,275 in vehicle damage and \$5,345 in missing property, she said.

Precautions can be taken against thefts, Simpson said, including parking in well-lit areas and locking valuables in the trunk, out of sight.

Simpson asked that people report any suspicious activity and suspect descriptions to Newark Police.

—Katie Faherty

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Citizens alert implemented

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Citizens of Newark can now be immediately notified in case of an emergency, no matter where they are, thanks to a new citizen alert system.

City Councilman John H. Farrell IV, 1st District, said the city watch citizen information system is a computerized system used to send out prerecorded messages notifying all of Newark's citizens, or those of certain sections of town, in case of an emergency.

He said the system can also be used to inform citizens about events of particular interest to them.

"The notification system zones in on the little geography and gives a preprogrammed message to the residents of the area by the way they want, [by] phone, fax or e-mail," Farrell said.

Carol Houck, assistant administrator for the city, said the notification system is an enhancement to the service the city already

provides, which allows the city to communicate more efficiently with the citizens.

"We have used it for numerous city modifications," she said. "It can send out up to 500 to 600 calls per hour."

Farrell said the city had to do everything less efficiently before the system was built.

"It is an excellent notification tool and computers made it so much easier," he said.

Newark resident Rod Walker, who signed up for the notification system and said he thinks the system is a great idea because of current political instability and extreme weather conditions.

"It helps to protect my family and it makes everyday life easier when you always have something coming up," he said.

Houck said the city solicited bids to provide the service for the city and \$28,000 was invested for the system.

The citizen information system consists of two parts, she said, the citizen who turned in a signed form on the newsletter or online

and those who are already in the computerized database.

"People who sign up on the form will get service-related and emergency calls while everyone in our computerized product will only get emergency calls," Houck said.

She said the city initiated the notification system in April.

However, some citizens still do not know about the system, possibly because, as Houck said, the system was not heavily advertised.

"We don't do a lot of informing because we don't want to overburden citizens with needless information," Houck said, "and the system was never used for advertisement."

Newark citizens can register for the service by mailing in a form attached on the city fall newsletter or by signing up at the city's Web site.



Courtesy of Delaware Socialist Workers Party

The Socialist Party distributed literature about the party's ideals last week.

Socialists seek support at UD

BY RENEE GORMAN
Staff Reporter

Representatives from the Delaware Socialist Workers Party visited the university Sept. 10, to gather signatures for a petition going to the Delaware Commissioner of Elections.

Roy Inglee, state chairman of the party, said the Socialists have been denied the right to appear on Delaware's 2004 presidential ballot and are petitioning to be represented.

Inglee and Bob Stanton, a member of the Philadelphia branch of the Socialist Party, manned a table by the doors of Purnell Hall. They surrounded themselves with campaign posters and reading materials.

Stanton said according to Delaware law, a political party can join the presidential ballot if at least 259 voters are registered for the party by Sept. 1.

The Socialists handed in 507 registrations to the Delaware Commissioner of Elections but the state only accepted 209 as valid because a large portion of the list were voters already registered to other parties.

In Delaware, if a person is registered as independent they are considered to be registered under a party.

Stanton said there was only a short window of opportunity in 2004 between Feb. 9 and March 9, for voters to switch their party membership, and join the Socialists.

The second window, from Sept. 12 to Oct. 13 is too late. It is after the Sept. 1 deadline for parties to turn in registrants.

Janet Johnson, political science professor, said the reason for the small windows for switching party memberships so people do not switch affiliations to vote for a weak candidate in another party in the state primaries.

"Party supporters argue that there has to be a reasonable cutoff to who is in the party, or the door is open for mischief," he said.

Joseph Pika, political science professor, said the dates for changing registration were structured to meet the needs of the two major parties. The dates were not meant to discourage third parties, there just happens to be a glitch in the system.

David Colton, mathematics professor, spoke at a Socialist Party rally in Wilmington recently to support the party's attempt to get on the ballot, although he is registered under the Green Party.

He said there should be no unreasonable time constraint for new parties to join the ballot.

"They have a right to be on the ballot," he said. "Democracy is about giving choices, not taking choices away."

The party plans to find a lawyer to dispute the validity of the state's decision and to halt the printing of ballots.

Stanton said 55 of the registrants on the party's list of 507 were registered as independent. The state, Stanton said, unjustly classifies independents as being registered to a party. If the Socialists were allowed to include the 55 registered independents they would have more than the required 259.

Howard Scholl, deputy administrative director for the Department of Elections, said Delaware has been considering registered independents as being under a party for many years.

The decision to not declare a party, he said, does not give some citizens the right to vote during times of the year when others cannot.

Colton said he does not agree with the state considering registered independents as belonging to a party.

"I think it was just a mechanism to keep the Socialist Workers Party off of the ballot," he said.

Inglee said the party is for the working class, defending the rights of union members and minorities in politics.

"Current society is run by the immensely wealthy who have been ruling the country for centuries," he said. "They need to be replaced."

David Haslett, philosophy professor, said opponents of socialism should not fear a national election victory for the party.

He said the only way the Socialist Party could win would be a major economic catastrophe more serious than the Great Depression or if the people studied the system carefully and decided it to be the best way to run the country. He said both are unlikely.

"People have been conditioned to think of socialism as a great evil," he said. "They think it's a kind of communism."

Junior Sarah Maguire, co-founder of the Socialist Student Union, said there are third-party candidates from other states who win seats for governor, state senators and mayors.

The Socialist Party in Delaware, however, has no political clout, she said.

Junior Paul Gibson, the other co-founder of the organization, said a third party candidate would have more of a chance to win a seat in local government.

"States are easier to crack," he said.

BSU educates young voters

BY JENNIFER BANKS
Staff Reporter

The Black Student Union convened Monday to address voting issues, community concerns and to hear commentary from invited speakers from the National Urban League.

Carson Henry, president of the BSU, said there is a need to increase voter registration for upcoming elections.

"We needed to form a sense of community and to raise awareness of important issues that [hinder] African Americans in the actual act of voting," he said.

Khary deWitt, political participation chairman of the Metropolitan Wilmington Urban League, an affiliate of the NUL, said the organization enables blacks to secure economic self-reliance, parity, power and civil rights.

The MWUL has been pushing to work with the university, deWitt said.

Henry said the BSU works in close coordination with many activists groups. The NUL came to the BSU week to register voters last week.

deWitt informed the crowd of the major goal of increasing voter turnout in blacks communities and urged them to vote.

The MWUL has a civic engagement initiative, called Vote Today Change Tomorrow.

"It's really, not just about Nov. 2 and the presidency, but it's about the process," deWitt said.

"There are a lot of political positions in office that people of color

don't know about, and we really want to educate people about primary and local offices as well.

"I know you all are starting to listen to Jada Kiss and his song 'Why?'" deWitt said, "but really start paying attention because it's important to get out there and vote."

"Why?" is a song about questioning the ills of society.

Delaware is number one in infant mortality, number three in the nation for cancer rates and number six with the highest insurance rates, deWitt said.

"The candidates are the people who determine the cops on the streets, what kind of healthcare you'll get and what kind of insurance you'll pay," deWitt said.

Jennifer Truesdale, representative of the NUL and speaker at the event, said she knew of students in different states being pressured not to vote.

"It's very important that young people understand what is really going on in the political climate," she said, "and if they're passionate, then do something about it."

Truesdale said there is currently a campaign encouraging students to vote "where you lay your head" that was a result of past incidents. This campaign would allow students to vote in their college state, and not have to worry about their vote being accurately counted through absentee ballots.

Freshman Brandy Rodgers said she was disinterested with the current election until she came to



THE REVIEW/Jessica Sitok

The Black Student Union hosted speakers at its first meeting Monday to discuss the importance of voting.

the meeting.

"Honestly, I wasn't going to register to vote because I don't care for Bush, and I think Bush and Kerry are into the same thing," she said, "but after hearing what was said, I registered to vote tonight."

Stacy Richards, first vice president of the BSU, said her reasons for attending the meeting were beyond being a board member.

"It's very important to come out and get a taste of your own culture because being one out of a class of 300 is very difficult," she said.

Richards said it is very important for college students to vote.

"You realize that you're just a small entity within such a greater

system, and in order to understand the greater system you're in, you need to be able to have a voice in it," she said.

"Everything is interconnected and voting is the only way that you really have a voice."

Senior Vanessa Tineo, a member of HOLA, said she attended the event because her organization and the BSU have similar issues.

"I think it's important that we all support each other because more people means a bigger voice, and a bigger voice means you'll get heard," she said.

In the future, the BSU plans to have an instructional program to guide students through booth and absentee voting.

Online political pick-ups register for love

BY SHARON CHO
Copy Editor

Not talking about politics on a first date might sound familiar to a lot of people, but with the rising interest in politics, many people are not following this advice anymore.

Political online dating sites are growing quickly as Election Day nears.

John Hlinko, founder of ActForLove.org, a liberal dating site, said he started the Web site in the spring of 2003, and the traffic in September was four times what it was in May 2004.

"Over 10,000 people have been registered and there is a lot more interest," he said.

Brian R. Barcaro, co-founder of ConservativeMatch.com, said it has only been four months since he started the Web site, but 8,000 people have already registered.

He said there has been a nice bounce since the Republican National Convention.

ConservativeMatch.com hosted a Republican singles party in New York City on

Sept. 7. The group also did several interviews with the media and 120 people attended, Barcaro said.

Hlinko said he started the online dating site for activists because he was trying to get them involved with political issues and he realized that they wanted to date.

"We wanted to give them what they want," he said. "It was a way to make them get here and when they get here, we wanted to give them the great causes."

Political online dating sites are great for people to meet a match who shares the same political values, Hlinko said.

"We want to give people the ability to make politics one of the things they would consider," he said.

Barcaro said he had been operating a Catholic online matching site before, and his conservative Web site was a natural outgrowth.

Barcaro said he dated several women from his Web site.

"It's my preference these days," he said.

Hlinko and Barcaro agreed the best part of the political online dating sites is that since the people who meet share the same interests, they have something to talk about right away.

Traditional online dating sites are also taking action.

Kristin S. Kelly, senior director of public relations for Match.com, a traditional online dating site, said the Web site has a portion in the profile section for people to list their political values and they are running an "Every Single Vote Counts" campaign.

"According to our survey in May, 91 percent of Americans said they believe they are more likely to fall in love with a registered voter," she said.

Being a registered voter means the person is passionate and has a strong value system, Kelly said, and that makes a person more attractive.

"Don't let political affiliation be a deal breaker," she said. "It's how you get there."



THE REVIEW/Christine Albamra

Vegetarian and vegan students are dissatisfied with choices offered by university Dining Services.

Vegetarians disappointed by campus cuisine

BY KIMBERLY DIXON
Staff Reporter

Despite the growing focus on healthy dieting these days, vegetarian and vegan students are finding it difficult to dine on campus.

Debra Miller, full-time administrative university dietician, said the university works to provide students with easier access to vegetarian and vegan selections by incorporating the choices in with other food.

However, she said each dining hall has a different menu now as opposed to last year when all four were the same. She recommends that students who are vegetarian or vegan look at online menus and choose which dining hall to go to for each meal.

"Which isn't always the most convenient thing to do," Miller said.

The university provides a consistent amount of vegetarian food, she said.

According to Miller, there is always a vegetarian soup and pizza. The grill always serves veggie burgers

and there is usually vegetarian pasta available.

Also, specialty food bars such as taco bars and baked potato bars have vegetarian options as well as omelets, grilled cheese sandwiches and nachos.

Sophomore Megan Bowman said it is unrealistic for vegetarians to have a dining plan on campus because of the lack of variety.

"I only eat at the dining hall once a week and when I do, I stick to cereal or salad most of the time," she said.

Bowman transferred from Drexel University, where there is a separate section in the dining hall for vegetarians and vegans.

The University of Maryland and Penn State University both accommodate vegetarians and vegans on their campuses. Maryland, for example, has a separate serving station for vegetarians and vegans and there are 28 varieties for lunch and dinner on a daily basis.

Students on campus frequently go to Home Grown on West Main Street for well-balanced vegetarian and vegan

food options.

Elisabeth Dryer, manager of Home Grown, said the restaurant can make most meals vegetarian or vegan.

"Our goal is to provide equal choices for vegetarians and vegans," she said.

One alternative that Home Grown offers is vegetarian "chicken," Dryer said, which is seitan, a combination of wheat gluten mixed with spices flavored to taste like chicken.

The restaurant also uses separate grills and fryers for non-vegetarian foods, she said.

April Gregor, 23, Home Grown employee and vegetarian for 12 years, recently graduated from James Madison University where she said she was pleased with the vegetarian choices they had to offer.

"They always had hummus, soy milk, sushi, the option to have portabella instead of beef or chicken," she said, "and also placed signs next to each item labeled either vegetarian or vegan."

Pa. court strikes down child porn law

BY CORY ABBEY
Staff Reporter

A federal judge overturned a Pennsylvania law requiring Internet providers to block child pornography last week.

Judge Jan E. DuBois declared the law in violation of the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and the Interstate Commerce Act.

Larry Frankel, legislative director for the Pennsylvania American Civil Liberties Union, said the ACLU, the Center for Democracy and Technology and Plantagenet, a Bucks County based Internet provider, were co-plaintiffs in the case.

John Morris, staff counsel to the Center for Democracy and Technology, said there was no evidence the law reduced child pornography, however, it did block one million legal Web sites.

"There's a balancing question within the law," he said. "If it was doing a huge amount of good it could be a close call."

The Pennsylvania attorney general, Jerry Pappert, was unable to present evidence the law worked, Morris said.

The Center for Democracy and Technology was able to document that access was restricted to over a million Web sites hosted by the same computers as child pornography, Morris said.

"It appears child pornography is a murky area," he said. "We just can't figure it out."

Sean Connolly, spokesman for Pappert, said the law has been successful in blocking 400 sites. "If it blocked thousands of legal sites, as the plaintiffs claimed, we would know," he said. "There have been few complaints."

The attorney general's office believes technol-

ogy exists to block child pornography without infringing on the First Amendment, Connolly said.

Frankel said the state should be more careful in making laws that actually function.

"The reality of the way the Internet actually works is something policy makers don't understand," he said.

The law had no effect on the production of child pornography whatsoever, Frankel said.

"The people in the attorney general's office are more interested in blocking sites than stopping those who post kiddie porn," he said.

James Smallacombe, president of Plantagenet, said the plaintiffs had different reasons for filing the lawsuit.

The way the law was worded made it impossible for Plantagenet to comply, he said.

"The law wasn't the right approach,"

Smallacombe said. "It doesn't get rid of the product, it simply blocks the end-user."

Child pornography sites are able to change web addresses within a couple of hours, he said.

Plantagenet in no way endorses child pornography, Smallacombe said.

"Nobody is saying child pornography is protected," he said, "but the law was a capricious informal thing enforced by the attorney general."

Smallacombe said his objection to the law was that it was impossible to enforce.

Connolly, on the other hand, said the law was responsible for an appreciable reduction of child pornography.

The attorney general will review the court's decision, he said, and will decide whether to appeal in the future.

Prescription drug abuse higher than expected

BY LISA ROMANO
Staff Reporter

With the hustle and bustle of everyday life it has become customary to use a pill as a quick fix for anything from pain relief to stimulating a high.

Prescription drug abuse is on the rise, according to a recent study sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, a branch of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The survey found non-medical prescription drug use increased 15 percent for the 18- to 25-year-old population in their lifetime as well as current use.

The most abused drugs were pain relievers such as Vicodin, Percocet, Hydrocodone and OxyContin. The survey found that millions of people use these drugs.

Jim Beek, information officer for SAMHSA, said the study is a national survey done annually on drug use and health services.

SAMHSA deals with big issues such as epidemics and drug use, he said.

"[SAMSHA] tries to do things to make lives better."

The survey is conducted by representatives who go to houses, in various demographics to detect drug trends, Beek said. Each year the same questions are asked to different households.

"First [we] find out if there is a problem," he said. "Then go out and try and find a solution."

SAMHSA was surprised the result levels were similarly compared with the past few

years, he said. With the exception of prescription drugs, Beek said, nothing went up or down a great deal.

The close results for the past two or three years are a positive sign for the survey, he said.

"For [the results] to come up this close," he said, "is a good validation."

Jeffrey Rosen, psychology professor, said drug use depends on the person's perception of the harm it causes.

Rosen said he is familiar with two forms of prescription drugs that are abused.

The first are stimulant drugs such as Ritalin and Adderall, he said, and the other are pain relievers.

Pain relieving drugs like OxyContin can cause an intense high when users remove the special casing and ingest the crushed pill, he said, therefore absorbing the entire amount of the drug at once.

Many people may believe that a drug is not addictive because it is not illegal, he said, but even prescription drugs can induce changes in the brain and lead to an addicted brain.

"The legal status of the drug has little to do with its addictive properties," he said, "or its toxic effects."

Senior Erin Finegan said she knows a lot of people who use prescription drugs. Although she is prescribed to Ritalin for Attention Deficit Disorder, she said, there are students who take Ritalin and Adderall for non-medical purposes.

Finegan said prescription drugs can be dangerous and addictive.



THE REVIEW/File Photo
A recent study found that prescription drug abuse is more common than previously believed.

City Council approves new Chapel St. apts.

BY AARTI MAHTANI
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A new apartment complex will grace the intersection of South Chapel Street and Chamber Street, the city council decided Monday evening.

The apartment complex, which will be located between 195 and 197 S. Chapel St., will consist of five units, and each one will be assigned four parking spaces, including garage spaces on the first floor. City Planning Director Roy Lopata said.

Shawn P. Tucker, partner and attorney of Duane Morris LLP, who represents Chapel Street Associates, proposed the plan to the council.

"We're trying to enhance the site, making it more advanced and aesthetically pleasing," he said. "There are a few areas left marked on the map that are ideal for rental properties."

Tucker's presentation included several sketches of the building as well as proposals to enhance the environment.

The construction bid will include a 35-ft. apartment building, ample parking units, garage spaces, landscape renovations up to \$15,000 and filter drains for sand, he said.

City Councilman Karl Kalbacher, 3rd District, said he was pleased with each apartment unit having four parking spaces because parking has always been an issue in Newark.

"Here, [residents] can have a garage and have off-street parking for their guests," Kalbacher said. "We don't require that many spaces, so you're going above and beyond."

Newark resident Jean White spoke to the council requesting that they do not approve this proposal.

"It is too massive and out of character," she said. White said she feels the proposal would be directed toward students who wish to live off-campus, but the building, because of its size, would create an unfriendly environment for homeowners in the nearby area.

After speaking for a few minutes and distributing proposals to councilmen, she recommended the city should approve the apartment proposal, but only after changing the size and shape of the building so the complex will look more appealing.

Kalbacher said the height should not be an issue because it did not exceed the maximum height permitted, which is 35-ft.

City Manager Carl F. Luft said Newark awarded the construction bid on two conditions.

"One condition was that they would stay on the location as proposed, but the front of the building would face Chamber Street," he said. "The other was they would use a minimum of two different types of materials."

Although Luft said the proposal was awarded, it may be a while before construction begins.

"Projects are always slow getting started," he said.

Mayor Vance A. Funk III was also pleased with the proposal because it recognizes the Chapel Street and Chamber Street neighborhoods and their needs to be maintained.

"It's nice to have someone come along and clean it up," Funk said.

UD apparel not catching on nationwide

BY MIKE HARTNETT
Copy Editor

The success and media attention of last year's Division I-AA National Championship football team may have introduced the university to a variety of new fans across the nation, but it may not have been enough to make the university a national brand.

John Antil, sports marketing professor, said the university has a long way to go before people start shopping for Delaware apparel at Wal-Mart or other clothing apparel stores across the country.

"Unfortunately they're not going to sell it unless there's a demand, so you have to become well known," he said. "And one season of football isn't going to do it."

The university is one of the best-kept secrets because not a lot of people are familiar with the state, let alone the school, Antil said.

The key to becoming nationally recognized is by promoting athletics, he said, and the academic reputation will follow.

"I think that one of the ways to get better students is by becoming better known," Antil said.

Promoting the athletic pro-



THE REVIEW/Jenna Maple

University clothing and products are years away from being marketable on a national scale.

gram at the university begins with recruiting top players, he said, and hiring a well-known coach.

The university could do a better job recruiting, Antil said,

but in order to attract quality players a team has to win consistently.

Curtis Krouse, marketing associate for the athletics program, believes the success of last year's football team made a big difference in spreading the university's name throughout the nation.

"I think our licensing people can tell you that our championship merchandise went through the roof," he said. "I'm sure there are people throughout the country who are buying it."

Krouse said the university has a comprehensive marketing plan that looks at different target audiences, including families, students, alumni, faculty and staff.

The university has licensed vendors throughout the nation who are officially able to use the Blue Hen logo, he said.

Antil disagrees with fans that believe the football team should move up from Div. I-AA to I-A because of its success last season. They need to win consistently each year in order to move up to a new division, he said.

"You just have to get the talent," Antil said, "and we're not dominant by any means."

Disgruntled students denied stadium entry



THE REVIEW/File Photo

The Delaware Stadium student section in the south end zone holds approximately 2,200 people.

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University Student Center, or tailgate before the games.

"Since everyone wants to go to the games, [the athletic department] should change its policies or expand the student section," she said.

Curtis Krouse, director of sports marketing for the university, said the school is fortunate to have a large fan base.

"The student support is great," he said.

There will always be a limited number of seating, he said, and there are more season ticket holders this year.

The athletic department is trying to assist as many students as possible, Krouse said.

"[We are] being proactive to accommodate as many students as want to come to the games," he said.

Johnson said his department is making an effort to accommodate all students who want to attend the football game.

"We want students to come to games because it creates a great atmosphere," he said.



Courtesy of Lily Yeh

Lily Yeh has used art and activism to rebuild urban neighborhoods and help community groups.

Activist visits Newark

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"This project will provide students with contact outside of their normal realm," she said.

Martha Carothers, associate director for the Office of Undergraduate Studies, said the department of fine arts and visual communications received grants collectively from the Center for Teaching Effectiveness, General Education Initiative and IT User Services, to support the project.

"What excites us about the project is that it's service learning and it's immediate in our Newark community," she said.

Yeh is hoping to create a structure that will aid the community in telling their story as a whole.

"My purpose here is to understand and help enrich this grassroots effort," she said, "and to make visible the riches that are hidden within the community."

Comedian mixes video games and music in act



THE REVIEW/Amanda Ayers
Kyle Cease performed at SCPAB's Coffeehouse Series in the Scrounge.

BY BRIAN DOWNEY
Staff Reporter

Comedian Kyle Cease performed to a packed house of more than 150 students Tuesday night in the The Scrounge.

Students filled the seats, stood in the back, and a few even littered the floor of the aisle for his hour and a half performance.

After taking the stage Cease quickly got the crowd going by criticizing their applause.

"I really appreciate you guys clapping until I got up here to the mike," he said sarcastically, after the audience stopped applauding just before he stepped on stage. "Yea that's right! Keep going!"

Cease's act included jokes about everyday life, impersonations of a Las Vegas magician and stories from past tour experiences at other colleges and clubs.

He struck a cord with the audience when he sat down at a piano and began to play theme songs from classic Nintendo games.

Elton John and musical Julia Childs

impersonations followed, along with one of Cease's own songs "Tribal Peanuts," a tune that combined the Peanuts cartoon theme song with an tribal beat.

Cease ended the night with a montage of the night's performance while Aretha Franklin's "Natural Woman" played in the background.

Cease has starred in movies such as "Not Another Teen Movie," as the "slow clapper" and "10 Things I Hate About You," as the nerdy Bogey Lowenstein.

Cease has also made appearances on talk shows such as David Letterman and Conan O'Brien.

Junior Raven Minervino, vice president of the Student Center Programs Advisory Board, said Cease was booked at the end of spring last year for SCPAB's Coffeehouse Comedy Series.

After SCPAB's president, Kaitlin Hoffman, attended a National Association for Campus Activities event and saw Cease perform, she decided to book him, she said.

"We had a really good turnout tonight," Minervino said. "We usually expect 50 to 75 students but tonight we had over 150."

Freshman Jen Cameron said it was the second comedic performance she had attended and would come again if Cease were to make another appearance.

"The Nintendo act where he was imitating what everyone does was definitely my favorite," she said. "Everyone can relate to that, I have one in my room now."

Freshman Steve Jumps, who happened to be eating in the Scrounge at the time, heard Cease's performance and came over to watch.

"The montage at the end where he summed up his performance was so funny," Jumps said. "It was a good way to end the night."

Cease said his tour will continue to take him further up the east coast to New Jersey and New York, visiting other colleges and clubs. He said he had a great time performing at the university and enjoyed the audience's reaction.

"Since it was a very smart and fun crowd, they made it able for me to experiment with a few new things I had in my act," he said. "I would come back in a heartbeat if they asked me to."

Study: nightlights can cause cancer

BY KRISTEN LAUERMAN
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Light during the night may increase the risk of breast and colorectal cancer as well as childhood leukemia because it disrupts the body's circadian rhythms, according to research released last week.

People have changed their environment by adding artificial light that alters the internal body clock, according to Russel Reiter, an endocrinology professor at the University of Texas, who was part of the research team.

"Since the beginning of time, during the day there was light and at night it was pitch black," he said.

By adding artificial light to nightly routines, Reiter said the body's clock becomes confused.

"We were never meant to have light at night," he said. "There's a price to pay for everything."

Light at night suppresses the production of melatonin, which is an antioxidant only produced in the darkness, Reiter said.

"Even for a second, if a light is turned on at night, the melatonin levels drop," he said. "The body's clock acts as if it were day."

Reiter said a drop in melatonin levels not only causes fatigue but also damages DNA and causes mutation, which can lead to cancer.

By night, Reiter said he does not mean pitch black. Dim light is fine.

However, he said night lights should be red or yellow light, not white, because they are not as bright.

"Parents allowing children to sleep with lights on should be absolutely discouraged," he said.

Trespass light, such as light that enters windows at night, should also be avoided, Reiter said.

Although more research needs to be conducted, he said an experiment in which an animal's pineal gland, which produces melatonin, was removed, the animal got cancer.

Reiter said more research needs to be done, but he is looking at people who work at night.

"Women who work at night have an increased risk for breast and colorectal cancer," he said, "but we need more definitive proof."

However, not everyone is taking the new findings seriously.

Dr. Barbara Bambach, assistant professor of pediatrics at the Roswell Park Cancer Institute, said the research is making a large assumption that night light is connected to pediatric leukemia.

"There is no data that I am aware of at this time to report night light is suspected in causation of leukemia," Bambach said.

David Springstroh, sales and marketing director for Cooper Lighting Company, which manufactures night lights, said the new research is not causing the company to take any immediate actions.

"If this proves to be a legitimate study then we would opt to put a warning label on night lights or stop distributing them all together," he said.



THE REVIEW/Amanda Ayers
Nightlights, or white lights in general, can increase the risk of breast cancer, leukemia and colorectal cancer due to decreased brain activity.

Candidates show inconsistencies on political campaign issues

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According to the study, 75 percent of voters consider Bush a decisive president, while only 37 percent believe Kerry is decisive. Furthermore, more than 12 percent of all news coverage directed at Kerry in the past six months has dealt with the "flip-flopping" issue.

This is troublesome for Kerry, because the same poll states nearly 60 percent of voters consider honesty and decisiveness to be the most important character traits of a presidential candidate.

While Kerry seems to be bearing the brunt of the "flip-flopper" syndrome, the survey suggests that attempts by the Democratic Party to label Bush as a "flip-flopper-in-chief" have fallen on deaf ears.

Jason Mycoff, political science professor, said flip-flopping is a loosely defined term, but the ability to change opinions is valuable in public administration.

"It shows our representatives are doing their jobs," he said.

In addition, he said political flip-flops must be taken in context. Because Congressional votes are context-specific, a slight change in the wording of a legislation has the potential to cause a drastic shift in opinions.

For this reason, candidates often use voting records out of context to charge that their opponent is indecisive, or a flip-flopper.

Although the flip-flop hysteria has had a great deal of influence in the presidential election, it is not a new phenomenon.

Pika said the same tactic was used by former President Richard M. Nixon to paint his opponent, George McGovern, as an indecisive candidate.

Bobble-head dolls, bearing the face of McGovern were distributed by the Nixon campaign to get the message across.

Although it is not exactly the same, this bears relevance to today's flip-flopper label.

Mycoff points to shifts in public opinion before and after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks as an example of flip-flopping on a much larger scale.

On Sept. 10, he said, people had one view of the world. On Sept. 11, that view changed completely.

"It changed voters opinions."

Flip-Flop Follies

Bush

- Justification for the war in Iraq has shifted from removing weapons of mass destruction to destroying the connection between Osama bin Laden and Saddam Hussein to freeing the Iraqi people from its ruthless dictator to spreading democracy in the free world.

—The New York Times

- Asked by Matt Lauer on NBC's Today Show whether the war on terror could be won, Bush replied, "I don't think you can win it." At this year's Republican National Convention, however, Bush proclaimed, "Make no mistake about it, we are winning and we will win."

—Newsday

- In September 2001, Bush said, "The most important thing is to find Osama bin Laden. It's our No. 1 priority." In March 2002, his position changed to, "I don't know where he is. I have no idea, and I really don't care. It's not that important."

—Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

- Bush was initially opposed to creating the 9/11 Commission, then for it. He was against Condoleezza Rice testifying, then for it. Against testifying himself, then for it, but only for one hour. Later he further altered his position when he said he and Vice President Dick Cheney would appear together without a time limit.

—The New York Times

- Bush did an about-face on gay marriage, when he proposed amending the U.S. Constitution to ban gay marriage. During his 2000 presidential campaign, Bush said, "The states can do what they want to do," when he was asked if gay marriage is a states' rights issue.

—The Austin Statesman

Kerry

- Kerry's now infamous flip-flop on funding for the war on terror is best put in his own words: "I actually did vote for the \$87 billion, before I voted against it."

—The Boston Globe

- In October 2003, Kerry called the construction of a barrier between Israel and Palestine a "barrier to peace," but in February 2004 he stated the wall was "a legitimate act of self-defense."

—The New York Times

- In 2001, Kerry voted to approve the PATRIOT Act and called it, "necessary in the wake of what happened on Sept. 11." In February 2003, however, he changed his position and said, "What law enforcement needs are real tools, not restrictions on America's basic rights."

—The Washington Post

- Kerry denounced Massachusetts' high court for legalizing same-sex marriages when he stated, "I personally believe the court is dead wrong." Just 19 days later, when asked if he believed the court was wrong he said, "I didn't say it wasn't."

—The New York Times

- In 2001, Kerry voted to enact the No Child Left Behind Act. In July 2003, he readjusted his position. "I can't wait to hold this president accountable for making a mockery of the words 'no child left behind.'"

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Editorial

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Football Games

The first two home football games of the season have drawn the largest crowds in more than 15 years.

Whether it be buying multiple cases of beer to prepare for tailgating, visiting the 5 and 10 for a new "Blue Hens Football" T-shirt or simply venturing out of a late afternoon slumber to support the team, university students have been turning out in herds to support Delaware football this season.

But when some students arrive, there is no where for them to sit. This season, both games have resulted in "Standing Room Only" for students who did not show up at least half an hour before game time. All we want to do is watch the game and cheer, and that's pretty hard to do when standing behind bushes and a chain-link fence.

The athletic department should have planned for this rise in popularity, considering that we won the national championship last year. They should have made more accommodations for the expected, and now

proven, increase in attendance.

The athletic department claims they are doing everything they can to accommodate all of the students who come to the games.

The Review wants to see less talk and more action.

From winning the national championship, there is a sharp increase of income to the team, through more sponsors, alumni donations and revenue from team merchandise. Where is this money going? Obviously, the overcrowded bleachers of the student section are not seeing any of it.

And with the largest freshman class in history, the university has more cases of "Blue Hen Fever" than ever. This known increase should have been an immediate signal to modify our stadium.

By not having adequate seating for students at football games, the university is only discouraging student attendance, and The Review wants "Blue Hen Fever" to keep on spreading.

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Letters to the Editor

University commended for hiring Arabic and Middle Eastern politics specialists

As a historian and an anthropologist with research interests in predominantly Muslim regions of the world, we welcome the news that the university plans to hire specialists in the Arabic language and the politics of the Middle East (The Review, Sept. 10). For the university to develop its strengths in the study of Islam, however, we feel it will need to take a broader perspective on what constitutes the Islamic world. The number of Muslims living in Indonesia is greater than the combined totals of Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Iran. Half of the world's Muslims live in Pakistan, India, Bangladesh and

African nations like Nigeria. Only one in five Muslims are Arabs. In order to provide students at the university with an accurate picture of Islam today, it will first be necessary to recognize Islam as the global religion it truly is.

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Liberals should consider conservative views



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My grandmother once told me to live like a Republican but vote Democrat.

As outdated as this concept might seem, I have extracted one kernel of truth from this statement and one I believe is all the more relevant as Nov. 2 approaches.

My fellow liberals: step down

from your soapbox.

In our quest to dethrone President George W. Bush, we have become angry and defensive. We are denying any voice of opposition and have thus denied ourselves a fair and balanced view of anything.

When it came time to corral what few liberal friends I have to watch the Republican National Convention two weeks ago, I came to a startling conclusion.

The moderate is dead, the conservative collegiate is silenced and most liberals are simply not willing to listen to anyone but him or her.

The college campus is the Petri dish of political polarization.

According to a study compiled by Harvard University last spring, 31 percent of college students consider themselves conservative.

Yet, Bush bashing has become as synonymous to the college campus this fall as football and tuition increases.

While we sit here and complain that we are the minority in Washington, liberalism is very much the majority ideology on any college campus.

Forget Iraq. There is a war being fought right here at the university.

Conservative students are fighting everyday against a liberal media, liberal academia and now their liberal peers, who in some cases, are less informed and more biased.



Fox News is about as fair and balanced as any other liberal media. Campus newspapers are almost all liberal and thus do not appeal to a large fraction of their audience.

Just last week a University of Colorado law student was called a Nazi by his own professor for complaining when the professor told his class the "R" in Republican stands for racist.

Life will go one after November. While you may believe very pas-

sionately that President Bush does not deserve a second term, there is a possibility he might win on Nov. 2.

What will that leave us? Hopefully, four more years to agree to disagree.

While your peers might not share your political opinion, they have a right to express it. Showing your own beliefs down their throats without allowing a word in edgewise is neither fair nor balanced.

It seems as if the left continues to demand freedom of speech protection but only when it applies to their own side.

As the majority voice on campus, we liberals are in a tough position because not much is demanded from us. We can ride the coattails of others and get away with ignorance as long as we can repeat the argument we've borrowed from someone else.

It is precisely this unfortunate position that makes us lazy.

Why educate ourselves when the television does our research and critique for us?

The most intelligent people I have ever known have tended to label themselves conservative and I believe they out debate me simply because they have to. Not only do conservatives have to extensively educate themselves on their own party's platform but their opponents' as well.

While everyone is jumping on the liberal bandwagon, most conservatives are working hard to find a counter argument for every argument we might present.

I am no longer proud to align myself with the left simply because we refuse to listen. Those voting for Bush in November should not be treated as traitors.

While I may not always agree with my grandmother on all political issues, she taught me to take a hard look at the other side before you dismiss it.

Bush will remain effective in the war on terror



Laura
Boyce
Boyce's
Apples

Both the Democratic and Republican candidates in this year's presidential election have stated publicly that the United States can expect another terrorist attack. I don't know about everyone else, but I think this is a huge deal, and should be a major factor in who we elect.

Unlike a dog donning a super-fly pair of shades, terrorism is not cool. The thought alone sends shivers up my spine. It needs to be stopped, and only one of the two major candidates has taken a solid stance on the subject.

Since the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, President George W. Bush has adamantly declared war on terror. As was unfortunately seen in Russia just over a week ago, terrorism is a constant threat not only to the United States, but throughout the world. President Bush's War on Terror is meant to not only protect our great nation, but countries throughout the world.

Terrorism is a worldwide problem, and as selfish Americans, I often hear people questioning why the United States needs to muddle into other country's problems thinking we can help everyone, like we are God or something. Well someone's got to do it.

The truth is, not only are we members of this country, but we are all part of a larger whole — the world. As the most powerful nation on the globe, it should be our responsibility to step up and flex our muscles against terror when other countries might not have the resources to do so. Imagine living life in a country

with undependable national defense, wouldn't you want someone to come to your aide?

I had the opportunity to hear Bush speak two weeks ago. He said if elected he would stand strong in the fight against terror, and that the United States will fight offensively against evildoers. Rather than waiting for another attack on our own soil before fighting defense, he said we will fight it before they have a chance to ruin any more lives.

As we know, wars cost money, but if it is a matter of money or lives, I choose life, and I stand behind our President in support of his War on Terror.

Looking at the war waged in Iraq, Bush said he considers Saddam Hussein himself a weapon of mass destruction. He was a terrorist to his own people. To do nothing for the citizens of Iraq would be wrong on our part. I agree. Whether you support the war or not, it must be recognized that the Iraqi people are better off now that a wacko is not in charge.

World peace. Sounds nice, huh? To reach such an ideal, the world evils must first be eliminated, and while we all wish it did not take the all the vices, the situation must be looked at realistically. Unfortunately I don't think those like Hussein or members of Al Qaeda would sit down, sip a nice cup of tea and cordially come to an agreement to just get along.

If the United States can lead an effective fight against terrorism, the sooner world peace will begin to look like a realistic goal. Bush recognizes this and with him as our president, I feel that much more safe and secure.

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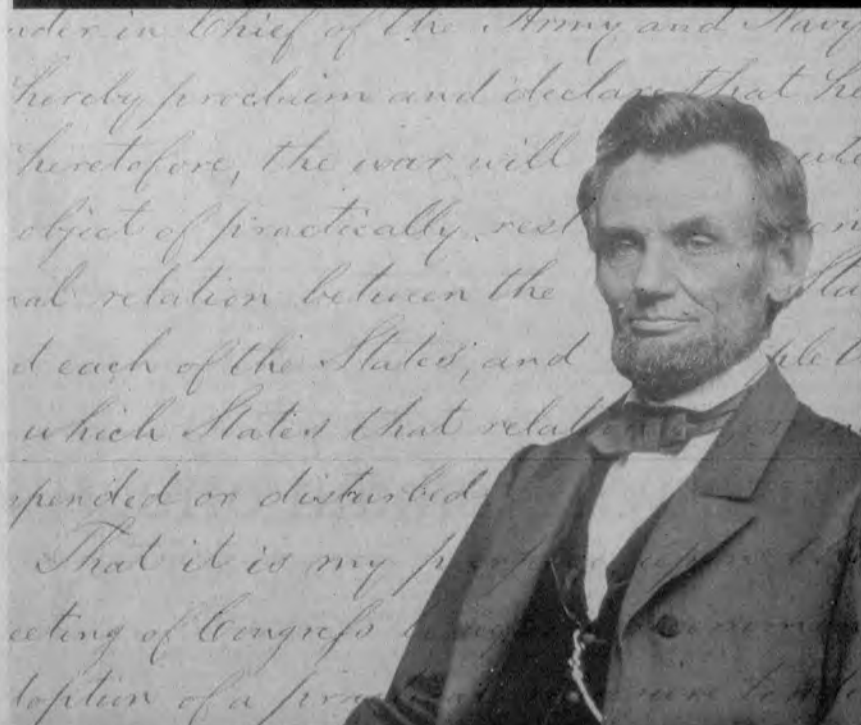
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Take it to the Xtreme

Rock Crawling

BY LAURA BOYCE
Features Editor

Driving down Interstate 95 at rush hour, weaving in and out of traffic. That's nothing.

Try four-wheel driving over massive rock boulders in the middle of Moab, Utah, leaning on two wheels, doing everything possible to avoid rolling over — without faltering. One might not be able to pull this off doing the highway's 65 mph speed limit, but then again, that is why this up-and-coming four-wheel drive sport has been dubbed "Rock Crawling."

While some are skeptical to call rock crawling an actual sport, Bill Burke, owner of Four-Wheel Driving America, feels the topic deserves a full debate. Typically, a sport is a feat conquered by a self-propelled human body, but this is an activity that requires a certain mindset, he says.

"Certainly, a person needs to have a finesse in their driving," Burke says. "The brain needs to react quickly, and so the driver needs a lot of concentration."

Approximately four to five years ago, the typical trail riding done in four-wheel drive Jeeps and Toyotas just wasn't exciting anymore, says Chris Geiger, director of www.marlincrawler.com.

Vehicles were becoming more capable, so riders, in search of a bit more extreme driving, thought they would take things to another level and see what could be done.

The result: conquering some of nature's toughest obstacles in homemade machinery. "When it began gaining popularity, we needed a way to score these rides," Geiger says. Hence, competitive rock crawling was born.

Competitions are held around the country, and the objective, like golf, is to avoid points. Drivers must complete a mapped out course as clean as possible. Errors welcome points.

While every competition assigns different point values to each slip up, Geiger says the same mistakes will calculate points



at all competitions. Stopping more than four seconds, backing up, hitting cones or using a tool, like a winch to crank the vehicle out of a compromising position, can all be detrimental to the driver's score.

Competitions run drivers through a series of courses over a one to two day period, he says. "Each driver gets one chance on each trail."

At the end of all the rounds, the team with the lowest score wins. There are point limits before disqualification without finishing ensues, says Kyle Knosp, owner of Paragon Adventure Park and founder of Northeast USA Rock Crawling and Off Road Championship.

Every driver has a spotter standing outside the vehicle to direct the driver on exactly what to do and where to go as each obstacle is approached. If the vehicle becomes stuck, it is the spotter who must quickly use the correct tool to pull forward the vehicle.

"Winching is not a good thing," Knosp says. To avoid such struggles, Burke says communication and trust are necessary between the driver and spotter. A four-wheel driving trainer, from mild to extreme, Burke focuses his students on rig-

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Courtesy of www.Paintball.com

Paintballing

BY NICK CAPOZZI
Staff Reporter

Thwack! Crunch! Twigs snap as the enemy closes in. Crawl over the moguls and through the bushes. Lean back against a tree, and draw in a breath. Stare down the long cold barrel. Click.

A growing number of people are trying their hand at paintball, a game where two teams split up and hunt each other with carbon dioxide-powered guns that shoot plastic balls filled with paint at targets.

Young Choi, public relations representative for www.Paintball.com, a large distributor of paintball equipment, says he thinks one of the leading contributors to its success is safety.

He compares the thrill of paintball to that of a roller coaster — all the excitement, none of the danger.

Statistics based on www.Paintball.com's discoveries claim more injuries can be linked to badminton than paintball in 2002.

A sport that provokes the sensation of being in real danger, while at the same time providing proper safety, is a winning combination, Choi says.

"There is a false sense of danger that thrills us," he says. "Human beings are thrill seekers by nature."

Some hidden human desire for the rush drives paintballers. The same instinct to survive also activates an intense adrenaline rush not normally found in other sports.

Choi says the confines and safety of one's own backyard lends to the appeal of the sport, and this is probably the catalyst that led to the creation of paintball as an extreme activity for those seeking alternatives to everyday adventures.

Although the origins of paintball are unclear, Choi says some believe it started in 1983.

Bob Gurnsey of the National Survivor Game Organization formed the earliest known form of professional paintball, he says.

Gurnsey and his colleagues used special guns to shoot paintballs so they could visibly mark future target animals or areas, Choi says. These marks kept track of livestock.

Someone accidentally shot a co-worker, the victim was unharmed, and they all laughed. Soon after, Gurnsey and co-workers began meeting to create paintball games.

They called the game "Survivor Game." In the game, individuals split up over a 3-acre to 10-acre field, and they compete to see who can collect the most flag markers while avoiding shots from an opponent.

The name "Paintball" soon replaced "Survivor Game," and bodies replaced flags.

The sport became mainstream with advances in equipment and standardized rules, Choi says.

Carie Cover, associate manager of Battlesplat Paintball Arena, in Iola, Kan., has a different opinion.

She thinks paintball is making a sudden surge due to its availability.

"We provide everything you need to play," Cover says. "You get a marker, goggles, a chest protector and gloves."

Guns are called "markers" to avoid the violent connotation of guns, she adds.

"It's something different," Cover says. "There is more of a challenge."

The paintball business is booming with an increase in arenas, equipment stores and clubs that specifically meet to play paintball, Cover says.

Though it seems paintballers might need to be bloodthirsty or rich enough to purchase expensive equipment, Choi says all paintballers need to bring to the field is strategy.

For people constantly looking for new ways to excite themselves, a war of paint and strategy delivers the goods.

"Paintball is a really good fix for adrenaline," Choi says.

Hiking

BY STEPHANIE HAIGHT
Staff Reporter

Although most people would probably consider regular hiking strenuous enough, there are those who participate in a more extreme form of this activity.

Extreme hiking isn't as simple as it seems. A hike that one person calls extreme might be effortless for a more experienced hiker.

It might seem like extreme hiking is something that just evolved recently, however, people have been participating in this activity for a while, says Peter Olsen, the membership manager at the American Hiking Society.

"It's not new, just the new jargon," he says. People started to use the phrase extreme hiking sometime in the middle of the '90s.

Jeffery Hunter, spokesman for the Southern Appalachians Initiative, says extreme hiking takes on various forms.

"[It] would involve hiking in inhospitable places such as desert environments where water is hard to come by," he says, adding that distance is sometimes a factor.

"More than 20 miles for most folks would be extreme hiking."

Olsen says distance and speed are also factors in the sport. Increasing the rate at which a person hikes and the distance they travel can heighten the intensity of the activity.

Some might also consider fast-packing to be a form of extreme hiking. This is attempting to pack as light as possible by bringing only items that are absolutely essential, while excluding unnecessary luxury items, such as cameras and binoculars.

Ken LaRussa, an employee at Patagonia, an outdoor equipment, has participated in long distance hikes. His favorite was the Pacific Crest Trail. The 2,650-mile trail, on which he traveled approximately 15 miles per day, starts in Mexico and ends in Canada.

Hunter hiked the Appalachian Trail in 2000. It took him five and a half months to hike the 2,174-mile trail, which begins in Maine and runs all the way to Georgia.

Murray Comley, the founder of Ecospirit Adventures, says the most interesting extreme hike he's completed is the Indian Arm Trail, which he finished in three days. Two trails which Comley recommends for extreme hiking are the Stein Valley Trail and the West Coast Trail, both located in British Columbia. To find out more information about Ecospirit Adventures go to www.ecospirit.ca.

When hiking, there are certain, necessary items that must be packed, even when fast-packing. Essential items to bring are proper amounts of water, food and clothing, a compass, map, first aid kit, whistle and any other items necessary for safety, Olsen says.

New lightweight bags, clothing and other hiking equipment are being made with fast-packing in mind.

"A lot of people are going for lighter gear," LaRussa says.

Hunter advises that only the physically fit attempt extreme hiking.

"You need to build up to it."

In preparation for this activity, individuals should increase the amount of miles they hike steadily, until they are ready to attempt a long distance trail.

It is essential to drink a lot of water in order to replenish the large amount of water the body loses. extreme hikers should eat foods that are high in calories.

Ron Gunn, director of Wellness Activity at Southwestern Michigan College, is going on an extreme hiking trip to the Grand Canyon with one of his classes next month. The class will participate in three hikes, but Gunn says only one of these, called a rim-to-rim hike, would be considered extreme.

During this hike, the class will descend to the south rim of the Grand Canyon and then return to the north rim. This is called reverse mountaineering. The rim-to-rim hike is 23.6 miles.

"You can't think of it in terms of miles," Gunn says. "You have to prepare for the altitude and the reverse mountaineering effect."

There are strict standards students need to meet in order to qualify for the rim-to-rim. The class trained for the hike by starting out with a 10 kilometer hike, building up to a 27 to 30 mile hike on tough terrain, which the students needed to complete in order to participate in the rim-to-rim hike, Gunn says.

Of the 106 students who wanted to take part in the hike, he says only 25 are able to participate.

Although Xtreme hiking seems to have become popular among the hiking community, it might not be for everyone. extreme hiking can make it difficult to stop and appreciate the beauty of nature.

Olsen says he has never participated in extreme hiking.

"For me, one of the purposes of hiking is to look around and enjoy the environment."

Film easily forgotten 'tomorrow'

"Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow"
 Paramount
 Rating: ☆☆☆

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Although the tagline for "Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow" encourages moviegoers to "join the resistance" against evil, they might reconsider by the film's end.

Drawing inspiration from films such as "Citizen Kane," "Wizard Of Oz," "Speed" and "Jurassic Park," first time director and writer Kerry Conran fails to emulate the compelling plot lines and characters of these films.

He does, however, make a technologically impressive film.

The film is set in New York City in the 1930s. Polly Perkins (Gwyneth Paltrow) is a budding journalist

investigating the mysterious disappearances of several prominent scientists.

Perkins teams up with her former boyfriend, Joe "Sky Captain" Sullivan (Jude Law), and they discover evil scientist Dr. Totenkopf (the late Laurence Olivier), is planning to destroy the earth and replace it with a "world of tomorrow."

After a series of mishaps take them to remote areas of the world, Sky Captain and Perkins meet an eye-patch-clad Franky Cook (Angelina Jolie), who offers advice in hopes of derailing Totenkopf's plan.

Paltrow and Law never create likeable characters to draw the audience into their emotions, leaving them flat and stereotypical — Sky Captain becomes Perkins' knight in shining armor.

Jolie manages to round out her character, but with less than 15 minutes of screen time, she is quickly forgotten.

Lack of character development pairs with other defects in the plot. The film is missing a substantial second plot line involving a love triangle that brews between Franky, Perkins and Sky Captain. Conran quickly eliminates any possible relationship conundrums desperately needed to make the film more enjoyable.

The main plot line is mediocre at best and provides no strong suspense or surprising twists. These faults force the audience to become uninvolved in the story, developing a general apathy toward the outcome of the film.

Despite these major flaws, Conran manages to accomplish something impressive.

The entire film was shot on blue screen with computer-generated images, an idea Conran conceived when working with a primitive Macintosh computer 10 years ago.

At times Conran's work is impressive. Perkins' office looks realistic, and the fact that the film-making



process contained no three-dimensional sets is forgotten but the novelty quickly wears off. It seems Conran was still experimenting with the technology and didn't quite work out all of the details. One element the movie retains throughout is the beautiful and creative use of shadows, which create a sense of mystery reminiscent of 1940s film noirs, but as a common theme in the movie, it falls short of setting new standards for film lighting.

The soft focus also helps create a stunning visual film, but unfortunately beauty doesn't make up for the genius that this film lacks.

The characters and theme give the film a comic book feel, as Conran follows the conventions of the genre. In addition to influence from comics, Conran also uses other movie references that are odd and misplaced and leave the audience wondering if Conran is joking or serious about them.

For instance, the soundtrack to "Sky Captain"

shares a striking resemblance to the classic and the legendary "Star Wars" theme. In addition to the music, there is a wise, all-knowing character that strangely looks too much like Yoda. If that isn't enough, a lightsaber type object is used in one of the final battles.

Conran makes a good first effort, and what distinguishes this film from others that heavily rely on technology, is his concentration on solely perfecting the innovative film-making approach and ignoring other important aspects.

In the future, if films continue to eliminate actual movie sets and create quality scenarios, "Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow" will be remembered as a good, but not great first attempt at the new process.

Kristen Lauerman is a copy editor for The Review. Her past reviews include "Paparazzi" (☆).

The Gist of It

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- ☆☆☆☆ Captain Ahab
- ☆☆ Captain Hook
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- ☆ Captain Noah

"Mr. 3000"
 Spyglass Entertainment
 Rating: ☆☆ 1/2

In the genre of feel-good sports flicks, "Mr. 3000" is not batting .400, but it is not exactly sitting the bench either.

Directed by Charles Stone ("Drumline"), "Mr. 3000" manages to be funny, but falls short of classic baseball movies like "Major League" and "The Sandlot."

Bernie Mac plays Stan Ross, a Milwaukee Brewers hero who achieved superstar status due to his impressive membership in the 3,000 hit club.

Ross is egotistical and selfish and rarely a team player. The film chronicles his growth as a man while embellishing the importance of second chances.

Although not an extremely difficult role to play, Mac proves that he has enough energy, charisma and humor to transition himself into a role as lead actor instead of supporting actor.

The script doesn't employ a wide range of emotion, but Mac's character is funny enough to hide the lack of expertise needed to carry the character.

Points should be awarded to scriptwriters Eric Champnella and Keith Mitchell for two aspects not often seen in the sports movie genre: a surprise ending and the story of struggles faced on and off the field by



single player rather than a team.

Angela Bassett turns heads as Mac's love interest, for her looks, not her acting. She plays Maureen, a reporter for ESPN. As any female reporter character in film, she becomes romantically involved with Stan. Her performance is only mediocre, and she ends up looking more like a hormone-crazed woman than someone with any actual knowledge in the arena of sports.

Although action-seeking sports fans might be disappointed by the one "bottom of the ninth" cliché, they will get to see appearances from stand-outs in the field of sports reporting: Stuart Scott, Peter Gammons and the cast of "Pardon the Interruption" all make appearances.

Paying money to see a movie from the director of "Drum Line" is better than sitting through a Phils game at this point.

— Amy Kates

"Resident Evil: Apocalypse"
 Screen Gems Inc.
 Rating: ☆ 1/2

"Resident Evil: Apocalypse" picks up right where "Resident Evil" leaves off.

Alice, the main character of the "Resident Evil" saga, struggles to escape zombies that have taken over Raccoon City. Not only does Alice (Milla Jovovich) struggle to escape these zombies, but also the evil ways of the biochemical-obsessed Umbrella Corporation.

The sequel to the popular science fiction zombie film initially captures audience attention with what begins as an intelligent and savvy follow-up to the exciting and well-crafted freshman debut.

As the film progresses, however, it becomes clear that initial impressions can be deceiving.

The acting in the first "Resident Evil" was solid, but is forced and corny the second time around. Jovovich looks desperately lost scene after scene, and tries too hard to achieve superhuman status.

Paul W.S. Anderson, director of the first "Resident Evil," wrote the terrible screenplay for "Apocalypse." His script is tired and includes abominable acting and numerous horror clichés the film falls into.

Anderson has experience directing horror films. Although he did a credible job directing the first



"Resident Evil," this is his only success.

Alexander Witt, who worked as a director of photography since the late 1970s on many major Hollywood action movies, made his directorial debut in this film.

Witt focuses on creating a horror movie atmosphere and succeeds. Despite the atrocious acting and poor script, the film produces a visually scary effect.

As a general rule, sequels are often muddled and usually abandon most positive qualities that unfold in the first film. "Apocalypse" follows this trend.

Despite unattractive acting and corniness, this is a visually appealing movie that, at times, is quite chilling. Fans of the first "Resident Evil" will likely enjoy "Apocalypse" — just don't make the mistake of expecting too much.

— Matthew Feldman

SAY WHAT?

The Review asks students:

Why do you think extreme sports are becoming so popular?

— compiled by Leah Conway



Shannon Poskus
 Freshman

"Because of the adrenaline high."



Chris Murphy
 Sophomore

"The olympics bring out a lot of extreme sports."



Kathleen Hebblewaite
 Freshman

"People are looking for new things to do."



Nikki Ennis
 Sophomore

"Everyone likes a new challenge."

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Trump's hair metaphor for life

it seem, and his missin is to hide his failure. Instead of concentrating on keeping the Trump casinos afloat after the opening of the Borgata, Trump spent time focusing on hiding the fact that he has lost most of his hair.

The morning Trump declared bankruptcy on one of his Atlantic City casinos, he woke up and styled his mullet into a huge comb-over swoop. He clearly thinks having a full head of hair might lead the public to believe he is financially secure.

If physical appearance is all that carries this man, I'd think he would consult a stylist.

Consider clips when he dismisses employees on his show. Is that a man you'd feel comfortable giving style advice to? The mystery of bad hair always puzzles me anyway. I often ponder whether mullet-wearers go to salons. Do they request "the usual" to the dismay of their hair dressers?

Reports reveal Trump is impossible to work for, as he is obsessed with being in a position of power. My guess is that if Trump is too obsessed with control to take financial advice, he might not take suggestions on his physical appearance well.

I can just picture the look on his face — puckered lips, glaring eyes — when some fashionable young woman suggests a new style.

In another desperate attempt to divert attention from the crumbling of his dynasty, Trump launched "The Apprentice," a show that achieves success despite his intentions

to mask failure. So, my conclusions are coming to the fact that Trump's comb-over and "The Apprentice" are equally pathetic in their intentions.

This is the reason I will never become addicted to the show, as so many have.

People watch because they say it isn't the typical reality show. Seven strangers aren't thrown together to party in a fabulous house in every major city. There aren't any slutty girls or openly-homosexual guys battling stereotypes.

But now that I see Trump started this show as another desperate attempt at putting himself in a position of power, I hate it even more.

The only intriguing aspect of the show that makes me scream with excitement is the mystery behind the host's hair.

I can't name one contestant. If I tune in to NBC Thursdays at 9 p.m., I don't see intense battles, cunning strategies, failures and success. I see a really strange 'do.

The players and the game are a haze as I sit on the couch pondering whether Trump showers at night and puts the comb-over chunk in rollers (thus creating the swoop), or whether primping takes place in early morning hours.

I see man on the verge of insanity. Then I picture that man diving into the ocean, as I asked you to do in the beginning of this column.



I wonder what he would do if his hair were to get wet in public. He can't rub it back on top like most comb-over men, his version is too extreme for that swift trick. Trump needs to come clean and admit to

America he isn't the powerhouse he makes himself seem.

He needs to let loose a little, get out of that suit and cut the damn hair. Oh, and drop "The Donald" on the way.

1940s comics inspire 'Sky Captain' director

Computer-generated images added to black and white film

BY JEFF MAN
Contributing Editor

PHILADELPHIA — Kerry Conran looks exactly like someone you would run into at a comic book store. Wearing a beige baseball cap with his sleeves rolled up, he plops down onto his seat inside a conference room, looking like someone you can argue with for hours over who would win in a fight between Aquaman and the Sub-Mariner.

And in this case, first looks do not really deceive, especially when taking a look at his directorial debut in "Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow." The film is a comic geek's Wonderland of sci-fi action in the style of retro '30s pulp comic book adventure series made famous by characters such as Buck Rogers and Flash Gordon.

Conran explains that although it was a mix of comics — the '40s cartoons of Max Fleischer and films such as "King Kong" that inspired him to make this film — all it took to convince producer Jon Avnet and stars Jude Law and Gwyneth Paltrow to make the movie was six minutes.

Ten years ago, Conran, then a student at the California Institute of the Arts, made a six-minute computer animated short film on his Macintosh computer of giant robots stomping through New York City.

"When this whole thing started, it sort of predated this rash of comic book movies that are being made now," he says.

Soon enough, the student experiment made its



Kerry Conran, "Sky Captain" director

way to producer/director Avnet who wanted to expand upon Conran's idea and turn it into a full-length feature. Avnet's involvement was soon followed by Paltrow and Law, who both signed on even before Conran had finished the script to "Sky Captain." Law was so impressed, he decided to produce the film as well.

With special effects and computer animation common commodities in big budget pictures, Conran wanted to avoid photo-realism and sought after a vintage and unique look to the picture. But in doing so, Conran had to do something that had never been done before in modern cinema — shoot the entire film behind a blue screen.

"[We] were attempting to use a computer as an animation stand, and treating the actors almost as if they were cell animation and then painting the backgrounds that go behind them so we could put them in the mountains of Nepal or underwater, that sort of thing," he says.

"And unless [the actors] physically touched or interacted with an object, it wouldn't be there."

Conran adds that another tool in generating the look of "Sky Captain" was shooting the film entirely in black and white. The film's color was all added afterward in post-production.

"We looked at films like 'Black Narcissus' and some of the pinnacle achievements in Technicolor at the time and tried to mimic that to some extent. Although we didn't, we ultimately came up with something different."

Despite Conran's unusual techniques used in making the film, and a remarkably brief shooting period of 26 days (pre and post-production, however, took more than a year), the writer and director does not consider "Sky Captain" a revolution in genre pictures.

"I see the movie as evolutionary more than anything else because it does draw upon things that have been around forever," he says.

"I think that this is almost a little bit of a renaissance period in terms of filmmaking. If you have an idea and a story that you believe in, there are tools



Gwyneth Paltrow and Jude Law star in sci-fi action "Sky Captain of the World of Tomorrow."

and the means to start doing it."

And as "Sky Captain" gears up for its much anticipated opening weekend, Conran is already hard at work on his next project serving as Robert Rodriguez's replacement to make a live action adaptation of Edgar Rice Burroughs' "A Princess of Mars."

Although the Flint, Mich., native admits the project is still in its very early stages, he can promise

to fans that the film will remain very true to the tone of the beloved novel series. Like all fanboys out there, he takes these stories seriously.

"Oh, I take this stuff very seriously," Conran says. "Giant robots are very serious business. What was silly about it was when you had Gwyneth Paltrow come up to you and say, 'So what am I doing in this scene?' And you kinda go, 'There's ... giant robots coming down the street at you.'"



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Crawling for an adrenaline rush

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orous exercises in teamwork.

Located in western Colorado, he says he takes teams into the Moab's extreme trails to teach proper communication by forcing the drivers and spotters to work through the terrain together, allowing them to correct any mistakes — rear axle location, backing up, etcetera.

"We run trail exercises until they are comfortable," Burke says. "It's a trust game I guess."

The team, however, includes not only the driver and the spotter, and Burke says it is vital for both to be completely in tune with the vehicle.

The average amateur usually begins crawling in a Jeep, he says, then they transition into super-strong, purpose-built buggies.

"The standard Jeep is not strong enough," Burke says.

Knosp says an essential part of rock crawling is building or modifying a machine to complete the obstacles, which requires a lot of originality.

"For competition, custom built is the only way to go," Geiger says. "The only way to win is to build from scratch."

Coming together to build machines equipped to do exactly what they need brings a hobby aspect into the sport that requires a professional touch, he says.

As a fourth-year spotter for the Paragon Team, located in Hazelton, Pa., Knosp says he and his driver, Charlie, always try to have the best truck for every different rock.

Certain aspects must be included in the construction of all these extreme four-wheel drive vehicles for safety and environmental reasons.

Fire extinguishers, helmets, shoulder harnesses and spill kits are among the must-haves. Burke says if oil spills, the team must be prepared to stop the leak. If oil does land on the rocks, the contaminated earth must be removed.

Cages must be attached to the top of every buggy to prevent injury in the event of rolling off the rocks.

"The cage itself is designed for this," Knosp says, comparing it to the cages used on racecars.

"It becomes man versus the

"It becomes man versus the machine versus the obstacle — like NASCAR and monster trucks combined."

— Kyle Knosp

machine versus the obstacle — like NASCAR and monster trucks combined."

The sport has become Knosp's drug of choice. He says rock crawling is addictive either way. If the vehicle completes the course it's exciting, if it rolls it's equally exciting.

When Geiger thinks about his own experiences, he says his best runs have obviously been when he wins — which he has been known to do on occasion.

He says his worst runs are obviously those left uncompleted. "It's a terrible feeling not to finish. It's humiliating."

The thrill lies in the finish, with each team's run it becomes a question of whether the rocks can be conquered.

Geiger says when designers map out each course, they purposely create a fine line between not only safety and difficulty, but between trucks that should be able to finish and those that can't.

All vehicles entered into a competition are never expected to complete all the courses, he says. It's meant to be that way.

Whatever the case, a clear finish, or a cliffhanger, there is no mountain high enough to hold these vehicles — with giant tires — down.

'Thrill Seekers' define 'Xtreme'

BY M. SADARANGANI
Staff Reporter

Extreme snowboarding, extreme kayaking, extreme cliff diving, extreme ... deodorant?

America has taken to the word "extreme" as if it were a baby sucking on a Powerade pacifier.

What started out as a sports phenomenon has turned into a mecca for marketing firms and consequently has made everyday Joes and Janes into the willing participants of seemingly dangerous activities.

Josh Berman, vice president of Thrill Seekers Unlimited Inc., is well aware of the shift from professional stunt people to regular folks wanting to try so-called "Xtreme" sports.

He describes an extreme sport as any athletic activity that is not something a person would encounter every day.

"Something that is a little more adventure and action oriented," he says, "and something that has a little more of an element of danger, I guess."

Thrill Seekers, founded in 1992, is a company that not only puts on stunt shows and specializes in stunts for media productions, but also offers vacation adventures for individuals who wish to try exhilarating activities.

"All the things you see in the movies, you can actually come and do yourself," Berman says.

"We were doing this stuff long before people were calling it extreme sports."

Recently, the popularity of things with "a little more of an element of danger" has grown to such levels that the media, movie industry and television networks cannot seem to milk this danger-loving cow dry. From popular action films to "Fear Factor" to free-style motocross, the American public loves this stuff.

"We live in a society where people drive by an accident on the side of the road, and people want to stop and see it," Berman explains. "I think that's why extreme sports are popular, because essentially, these guys could kill themselves."

However, Berman does not really understand why a person would want to personally take on the challenge of say, riding a motorcycle in a giant metal globe.

Obesity labeled by BMI number

BY JENNI WRIGHT
Staff Reporter

When hearing the names Matt LeBlanc, Tom Cruise, Will Smith and Matt Damon, obesity isn't the first word that comes to mind.

However, when using the 1998 government-released weight measurement guide, those celebrities are considered obese along with 55 percent of American adults.

The three main calculations of obesity include Body Mass Index, waist circumference and the level of risk in regards to a patient's susceptibility to diseases at an obese weight.

The media has a common misconception when it comes to the most accurate way to assess obesity because it doesn't include all three of the criteria used to measure people's health level, says Karen Donato, coordinator of Obesity Education Initiative.

The Center for Consumer Freedom, a group that protects consumer rights, recently published a press release stating many of America's top celebrities are considered overweight or obese.

"It's easy to point a finger at a person and call them obese when you don't have all the information and correct methods of measuring," Donato says.

Mike Burita, spokesman for the Center for Consumer Freedom, says they believe the government's system skews the way in which obesity is measured.

"This system of measuring is seriously flawed," he says. "You have to include muscle mass to receive an accurate Body Mass Index."

The government is also calling this large rise in obesity an epidemic, he says, while the government itself is the group that has lowered the standards.

"This is most certainly not an epidemic," Burita says. "An epidemic is something that instills a hysterical fear. The government just needs to learn to adjust with the times. Americans are blessed with the convenience of cheap and fast food."

Using only one of the three calculations of obesity disturbs members of weight management group. Those who are certifiably healthy are being grouped with those who are not.

"It's very unfortunate that the media calls athletes and celebrities fat based on a small portion of the available knowledge out there," Donato says. "That's not appropriate. These celebrities have personal trainers and dieticians to help them maintain their physique."

"It's not fair to call them fat."

There are certain times when it is necessary for people to maintain a certain BMI. A person is considered overweight if they have a BMI of 25 to 29.5, while obese is having a BMI of 30 or more.

University cadets are required to keep within a 19 and a 27.5 BMI and they must participate in two to three scheduled physical fitness outings weekly, says Sarah Scott, Commandants of Cadets for the univer-

sity's Army ROTC.

"However, if the cadets personally need more time to keep within that BMI range, then it is up to them to work out on their own, she says. "Most cadets can maintain their required BMI with a moderate exercise program."

This new press release comes as a shock to those who have suffered with eating disorders in the past.

University student Amy G., a recovering anorexic and member of Overeaters Anonymous, says no one appreciates the label of obese, especially teens.

"The idea that healthy, in-shape celebrities are now being classified as obese sends the wrong message to young people who idolize these stars," she says. "It makes people think, if [celebrities] are fat, then they have no hope."

Not only is the government classifying more people as obese, Burita says, it is also trying to add a "fat tax" to items deemed unhealthy. This way, when these types of food are purchased, Americans will pay doubly — in the pocket and on the scale.

"This is a ridiculous proposal," Burita says. "There is no such thing as good and bad food, only good and bad diets. So long as food is eaten in moderation, one thing is no worse than another."

The first item up on the fat tax list would be soda, he says, even though orange juice has more sugar than soda.

"This just shows how trying to deliberate between what is or is not healthy will drive Americans crazy," Burita says.

While a fat tax might not be the way to go, Donato says there needs to be some action regarding Americans' eating habits.

"I feel that there needs to be a way to promote healthy foods," she says. "With people eating out more, restaurants push larger portions to give consumers more bang for their buck. Therefore, portions have become distorted over the years."

"People need to be more educated."



Actors Will Smith and Matt LeBlanc are considered obese, according to their Body Mass Index.

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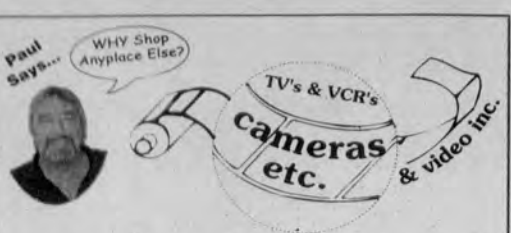
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The Delaware offense gained just 213 yards against Towson last Saturday, the lowest total since 2001.

Clicking on some cylinders

Football needs to find offense against WCU

BY DAN MONTESANO

Managing Sports Editor

Last week, the Delaware football team was supposed to get its act together against Atlantic 10 newcomer Towson.

The Hens did, but just barely. Delaware needed an 80-yard punt return for a touchdown by senior co-captain Sidney Haugbrook to spark a 21-17 come-from-behind win over the Tigers.

This week, Delaware (1-1, 1-0 A-10) faces Division II West Chester, who is coming off a 62-3 blowout win over Glenville last Saturday. West Chester (2-1) racked up 443 yards of total offense, including 301 on the ground.

Last season, the Hens jumped out to a 42-0 halftime lead on their way to a 49-7 dismantling of the Rams.

But don't expect things to be so easy this time around. "They're probably looking at the films saying, 'We have a shot here,'" said Delaware head coach K.C. Keeler. "But we need to focus on ourselves, we have to worry about us getting better."

The most glaring problem-area for Delaware is on offense. Last week, the Hens gained just 213 yards of total offense.

Junior quarterback Sonny Riccio was just 14 for 31 and threw three interceptions, one of which was returned for a touchdown. Senior running back Sean Bleiler led the offense for the Hens with 73 yards rushing on 17 carries. Sophomore running back Niqun

Lee also saw his first action of the season last week, after missing time with a foot injury.

Lee rushed 46 yards on eight carries, including punching in the game-winning touchdown in the fourth quarter to seal the win for the Hens.

"They're probably looking at the films saying, 'We have a shot here.' But we need to focus on ourselves, we have to worry about us getting better."

— Delaware head coach K.C. Keeler

The Delaware offense should receive a big boost this week as it welcomes back junior receiver David Boler. Boler has been sidelined with a sore hamstring and did not play last week against Towson.

Junior receiver Justin Long has also been hampered by a hamstring injury, which limited him in practice the week leading up to last Saturday's game. Keeler said he expects Long and Boler to be fully healthy for Saturday night's game against the Rams.

The Delaware defense will face a familiar style of offense, as West Chester uses the Wing-T offense made famous by former Delaware head coach Tubby Raymond.

"They throw a lot of different formations at you," Keeler said. "Fortunately, our guys have lived in this offense and know what to expect."

The West Chester running attack is led by former Delaware running back Brent Steinmetz, who ran for 127 yards and three touchdowns last week in the Rams win.

Although the Hens' offense has sputtered in its first two games, the return of a healthy Boler and Long should give Delaware a major boost in the passing game. Lee, who figures to get significant carries Saturday, will help Bleiler shoulder the offensive load.

West Chester head coach Bill Zwaan, a former Delaware quarterback fears the Delaware offense is ready for a breakout game.

"They may have looked a little flat in the first two games," Zwaan said. "But they're obviously very talented, and they can just break out at anytime."

Kickoff is set for Saturday at 7 p.m. at Delaware Stadium.

Hawks next for 3-2 field hockey

BY CHASE TRIMMER

Assistant Sports Editor

The Delaware field hockey team will face its second nationally ranked team in a span of three games when the Hens take the field against second-ranked Maryland on Sunday at 1 p.m.

The Hens lost to the third team in the country, North Carolina, a week ago and are currently 3-2 on the season and ranked 14th in the nation.

In order to have a successful weekend and remain in the national poll, the Hens must first beat Saint Joseph's on Friday night at 7.

Saint Joseph's is not a nationally ranked team, but the Hens did play the Hawks in a pre-season scrimmage and are not taking them lightly.

"We know that they are a very determined team," Delaware head coach Carol Miller said.

The focus in practice for the Hens has been getting back to the game plan and working on what they need to accomplish to be able to beat both teams this weekend. Any specific preparations for the Terrapins will not begin until after the Saint Joseph's game.

The Hawks return seven starters from last year's lineup, including Atlantic-10 rookie of the year Nicole Antonini.

Saint Joseph's is currently 3-2 in non-conference play and is coming off a dominating rout of Robert Morris, 8-0.

The Hawks set a school record with eight goals in the game including four from junior Katelyn O'Brien. O'Brien was selected as the Atlantic 10 Player of the Week on Monday.

O'Brien leads the Hawks' offense with five goals and is second in points with ten on the early season.

Maryland enters this weekend undefeated on the season and five of their seven victories have been shutouts.

The Terrapins return the top

four scorers from an offense that ranked fourth in the nation last season.

In its last victory, a 6-0 thrashing of Towson on Tuesday, Maryland did not allow a single shot on goal to test their new starting goalkeeper, sophomore Christina Restivo.

On Sunday, senior captain Leah Geib and the Hens expect the stands at Rullo Stadium to be filled.

"For them it's kind of a homecoming so we always have tons of fans for this game and that just adds to the excitement of playing the No. 2 team in the country," Geib said.

Maryland has several ties to Delaware.

Junior Jackie Ciconte is from Wilmington and graduated from Tatnall School. As a sophomore in 2003, Ciconte was selected as an All-ACC and NFCA second team All-America performer.

Terrapin head coach Missy Meharg is also a former Hens. The 1985 graduate was an All-American forward at Delaware and also a two-sport athlete. Meharg was a member of Delaware's national champion lacrosse team in 1983.

Meharg is in her 17th season as the Maryland head coach and has led the Terrapins to two national titles, seven semifinal appearances, and five ACC championships. Meharg has been named the National Field Hockey Coaches Association Coach of the Year four times in her career, the last in 2001, and has the 11th most wins among field hockey coaches with 264.

Saint Joseph's head coach, Michelle Finegan is also a graduate of Delaware.

Miller, Finegan, and Meharg all played together at Delaware in 1982.

"It's going to be a Delaware homecoming," Miller said.



Sophomore Stephanie Swain and the No. 14 ranked Hens face St. Joe's and Maryland this weekend.

Baker impressed by fan support

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and North Carolina State. Several I-AA schools also showed an interest in Baker, though no school besides Delaware had offered.

But since Saturday, four I-AA schools have called to offer scholarships: Furman, James Madison, Richmond and William & Mary.

Baker was clear on the chances of him decommitting.

"Zero," he said. "But what if a school like Maryland were to offer after his senior season?"

"No," he said. "I really like Delaware." According to Western Branch head coach Lew Johnston, the four schools that offered

Baker this week were all "singing the blues" when they found out Baker had committed.

"[Baker is] a big, strong kid who runs well," Johnston said. "But the hallmark thing that jumps out at us, and Delaware noticed it as well, is that he has incredibly soft hands."

"He certainly rates up there as one of the best players to come through our program."

Baker is an avid weightlifter who currently benches 315 pounds and has a 275-pound power clean.

"Great kid, great personality," Johnston said. "[Baker is] well liked by teachers, players and coaches. He's a very good student."

Western Branch has sent several football players on to Division I schools. Running back/defensive back Devin Fentress recently committed to Penn State.

Johnston said that before Saturday's game, Baker had asked him what he thought and he told him, "You'll know if it feels right."

He said Baker was blown away by his visit. Even coaches that he didn't know recognized him when he walked into the locker room before the game.

After Baker committed, Johnston talked to him again.

"He said, 'Coach, it just felt right.'" Baker will not be able to officially accept Delaware's offer until National Letter of Intent Signing Day on Feb. 2, 2005.

Of the 22 recruits that were invited to Delaware's campus last year, 21 signed.

THE REVIEW'S PREDICTIONS

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N.E. @ Ariz	Patriots	Patriots	Patriots	Patriots	Patriots	Patriots	Patriots	Patriots	Patriots	
Buf @ Oak	Raiders	Raiders	Bills	Raiders	Bills	Bills	Raiders	Raiders	Bills	
NYJ @ S.D.	Jets	Jets	Jets	Jets	Jets	Jets	Jets	Jets	Chargers	
Mia @ Cin	Bengals	Bengals	Bengals	Bengals	Bengals	Bengals	Bengals	Bengals	Bengals	
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Commentary

MATT AMIS



My collar don't pop

When the weekend rolls around, as a general rule, I try to stay away from frat parties or ones hosted by a sports team.

Don't get me wrong — I've got nothing against backwards Yankees caps, keg stands or listening to the same Chevelle album on repeat — it's just that I've always viewed four dozen like-minded kids getting drunk together as kind of a dangerous scenario.

And as I've walked around campus this fall trying to gauge things as an outsider (I'm a commuter now!), what I've started to notice is kind of startling. Remember 1984? Or *Brave New World*? Or at least that "Twilight Zone" episode with the creepy, pig-faced doctors?

What we're talking about here is conformity folks. And not the kind Sum 41 sings about.

It's about falling in line. It's about being controlled by American Eagle catalogs, Sportscenter and "Room Raiders." And it's all happening right now to all you stout, juicy 18-30 year-old male demographics, you.

One can argue that there is always a cultural norm at some level in, well, all of history I suppose (or at least the times when there's a Republican in office). But come on. Isn't this all a little sickening to anyone else? The "popped" collared shirts?

It doesn't end there. Perhaps the biggest perpetrators of Lemmings syndrome are our obedient friends in the sports media.

Think about it. Most of what you see when you flip on ESPN is the same prescribed, hackneyed bullplop you read in a USA Today: easy picks, predictions. Tired taglines. It's these same safe and predictable information streams day in and day out that lull us into a warm, embryonic goo, just waiting for more low-carb mush to come our way.

Now, at the risk of sounding disrespectful, last Saturday was one of the worst examples I could imagine. It was Sept. 11, the third anniversary of the terrorist attacks and, as expected, every network and newspaper ran a very exclusive "what sports means to me" special.

We watch sports so we don't have to think about politics. They're completely unrelated. How hard is that? Doesn't anyone have any imagination anymore?

Even here at The Review, two of our four columns before this one have been about the Yankees and the Red Sox (the others were weird conceptual ones, I guess). Sure, that's a storied rivalry that every baseball fan gets into. And yes, those columns were probably done at the last minute. Fair enough.

But the problem there is the fact that we're in Delaware with a National Championship football team, we're in football season and The Review is printing stories about the Red Sox because it's an easy story to write.

That's why better people like to read Leonard Koppett, Roger Angell or Bill Lyon. Good journalists and purveyors of information go beyond the dreck and monotony of what we see every day, beyond who-won-the-game-and-who's-going-to-win-the-next-one stories.

Before this gets too preachy (too late, I'm afraid), I think it only fair to point this proton laser-beam of criticism at myself. I, after all, am part of this media machine. I make NFL picks every week. I watch MTV.

In our society, conformity is equated with morality — what's normal is right. Deviance, then, must be the result of faulty socialization, right?

My point is, there's usually something else out there, sports or otherwise, that's better than the popular option. Liking it doesn't make you wrong.

Oh, and for the record, I do realize how cliché it is to criticize cultural conformity (*with alliteration), and "stick it to the man" and so forth. But hey, give me a break. Writing is hard.

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Volleyball wins fourth straight

BY CHASE TRIMMER

Assistant Sports Editor

Freshman Colleen Walsh helped the Delaware volleyball team overcome a loss in game one to defeat Temple in four games on Tuesday night at Barbara Viera Court, 26-30, 30-22, 30-14, 30-27.

Walsh led the Hens with 23 kills and sophomore Claire McCormack had a double-double performance with 22 kills and 22 digs in the victory.

Zhen Jea Liu had 19 kills and Yue Liu recorded a double-double for the Owls with 13 kills and 11 digs.

The Hens found themselves down 23-13 in game one before they slowly climbed back into the game, pulling within two points at 28-26.

Delaware came into the match with little knowledge of its opponent because of three players recently added to Temple's lineup since the beginning of the season.

Delaware head coach Bonnie Kenny attributed the Hens' slow start to the fact that they had to wait until game one to figure out their match-ups in the blocking scheme.

"Sometimes when you start a match there is a little bit of 'wait and see,'" Kenny said, "but we didn't make any changes in the line-ups. We just needed to figure out who we wanted to match up with, and I think we did that."

The Hens are not going to make any changes this early in the season and especially after the way they have been playing of late. Delaware has now won five matches in a row

after beginning the season 0-2.

The Owls put up an intimidating block at the net with senior Laura Leis at 6-foot-1 and senior Zhen Jea Liu listed at 6-foot-2.

The Hens used tips and roll shots to exploit the coverage weaknesses in the Owls' defense and the combination of senior Valerie Murphy and freshman setter Allison Lutz used the back slide attack out of the middle to get around the Owls' threatening block.

Temple made its front row even bigger in game four when head coach Bob Bertucci moved his libero, Ying Sun Ling, to the middle blocker position.

"We won't see a blocker like that for the rest of the year," Kenny said after the change.

Delaware dominated after game one thanks in a large part to the play of Walsh.

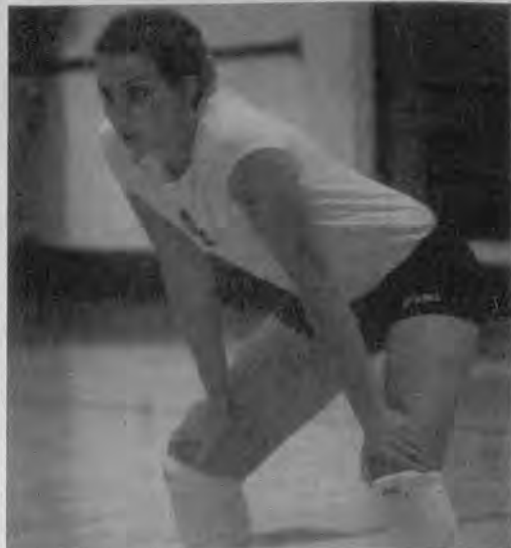
"Colleen Walsh was excellent tonight," Kenny said.

Walsh shook off some game-day jitters and had the best performance of her career as a Hen with a .452 attack percentage.

"I was pretty nervous all day," Walsh said. "But whenever we go out there and the fans get there and we start playing, it gets a lot better."

The Hens still have six matches remaining before the start of conference play. Delaware travels to Poughkeepsie, N.Y. for the Marist Tournament. The Hens play Brown, Friday at 10 a.m., Marist, Friday at 6 p.m., and on Saturday the Hens will take on Central Connecticut at noon.

"It's still preseason and we have six more opportunities to get better," Kenny said.



THE REVIEW/Matt Basham
Freshman Colleen Walsh led Delaware to a comeback win over Temple Wednesday night. Walsh finished the match with 23 kills.



THE REVIEW/File Photo
Sophomore Kyle Campbell has stepped in to replace graduated senior Mike Adams. Campbell is second on the team in tackles with 19.

Former walk-on steps up for UD

BY TIM PARSONS

Sports Editor

Defense is the cornerstone of most winning teams. The Delaware football team is no different.

Last season's defensive unit only allowed 23 points in four playoff victories on the road to winning the NCAA Division I-AA national championship.

This year's squad has struggled out of the gate, allowing 24 points and 340 yards of total offense in its opening game.

But the defense picked it up against Towson last week only allowing 17 points and giving up 152 yards total offense. It also forced and recovered a key fumble in the fourth quarter to allow the Hens offense to score the go ahead touchdown.

The defense is doing this with the loss of two defensive leaders in former co-captain defensive back Mike Adams and defensive end Shawn Johnson.

Sophomore defensive back Kyle Campbell, the man filling in for Adams, is second on the team in tackles with 19 total tackles, 18 of them are solo stops.

Campbell was recruited by few schools coming out of high school, but he attended the Naval Academy Prep School in 2001 in preparation to play for Navy the following year.

Campbell decided against playing for Navy, mostly because of the people and the way of life.

"I didn't mind the military lifestyle," said Campbell. "It was just really restrictive."

After that decision, most of the scholarship offers that Campbell had received had expired or the schools had already given them out.

Connections through his high school and family led Campbell to Delaware.

"Some of the other guys on my team went to A-10 schools," said Campbell. "My dad also knows some people who teach here, so we came up, saw how things were and talked with the coaches and came up here for that reason."

Since Delaware had not recruited

Campbell, he came in as a walk-on, non-scholarship player. He made the team in 2002, but was red-shirted and saved a year of eligibility.

Campbell said that coming in, the coaches don't know what to expect from a walk-on.

"Initially, it was a little tough," Campbell said. "The guys who come in with scholarships, the coaches have expectations of them and have a lot of tape on them, but as a walk-on, they really don't set expectations on you, which can make it difficult."

Campbell was also not easily intimidated coming in for his first year.

"I knew I had a long way to go if I wanted to play, but I wasn't intimidated," Campbell said. "I fit right in with the team."

Just before his first full season in 2003, Campbell did earn a scholarship and a starting job right before the season started.

During that season, he was one of only three players to start all 16 games on defense and he was the only freshman who was a starter.

He finished the season with 79 tackles, 43 of them were solo tackles. He intercepted one pass, forced one fumble and recovered one fumble.

In 2004, Campbell anchors a secondary along with senior and fellow Georgia native Sidney Haugabrook to fill in for the loss of Adams.

"He did a lot of special things and was a leader on the defense," said Campbell. "It's hard because people expect you to make plays and be a leader, but it's tough to replace a guy like Mike."

But Campbell has stepped up well and is making an impact in the secondary.

"I'm trying to be more vocal and take charge more in the secondary when it comes to calling checks and stuff," said Campbell. The defense looks to gain some momentum for their showdown against 2003 Atlantic-10 co-champion and ninth ranked Massachusetts when they host Division II West Chester on Saturday.

Men's soccer on win streak

BY CHRISTINE PASKA

Staff Reporter

Freshman forward Sobhan Tadjalli scored four goals to help the Delaware men's soccer team avenge last season's loss to Mount Saint Mary's and notch its second straight victory Wednesday night, a 7-2 win at the Delaware Mini Stadium.

With the win, the Hens improved to 2-3 on the season.

After a slow start that allowed the Mount to score within the first eight minutes of the game, Delaware increased the intensity and never looked back.

Tadjalli began Delaware's scoring fury with 26:03 remaining in the first half, dodging defenders and faking out the goalie to even the score at 1-1. Six minutes later, senior midfielder Adam Flanagan received a pass from the center and beat the keeper to give Delaware the lead for the remainder of the game.

Less than a minute after Flanagan's goal, Tadjalli recorded his second goal of the night.

"I don't think about scoring," Tadjalli said. "It doesn't matter who scores as long as we get the 'W.' I try to be an offensive threat and get the team going. I feed off them and hopefully they feed off me."

Senior goalkeeper and co-captain Kyle Haynes' save on a Mount Saint Mary's penalty kick with 16:45 remaining in the half gave the Hens the 3-1 advantage going into the half.

Delaware started the second

half with strong defense but was unable to get many shots on goal, as possession continued to change rapidly.

With 24:22 remaining in the game, Tadjalli recorded the first hat trick of his career and less than three minutes later, he crossed the ball from the left corner of the field and found the far corner of the net to finish the night with four goals.

"We have lacked scoring in the past and so far he has been helping us," said Delaware head coach Marc Samonisky.

Sophomore forward Sal Tadjalli added another goal for the Hens with 11:09 remaining in the game as he dribbled past the keeper.

Mount Saint Mary's scored its second and final goal of the game with 6:23 remaining and freshman Drew Majerick sealed the victory with a pass from sophomore Adam Smith with 1:18 remaining in the game.

With the victory, the team accomplished something it hadn't been able to do in the past: win two consecutive games.

"We want a .500 team or better," Samonisky said. "I want them to learn how to win and compete and gain confidence because we play in a difficult conference."

Delaware looks to build off the confidence it has acquired and continue its winning streak on Saturday afternoon when the Hens travel to Monmouth for a 2 p.m. game.

2005 prospect picks Delaware

BY ROB MCFADDEN

Managing Sports Editor

Unlike most people his age, 17-year-old Josh Baker already knows where he will be attending college next fall.

The senior from Western Branch High School in Chesapeake, Va. verbally committed to Delaware last Saturday, accepting a scholarship offer to play football. Baker attended the Hens' game against Towson and met with Delaware head coach K.C. Keeler after the game to commit.

Baker, who starts at both tight end and linebacker, said he was impressed by everything from the football team's loud, smoke-filled entrance onto the field to the number of cheering fans in the student section.

"I really liked the program before the game," he said. "[Receivers coach Brian Bossard] said they thought I fit the program well and he could see me playing in his offense as a tight end."

The Virginian-Pilot named Baker to its 2004 Preseason All-South Hampton Roads Team and

named him one of the top 10 college prospects in the area.

Five of the other top prospects have already committed to Division I-A schools, including North Carolina, Virginia and Virginia Tech, while at least two others have received I-A offers. Delaware is Division I-AA.

Baker was also named the top two-way performer on his team, which went 11-1 last year and has not lost a district game since 2000. Western Branch (1-0) was picked to win the Southeastern District again this year and is currently ranked third in the Virginia-Pilot's South Hampton Roads high school poll.

While schools like Maryland and Virginia have recruited him as a linebacker, the 6-foot-3, 230-pound Baker said Delaware is recruiting him as a tight end, his preferred position.

Prior to his commitment, Baker had received some form of interest from a number of other I-A schools, including Boston College, Miami, North Carolina

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