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City passes revised student housing law

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Newark City Council passed a newly revised Student Home Ordinance on Dec. 8, exactly three weeks after the Chancery Court of the State of Delaware placed an injunction on the city's original ordinance.

The city has now removed the marital status provision of the old ordinance after Vice Chancellor John W. Noble determined last June that it violated the Delaware Fair Housing Act and on Nov. 17 placed an injunction on its enforcement.

City Solicitor Roger Akin said council members reacted to the court injunction by issuing an emergency moratorium on all new rental permits Nov. 20 because they felt without the protection of the ordinance, they would be unable to control any influx of residents applying for

rental permits.

In the meantime, city officials declared a Jan. 19 end date for the moratorium, he said, and planned to correct the discriminatory provisions of the ordinance in time for the council's Dec. 8 meeting.

At a special Dec. 22 City Council meeting, the council prematurely lifted the moratorium because, with the corrected Student Home Ordinance in place, the city saw no reason to keep it, Akin said.

"Rental permits are now available under restrictions of the Student Home Ordinance as corrected," he said.

This chain of events came as a result of a lawsuit the Newark Landlord Association filed against the city. The NLA claimed the ordinance, which set up a classification of rental properties called the "student home," discriminated on the basis of marital status, age and occupa-

tion.

John Bauscher, president of the NLA, said despite the city's efforts to revise the marital status portion of the ordinance that the court deemed illegal, the new ordinance still discriminates on the basis of age and occupation.

The NLA's next step, he said, is to decide along with their attorney whether they want to pursue the issue further with respect to age and occupation.

"With marital status they were able to modify it so that they still had a workable ordinance," Bauscher said. "But if the city loses on age or occupation they won't be able to rewrite an effective ordinance."

"My hope is that I can convince the City Council that they've got a losing battle on their hands."

City officials also face criticism for their actions concerning the emergency

meeting they called in order to impose a moratorium on rental permits.

Akin said Albert Porach, a resident of East Park Place, filed a formal complaint with the state attorney general's office that the city violated the Freedom of Information Act.

"[Porach] felt there was insufficient notice of the meeting and that there was, in fact, no emergency," he said.

Porach said very few people were aware of the Chancery Court's injunction on the ordinance to begin with, so the city was in no danger of facing an uncontrollable proliferation of rental permits.

"A rush of people going to get rental permits would have justified a meeting like that," he said. "But there was no emergency."

Mayor Harold E. Godwin stated at the emergency moratorium meeting that there were in fact only three rental per-

mits issued since the injunction.

Porach said another reason he filed a Freedom of Information Act complaint was because the city should have given at least seven days notice of the meeting.

"No one in the public knew about it or had the opportunity to attend," he said.

However, Akin maintains that the city acted in accordance with state law by providing notice of the meeting 24 hours beforehand. It was necessary to hold an emergency meeting in order to protect Newark residents.

"The city was unable to control any proliferation of rental permits," he said, "and those are the circumstances that the city explained to the Attorney General."

Akin said the city has already filed a formal response to Porach's complaint and the matter is now under advisement in the State Department of Justice.

Frat house burglarized over break

BY AUDREY GARR

Administrative News Editor

The Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity house on South Chapel Street was burglarized while the members who reside there were at home for winter break.

Cpl. Tracy Simpson, of the Newark Police, said they were alerted of the burglary on Jan. 4.

"Apparently the burglary had happened between Dec. 23 and Jan. 4, when we were notified of it," she said.

Junior Adam Sauer, house manager of Sigma Alpha Mu, said four fraternity members including himself live in the house, and many personal items were taken.

"The big screen television was the largest object taken," he said. "Myself and another member had a lot of clothes taken and my stereo and computer monitor are gone, too."

"All my stuff is pretty much gone and there's nothing I can do," Sauer said.

Junior Justin Barilla, president of the fraternity, said Sigma Alpha Mu national headquarters has been notified of the burglary and is currently looking into the possibility of fraternity money being stolen, as the treasurer's records were kept in the house.

Barilla said none of the members' personal items were insured, and only the big screen television was insured because it was owned by the fraternity.

Simpson said there are routine procedures the police follow when responding to a burglary call.

"First we check to see if there is anyone still inside the home," she said. "Since this was considered a late report, there were no suspects on the scene."

"The officer would then make sure people did not destroy any evidence. After that, they would determine the point of entry, in this case it appears the suspect entered through a basement window."

Simpson said officers collect evidence by dusting for fingerprints wherever the suspect might have touched and sometimes there are footprints left in the ground.

Officers will also interview people in the area to aid in the identification of a suspect, but as of yet, she said, there are no suspects listed for the burglary.

Sauer said there was little damage to the house itself other



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Electronics and personal belongings were among the items removed from the Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity house on South Chapel Street while its residents were away during winter break.

than the doors being kicked in.

"Structurally, besides the doors," he said, "there wasn't really any major damage other than some wires ripped from the walls, and the basement windows were broken."

Barilla said the future of the fraternity house on South Chapel Street will be determined at a meeting on Saturday.

"The treasurer and I have moved out already and I'm living in an apartment now," he said. "If we keep the house, there are going to be a lot of renovations, including better security."

"We have an alarm system that has not been activated. We also have a code box to our front door, but a lot of people know that code so it has to be changed. The basement windows can easily be kicked in, so we really need a safer environment."

Simpson said if anyone has any relevant information concerning the burglary, they should notify Newark Police.

Commencement set for Saturday

BY AUDREY GARR

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The university's 2003 Winter Commencement ceremony will take place Saturday at the Bob Carpenter Center.

Winter Commencement is an annual event awarding undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral degrees for those students who complete their work during the Summer or Fall Semesters.

Dan Rich, university provost, stated in an e-mail message that entrance to the ceremony would require a ticket and commencement will take place regardless of weather conditions.

"All family members and guests must have tickets," Rich said, "but graduates in academic regalia do not require them."

The 2003 commencement, which will last approximately an hour and a half, honors 592 undergraduate degrees and 208 graduate degrees, Rich said, but only 450 students receiving degrees will participate in the actual ceremony.

Sharon Dorr, director of Alumni and University Relations, said Winter Commencement will not have separate ceremonies for each department like Spring Commencement.

"Every student crosses the stage and their names are read," she said. "It's a little more intimate than Spring Commencement."

In addition, Dorr said the only graduates receiving their actual diplomas at the ceremony are the Ph.D. and Ed.D. students. All other diplomas will be sent in the mail by the University Registrar over the next few weeks.

Christopher J. Christie, a univer-

sity alumnus and U.S. Attorney for the District of New Jersey, will be addressing the winter graduates.

"I found out in late November, right before Thanksgiving," he said. "President Roselle called and asked if I was willing to be the speaker, and I was honored to be asked and I am honored to be there on Saturday."

Rich said it is a tradition to invite a distinguished alumnus of the university to be the speaker at Winter Commencement.

Christie said he attended the university from 1980 to 1984 and majored in political science.

In addition to his academics, he served as president of the Delaware Undergraduate Student from 1983 to 1984.

"Student government was the main thing I was involved in on campus," Christie said.

After attending the university, he earned a law degree from Seton Hall University in 1987.

Christie said he was nominated for the position of U.S. Attorney for the District of New Jersey by President George W. Bush on Dec. 7, 2001.

"[As a U.S. Attorney], I am the chief law enforcement officer in the state," he said, "and I am in charge of all federal, criminal, and civil actions of the state."

Christie said he would save the true angle of his address for the graduates on Saturday, yet he shed a little light on what he would be focusing on.

"In general," he said, "given my job, I will talk about the world we live in today, regarding terrorism, and the role we all need to play to make our world a little bit safer."

Cellular tower upsets residents

BY BENJAMIN ANDERSEN

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Residents of New London Road would choose aesthetics over cellular phone reception any day, except the decision is not up to them.

To their dismay, the cellular phone company T-Mobile built a 100-foot-tall tower near the intersection of New London and Wedgewood Roads Dec. 15.

Pamela Frederick, a Newark resident who lives within sight of the tower, said the pole appeared with no prior notice.

"No discussion took place at all," she said. "They never even told anybody."

Frederick said she was worried about her property value as well as her safety living next to the tower.

She said she also feared that if the tower was allowed to stay it would set a precedent allowing more commercial development near her house.

Lisa Goodman, T-Mobile's attorney, said the tower was erected because cellular reception was unreliable in the hilly area just outside of Newark.

The company had planned to place the tower behind Teeter's Nursery on New London Road two years ago, she said, but the neighborhood association denied access to the land.

T-Mobile then chose the current site and, utilizing an agreement with Conectiv Power, replaced an existing power line pole with the cellular tower, Goodman said.

Conectiv owns an easement on the land where the tower was placed, she said, which gives them the right to move or replace their poles.

An easement is an agreement that allows Conectiv a limited use of privately owned land on which to run power lines.

Goodman likened Conectiv's easement to one owned by the water company or the sewer company to run pipes underneath private land.

"If one property owner could stop the electricity or the sewer pipes from going through, that would be a problem," she said.

Jan Almquist, a Newark resident who lives down the road from the tower, said she disagrees with the New Castle County's

decision to allow the tower to be built.

She said T-Mobile and the county should have had a public hearing before building the tower.

"If the county had public hearings, the people will not want the tower," Almquist said.

Almquist said the county's unified development code states that new free-standing towers within 500 feet of residential zoning are permitted only if a special use permit is obtained.

She said the structure is built less than 500 feet from the Fredericks' property and T-Mobile did not receive a special use permit from the county.

Vince Cowell, spokesman for the Delaware Department of Land Use, said the department approved T-Mobile's request to build the tower.

Since the tower is replacing an existing pole and is not new, he said, a special use permit was not necessary.

"They submitted a plan, it conformed and they proceeded," Cowell said. "They followed the law to the letter."



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Some Newark residents are upset they were not notified about the cellular phone tower on New London Road.

NASA Rover explores Mars

BY NATALIE BISHOP
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NASA's Mars Rover, Spirit, landed on Mars Jan. 3 after a 300-mile trip from Earth, leaving scientists optimistic about findings on the red planet.

David Seidel, spokesman for NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab, said the mission's success was preceded by another success in 1997 with Pathfinder. There were also two failures in 1999 and 2001.

Another spokesman for the Jet Propulsion Lab said this success will bounce the National Aeronautics and Space Administration back from past failures.

"If there is no balance between successes and failures than the government would no longer financially support the missions," he said.

Seidel said Spirit left Earth June 10 with the intent of landing in the Gusev Crater. Scientists believe the crater was once a lake and hope that by landing in the crater, Spirit will be able to gather important data needed for NASA's research.

"We landed Spirit on what we believe is the floor of an ancient lake bed," he said.

The \$400 million Rover is on the mission in hopes of uncovering the history of water on Mars, Seidel said.

In approximately one week, Spirit will start to explore the terrain and use drills to

expose rocks, he said.

"On a good day the rover will travel 10 to 30 yards," Seidel said. "Under NASA's control, Spirit will approach interesting rocks and use its arms to pick them up, examine, drill and take pictures of them."

There are two types of water, he said. The first is standing water, which provides an atmosphere that was or is capable of sustaining life on the planet.

The other type of water does not provide a suitable environment for life, Seidel said, because it is boiled off too rapidly for it to be absorbed and beneficial to any life form.

If unsuitable water exists, scientists will conclude there never was and can never be life on Mars, he said.

"When there is water, there is life," Seidel said, "so when there is no water, there is no life."

Spirit will remain on Mars forever, he said, but can only be used for three months to explore the planet's surface.

After three months, Seidel said, the panels will be completely covered with dust, making communication impossible.

Spirit's twin, Opportunity, left Earth July 3 and is scheduled to land Jan. 24 on another part of Mars, he said.

"Opportunity will land on the opposite side of Mars in an area that we believe that

water was once released from," Seidel said.

Both robots are equipped with eight cameras and send highly sophisticated and crystal clear images back to Earth, he said.

The Rovers not only take panoramic pictures, but also 3D pictures, and give a more accurate view of the planet, Seidel said.

"When I first saw the pictures of Mars, I thought it was a very flat planet," he said, "but when I saw the 3D pictures, I could see rolling hills in the distance."

The rovers are also equipped with thermal emission spectrometers, or mini-TESS.

Mini-TESS are cameras with the ability to examine rocks and their geologic makeup, Seidel said. The cameras are an important component of determining the history of water on the planet.

NASA plans to send more crafts to Mars in 2005, 2007 and 2009, he said.

Humans, Seidel said, will have to wait a few more decades to set foot on the red planet.

John Hansman, aeronautics and astronautics professor at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, said the landing is important to the future of space exploration.

"This is the beginning of an exciting period of science gathering," he said.



FRENCH AUTHORITIES SEARCH FOR POSSIBLE AL-QAIDA

PARIS — French police are searching for a passenger who did not show up for a Paris-to-Los Angeles flight that was canceled at U.S. request on Christmas Eve because of a feared al-Qaida attack plot. French law enforcement officials said.

A U.S. official said the name on a reservation for the flight resembled that of a member of the Taliban who escaped from U.S. custody in Afghanistan. U.S. investigators said they do not believe the passenger is the same man but want to know why he failed to show up for the Air France flight.

The U.S. official and two other U.S. law enforcement officials downplayed the urgency of the search. One characterized it as "tying up a loose end."

French officials insisted Wednesday that they still have not confirmed U.S. suspicions about a plot, but a spokesman for Justice Minister Dominique Perben confirmed that a search is under way for the man.

French authorities have said consistently that an exhaustive investigation has turned up no evidence that suspects affiliated with al-Qaida and the Taliban planned an attack on a Los Angeles-bound flight. Even U.S. officials said recently that the investigation of the remaining potential suspects, passengers who booked seats but did not come to the airport, was in its final stages.

JUDGE TELLS MILITARY TO RESUME ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS

WASHINGTON — A federal judge in Washington, D.C. lifted a preliminary injunction Wednesday and told the Pentagon that it may resume a program of mandatory anthrax inoculations for all U.S. service members except six plaintiffs in a lawsuit challenging the legality of the government's anthrax vaccine.

U.S. District Judge Emmet Sullivan ruled last week that the Food and Drug Administration issued a formal determination last week that the vaccine provides effective protection against deadly anthrax bacteria, whether they are inhaled or absorbed through the skin.

In issuing his injunction on Dec. 22 blocking mandatory anthrax inoculations, Sullivan ruled that the vaccine is an experimental drug "being used for an unapproved purpose" because the FDA has formally authorized its effectiveness only against anthrax spores absorbed through the skin.

Neither the Justice Department nor the Pentagon had any immediate comment on Sullivan's latest ruling or the status of the vaccine program, which the Defense Department suspended pending further action by Sullivan.

Mark Zaid, a Washington, D.C. lawyer who filed the suit challenging the program, called Sullivan's decision lifting the preliminary injunction a temporary setback and said his clients would prevail at trial in challenging the anthrax vaccine.

Zaid said he will soon ask Sullivan to reissue an order blocking mandatory anthrax inoculations because the FDA's approval of the vaccine was itself flawed, based only on animal research. Another government investigation of the vaccine, being carried out by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and based on human research, will not be completed until 2007, he said.

Zaid said he will also soon introduce evidence in court to bolster his argument that, even with the new FDA approval, the anthrax vaccine should still be considered illegal because it is being improperly administered by the military.

WORLD TRADE CENTER MEMORIAL SELECTED

NEW YORK — A 13-member panel announced Tuesday that the winning design for the World Trade Center memorial is "Reflecting Absence," a pair of pools marking the footprints of the twin towers and a grove of trees intended as a symbol of rebirth.

Created by Michael Arad and Peter Walker, the memorial was selected after an eight-month competition that included 5,201 submissions from 63 nations.

"With its powerful yet simple articulation of the gaping voids left by the towers' destruction, the surrounding plaza's design has evolved to include teeming groves of trees, traditional affirmations of life," Warton Gregorian, chairman of the panel, said. "The result is a memorial that expresses both the incalculable loss of life and regeneration."

The memorial will honor not only those who died at the World Trade Center site, when the twin towers were struck by hijacked planes and later collapsed, but also those killed in the attack on the Pentagon and the passengers whose jet crashed into a Pennsylvania field.

In addition, "Reflecting Absence" will pay tribute to six people who were killed in February 1993 when a rented van loaded with explosives was detonated in the World Trade Center's underground garage.

U.S. TO RELEASE SOME IRAQI PRISONERS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — U.S. authorities, seeking to attract support and information from Iraqis who once backed Saddam Hussein, have decided to release approximately 500 prisoners who have not committed acts of violence, on the condition that local leaders vouch for them in writing.

"This is not a coalition for those with blood-stained hands," L. Paul Bremer, head of the Coalition Provisional Authority, the U.S.-led occupation power, said Tuesday night in a prepared statement about the prisoners, 100 of whom will be released Thursday and up to 400 more in the coming weeks. Bremer described the new policy as "a gesture to give impetus to those Iraqis who wish to reconcile with their countrymen."

At the same time, coalition officials said they were stepping up operations against what they called die-hard supporters of Saddam and his Ba'ath Party leadership.

Officials said they will release a list of low to mid-level Saddam backers for whom they will offer rewards of up to \$200,000 each.

Occupation authority officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, described the prisoner-release program as a carrot-and-stick policy and said it is an attempt to capitalize on the momentum of cooperation and information provided by pro-Saddam Iraqis and others since the former president's capture Dec. 13.

Officials said that for the past two weeks they have been reviewing the files of hundreds of low-level prisoners, such as those caught in raids in which more prominent fugitives or weapons were found, to determine if they could be released on personal recognizance. Of 9,000 such prisoners, as well as 3,800 others detained for participating in armed militias, panels of U.S. military judges, intelligence officers and military police had reviewed 1,200 cases and found 506 of them met the criteria for release under the new policy.

—compiled by Brook Patterson from L.A. Times and Washington Post wire reports

U.S. aims to contain mad cow

BY BROOK PATTERSON
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The U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced additional protection to help Americans shield themselves from Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy, a disease that affects cows.

If humans eat contaminated beef, they can contract Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, the human form of mad cow disease.

Matt Baun, spokesman for the USDA, said there are numerous precautions being taken to ensure that the food supply is safe from the disease.

"We have either restricted or eliminated these materials from entering the food supply, which greatly enhances the chances of BSE to not be found in the food supply," he said.

Braun said when leaving a slaughtering site, meat and poultry is regularly inspected and stamped with a seal of inspection.

"At that point, the product

is considered safe and wholesome," he said.

After the meat has left federal inspection sites, Braun said, it is then up to the state and local health departments to determine whether or not they allow the meat to be distributed to grocery stores and restaurants.

Marilyn Johnston, food safety specialist at the USDA, said contaminated beef is being pulled off of the shelves, but there are still concerns about meat that may have been sold before the discovery of BSE in the United States was made.

"There were people who purchased the contaminated meat," she said "and those are the people who we are talking with now."

It is believed that BSE, a protein-like substance, exists in the brain and spinal cord of cows, and there is no proof that BSE contaminates muscle meat, Johnston said. Therefore, the USDA is not advising consumers to eliminate beef from

their diets.

"We certainly do not say to not eat meat," she said.

Although the government has not urged Americans to cut beef out of their diet altogether, many people have made the decision to stay away from beef until more information is discovered.

Lesa Griffiths, professor of animal science, said guidelines set by the government regarding what cows are fed and how they are killed have minimized the possibility of BSE affecting the United States.

However, she said, an infected cow somehow slipped through the system.

"This cow was old enough to have consumed the now banned feed ingredients before the ban took place," Griffiths said. "Obviously this represented a break in the system."

The decision to not eat beef is a personal decision, she said, and one that should be made based on facts, and not fear.

FDA bans ephedra products

BY ANDREW AMSLER
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The Food and Drug Administration recently banned the sale and manufacture of all dietary supplements containing ephedra, a naturally occurring substance derived from botanicals.

In a Dec. 30 consumer alert, the FDA stated "dietary supplements containing ephedra present an unreasonable risk of illness or injury, and should not be consumed." In addition, the FDA cited the relative inefficiency of ephedra-based supplements in promoting short-term weight loss.

Ephedra is one of a group of six ephedrine alkaloids that are traditionally used to treat certain respiratory conditions, but has recently been marketed as a weight-loss and performance-enhancing supplement.

The most common adverse side-effect attributed to the use of ephedra supplements is an increase in blood pressure that could lead to certain circulatory problems and even stroke.

Laura Alvey, spokeswoman for the FDA, said the ban does not affect several other ephedrine products, including caffeine pills and traditional herbal remedies, which are subjected to extensive testing before they are approved for sale. The burden of proof, in the case of ephedra, is on the FDA, which must determine that the substance poses an imminent health risk before instituting its rule.

The pending ban, which will take effect 60 days after the original consumer alert, she said, is the result of years of research and debate on the health issues of ephedra.

"This has been an ongoing process since 1997, when we made our first rule regulating the marketing and distribution of ephedra products," Alvey said.

Before the most recent rule, however, the FDA only regulated the use of ephedra, but did not enforce a ban until thousands of ephedra-related complaints were received by the administration.

"We got thousands of comments about health problems occurring after the use of ephedra," Alvey said. In fact, the FDA received more than 16,000 testimonies, of which 155 deaths could be attributed to the use of ephedra.

As a result, the FDA alerted the public to the danger of ephedra and simultaneously notified more than 60 companies currently manufacturing the supplements of the pending ban.

"We sent 62 warning letters out to manufacturers of the product to help enforce the rule," she said. Manufacturers are required to halt both distribution and production of the ephedra supplements in accordance with the ban.

The ban may have an effect on several major manufacturers of nutritional supplements, including Metabolife International, which markets its products as alternatives

to the common diet plan.

Jan Strode, a spokeswoman for Metabolife, the leading manufacturer of ephedra-based products, said she disagrees with the findings of the FDA.

"Metabolife strongly believes in the science supporting the safety and efficacy of our dietary supplements that contain ephedra when used as directed," she said. "Millions of consumers throughout the United States have used ephedra as a safe, inexpensive and effective means by which to support weight loss."

In 1999, the FDA reported that more than 12 million people were using ephedra products. Despite the ban on ephedra, Metabolife "will continue to meet the demands of consumers with products that do not contain ephedra," Strode said.

Jamie Young, spokeswoman for General Nutrition Centers, said GNC was prepared to meet the demands of the FDA well before this rule was announced.

"GNC has not sold ephedra products for six months and has offered only ephedra-free supplements over the counter," she said. "We saw a decrease in demand for products containing ephedra in that time."

She said the recent ban emphasizes the need for a healthy lifestyle to promote weight loss.

"All of our products are made to be used in conjunction with a healthy diet and exercise plan," Young said.

THREE-DAY FORECAST

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Partly sunny, highs in the 20s	Sunny, highs in the 20s	Partly cloudy, highs in the 20s

— courtesy of the National Weather Service

Police Reports

<p>UNIVERSITY STUDENT ASSAULTED ON PARK PLACE</p> <p>A university student was assaulted early Sunday morning while walking along East Park Place, Newark police said.</p> <p>The student was walking along Park Place when he was approached by a blue Honda Civic, Cpl. Tracy Simpson said.</p> <p>An unidentified man exited the vehicle and struck the victim in the face, knocking him to the ground, she said.</p> <p>The unknown man removed the man's cell phone, wallet and an undisclosed amount of cash from his pockets before fleeing in the car, which contained at least three other people, Simpson said.</p>	<p>LAPTOP TAKEN FROM WOMEN ON TYRE AVE.</p> <p>A laptop was removed from a woman as she walked down Tyre Avenue at approximately 10 p.m. Tuesday evening, Simpson said.</p> <p>The woman was returning home from the public library on Library Avenue when an unknown individual ran up behind her and grabbed the bag containing the laptop, she said.</p> <p>The woman was not injured, Simpson said, and there are no suspects at this time.</p>	<p>HOME ENTERED ON DELAWARE CIRCLE</p> <p>Property was removed from a home on Delaware Circle between approximately 6 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday, Simpson said.</p> <p>The suspects entered through an unlocked window and removed a Sony Playstation 2 and Sega Dreamcast, she said.</p> <p>The removed items are valued at approximately \$300, Simpson said.</p> <p>There are no suspects at this time, she said.</p>
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—compiled by Tom Monaghan

Winter parking permits available for students

BY AUDREY GARR

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Students should be aware of their parking options and ticketing policies both on and off campus this Winter Session, especially in the event of inclement weather.

Jennifer Sparks, coordinator of Public Safety, said parking options are based on the student's status.

"Commuting students living in gold permits," she said, "and students obtaining in residence halls can obtain closer lots [to where they live] on Monday Jan. 10.

"We call it a lot swap to get a closer lot for Winter Session."

Sparks said students who have not purchased permits will still have the pay-to-park lots or at meters.

Also, students may still purchase winter-only permits at Parking Services or online. Gold commuter passes cost \$38 and \$39 for permits for students living in residence halls.

In addition, she said in the event of inclement weather, students still cannot park in fire lanes and the meters will continue to be active, as will ticketing procedures.

"The university reserves the right to ticket 24/7," Sparks said. "We do make accommodations during snow storms just for safety purposes for our employees, but

the rules are still in effect.

"We won't be walking parking lots in a blizzard, though."

She said it is a student's responsibility to clear their own vehicle during a snowstorm, but in the event they get stuck in a pay lot they would have to pay while their car was there.

"We have found that it is very rare that students get stuck in a lot and we do our best not to plow anyone in," Sparks said.

Lt. Thomas Le Min of the Newark Police said the city offers some parking options for students as well.

"We have municipal lots, for example, behind the Galleria that have monthly permits available," he said, "but they are at limited numbers and typically available for businesses."

Le Min said the lot next to No Name Pizza on East Delaware Avenue has permits available for student purchase.

Junior Jennifer Sturges, resident of Astra Plaza apartments, said she pays \$45 a month to park in that lot, yet does not find it necessarily convenient.

"It's a pain," she said, "especially at night since I do not want to walk to my lot alone."

"Parking is definitely the biggest drawback to living on Main Street."

Le Min said parking is at a premium in the city and students should exercise caution, especially during winter weather situations.

"I would say the primary concern is to get your car off the road so the plows can do the most efficient jobs they can," he said. "Sometimes it's not an option and if everyone can do their best that is all we are going to ask."

Le Min also said the parking officers are familiar with weather-related difficulties on certain streets and will use their judgment, but ticketing will not be suspended.

"Typically, what we do is we try to give people some leeway," he said. "However, people need to pay special attention to where they are parking, and if they are parked on an emergency snow route they could be towed."

Le Min said drivers parking on East Park Place or Main Street should remove their cars from the road as soon as they are aware of a potential snowstorm, since they could be towed in the event of a snow emergency declaration.

"While we do give extra leeway for parking [during snowstorms]," he said, "we do not on emergency snow routes because that is the whole point of them."



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Newark Police ask drivers parking on snow emergency routes such as Main Street and East Park Place during the winter months to move their vehicles at the first signs of bad weather.

Fans clamor for Hens apparel

BY LEAH CONWAY

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Stores throughout Newark struggled to keep up with Blue Hen fever after the university football team became Division I-AA national champions on Dec. 19, in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Cosmo Olivieri, university bookstore general manager, said since the big win the store has already received more than 900 online orders for the national championship gear.

"When the team started doing well in the playoffs the sales took off," he said.

The most popular shirt being sold by the school store is the "Fear the Bird" design, Olivieri said. The store, which closed Dec. 23 and re-opened Jan. 5, is just starting to see the full effect the championship had on Blue Hen fans, he said.

"[Students] that are already here will make purchases during Winter Session," Olivieri said, "but when the whole school returns in February for second semester people will be anxious to make even more purchases."

Olivieri said there was a noticeable difference in the number of purchases being made on Mondays after games because of a special football season deal. If customers mentioned the outcome of the weekend's game, they received discounts depending on how many points the team scored.

"I think it is something great to see the school spirit," Olivieri said. "I would like to see it carry over to other sports, but football is always No. 1 at Delaware."

Brian Handloff, owner of the National 5 and 10 on Main Street, said following the championship win, football gear was in high demand and impossible to keep in stock.



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The Delaware football team's Division I-AA victory on Dec. 19 sparked a rush for championship gear throughout Newark.

"During this entire football season there has been a greater interest and spirit is up," he said.

This enthusiasm remains not only in students returning for Winter Session, but with local residents and football fans as well, Handloff said.

He said the immediate demand has slowed a little since the game and the store is able to keep more merchandise in stock. The most popular items sold at the store are the championship celebration hats.

"The different types of national championship gear being sold vary day to day depending on what is still in stock," Handloff said.

Meredith Sullivan, a freshmen university cheerleader, said she could see student interest growing each week as the

team advanced in the playoffs.

"It is pretty cool to see people in the championship gear," she said "Everyone can take a piece of the win as part of their own."

Sullivan said the game in Chattanooga felt like a home game, and it was amazing to see the school spirit and the number of people who traveled to Tennessee.

Sullivan said she immediately noticed students wearing national championship apparel at the dining hall when she returned for Winter Session.

"I think the Blue Hen fever attained will carry over to the basketball games," Sullivan said. "I also expect the student section to be sold out at the football games next year. Even if I wasn't a cheerleader I would want to be there."

States ring in the new year with new laws

BY BROOK PATTERSON

National/State News Editor

The New Year signifies fresh starts for most people, and in many states, it means a variety of new — and sometimes bizarre — laws take effect.

In Florida, drivers over the age of 80 must now pass a vision test in order to have their drivers licenses renewed.

Insured Georgia drivers are now registered in a statewide database, which means carrying an insurance card is no longer necessary.

Mattresses for sale in Tennessee must bear a large taggy potential buyers if the product is used.

Tax breaks were given to New Mexico landowners, the Kentucky trucking industry and Georgia farm equipment dealers.

In Oregon, the state has given permission to raise the speed limit from 65 mph to 70 mph, once studies on the effects of the raise are completed. Taxes on hotels and motels in the state were also raised by one percent.

In hopes of preventing underage smoking, New Mexico has outlawed self-service cigarette machines.

At the urging of unhappy parents, Michigan storeowners are now forced to conceal sexually explicit magazine covers.

In order to have a tongue splitting performed, a procedure where the human tongue is cut to look like a snake's, Illinois residents must now see a dentist, rather than going to a tattoo shop.

Delaware has made a few changes, too.

House Bill 139 states that egg or sperm donors for another couple cannot be considered the parent of the child that is conceived through the process.

The Water Supply Self Sufficiency Act guarantees an adequate drinking supply for northern New Castle County by requiring large municipal water utilities to adopt conservation rates that are proven to help conserve water.

Along with New Mexico and New York, Delaware now requires that cash register receipts only contain a few digits of a customer's credit card number.

False fire alarms were also an area of concern for lawmakers in 2003. House Bill 57 now requires people testing or demonstrating fire alarm systems to contact the local fire department prior to the testing.

Kevin Wilson, president of Delaware State Fire Chief's Association said approximately 4,000 false alarms are called every year.

"The biggest problem is alarm systems that have a problem or are not properly installed," he said.

Violators, especially repeat offenders, of the new law will face fines of up to \$500.

The fines, Wilson said, will make owners of the systems accountable, and therefore force them to fix faulty systems.

"All the associations support this law," he said. "It may not solve the problem at first, however it will go a long way to solve the problem over time."

'Re-gifting' trend takes a technological twist

BY BENJAMIN ANDERSEN

News Features Editor

As the holiday season, the "re-gifting" season is beginning, and more people are trading gifts online.

Re-gifting is the art of receiving a present, disguising it as new, and giving it to someone else.

Mike Kelly, vice president of Sales and Marketing for the Web site swapagift.com, said traffic at the site has increased 700 percent since Christmas.

The site, which allows people to sell or trade gift cards from retailers such as the GAP or Best Buy, has gone from 100 visitors per day to more than 1,000, he said.

Kelly said he attributes the increase to people attempting to unload unwanted gifts.

"I think this Christmas many people got gift cards from companies they were not interested in," he said.

There is a lot of merit to online gift swapping, Kelly said. He added that he doubts people will have a moral problem with getting rid of their undesirable gifts in exchange for something they want.

"People seem pretty comfortable with it," he said.

Kelly said online re-gifting is a trend that will spread as the country becomes more technologically savvy.

In part because of the success of this holiday season, the Web site plans to start swapping more items in the second quarter of 2004, he said.

Kelly would not elaborate on what kinds of gifts will be available to be swapped because the company is preparing for the launch.

Ellen Hwang, creative director for the Web site giftime.com, a site devoted to gift-giving, said re-gifting is practiced by many people, even herself.

"I would," she said, "depending on the type of gift and whom it is going to."

Hwang said she is a proponent of online re-gifting.

"Why not?" she asked. "Everything else is going online. If you're giving it online there is obviously someone else who wants it as opposed to just giving it to someone who you think would want it."

Re-gifting is not only for people who are looking to dump gifts they did not like. Buyers are also able to use the Internet to search for items on their unfulfilled Christmas list.

Ebay Spokesman Hani Durzy said the online auction Web site is running a "Get What You Really Wanted" campaign through the first week of January. It is aimed at "everyone who didn't find what they wanted under the tree."

Advertising has been mainly done on-site as well as through direct e-mails to customers, he said.

Durzy said the initiative is designed to help users find the perfect gift for them — a few days late.

More merchandise is traditionally available on Ebay after Christmas, Durzy said. Some of the rise can be attributed to people who choose to re-gift.

"Post-holiday season, there may be some people who didn't get what they wanted and might say, 'I'll buy what I really want now,'" he said.



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Those who have no qualms about trading unwanted holiday gifts have a hi-tech option with sites like Ebay.

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Mad Cow

Recent announcements from the United States Department of Agriculture have focused on additional precautions the organization is taking to prevent an outbreak of mad cow disease.

The USDA claims new regulations on downer cows and feed ingredients will minimize the chances of diseased meat reaching stores.

Since the disease exists only in the brain and spinal cord, there is no evidence to suggest that it can affect muscle meat. Yet officials are making a point to stress that Americans should not be consuming meat

Unfortunately, a diseased cow did manage to slip through the cracks and it was not immediately evident from the cow had originated from.

The Review believes the government needs to impose even stronger regulations when it comes to meat processing.

While it may be impossible to monitor what happens to every cow in the country, the USDA should have proper documentation so that when a diseased cow is identified, there should be no question of where the cow came from.

The government needs to be even more vigilant when it comes to overseeing the entire process — from feeding, to slaughtering, processing, packaging and distribution.

Even if there manages to be no human infected by mad cow disease because of this most recent mistake, the USDA should still aim for stricter procedures.

Review This:

The government needs to have more stringent policies regarding meat processing.

Ephedra

The Food and Drug Administration has recently announced a ban on all dietary supplements containing ephedra — a drug marketed as having weight-loss and performance-enhancing effects.

Since 1997, the FDA has been regulating ephedra and monitoring the supplement's health risks, which include increased heart rate and blood pressure.

The organization received more than 16,000 complaints from ephedra users and have attributed at least 155 deaths to use of the drug.

The FDA has also noted

Review This:

The FDA made a smart move in banning supplements containing ephedra.

The Review feels the FDA has made a necessary decision to ban supplements containing ephedra.

Not only has the drug been deemed useless in achieving its stated goals, but ephedra has proven to be a highly dangerous health risk. The FDA was not acting prematurely in deciding to take these products off the shelves. If warning labels have not curbed the injury and death rates, there is no reason why ephedra supplements should continue to be sold.

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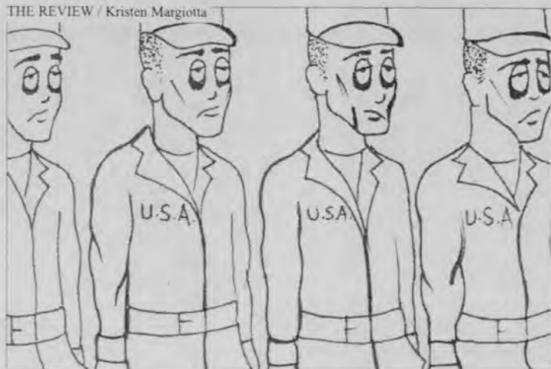
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Soldiers deserve title of respect



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Mike Fox
Will Write For Food

They came from Scottsdale, Ariz., Pago Pago, American Samoa and Willow Lake, S.D.; from Spokane, Wash., Manati, Puerto Rico and Seaford, Del. To date, 483 Americans, from commonplace hometowns such as these, have died and 2,809 more wounded or injured while serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Time Magazine named "the American soldier" the person of the year for 2003 in a poignant reminder that behind the frequent casualty figures and faceless names, real people are losing their lives overseas to secure peace in war-torn Iraq.

This editorial is not about patriotism or partisan politics (or a disregard that unknown hundreds of Iraqis and other coalition soldiers and civilians have also died) but appraisal for Time's recognition that freedom is not free and it is the men and women of the armed forces who have become both warriors and peacekeepers in America's most complex and difficult military endeavor in decades. Whatever someone's personal opinions are about the War in Iraq, no one can forget or ignore those lost or those who continue to serve in the U.S. military.

The American armed forces reached its quota in 2002 thanks to increased enlistment caused by a poor economy and War on Terror patriotism. Even though an all-volunteer military is fighting abroad, this does not mean these soldiers wanted to be sent to a war-torn country marred with

months of terrorism, sabotage and assassination while trying to be diplomats and humanitarians as well as fighters.

Cpl. Jason D. Mileo, 20, of Centreville, Md., did not ask to be killed by friendly fire April 14 after being mistaken for an enemy soldier.

Spc. Rasheed Sahib, 22, of Brooklyn, N. Y., did not ask to be fatally shot May 18 when a fellow soldier's gun accidentally discharged as he was cleaning it.

Spc. Jarrett B. Thompson, 27, of Dover, Del., did not ask to die of injuries Sept. 7, leaving behind a widow and two sons, ages 2 and 6.

Staff Sgt. Kimberly A. Voelz, 27, of Carlisle, Pa., did not ask to die Dec. 14 when an explosive device she was investigating exploded.

Low-income Americans who may have enlisted because of poor employment opportunities at home are not the only fatalities in Iraq. West Point graduates and career soldiers as old as 45 have been killed by hostile fire.

In recent months, reservists and National Guardsmen, often called "citizen soldiers," have been more common casualties in Iraq, because their services, including medical, linguistic or technological, are an increasing necessity in rebuilding an adequate infrastructure and government in the Cradle of Civilization.

The American public cannot allow history to repeat itself with Vietnam, referring to both a failure-from-the-start military endeavor and one in which popular support for its soldiers diminished to the point of shame, disgust and anger.

The Vietnam War became so

unpopular over time that its veterans, from Gen. William Westmoreland to the humblest draftee, became easy targets for the nation's disillusionment; the United States had never lost a war before. After 16 years of consistent warfare and 58,000 American lives lost, there was no parade or honors for returning soldiers when the guns finally fell silent in 1975.

In this time of moral fortitude the troops, what does that mean? It does not mean that war opponents wish harm on the soldiers stationed there. It does not mean that patriotism demands unwavering support of a nation's military campaigns. It certainly does not mean automatically endorsing the political motives that have brought them there.

Perhaps Abraham Lincoln best answered what "support the troops" meant with the Gettysburg Address in 1863: "... we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain." Like the Civil War, Operation Iraqi Freedom, as well as Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, must promise "a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth."

History is not written solely by the generals and politicians who initiate world events but by ordinary people caught up in extraordinary times.

Mike Fox is a managing news editor for The Review. Send comments to mkfox7@yahoo.com. He believes Gen. Robert E. Lee was right when he said, "It is good that war is so terrible; we should become too fond of it."

Liberal perception of media is unfounded

Andrew Amsler
Reality Bites

During my all-too-short Holiday Break (for the sake of political correctness), I found myself debating with a man 30 years my senior about the alleged liberal media bias.

He argued that American news sources readily convey liberal views while disregarding conservative ideologies.

I thought this was quite extreme, but I soon found out he was not alone in his claim.

Rather disturbed by his report, because I did not like the idea of a bias (conservative or liberal) in the news I read, I decided to do a little research. Perhaps I could locate the bias he knew so much about.

The truth, I found, was extremely different from what I had expected (although I had a hunch). Since most Americans get their news from the television, I thought it best to focus on the major news networks that broadcast coverage of national events. In a nutshell, nearly all the correspondents, critics and self-proclaimed experts had a tendency to support conservative actions and claims, even bashing liberals at times.

This is a simple phenomenon, given that the major news networks are controlled by only a handful of multi-billion dollar corporations, which would be stupid not to support the conservative and "Big-Business-friendly" legislations of the Bush Administration. In essence, the reporters we see on television are mere tools of the hard-right corporate executives putting money in their pockets. If you have ever worked for a corporation, this is not hard to understand.

Take a look at the network holdings of Rupert Murdoch. A

pioneer of the conservative movement, he has the ability to use his holdings to promote his own financial interests, virtually free of any repercussions.

With a net worth of \$5 billion, Murdoch's News Corporation owns both the Fox News Channel and the Fox Broadcasting Network, more than 20 domestic television stations (unarguably the largest holding in history) that cover more than 40 percent of American TV households. As if this is not enough, he also has major stakes in several U.S. and Global cable networks, numerous satellite services, 20th Century Fox Productions, over 130 newspapers (including the New York Post), at least 25 magazines (including the Weekly Standard and TV Guide) and several major publishing companies.

The power he holds over producers, editors, and public officials alike and, consequently, the many personalities we view on television is appalling to me.

The truth is, I could fill up this entire editorial page with the names of the many broadcasting and print media sources under the control of Mr. Murdoch. Is it just me, or does this seem like a conflict of interest?

The same type of arrangement is true of nearly all major news outlets. General Electric, Disney and Time Warner are among the primary shareholders.

Now, take a look at true bias in action. As many of you may recall, unless you were too busy to turn on the TV, in the week following the 2000 Presidential Debate, the media was obsessed with "Al Gore, the compulsive liar."

In his discourse with George W. Bush, Vice President Al Gore alluded to a trip he had taken to a disaster site with FEMA Director James Lee Witt. Unfortunately for Gore, he had confused this trip with one of 17 similar excursions and had made this particu-

lar one alongside Witt's deputy director.

Despite his confusion and the fact that this had nothing to do with being a good president, the media jumped on Gore for "yet another lie." What was systematically left out across the board was a much more important lie on the part of President Bush.

In the debate, Bush announced that, "By far the vast majority [of his tax cut]... goes to the people at the bottom." This could not have been farther from the truth.

In fact, several reports say the bottom 60 percent of Americans will reap only 14.7 percent of his tax cut benefits.

Of course, if you are one of the 18 percent of Americans who believe that they are in the highest 1 percent economic bracket (yes, you read that right), this might not seem so bad. But, for those of us who live here on earth, the reality is that the bottom majority of people won't get much from these tax cuts. Still, nothing from the news to indicate this blatant distortion.

The fact is, there are countless untruths from conservative figures that have been buried by the major news networks and publications, while "liberal lies" seem to dominate the news.

In addition, journalists who have made this disturbing reality apparent have been accused of waging class warfare and labeled unpatriotic.

The "real" unpatriotic people are those who use their immense power over the news media to serve their own political interests. The executives in control of our media are ruthless in their attacks on the liberal media (probably to just confuse the hell out of everyone), but a little bit of ethical reporting can go a long way.

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Security measures should not trespass on human rights

Frank Lee
Frankly, My Dear

Two years and four months ago, 2,750 people were killed in a terrorist attack on the United States. Since that day, our country and our government have never been the same.

We have waged two "wars" on Third World countries, bombing them and their people in the name of national security and freedom. Our government literally patrols the world's airlines: when we're not placing air marshals on a flight headed to the United States, we're searching, delaying, and outright grounding those flights because of potential terrorist passengers.

Our government has also started stripping freedoms from its people, slowly and quietly.

In 2001, shortly after Sept. 11, the PATRIOT Act was passed. Drafted as a joint effort between Congress and the Bush administration, this bill was supposed to be a weapon against terror, something to allow the government to keep the people of America safe. This bill expanded the government's power to wiretap, detain, and search — all in the name of freedom.

After being rushed through both the House and the Senate in the wake of the terrorist attacks, the PATRIOT Act was passed without heavy scrutiny or concern for individuals' privacy. It won with a stunning margin of 99-1 in the Senate and a large margin of 357-66 in the House. So just what freedoms did more than 85 percent of our Congress decide to

bestow upon us? The freedom to have a wiretap placed not just on our home, but anywhere we may be making phone calls.

The freedom to be detained for up to seven days at the country's border, without being charged with a crime.

The freedom to have a search performed upon our homes without being served a search warrant at the time of the search.

This is only a partial list of the abilities that the government has had for over two years, with very little public acknowledgement. These, however, are not enough.

On January 10, 2003, John Ashcroft sent around a draft of a new bill, dubbed PATRIOT II. While this draft was to remain confidential, it was leaked to the Center for Public Integrity in early February. This

draft sparked the most controversy surrounding Ashcroft since his signing debut in 2002.

Among the provisions in the bill are:

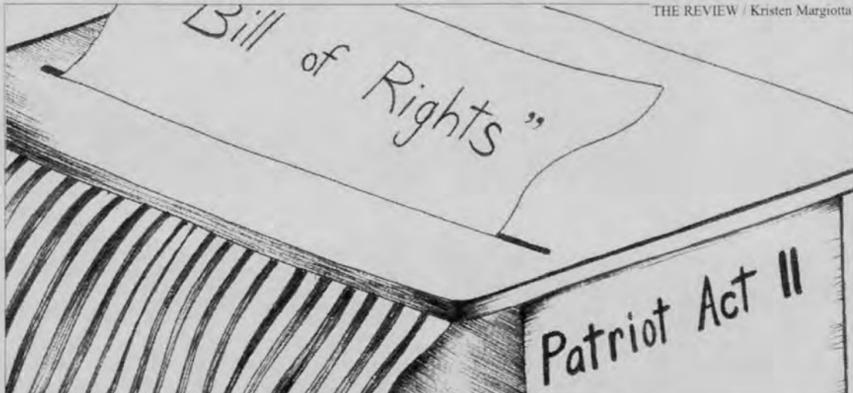
The ability to revoke citizenship from anyone who is found contributing to a terrorist organization.

Legal permanent residents can be deported without a criminal charge. They can also be deported after being charged with a non-terrorist arrest without a trial.

The creation of a DNA database including every U.S. citizen. Also, the ability to take a DNA sample from anyone suspected of a crime. The penalty for refusing would be a \$200,000 fine and a year in jail.

Fifteen-day wiretaps (Internet included) without a warrant.

The power to detain suspected terrorists and not release any information about their detention — essentially, secret arrests.



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The death penalty would be applicable for 15 more offenses.

If a bill similar to this is allowed to pass, the United States will be significantly closer to a fascist state, where the government is feared and the Bill of Rights is trampled upon. The first PATRIOT Act already infringes on Amendments One, Four and Five (freedom of speech, freedom from illegal search and seizure, and the right to due process of law, respectively).

Thankfully, PATRIOT Act II never got off the ground. After the leak, it was seen how extreme all of the measures within the bill are. This is where the thanks end, however: one of the parts of Patriot Act II managed to sneak its way into an intelligence spending bill.

Conveniently passed on the eve of Saddam Hussein's capture, the rider to this spending bill allows the FBI to subpoena information from any business that makes cash transactions without a judge's approval. The business being targeted can also be issued a gag order. This means that the government can get information from any business, at any time, and that business will be unable to tell anyone.

If riders like these are allowed onto more bills, the people of this country could find themselves without much of a Bill of Rights left behind they realize it. I plan on enjoying my free speech while I can — I advise you do the same.

Welcome to the United States of Fascism.

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Holiday hit list: What filled your stocking?



The iPod

At \$299, even the least expensive model of Apple's uber-trendy iPod was out of the price-range for most gift-buying consumers this holiday season. But the portable music player — available in 15, 20 and 40 gigabyte versions (capable of storing 3,700, 5,000 and 10,000 songs respectively) — was a huge seller nonetheless.

Weighing in at a mere 5.6 ounces, the iPod is lighter than most cell phones and is quickly outpacing them as the must-have techie-gadget of the new millennium. Traditionally, most MP3 players were clunky, low-storage devices capable of transporting a maximum of 30 or 40 songs at a time. With its sleek, futuristic design and massive storage capability, the iPod has seeped its way into the collective consciousness of music fans everywhere, and with a new, cheaper model released this week, promises to remain the dominant player in portable music.

"The Da Vinci Code"

In a country where movies like "Hulk," "2 Fast 2 Furious" and "Cheaper by the Dozen" dominate the box-office charts, it's hard to imagine that a book chock-full of art history facts would sell as well as it has. With more than five million copies in print, the book has been at the top of nearly every best-seller list imaginable — including the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal and Publishers Weekly.

The fast-paced book follows a Harvard symbologist on his quest for a vastly important religious relic that has remained hidden for centuries. He must decipher codes hinted at in the artistic works of Da Vinci, who was purportedly a member of the secret society that first hid the relic centuries ago. The book raises a number of interesting historical and religious questions and is one of the few books people are discussing the meaning of outside of English class. This novel was so popular that Ron Howard is adapting it to a film for 2005.

Digital Cameras

As after Christmas get-togethers come and go, there's no better way to capture the New Year than with a digital camera. Why are they so great? Well, for starters, people can see the pictures right after they're taken and not have to wait for the development, which takes time and money. Moreover, if there's a particularly ghastly picture, don't bother to pay for the printing — just hit the delete key. Best of all, they're small and affordable.

DVD Players/DVD box sets

As the price of DVD players continues to decrease each year, the number of people who can afford them increases exponentially. This holiday, low-end model DVD players were finally affordable at less than \$40. At this price, sales on players, and accessories went through the roof.

TV shows that are conveniently available as DVD box sets were hot items this year. Sets such as



"The Family Guy Vol. 1 & 2" and "The West Wing" were popular gifts, as well as movie sets like the "Indiana Jones" trilogy.

Video Game Systems

Even though this season's most popular video game systems have been on the market for several years, their decreased prices made them more affordable each year. Nintendo's GameCube was the most affordable at less than \$100, while Sony's Playstation 2 and Microsoft's Xbox averaged \$180.00. Games for the systems were also popular, especially since the market for used (and therefore, cheaper) games has increased.

Hokey Pokey Elmo

Forget about tickling Elmo, he now finds his fun on the dance floor. Elmo has recently learned the hokey pokey, by shaking his way back into consumer's hearts. Although he's not so plush, due to the many mechanisms inside that allow him to dance and even spin in place on one foot, Hokey Pokey Elmo was found at the top of many children's wish lists this Christmas.

Hulk Hands

Inspired by the movie, the oversized green foam hands can turn any youngster into the monstrous Hulk. Noises duplicating the character emerge upon slamming the pusher hands into other objects, or people for that matter. Offering hours of entertainment for the youngsters with a violent streak in them, the Hulk hands were a coveted gift this past Christmas season.

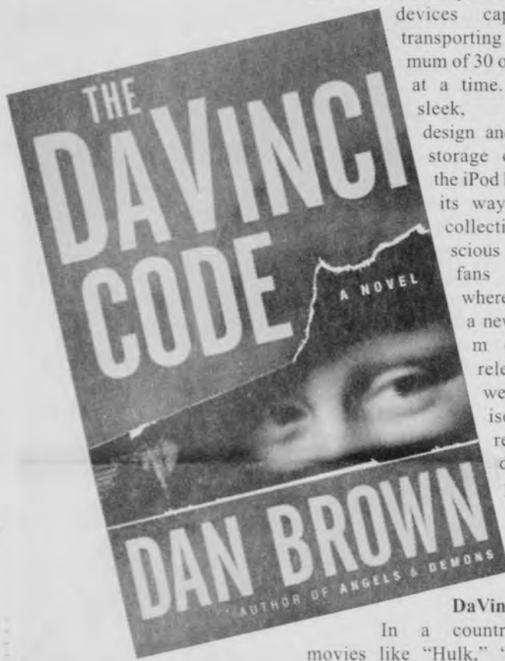
Bratz

Watch out Barbie, there are new girls on the block. Dressed to impress, Bratz are the coolest dolls among the new generation of young girls. Complete with platform shoes, crop tops and flared



jeans, they are dubbed "the girls with a passion for fashion." Besides the Bratz Hair Studio to take care of the doll's beautiful tresses, a Bratz PC game. The dolls have become a must-have as one of the most desired gifts of any young girl in the know.

— compiled by the Mosaic staff



'Showtime at the Apollo' searches for talent in Delaware

BY JAMES BORDEN

Entertainment Editor

Originally billed as a "revolutionary step in the presentation of stage shows" with "the most lavish and colorful extravaganzas" in the New York Age in January of 1934, "Amateur Night at the Apollo" has produced countless celebrities and helped to make Harlem's Apollo Theater world famous.

On Jan. 10, aspiring performers from around the region will get their first shot at joining the ranks of James Brown, Luther Vandross, Lauryn Hill and other "Amateur Night" stars when the audition phase of the "Showtime at the Apollo" tour commences at the Baby Grand Theater in Wilmington. The auditions, which may last a maximum of 90 seconds, will be granted on a first-come, first-serve basis says Jennifer Hook, media manager at the Grand Opera House, which runs the Baby Grand Theater.

She says the tryouts will last from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m., with approximately 12 to 15 winners selected to perform at the "Showtime at the Apollo" tour in February at the Grand Opera House.

A spokeswoman for the Apollo Theater says the tour began slightly more than a year ago as a way of giving those outside of New York a chance for a spot at the Apollo, which is awarded along with \$1,000 to the grand-prize winner of each city's competition.

"It helps to bring even more diversity to the theater, both geographically and ethnically," she says.

She adds that winners at the Apollo Theater "Amateur Night," held every Wednesday, are guaranteed a slot in the following week's competition. At the end of each year there is a "Super Top Dog" competition, where the best "Amateur Night" performers vie for the coveted role.

The tour, which has so far traveled to California, Connecticut and Indiana, will come to a close in the beginning of March, but not before giving several more people the opportunity to win the grand prize.

Auditions at the Center for the Arts at the College of Staten Island were held in November, with the final show on Dec. 22. The majority of the acts were music-related, says Barbara Caldwell, the center's director of development and marketing.

"It turned out really well," she says, "and the final show was terrific, even though we lost about 5 percent of our audience because we had to reschedule after a snowstorm."

Finalists included both children and adults, and the winner was a young group of dancers who Caldwell says were well-received by the

crowd. Although she finds it difficult to describe the exact nature of the group's dancing, she says she loved it nonetheless. Another highlight for her included watching people perform who had never been in front of an audience before.

"There was one girl who came up on stage," Caldwell says, "and she told us she'd only ever sung in the shower before, never in front of anyone else — and she was really good."

Caldwell says the dancers have yet to be scheduled for a performance at the Apollo Theater, but that it will be done at the group's convenience.

Hook says those who wish to participate in Saturday's tryouts must first fill out an application and sign a waiver, which in part gives the Apollo Theater the right to use the performer's image in promotional spots. She says limited musical accompaniment will be provided, but because the event is only hosted by the Grand Opera House, Hook recommends anyone wishing to perform music should come prepared with what they need.

Aspiring comedians, musicians, dancers and performers who want to learn more may reach the Grand Opera House at (302) 652-5577 or visit its Web site at www.grandopera.org.



Patrons line up at Harlem's Apollo Theater in New York.

THE REVIEW/File Photo

A far cry from a success

"My Baby's Daddy"
Miramax
Rating: ☆☆ 1/2

Sneak Peek HOLLYWOOD

At the end of "My Baby's Daddy," the three leads are walking through a park with their babies riding on their backs, and Lonnie (Eddie Griffin) comments that "it took these little babies to turn us into three grown men," as the screen fades to black.

This is essentially the main message behind the film: Even loser bachelors like the ones in this movie can become better people by having children. As they learn to take care of their children, they eventually grow as people and learn what really matters in life, et cetera.

The story follows three lifelong friends, Lonnie (Griffith), G (Anthony Anderson) and Dominic (Michael Imperioli), as they struggle to make the adjustment from bachelorhood to fatherhood. All of them live in Lonnie's uncle's house, aspire for bigger and better

things and have girlfriends who give birth on the same day.

There is no driving plot behind the film per se; rather, it focuses on the main character's relationships with the mothers of their children and their attempts to pursue their lifelong dreams of inventing, boxing and record producing. To its credit, the movie does provide somewhat interesting sub-plots for each character. The flipside of that coin is that none of the sub-plots are developed enough to create any genuine interest for the audience, and it feels like the filmmakers wanted to make a longer movie but ultimately decided audiences wouldn't be able to tolerate more than a 90-minute running time.

Griffin's character serves as the narrator and main character, and for about half the film he plays against type (such as acting like an introverted nerd instead of an obnoxious loudmouth). His Urkel routine isn't very funny though, and it seems as if Griffin (one of the four credited writers) realized this and decided to throw in a few out-of-place scenes at the last minute in which he gets to be as obnoxious as he wants.

Anthony Anderson's G is the most developed and likeable character, although he once again plays the butt of the jokes — getting peed on, farting at Lamaze class and continually failing at any attempt of achieving his lifelong dream of becoming "the best boxer from Philadelphia since Rocky." While G, like the Italian Stallion, is at heart a lovable loser, Anderson, like Stallone, should consider playing a different type of character once and a while.

Michael Imperioli feels somewhat out of place in the movie, but it's not because he's the only white guy. Dominic just isn't given as much screen time, although his storyline involving his baby's momma and his attempts to become a record producer are the most orig-



inal here.

Method Man is easily the funniest of any of the main characters as G's cousin No Good. While, like in "How High," he is essentially just playing the role of Method Man, he is responsible for one of only three genuinely funny scenes in the film.

In it, he's shopping with G for baby supplies, when G realizes he left his wallet in the car. No Good decides to rob the baby-supply store, using a diaper to cover his face. During the hold-up, he gets advice from the clerks and fellow customers on what the best items to steal would be. When the cashier tells him that all-natural baby food won't "poison" his child as would regular formula, No Good points a gun at his head and asks him if he's trying to poison his baby. As he and G make their getaway, Method Man pulls out a blunt from behind his ear and starts puffing away.

Because of its relatively short running time, and the

film's attempt to jam so many different characters and plotlines into the story, it tends to drag on at parts and rely too heavily on stereotypes for its supporting cast (the Asian shop keep, the ghetto slut and the overly sweet and under-developed single mother to name a few). Additionally, it seems to rely too heavily on the cute-kid quotient — though the babies are pretty adorable.

"My Baby's Daddy" isn't the atrocious gross-out comedy its promotional material makes it to be, nor does it end up as the sentimental, feel-good film it strives for. It falls somewhere between the two, and ultimately never justifies its place in the over-crowded cineplex.

James Borden is an entertainment editor at The Review. His past reviews include "The Matrix: Revolutions" (☆☆ 1/2) and "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre" (☆☆)

The Gist of It

- ☆☆☆☆☆ Cliff Huxtable
- ☆☆☆☆ Steve Brady
- ☆☆☆ Danny Tanner
- ☆☆ Homer Simpson
- ☆ Archie Bunker

"House of Sand and Fog"
DreamWorks

Rating: ☆☆☆ 1/2

With the bombardment of Oscar hopefuls coming to theaters, Vadim Perelman's "House of Sand and Fog" actually delivers, and is a smart and character-driven drama whose strength lies with its two leading actors — Jennifer Connelly and Ben Kingsley.

Connelly plays Kathy Lazaro, a young woman who has lost her deceased father's house only eight months after he left it to her. After fights with the banks over a business tax, which she believes she does not need to pay, the county finally evicts her. The eviction paves the way for Kingsley's character, Massoud Amir Behrani, to buy the house.

Behrani, who fled his home country of Iran, seeks a new life with his family in America, but has trouble getting by. With Lazaro's house now up for auction, he plans to buy the house in order to raise money for his son's college education.

Kathy, who has taken a downward plunge to the depths of depression in her life, now discovers what has happened to her father's house, grows impatient with her



lawyers and begins to act.

Though some audiences may believe that the film takes too long to get into the heart of the story with Connelly and Kingsley's characters' threats to each other, in the scenes prior the arguments, the actors make up for any slow pacing with the portrayals of their characters.

Kingsley is commanding and strong, without being arrogant, while Connelly shows a depressed woman without being pathetic.

Without the two lead actors, the film would be simply another drama with no character development, but their performances put the film into the ranks of the best of the year and should garner Connelly and Kingsley Oscar nominations.

— Kevin McVey

"Big Fish"
Columbia Pictures

Rating: ☆☆☆

After the disastrous 2001 remake of "Planet of the Apes," director Tim Burton redeems himself with "Big Fish" — an enchanting fairytale brought to life on the big screen.

While not as grand in scale a film as the commercials make it out to be, "Big Fish" nevertheless succeeds in weaving a compelling story, with spectacular visuals and the fantastic events they depict. The premise of the film is relatively simple: An estranged son tries to learn the true story of his dying father's life after growing up on countless tall tales of his father's adventures.

Much of the story is told in flashbacks that let the audience experience the fables Will Bloom (Billy Crudup) hears from his father Ed (Albert Finney as an old man, Ewan McGregor as a young one) his entire life. The flashbacks are sometimes funny, sometimes touching, but always extravagant, dripping with lush scenery and an enthralling atmosphere.

As the film progresses, so does the depth of Bloom's stories, many of which focus around his love for the



beautiful Sandra Templeton (Jessica Lange/Alison Lohman as the older/younger characters). The first time Bloom lays eyes on her is one of the more compelling scenes in the film — time literally freezes for him as he makes his way over to say hello, but when he finally gets there, everything speeds up to account for the lost minutes and she disappears.

McGregor convincingly brings the mystical Edward Bloom to life, creating a character so charming and charismatic that he's hard not to sympathize with.

While it can be said that "Big Fish" falls short of being Burton's greatest film, this is sort of like saying "The Last Supper" isn't DaVinci's greatest painting — just because it isn't the best, doesn't mean it isn't brilliant.

— James Borden

CMON, KID! You GET CAUGHT, You GET TAGGED, You GET RELEASED! THAT'S ALL! Heck, BEN GOT TWO TAGS!

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"Dumb Comic Title"
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SAY WHAT?

The Review asks students:

What is your New Year's Resolution?

— compiled by Tarra Avis

Tyler Somers
Freshman

"To pray for my sister every day — it's my first spiritual resolution."

Joey Gordon
Sophomore

"To be loving and humble to those around me."

Stephanie Smeltzer
Senior

"To do yoga because I feel really unflexible lately."

"Don't drink more than one drink on a weekday."
— senior Jennie Drobnick

Jennie Drobnick
Senior

"Don't drink more than one drink on a weekday."

Courtney Czerwin
Sophomore

"To spend more time with friends."

Lindsay Burke
Junior

"I didn't make one because there's nothing I wanted to change."

CONCERT DATES

ELECTRIC FACTORY — (814) 865-5555
Dropkick Murphys, Feb. 7, p.m., \$17.25-\$19.25

THEATRE OF LIVING ARTS — (877) 477-4697
Gomez, Jan. 21 p.m., \$18.50-\$19.50

WACHOVIA SPECTRUM — (610) 898-7222
Linkin Park, P.O.D., Hoobastank, Story of the Year, Jan. 20, 7 p.m., \$34.50

MOVIE TIMES

REGAL PEOPLES PLAZA (834-8510)	NEWARK CINEMA (737-3720)
The Last Samurai 12:20, 3:30, 6:50, 10:10	Cheaper by the Dozen Fri. 5:00, 7:00, 9:00 Sat. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:30
Peter Pan 1:05, 3:40, 6:55	The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King Fri. 4:30, 8:15 Sat. 12:45, 4:30, 8:15 Sun. 12:45, 4:30, 8:15
The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King Fri. 4:30, 8:15 Sat. 12:45, 4:30, 8:15 Sun. 12:45, 4:30, 8:15	Something's Gotta Give Fri. 6:45, 9:15 Sat. 1:30, 4:05, 6:45, 9:15 Sun. 2:00
Mona Lisa Smile 1:10, 4:05, 7:25, 10:15	Rocky Horror Picture Show Sat. 11:59 p.m.
Elf 12:00, 2:20, 4:45, 7:50, 10:20	THEATRE N AT NEUMORS (658-6070)
Cold Mountain 12:05, 1:00, 3:25, 4:30, 6:45, 7:45, 9:55	Pieces of April Fri. & Sat. 8 p.m., Sun. 2:00 p.m.
My Baby's Daddy 11:50, 2:00, 4:00, 7:30, 9:45	
Bad Santa 11:45, 10:40	
Calendar Girls 12:25, 3:45, 6:50, 9:25	
Love Don't Cost a Thing 11:45, 2:10, 4:50, 7:55, 10:35	
Big Fish 12:45, 4:15, 7:00, 10:00	
Psych 12:10, 3:55, 7:10, 10:25	
Something's Gotta Give 12:40, 4:10, 7:20, 10:30	
Cheaper by the Dozen 11:50, 2:05, 2:15, 4:35, 4:55, 7:05, 7:35, 9:50	
Chasing Liberty 11:55, 2:30, 5:00, 7:40, 10:05	

THE HITLIST

FRIDAY	p.m., no cover with university ID
Deer Park Tavern: DJ Rick Daring, 10 p.m., no cover	East End Café: Road to Ruin, 10:00 p.m., \$3, \$5 minors
Stone Balloon: DJ Dance Party, 8 p.m., no cover with university ID	Klondike Kate's: Awesome '80s Show, 9 p.m., no cover
Klondike Kate's: Dynamite DJ Dance Party, 9 p.m., no cover	SUNDAY
East End Café: Porch Chops, 10:00 p.m., \$3, \$5 minors	East End Café: Lefty Groove, 10:00 p.m., \$3, \$5 minors
	Deer Park Tavern: Chorduroy, no cover
SATURDAY	
Stone Balloon: UD Graduation Celebration, DJ Dance Party, 8	

Philly loves the Yeahs Yeah Yeahs



THE REVIEW/File Photo

Three-member rock band's debut album called the 'Best of 2003'

BY CALLYE MORRISSEY

Entertainment Editor

New York City's Yeah Yeah Yeahs were one of the most acclaimed rock bands of 2003, and the band continues to awe audiences in the New Year.

Not only was the band's debut album "Fever to Tell" (released in April) named on just about every rock critics "Best of 2003" lists, but the album has been nominated for a Grammy for best alternative album. Front woman Karen O has also become an indie icon, known for charismatic live performances and for creating her outrageous stage outfits.

Charismatic is just one way to describe the Yeah Yeah Yeahs live show. Not only does the band play a tight set at its sold out show at the North Star Bar in Philadelphia on Wednesday night, but they look damn cute doing it.

Front woman Karen O parades the stage in one of her handmade outfits, a layered skirt and tank top ensemble with scraps of blue pin-striped fabric pinned strategically to her skirt. Her trademark jet black bangs cover her eyes, and she can only be fully seen as she peeks from underneath her umbrella of hair. Guitarist Nick Zinner's poufy black hair barely moves an inch as he spins around the stage with his black and white Stratocaster. Drummer Brian Chase fenders off the band. The Yeah Yeah Yeahs have never had a bassist, and the listener isn't likely to even realize the absence. Zinner's crazy, squealing guitar sounds create more atmosphere than most five-piece bands.

The band plays most of "Fever to Tell," as well as songs from the three EPs it released previously. Karen O swirls around the stage with the stand of pink lights around her microphone cord before gracefully falling to the floor. When technical difficulties halfway through a song inhibit Zinner from playing his guitar, the crowd chimes in and hums the guitar part to help Karen O keep her rhythm. She smiles in appreciation at the crowd and finishes the song perfectly, just as the problem is solved and Zinner's guitar comes back to life. The crowd goes insane when the band plays favorites such as "Y Control" and the schizophrenic "Date With The Night."

The Yeah Yeah Yeahs have garnered much attention in only three years of playing together, after Karen O and Zinner met at a bar in New York City and recruited Karen's college buddy from Ohio, Brian Chase, to play drums. The band has been successfully climbing ahead ever since.

The Yeah Yeah Yeahs stop in Philadelphia is only one of three small club dates in January, with the other shows in New York City and California. Its show in Los Angeles sold out in less than a day.

Not bad for a band that not too long ago opened up for the White Stripes and The Strokes and recently turned down many major record deals, in fear of taking things too fast.

Perhaps the "O" in Karen O's name should stand for outstanding, because that is the general consensus on the band's live performances.



THE REVIEW/Callye Morrissey

(Above) Guitarist Nick Zinner takes a photo of the crowd at Philadelphia's North Star Bar while on stage with lead singer Karen O (left).



FCC re-evaluates ruling

BY LAURA BOYCE

Features Editor

"Sharon! Where's the f—ing remote?" Ozzy Osbourne shouts, on the MTV series "The Osbournes."

Anyone who watches the show knows much of the Osbourne's dialogue must be pieced together through the bleeps blocking out their not-so-appropriate language choices.

However, an anticipated ruling by the Federal Communications Commission could change all that.

Will viewers soon be able to watch an uncensored Osbourne on prime-time television?

Last January, the FCC allowed the "f-bomb" to be dropped on prime-time network television during the Golden Globe Awards, when U2 lead singer, Bono, remarked, "This is really, really fucking brilliant."

The FCC ruled that Bono's use of the word was not indecent or obscene, which is the deciding factor of whether a word can be aired.

First amendment rights cannot be interfered upon by the FCC, unless the speech is considered indecent and obscene, which is why the musician's speech has been protected.

The rules state that a word is indecent if when contextually used, it describes sexual or excretory activities or organs, which are offensive by contemporary community standards.

Because Bono's use of the word was as an adjective, the FCC does not consider it to fall under the guidelines of indecency.

Immediate outrage by family-centered organizations like the Parent's Television Council and the American Family Association soon followed the ruling. The FCC therefore has been forced to re-review it's decision.

Lara Mahaney, director of corporate and entertainment affairs for the PTC, says the FCC erred when it made the decision, allowing Bono's remarks to be aired on broadcast television, and as a result appealed the original ruling.

The PTC has sent letters asking the top five commissioners of the FCC to review the original ruling and respond. The topic is still under evaluation.

The FCC's ruling was made by narrowing what is con-

sidered acceptable speech to be based solely on context, she says.

"What is the difference if I say, 'He is a f—ing idiot,' or if I say, 'They were f—ing?'" Mahaney says. "I find both to be inappropriate for broadcast television."

FCC Spokeswoman Suzanne Tetreault says the commission's Enforcement Bureau is currently under deliberation deciding whether the word should have been aired.

If the Bureau concludes that it was inappropriate to air Bono's remarks, the NBC affiliates who aired the Golden Globes could be issued a fine from the FCC.

Opponents are concerned that if the ruling is upheld and a word is not considered indecent and is used as an adjective rather than a verb, any show may allow profanity without hesitation.

This has spurred protests against the FCC.

Mahaney says the issue has nothing to do with censorship, rather it has to do with the FCC enforcing censorship.

"The FCC is just not doing its job enforcing indecency," she says. "Whether it is a depiction or a reference, not only are we seeing indecent material, we are seeing it at 8 o'clock."

Mahaney says the PTC fears that if the FCC does not begin enforcing the rules more strictly, it could lead to a future in which television censorship will be very lenient.

There are appropriate places for different things, Mahaney says.

"It's like having a pig in a barn and having a pig in a parlor — there are certain places for certain things and the public airways are not the appropriate place for the f-word."

Tetreault says it would be incorrect to generalize that all programming would use the guidelines that were used when determining the Golden Globe situation.

"The ruling is being made in response to one specific case," she says. "It is not a broad rule."

She says, however, because the matter is still under rule, the FCC cannot comment on whether or not after a decision is made, any network would be able to air the f-word.

Until then, viewers will just need to sort through the bleeps.



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(Above) Lead singer Bono exclaimed, "This is really, really fucking brilliant," at the Golden Globes' television broadcast. The Federal Communications Commission ruled that the use of profanity was not indecent or obscene, but the ruling is being re-evaluated. (Below) The Osbournes are known for their use of profanity on the MTV show.



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Forget unrealistic resolutions

embarrass myself in public). That did not go over well, as every time I wanted to lift, I just could not get motivated.

But enough about me. Let's look at some people I know who have realistic resolutions, which suit their situation right now.

For instance, one of my friends graduates in May and hopes by next year to be settled in at his new job in the real world. Now that's a realistic resolution. He has until May to send out applications, have interviews and weigh some of his other options. Most importantly, he has a step-by-step process and taking things slowly to achieve his goal.

But how many of us really know how to stick with our resolution? We cannot only tell ourselves that we'll stick with it, because believe me, that only takes you so far.

Too many of us have resolutions such as losing weight or quitting a bad habit. But it's too cold turkey for most people. Many of us cannot just quit or alter a certain part of our life. Thus, these resolutions fall by the wayside after about a month. The first month and-a-half is crucial, since we all must adjust to that new part of our lifestyle.

So what can you do to make sure that your resolution continues throughout the

New Year?

Well, I've thought about what I could have done in years past and what I can do now to make myself stick with my resolution. I hope I can help put you on the path toward your resolution lasting the year.

1) Imagine yourself already adapted to your resolution. If you can't do this, it means your resolution is not for you. If you wish to lose weight, imagine yourself and what you'll look like when you tone up or slim down. If you're trying to kick a bad habit as small as biting your nails or big like smoking, then think about how much better you will feel or look. Thinking positive is the key.

2) Take a step-by-step approach. Gradually easing out of a habit is another key to success. Ever heard of Nicoderm or Nicorette to help quit smoking? If you wish to lose weight or get into shape, then start the first few weeks of the year with first eating healthier foods with light exercise. And for a kicking-the-habit resolution, start by not biting a fingernail or two and gradually work your way up to more fingers.

3) Have a partner to watch your back, making sure you're staying true to the resolution. You should find this most

THE REVIEW / Todd Miyashiro



Who has a New Year's Resolution? Everyone.

Last Thursday marked the start of 2004, and hopefully a chance for many of us to improve on something about ourselves.

For me, I've had an epiphany over the past few weeks as most of my friends are now in relationships and I've finally decided that it's my turn. So that's my resolution — find someone so next year we can kiss under the mistletoe around Christmas and celebrate the New Year together.

As some other past and present resolutions go, I've had few successful ones like the infamous "get into shape" resolution, which never worked. At first I tried not eating between meals and that lasted maybe two days, until my dad bought those damn Tastykake Butterscotch Krimpets.

Last year, I tried the exercise bike and lifting while I was home during Winter Session (I would never start here at school, because I need a beginner gym, as to not

helpful, because knowing someone is watching out for you and that you're watching out for someone is a gratifying feeling, especially when you see or feel the results. Now, I'm not sure how this would work with kicking, but it could be successful if someone wants to get into shape. So whenever you can't get motivated, your partner

can help motivate, and you can do the same for your partner. Teamwork goes a long way.

I'm not expert, but I hope one of these solutions, if not all, can help your promise to yourself in the New Year.

As for me, if there are any takers, the line starts at 206 Sussex Hall. I'll see you there.

Fun activities on a low winter budget

BY JAMES BORDEN

Entertainment Editor

Welcome to what we hope will become a regular feature in the Mosaic section. In it, we will publicize and low-cost events taking place in and around the Newark area for the upcoming week. Anyone who wishes to have an event mentioned should send details to reviewentertainment@yahoo.com

Friday, Jan. 9

Art fans can check out "Pirates, Patriots, and Medieval Pageantry: The World of Howard Pyle" a retrospective work that looks at more than 30 of Pyle's paintings at the Delaware History Museum in Wilmington today and tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors and students and \$2 for ages 2 to 17.

The university men and women's indoor track teams will compete at the Field House in the Delaware Invitational #1 at 6 p.m. In last year's first invitational, the men's team had 15 top-three finishes while the women's team had four top-three finishes.

A Year to Forget, Dear Tonight, Pretty Faces and Vampire Cat are all playing in the Perkins Center Ewing Room, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The Blue Hens Hockey team will play at the Gold Ice Arena at 8:30 p.m. against Robert Morris University.

Porch Chops is playing at the East End Café at 10 p.m. with a \$5 cover charge for those under 21 and a \$3 cover for those over 21.

Saturday, Jan. 10

Students wishing they, too, were graduating, can live vicariously through the university's Winter Commencement, at 10:30 a.m. in the Bob Carpenter Center.

The university men's hockey team plays again tonight against an as yet unannounced team at 5 p.m., this time at the Fred Rust Ice Arena.

Tom Larson will appear at the Deer Park Tavern

tonight, with a \$3 cover, and the Stone Balloon is holding a graduation celebration dance party, free with a university ID.

Road to Ruin is playing at the East End Café at 10 p.m. with a \$5 cover charge for those under 21 and a \$3 cover for those over 21.

Sunday, Jan. 11

Athletics and mascot fans can visit YoUDee and Reggy, who will be at the Fred Rust Ice Arena from 1-3 p.m.

The university men and women's swimming teams will face off against Towson and James Madison in the Carpenter Sports Building at 1 p.m.

Political junkies can enjoy a free lecture titled "How Citizens Can Use the Delaware Presidential Primary to Affect National Military and Foreign Policy" by David Culp at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Wilmington from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Lefty Groove is playing at the East End Café at 10 p.m. There is a \$5 cover for those under 21 and a \$3 cover for those over 21.

Monday, Jan. 12

The university men's basketball team takes on James Madison at the Bob Carpenter Sports Center at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 14

Those wishing to begin the observation of Martin Luther King Day early can attend the free "Freedom Stories" session at the Wilmington Institute Library at 10 a.m.

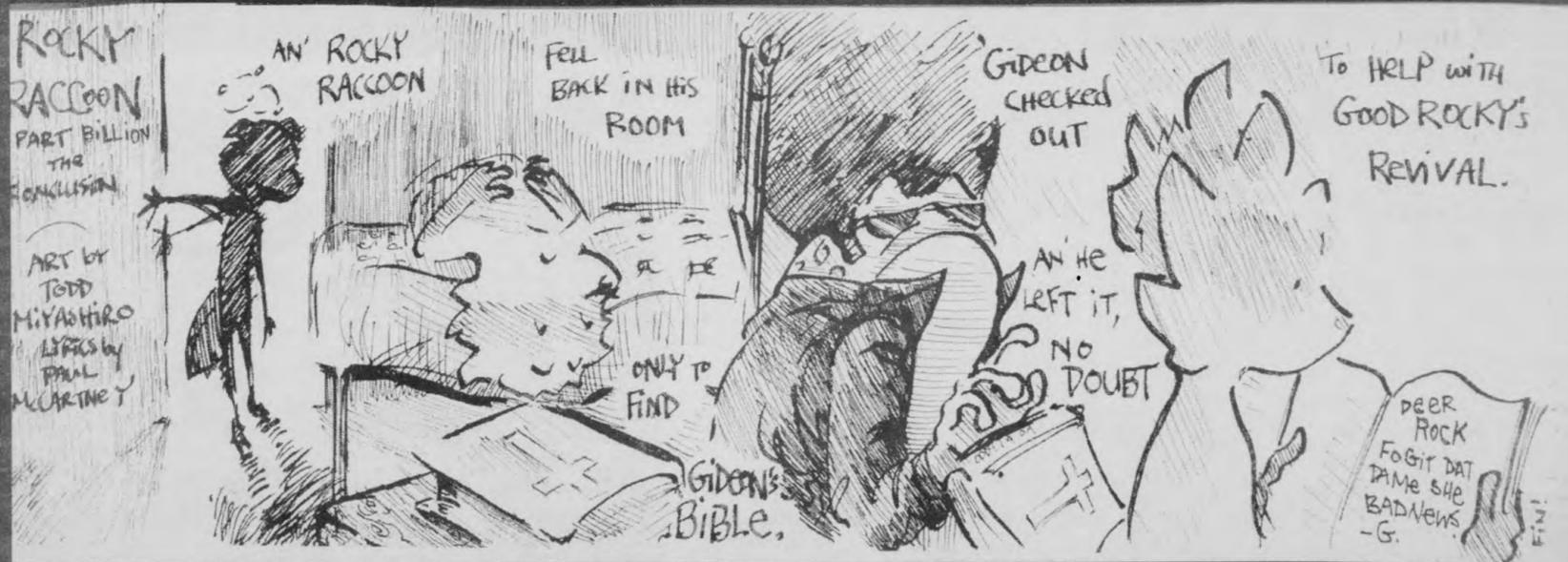
Thursday, Jan. 15

Second Nature is playing at the East End Café at 10 p.m. with a \$5 cover charge for those under 21 and a \$3 cover for those over 21.

Burnt Sienna will be playing at the Stone Balloon's Mug Night with a \$5 cover.



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Women keep on rollin'

Hens edge UNCW for ninth straight

BY MATT AMIS
Senior Sports Editor

It's still early, but it looks like the Colonial Athletic Association already has reason to be nervous about this year's Delaware women's basketball team.

The Hens, who won their fourth straight conference opener and improved to 31-6 all-time in CAA regular season action, continued their best start in school history with their ninth straight win.

Junior forward Tiara Malcom scored a team-high 20 points, including two clinching free throws with 12 seconds to play, as Delaware opened CAA play by edging North Carolina-Wilmington 57-56 on Sunday at Trask Coliseum.

Junior guard Julie Sailer added 12 points for Delaware and Tracy Howell matched a career high with 11 rebounds and added seven points. The Hens (9-1, 1-0 CAA) held the Seahawks to a season-low 14 points in the first half and held a 42-23 edge in rebounding.

The Seahawks (5-5, 0-1) sustained their disappointing start, but got 22 points from CAA Pre-Season Player of the Year Cherie Lea. Denise Lawrence came off the bench to add 11 points, and guard Jennifer Kapper scored 10. UNC-Wilmington was picked No. 2 in the pre-season CAA Coaches Poll.

Meanwhile, Malcom, a second-team All-CAA forward last season, led the Hens with 13 second-half points and added four rebounds, three



THE REVIEW/Matt Basham

Junior guard Julie Sailer looks to distribute the ball in a game against Richmond earlier this season. The Hens are off to a 9-1 start.

assists, and three blocks.

She reached 20 points for the third time this season and for the fifth time in her career. Malcom, who had scored just 13 total points in the last two games in wins over Loyola and Manhattan, 34 of her last 40 games.

Delaware fought through a bout of rust early on, as the squad was playing for the first time in 12 days, but led 19-14 at the half after making only nine of 23 shots from the field and committing 11 turnovers.

Oxidation notwithstanding, the Hens built a comfy 11 point lead early in the second half and staved off three

strong UNC-Wilmington runs.

Second half buckets from Sailer, freshman guard Liz Hayes, and Malcom ran the Delaware lead to 25-14 just two minutes and 21 seconds in.

The Hens kept the Seahawks at arms length until the final six minutes when Lea hit two free throws and followed with a layup 38 seconds later. That set up a Lawrence three-pointer at the 4:47 mark to tie the game at 40-40.

Delaware will continue conference play tonight at William & Mary at 7 p.m. The Tribe are 4-6 on the year and dropped their only CAA meeting.

NFL Games of the Week

Dan Montesano: My upset special this week is going to come from St. Louis as the Panthers will upend the Rams in the dome. Bulger won't be able to handle the Carolina defense and Stephen Davis will run wild. And like my compadre Mr. Reina, I am also going against the Eagles, as Favre will lead the Pack into the NFC championship.

Rob McFadden: If this game was in Green Bay, I'd have to go with Brett Favre and the cheeseheads. But it ain't, so I won't. Look for Donovan McNabb to lead the Eagles' rush on the endzone. The Rams will take it to Carolina, and who cares about the AFC?

Matt Amis: Look for the Packers to give those Birds a run for their cheesesteaks, but a healthy Donovan McNabb won't let Philly lose. The Panthers are frauds and should go down. Over in the AFC, the Colts offense and the Pats defense will reign supreme.

Justin Reina: My love for Philadelphia fans continues to grow (wink, wink) and to show my appreciation I have gone with the Green Bay Packers to pull off the upset at Lincoln Financial this weekend. Favre has shown strength and leadership throughout the season and after the loss of his father, his determination for a Super bowl ring will reach its peak this season.

Keeler shines

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Whipple, of Atlantic 10 rival UMass, nearly landed the head coaching vacancy at Central Florida this off-season.

With a talented team returning next season, the Hens should once again be in the hunt for another national championship, which will only serve as another showcase for Keeler to display the character, talent and commitment necessary to be a I-A coach.

Keeler certainly has given no indication that he has any intention of leaving Newark after his contract expires, but looking at recent history, it's only a matter of time before major I-A programs come knocking at his door.



Courtesy of UD Office of Public Relations/Eric R. Crossan

Former head coach Tubby Raymond congratulates current coach K.C. Keeler on capturing Delaware's first championship since 1979.

Men fall to VCU

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VCU's leading scorer on the year, guard Domonic Jones, had a great game while scoring 19 points and grabbing eight rebounds.

Forward Nick George also frustrated the Hens, shooting a perfect 7 for 7 from the field, while putting up a career high 17 points.

Delaware, who was led by senior Mike Ames' 19 points, was in the game for only two and a half minutes before VCU broke a 5-5 tie and began the onslaught.

Fueled by an 18-1 run over the next six minutes, the Seahawks took a 23-6 lead and never looked back.

After being down 56-38 at the half, the closest the Hens' came the rest of the contest was when Ames' jumper with 10:29 left to play narrowed the lead, 74-61.

The Seahawks continued to shoot the lights out though, finishing 37 for 55 from the field, including 7 for 10 from behind the arc.

Derrick Reid turned it on late for VCU and put the game out of reach,

finishing with a career-high 15 points. Delaware is now 0-3 all-time at the Seigel Center.

David Lunn added 17 points for the Hens and point guard Mike Slatterly scored 11 points and had seven assists for the Delaware, who now falls to 7-4 on the year and 1-1 in conference play.

The hot-shot shooting by VCU comes as a surprise as Delaware defense was just coming off of a tough 66-59 victory over CAA rival Hofstra.

Hens' coach Dave Henderson is now a respectable 56-44 in 100 games since taking over the reins from former Delaware coach Mike Brey. Henderson and the Hens' are now 19-19 though, in three this their third season in the CAA, a record that will have to improve for Delaware to reach its postseason goals.

The Hens will next try to shake off their biggest loss in CAA play Saturday night at Towson. Tip-off is scheduled for 5 p.m. as Delaware's defense looks to rebound against a Tigers' squad that is 3-8, 0-2 CAA on the year.



THE REVIEW/File Photo

Sophomore receiver David Boler celebrates after a Hen touchdown in a game earlier this season. After winning the national championship, Delaware jumped ahead of many Division I-A teams in the Sagarin ratings.

Hens climb in ratings

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potential. What does all this mean, though?

We all know Delaware was dominant this year. What is so

important about a No. 40 ranking?

This rating sets the 2003 Hens' team apart from not only any prior Delaware team, but also possibly any squad in the history of I-AA football.

Since the inception of the BCS six seasons ago, no other I-AA team has ever finished in the top 40 of the sagarin ratings. Only one other Delaware squad had even cracked the top 80 and that was the 12-2 national semifinalist team in 2000.

In fact, over the past five seasons, Delaware has finished with an average ranking of 107.

But this season was different. The Delaware community saw something special. The 2003 Hens were not just dominant, they were unstoppable.

Head coach K.C. Keeler put Delaware on the map this season. He gave Delaware something they had been lacking for years. Sure, Delaware has been known for great coaches like Tubby Raymond and Mike Brey, but after this season, the team and the players are actually getting the national recognition and credit it deserves.

So before all the talk begins about what great transfers we will get this year, how high Jason Nerys and Shawn Johnson will get drafted or what an amazing and deep team the Hens return next year, just take a breath and sit back.

For one last time, realize and appreciate the history we saw made this past season out there on the "Tub" and down in Chattanooga.

Be proud of our school and our state. No longer are we just the Michigan look-a-likes of the college football world.

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Former volleyball coach honored

Viera newest inductee into Hall

BY ROB MCFADDEN
Sports Editor

Former volleyball head coach Barbara Viera was inducted into the inaugural class of the American Volleyball Coaches Association Hall of Fame last month in recognition of her achievements at Delaware.

Viera, the namesake of Viera Court, was the longest tenured women's athletics head coach in school history.

In her 27 seasons as head coach, the Hens posted a record of 682-433-4 and failed to finish above the .500 mark just five times.

Viera's career was highlighted by four Coach of the Year awards (1986, 1992, 1994, 1996) and four trips to postseason tournaments.

Inductees joining Viera in the Class of 2003 are: Iragde Ahrabi-Fard, Andy Banachowski, Doug Beal, Larry Bock, Jim Coleman,

Linda Dollar, Dave and Bernice Epperson, Dixie Grimbett, Linda Herman, Debbie Hunter, Fran Kalafer, Darlene Kluka, Terry Liskevych, Sharon McAlexander, Stewart McDole, Marilyn McReavy-Nolen, Elaine Michaelis, Mary Jo Peppler, Donald Shondell, Tom Tait, Viera and Lois Webb. Included are all 20 AVCA Founders Awards recipients and each of the six AVCA Excellence in Education Award winners.

Viera received the AVCA Excellence in Education Award in 2002.

Allison Lutz, Colleen Walsh and Megan Welch have signed National Letters of Intent to play volleyball at Delaware next season.

Lutz, a five-foot-nine setter from Minnesota, was an all-conference player at Burnsville High School, where she broke the record for career assists.

She was also named second-team all-Metro and was an all-state honorable mention.

Walsh, a six-foot outside and middle hitter from Ohio, led Regina High School to a school-best 21-4 record and into postseason play. The District MVP was ranked No. 1 in her class and served as President of the Student Council.

Welch, a five-foot-nine setter from California, led Esperanza High School to the SS-CIF IAA Championship last fall while earning a first-team all-Sunset League selection.

Junior Sarah Engle, a current outside hitter and setter for Delaware, is an Esperanza graduate.

The volleyball team posted an 11-17 (5-9 CAA) record last year, finishing 5th in the CAA and failing to make the postseason for the second straight season.

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This Day in Sports
1954-Bert Olmstead sets an NHL record with eight points in one game as Montreal routs Chicago 12-1

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Commentary

DAN MONTESANO



Catching you up

Since I know all of you were beginning to show symptoms of Review withdrawal, we are finally back after a nice vacation to give you the fix you've been craving since you last saw us in December.

And since most of you were A) Too intoxicated B) Sleeping the entire vacation or C) Just didn't care about the world of sports during the break, you may have missed some interesting, disturbing and comical events that took place while you weren't paying attention.

But not to worry, I kept a detailed notebook on all the things you may have missed while you were busy drinking, sleeping, or not caring during your vacation.

First let's start with baseball. And while the Nomar for A-Rod deal nearly ruined my life as a Yankee fan, I still got bored watching it go back-and-forth about 43 times. It was done, then dead, then done, then dead — about a week's worth of this and I didn't care anymore.

And just a few days ago, Pete Rose finally revealed that he bet on baseball, which is sort of like Michael Jackson revealing he's had some work done to his nose. We all knew he bet on baseball, but still hoped that somehow it wasn't true, because Pete Rose was a fan's player.

And the saddest part of this whole saga is that Rose did it to promote his book, which came out Thursday. Rose denied it for 14 years and then just as his new book is released, he finally comes clean. He should be denied entrance to the Hall of Fame just for that.

There still hasn't been a column about the NBA so far this season, and I'm not starting now. But I'll say this: LeBron is that good. And he will be that good for a long, long time.

And since college basketball doesn't matter until March, I'll skip that one too.

Moving on to football, the playoffs are in full swing, and your beloved Eagles are cruising right along. And of course, now that they are in the playoffs, everyone's a fan. But back in week two, between the calls for Andy Reid's job and McNabb's exile, all I heard were things like, "Well I just watch the games, I'm not really a fan" and "The Eagles are only, like, my fourth favorite team." Funny how things change so quickly.

The Eagles play host to the Packers this weekend in an NFC matchup. And speaking of the Packers, is there anyone more fun to watch than Brett Favre? In between his memorable torching of the Raiders on Monday Night Football a day after his father died, he found time to smile. Call me crazy, but it actually looks like he enjoys playing the game.

In hockey, the new movie, "Miracle" has the potential to be one of the best sports movies ever made and I am actually excited to go to the movies for the first time since "Gigli" was released. I only hope that the producers don't butcher one of the greatest moments in American sports history.

In college football, the BCS takes another hit with the split national championship between LSU and USC. The Sugar Bowl was actually entertaining and I haven't seen a defense as good as LSU's in a long time.

The USC vs. Michigan game was over quicker than Britney's marriage, but the Trojan's offense is very good and very young, and if they all pull the ultimate shocker and actually stay in school, the BCS won't have to worry about split titles and controversies, because USC won't lose another game for some time.

The demand for a playoff system is greater than ever, and I still don't get how a couple of computer nerds get to decide the championship, but then again it is the NCAA, and, well, we should come to expect that.

Well that's my time, and I know you are berating me for not mentioning many other stories that occurred, but since they only give this much space, I do what I can.

I'll let you know how "Miracle" turns out.

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Dominating 'D' leads Hens

BY ROB MCFADDEN

Sports Editor

Never before in the 26-year history of Division I-AA college football had a team been held scoreless in the national championship. Never before had a team lost the national championship game by more than 36 points. Never before had an offense been so thoroughly humiliated on a national stage.

Then, on Dec. 19, 2003, Colgate met Delaware.

The Hens' 40-0 shutout victory capped off the most dominating defensive performance in I-AA postseason history. Delaware allowed just 23 points in its four playoff games, surpassing the old record by nine points.

Let's recap:

The Hens' first-round opponent, No. 4 Southern Illinois, came into their first-round matchup with Delaware averaging 425.1 yards and 39.1 points per game. The Salukis had scored at least 20 points in each of their 11 games.

But in a game that featured six Southern Illinois turnovers and a brutal knockout hit on Salukis quarterback Joel Sambursky, Southern Illinois managed just one touchdown.

The infamous "Thunder and Lightning" duo of running backs Muhammad Abdulquadir and Tom Koutsos was held to a combined 114 yards on 30 carries.

The score: 48-7, Delaware advances.

No. 7 Northern Iowa was Delaware's next opponent and the co-champions of the Gateway Conference were anxious to avoid the fate suffered by the Salukis.

The Panthers' vaunted offense had produced an average of 425.1 yards and 31.9



Courtesy of UD Office of Public Relations/Eric R. Crossan
Dave Camburn (17) and the rest of the Delaware defensive unit stuffs Jamaal Branch during the Hens 40-0 rout of Colgate to win the Div. I-AA National Championship.

points a game coming into the contest.

Unfortunately for the Panthers, the Hens were not to be denied. Northern Iowa was held to 164 total yards, the lowest amount of yards gained against Delaware in three years.

The score: 37-7, Delaware advances.

The Hens' opponent in the semifinals was No. 2 Wofford, a small school of less than 2,000 that had somehow managed to field a football team capable of winning the Southern Conference and defeating defending champion Western Kentucky in the quarterfinals.

The Terriers ran the Wingbone offense, a scheme that required lots of movement and coordination. And they were good at it.

Wofford entered the game averaging 267.7 rushing yards per game, good for 5th in all of I-AA.

But Delaware had fared well against Navy, a team that led all Division I teams in rushing offense with a similar system.

The Hens consistently drove back the Terriers' offensive line, shutting down their running game by clogging the lanes and bottling them up.

The Terriers managed just 136 yards on 44 carries.

A field goal that lasted past the bottom upright and a late second touchdown as students swarmed the field were the only

points that Wofford could muster.

The score: 24-9, Delaware advances. With two blowouts and a beating behind them, the Hens prepared for Colgate.

Chattanooga No. 6 Raiders marched into Chattanooga undefeated. They sported the 2003 Payton Award winner in running back Jamaal Branch. They had a 19-7 first-round victory over UMass to brag about. Their rushing defense was ranked 3rd in I-AA.

Colgate was supposed to be different.

"Delaware won't be as fast as Florida Atlantic," Raiders linebacker Tem Lukabu said before the game, "but they're a good football team."

Translation: We can beat Delaware.

"We've seen everything that we're going to see this year," Lukabu said. "We just have to make plays."

Contrary to Lukabu's prediction, it became painfully clear as the game progressed that Colgate had never seen anything quite like the Hens before.

Branch, whose award identifies him as the "most outstanding college football player at the Division I-AA level," was held to 55 yards on 20 carries. Quarterback Chris Brown was held to 94 passing yards and sacked three times. Brown, who had recorded 463 rushing yards coming into the game, ended the night with just 10 yards on the ground.

The score: 40-0, Delaware wins the championship.

When all was said and done, the Hens had outscored their opponents 149-23.

Delaware ended the season averaging just 15.4 points allowed per game, the 5th lowest total in I-AA. The Hens ranked 16th and 17th nationally in total defense and rushing defense respectively.



Courtesy of UD Office of Public Relations/Kathy Atkinson
Head coach K.C. Keeler displays the National Championship trophy upon the team's return to Delaware.

Title propels Hens in polls

BY JON DEAKINS

Sports Editor

Two words.

That's all you need.

When any enthusiastic sports fan hears these two words, a smile suddenly appears on their face. Their heart starts pumping. Their blood starts flowing. Excitement gleams from both eyes.

Every year these two words cause more heartache, more trash-talk and more tailgates than any two words found on earth. Those two words:

"College Football."

And when one thinks of the college game, many thoughts come rushing to the mind. How about America's team, the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame? What about the Crimson Tide from Alabama, once led to numerous championships by the great Bear Bryant?

Speaking of great coaches, maybe even perennial powerhouse Penn State and Joe Paterno with his dark glasses pops into the old noggin?

All three of these programs have legendary and renowned traditions which have been carried on and on throughout generations.

In 2003, however, one tradition outshined them all.

One program set a

precedent for excellence and dedication never before seen at that school en route to becoming the No. 1 ranked team in America.

It's not the Trojans of USC, though, LSU?

Wrong again.

Try the Fighting Blue Hens from this tiny state of Delaware.

By dismantling Colgate 40-0 on Dec. 19 in Chattanooga, Tenn., in front of a nationally televised audience, Delaware undoubtedly proved it was the best Division I-AA team this year.

But that is I-AA.

Try stepping up to the plate and playing with the big boys from I-A. Could this Hens' squad really beat the Notre Dame's, the Alabama's or the Penn State's of the world?

Well frankly yes ... yes they could.

According to Jeff Sagarin, a mathematics graduate from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Delaware finished the 2003 season as the 40th ranked team in all of America, ahead of these and many other historic programs.

Since 1985, the Sagarin Power Ratings have appeared in USA Today for all the major professional

and collegiate sports.

While the ratings are not held in the same regard as the Associated Press or Coaches' Polls, the highly respected mathematical ranking has been used by the NCAA in their postseason tournament basketball selections for years.

The Sagarin ratings are also one the seven major computer rankings used in college football by the Bowl Championship Series, in determining the top two teams.

The 15-1 Hens didn't finish above the three celebrated programs mentioned earlier, but they earned a higher rank than 17 of the bowl games, including Big East co-champions West Virginia and Tulsa, who participated in the Jan. 3 Humanitarian Bowl.

On a more personal note for some of the Hens' transfer players, Delaware finished the year ahead of such programs as Louisville (Ryan Mcdermond, Brad Shushman), Duke (Shawn Johnson), Arizona State (Joe Bleymaier) and Cincinnati (Justin Laforgia).

And for star quarterback Andy Hall, Delaware finished just behind Georgia Tech, the school that overlooked this All-American's see HENS page B7

Keeler destined for big time

BY DAN MONTESANO

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When K.C. Keeler was first introduced as the new Delaware football coach, he did exactly what the administration told him not to do. He began talking about bringing a national championship to Delaware.

The administration told him not to talk about championships because it wasn't realistic.

Now two years later, the Division I-AA National Championship trophy resides in Newark and as long as Keeler is roaming the sidelines for the Hens, national championship talk will realistically be heard every year.

Keeler has brought Delaware its first Division I-AA national championship and first championship of any kind since 1979. In doing so he has re-established Delaware as one of I-AA's premier programs.

"There's been a drought for a while, and I wanted the chance to bring the glory back to Delaware," Keeler said after the Hens' 40-0 rout of Colgate to capture the title.

Well, Keeler has brought the glory back to Delaware, and he has done so far quicker than anyone expected. This quick turnaround suddenly begs the question, how long will Keeler stick around Newark?

In winning a championship

in just his second year as an I-AA head coach, Keeler has easily put himself into the upper echelon of elite coaches in I-AA.

He is a bright, charismatic and young coach that has a proven track record wherever he has been. At Division III Rowan, he won nearly 80 percent of his games, and now at Delaware, he has quickly added a second national championship ring to his finger.

He operates an innovative offensive system and his knack for recruiting I-A caliber players won't go unnoticed.

It won't be long before many I-A programs in the market for a new head coach begin their search right here in Newark.

Look at Jim Tressel of Ohio State, for example. After establishing a dynasty at I-AA Youngstown State, the Buckeyes plucked Tressel from their own back yard to replace the fired John Cooper. And in his second year as an I-A coach, Tressel led the Buckeyes to an undefeated season and a BCS National Championship.

More and more I-A programs are starting to look among the I-AA ranks to find head coaches. Paul Johnson left Georgia Southern after winning a couple of national championships to take the helm Navy.

Even head coach Mark

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Hens smoked by Rams on the road

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Embarrassed.

No other word can quite describe the feeling of the Delaware men's basketball team Wednesday night, after Virginia Commonwealth University plucked the Hens 99-72 at Alltel Pavilion.

VCU shot an astounding 67.3 percent from the field en route to the 27-point blowout, the largest loss for Delaware since Nov. 28, 2001, when the 19th ranked Saint Joe's beat the Hens 84-57 at the Bob Carpenter Center.

VCU (8-4, 2-1 CAA) had five players in double figures, led by 6-foot-6, 300-pound center, Troy Godwin, who scored a game-high 20 points while shooting an overwhelming 8 for 10 from the field in only 23 minutes of work.

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The 99 points scored by the Seahawks was approximately 30 points higher than their season average of 69.7 points per game and the most points scored on Delaware since a 113-111 overtime loss to New Hampshire back in the '94-95 season.

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