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Funk wins landslide victory

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Mayor Harold F. Godwin and 6th District Councilwoman Christine Rewa were defeated in Newark's Tuesday election.

Vance A. Funk III won the race for mayor, while university graduate student Kevin J. Vonck won the 6th District city council race.

Funk defeated Godwin by a margin of 2,642 to 925. Funk said he was shocked that he won by such a large margin.

"We thought we'd have about 65 percent of the vote," he said, "but when it came in at 74 percent, I was amazed."

Funk said he felt good about the campaign and thought his personal visits to residents added greatly to the effort.

He attributed the victory mainly to the multitude of campaign volunteers. For example, Funk said, student volunteers picked up senior citizens Tuesday and drove them to the polls so they could have the opportunity to vote.

"We assembled an incredibly large group of volunteers and workers," he said. "From that point on I knew we were going to win."

Funk's first focus as the new mayor will be to resolve the issues with the partially built reservoir.

"The second thing I want to work on is the quality of life in Newark," he said, "make it a friendlier place, a cleaner place, a place not drowned out with loud noise."

Vonck, a research assistant and doctoral candidate at the university, accepted congratulations after the results were announced at the City Municipal Building and said he was elated about his victory.

"We got a great, diverse turnout in District 6," he said.

With 186 votes, Vonck defeated Rewa, who had 121 votes, as well as fellow challenger Kenneth L. Bartholomew, who had 115 votes.

At 23, Vonck will be the youngest ever to serve on the City Council.

"I'm really excited that people saw past the traditional student stereotype," he said, "and saw a young, excited, enthusiastic person who could bring a fresh perspective to the council."

Vonck said there are three issues he wants to concentrate on as a member of the council: completing the reservoir, focusing on public safety and initiating curbside recycling collection.

Rewa said she intends to stay involved in the community and has an interest in how Vonck handles his new position.

"He's got a lot of energy and good ideas, and I'm interested to see what he can do," she said.

Lifelong resident Bob Wollaston said he had placed his vote early that morning.

"I think Newark's ready for a change," he said.

Inside the 4th District voting location, Wollaston's wife sat at a long table, checking identifications as voters trickled through the door.



Courtesy of Vance Funk III

Vance Funk defeated Newark mayor Harold F. Godwin by a 74 percent margin in the city election Tuesday.

Annabelle Wollaston said she has volunteered at the polls for many years and that this year's turnout was relatively normal.

"It's been steady all day," she said.

City Secretary Patricia Fogg said 15,315 residents were eligible for Tuesday's election and 3,567 citizens voted, a 23 percent voter turnout.

"It was certainly a bigger turnout than usual," she said.

Speaker ponders China's future

BY JOE OLIVIERI

Staff Reporter

A former secretary of defense warned that China could face great difficulties in the next decade that would threaten recent increasingly positive Sino-American relations.

William Perry, secretary of defense during the first Clinton administration, highlighted three possible scenarios that would endanger the stability of the Chinese government and harm diplomacy to approximately 340 people in Mitchell Hall Wednesday during this week's installment of the Global Agenda lecture series.

Perry said China has improved remarkably in the past 20 years, weathering international economic problems and reaching out to other countries.

"They've established harmonious relations with their neighbors for the first time in decades," he said, "and have worked to become a responsible member of the international community including membership in the World Trade Organization."

Perry said his view of the last three decades in Sino-American relations have been positive, but he would not say that will necessarily hold true for the future.

Three situations would challenge this prosperity.

"What if Taiwan declared inde-

pendence, and the Chinese government responded with military action?" he said.

"The second one is what if North Korea refuses to give up its nuclear weapons program, conduct atomic bomb tests, and the United States responded with military action?"

"Finally, what if the economic growth that China has enjoyed for the past three decades stalled, with unemployment and the economic consequences so severe the Chinese government is then destabilized?"

Perry said Taiwan had recently shown preliminary signs of declaring independence.

"Their push last month for a referendum was a dangerous step in the direction of a formal declaration of independence," he said, "and I truly believe that a declaration of independence would result in military action."

Fortunately, he said, the referendum was not passed but its main supporter, the president of Taiwan, was narrowly reelected, keeping the issue unresolved.

Perry believes tensions between China and Taiwan will be resolved peacefully due to rapid economic, cultural and social integration.

"I believe that the political integration will follow in time," he said, "provided both governments



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Former defense secretary William Perry explains the changing dynamics of China's role in the international community.

are patient and allowing the integration process to proceed at its own pace."

North Korea, Perry said, has aspired to have nuclear weapons for more than 20 years.

Pakistani scientists, he said, sold technology and materials to North Korea for a comprehensive nuclear program.

"It is certain that they have 8,000 rods of spent fuel for a reactor," he said. "It is certain they have the capabilities to reprocess the fuel, giving them the enough plutonium to make about six nuclear bombs."

Despite China's intercession and regional countries meeting for diplomatic discussion, the results of these talks are of questionable relevance.

"The United States is willing to meet with North Korea," he said, "but it is still not clear if our gov-

ernment is willing to negotiate with them."

"And while North Korea is willing, even eager, to meet with the United States, it is still not clear that the North Koreans are really willing to give up their nuclear weapons program."

He said North Korea holds on to its nuclear weapons for protection out of fear of a preemptive attack from the United States.

"It is because of the North Korea's nuclear weapons program that they have anything to fear from the United States," Perry said.

Lastly, China could face problems if its prosperous economic development were to slow down, Perry said.

The communist government, he said, is unable to justify itself on ideology anymore and is maintained public support solely through

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Del. debates bar liability

BY JENNIFER LUCAS

Staff Reporter

Legislation intended to increase liability for bars that serve alcohol to customers who are already intoxicated is being considered by the Delaware House of Representatives.

State Sen. Karen Peterson, D-9th District, said the legislation was scheduled for voting in the House on April 7 but was postponed until April 28 because there was not enough time to complete the meeting before the House went on recess.

Peterson introduced the bill to the Delaware State Senate on June 11 because of the death of Shaun Loomis, a 16-year-old Elkton resident who was killed in a head-on collision with another driver.

Peterson said the man involved in the crash had been drinking at a pizzeria in Newark for seven hours and had a blood alcohol level of .22, more than twice the legal limit.

"Delaware's law already prohibits bartenders from serving already intoxicated people," she said. "The problem is we don't have enough people to enforce it."

Peterson said there are not enough police officers to sit in every bar and make sure the bartenders do not over-serve customers.

Even when police do catch a bartender over-serving, she said, the only way to enforce the law is with a \$250 fine.

"Nobody cares about a \$250 fine," she said. Peterson said Delaware is one of only seven states that do not hold bars liable for over-serving customers.

Studies have shown that dram shop laws, like Shaun's Law, she said, are the most effective way to curb over-serving.

"At least five studies have shown that dram shop laws can reduce alcohol related deaths by 10 percent," Peterson said.

Some people are opposed to the bill, she said, because they think people should take personal responsibility for being intoxicated.

"The problem with that is alcohol impairs your judgment," Peterson said. "The bartender is supposedly sober. He's the gatekeeper."

A more valid concern is that the increased liability will cause insurance premiums to increase, she said. "Any time you add liability the costs will go up." However, the premiums will not increase as much as the Delaware Restaurant Association says, she said. Increases of 30 to 40 percent are more reasonable.

"My bill places a \$250,000 cap on liability," Peterson said.

Carrie Leishman, president and CEO of the DRA, said quotes from insurance companies indicate that premiums will rise from an average of \$500 to \$10,000.

"The only thing it does is raise the insurance rates for small businesses to astronomical levels," she said.

Although this was a major concern of the DRA, Leishman said this is not her greatest concern with Shaun's Law.

"The biggest problem with this law is it opens the door for frivolous lawsuit abuse," she said.

Legislators need to concentrate on existing laws to address the problem of alcohol related deaths, Leishman said. Enforcement of existing laws and educating and training bartenders would do more to fix the problem.

"I've heard that the classes we provide aren't any good," she said. "If the training isn't any good, we need to focus on that."

Leishman said Shaun's Law would be ineffective at reducing alcohol related deaths, and it is just intended to fix current laws.

"This legislation acts as a band-aid," she said.

Greg Patterson, communications director for Gov. Ruth Ann Minner, said the governor has not decided yet if she will sign the bill if it passes in the House.

"We haven't really looked at it yet," he said.

Shaun's Law passed in the Delaware State Senate on June 19 with a vote of 11-9, with one senator not voting. The bill is currently in the House Business, Corporations and Commerce Committee.

Bush defends policy on war, terror

BY ERIN BURKE

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In his first prime time news conference of the year Tuesday night, President George W. Bush addressed the future of the reconstruction effort in Iraq and the war on terror, after an especially tough week for coalition forces.

Before taking questions from reporters, President Bush took a moment to speak to the American people about the current situation in Iraq.

He said the violence seen in Iraq is an attempt at a power grab by extremists who want to run the United States out of the region but is not a civil war or popular uprising. He said most of Iraq is relatively stable.

Bush said a central commitment of the American mission is the transfer of sovereignty back to the Iraqi people.

"We have set a deadline of June 30," he said. "It is important that we meet that deadline."

He was not clear, however, on whom the United States will be handing the Iraqi government over to on June 30.

"We'll find that out soon," Bush said.

The president said the commitment to the success and security of Iraq will not end at the June 30 deadline.

"On July 1 and beyond," he said, "our reconstruction assistance will continue and our military commitment will continue."

Bill Ghent, press secretary for Sen. Thomas R. Carper, D-Del., said the senator feels, in terms of handing power over in Iraq, there are some serious problems.

"Some serious questions have not been

answered," he said. "Who will we give power to? How will we maintain stability? The president did not answer these questions."

During the press conference, Bush was asked about his responsibility regarding the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, whether he made any mistakes and whether he felt he owed the American people an apology.

Bush did not admit direct responsibility or personal mistake for the attacks.

"If I had any inkling whatsoever that the people were going to fly airplanes into buildings, we would have moved heaven and earth to save the country," he said, "just like we're working hard to prevent a further attack."

Although the former counterterrorism official, Richard Clarke, gave an apology to the American people for failing them prior to Sept. 11, the president did not offer one.

"The person responsible for the attacks was Osama bin Laden," Bush said. "That's who's responsible for killing Americans. And that's why we will stay on the offense until we bring people justice."

Ghent said there is enough blame to go around for everyone and questions have been raised as to how much the administration knew and why they did not know more.

The fault also falls on the previous administration, he said, but we are more concerned with how we will move forward then with placing blame.

Leslie Goldstein, political science professor, said she feels the president failed to address certain pressing questions.

"In the speech [Bush] gave before he took

questions, he repeatedly said the war in Iraq was a war against terrorism," she said, "but he did not give any evidence that there was a connection between al-Qaida and the Iraqi government."

"What are the links? No one asked him." Goldstein said she found the press conference unsatisfactory.

"I didn't learn anything new from the conference," she said. "The only thing I learned was that the president could not think of any mistakes he has made."

Elizabeth Wenk, spokeswoman for Rep. Michael N. Castle, R-Del., agreed that nothing new was introduced in the press conference but said it was a reaffirmation of the president's goals and principles.

"Congressman Castle believes it is generally helpful in difficult times if the president speaks to the public about the situation," she said.

An increasing amount of Americans have problems with the mission in Iraq as the election is quickly approaching.

Bush said he plans to retain the presidency come November.

"I don't plan on losing my job," he said. "I plan on telling the American people that I've got a plan to win the war on terror. And I believe they'll stay with me."

Ghent said the decreasing public support could hurt Bush.

It has been shown that it is already hurting him in the polls, he said, and the public support could further erode by November.

DuPont cuts jobs worldwide

BY MONICA SIMMONS
Staff Reporter

DuPont Co. will cut 650 jobs in Delaware in the next several months as part of a major restructuring that will ultimately eliminate 3,500 jobs in North America and Europe, officials said Tuesday.

Clifton Webb, company spokesman, said the company is decreasing its work force by approximately 6 percent to increase its competitiveness in growing countries abroad. Most of the jobs will be eliminated by mid-summer, Webb said.

"The re-design will ensure the future of the company," he said. "It will help sustain our growth abroad as product markets become increasingly competitive."

The company informed its employees Monday morning via e-mail and meetings with unit managers how each unit will be affected, Webb said.

The company expects most cuts to be salaried workers, he said, not necessarily hourly employees.

Employees have the opportunity to volunteer to be laid off and accept severance packages before April 29, Webb said.

DuPont plans to set up a career fair to

bring in businesses that are hiring and educate those being released on entrepreneurship opportunities, he said.

"We plan to do everything in our power to help those targeted secure alternate positions," Webb said. "We are trying to make this as easy as possible."

DuPont is currently negotiating a deal to sell Invista, a subsidiary of DuPont that produces nylon, to Koch Industries in Indiana, he said.

Invista employees are not included in the current job cut, Webb said.

However, if Invista is sold, its employees would be transferred to Koch, he said, shrinking the company's work force by approximately 20,000 people.

"This re-organization is more multifaceted and comprehensive than just cutting workers," Webb said.

Debbie Lindgren, senior market analyst for the Delaware Department of Labor, said the numbers released by DuPont officials mark the largest labor cut in the state since 2001.

"This will no doubt ripple through the state's economy," she said. "Almost every person in Delaware is dependent upon the

company in some means, directly or indirectly."

According to figures collected by the department, Delaware lost 5,800 more jobs than it created between 2001 and 2003, she said.

The degree of impact on the state's economy, Lindgren said, largely depends on what types of jobs are lost.

Since many suppliers of the company are local, she said, production losses would have the greatest impact.

"This is certainly not DuPont's first labor cut," Lindgren said, "and I don't expect it will be the last."

Petra Christmann, economics professor at the University of Virginia, said many corporations like DuPont are scrambling to cut costs in order to increase their edge in increasingly competitive markets.

The real challenge for DuPont, she said, will be whether they can produce innovative products that will eliminate the need for labor reduction.

"You can't sustain a company in the long-run by merely cutting jobs," Christmann said. "Sooner or later, it will have to resort to other methods to maintain its success."



BUSH BACKS ISRAELI WEST BANK CLAIMS

WASHINGTON, D.C. — President George W. Bush endorsed Wednesday Israel's claim to parts of the West Bank seized in the 1967 Middle East war and asserted that Palestinian refugees cannot expect to return to their homes inside Israel, an explicit shift in U.S. policy immediately attacked by Palestinian political leaders.

Standing alongside Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon at the White House, President Bush said it would be "unrealistic" to return to the region's prewar boundaries, affirming that some large Israeli settlements long considered illegal by American and some international diplomats will be allowed to remain.

Bush stopped short of specifying which settlements Israel should keep, but in publicly backing an Israeli strategy developed without Palestinian input, he set aside years of U.S. policy that deemed the West Bank settlements as obstacles to a lasting peace in the region.

The shape of the border and the fate of any refugees it created were to be settled in final negotiations between Israelis and Palestinians.

The new U.S. approach is aimed at breaking a three-year stalemate in the peace process marked by deadly violence, reprisals and deepening despair.

Bush administration officials said they concluded the best hope of jump-starting the search for peace was to embrace Sharon's unilateral strategy, which includes withdrawing Israeli settlers from the Palestinian-controlled Gaza Strip and building a security wall between Israelis and Palestinians.

At the same time, some Middle East specialists warned Bush's embrace of Sharon and his plan risked undermining U.S. ambitions in the region.

Reaction from Palestinian leaders was swift and pointed. Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia said the move kills the rights of the Palestinian people.

"We cannot accept that," he said. "We reject it and we refuse it."

Bush and Sharon each had domestic political reasons for reaching an agreement, with a U.S. presidential election less than eight months away and Sharon's Likud Party due to vote soon on his strategy of disengaging from the Palestinians.

Officials said a desire to avoid further alienating Arab public opinion helped keep the White House from backing Sharon's entire plan.

The Bush administration, entangled in an increasingly bloody battle for Iraq and a global fight against Islamic extremism, is widely perceived abroad to favor Israel at the expense of the Palestinians.

U.N. ENVOY CALLS FOR DISSOLVING GOVERNING COUNCIL BY JUNE 30

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A U.N. envoy proposed on Wednesday that Iraq's U.S.-appointed Governing Council be dissolved when the United States hands over power on June 30 and replaced with a caretaker government of technocrats who would rule until elections are held.

With less than 70 days before the handover of power, the initiative by former Algerian foreign minister Lakhdar Brahimi amounts to a last-ditch effort to cobble together an interim government after repeated Iraqi objections to earlier U.S.-crafted plans, including one to hold regional caucuses.

U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan, who will review Brahimi's proposal before it is formally released later this month, dispatched the veteran diplomat to Iraq at the behest of the Bush administration to resolve disagreements among Iraqi leaders over the political transition.

Brahimi said the interim government should have a cabinet of ministers led by a prime minister, as well as a president who would serve as the head of state. Although some Iraqi politicians and officials of the U.S. government have favored handing power to the 25-member Governing Council or an expanded version of that body, Brahimi ruled out that approach because of questions about the council's lack of popular support.

Brahimi wants the ministers, the president and two vice presidents to be chosen by the United Nations, in consultation with the U.S. occupation authority, the Governing Council and other institutions.

Although U.S. administrator L. Paul Bremer and other administration officials have endorsed that approach, it could prove controversial among Iraqis, including some Governing Council members, who want a more active role in selecting their interim government.

It is not known how the cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali Sistani, feels about Brahimi's proposal.

The U.N. envoy was unable to travel to the holy city of Najaf, where Sistani lives, because of a standoff there between U.S. troops and militia loyal to a rival cleric, Muqtada al-Sadr.

Brahimi spoke to Sistani's son over the telephone and U.S. officials have asked interlocutors to explain the proposal to Sistani directly.

EUROPEAN NATIONS REJECT BIN LADEN TRUCE

BERLIN — Great Britain, Germany and Italy turned down a purported offer from Osama bin Laden yesterday to call a truce with them if they pulled their troops out of Muslim countries.

"There can be no discussions with terrorists or criminals such as Osama bin Laden," a spokesman for the government of Germany said. "The international community must continue its fight against terrorism and Germany will continue to play its role."

Germany has sent troops to Afghanistan. An unnamed spokeswoman for the British Foreign Office said they would not deal with terrorists.

"We cannot negotiate with al-Qaida," she said. "Their attacks are against the very idea of co-existence."

British troops have joined in the U.S.-led conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq, with 8,700 stationed in Southern Iraq.

Italian Foreign Minister Franco Frattini dismissed the idea of a deal with al-Qaida.

"It is completely unthinkable that we could start negotiations with bin Laden," he said.

There are 3,000 Italian troops in Iraq.

The responses followed the airing of an audiotape from a person identifying himself as bin Laden, the al-Qaida leader.

Addressing "our neighbors north of the Mediterranean," the speaker said: "I announce a truce with the European countries that do not attack Muslim countries."

The seven-minute statement said the offer was good for three months and that the truce would begin when the last soldiers of the European countries left the Muslim countries.

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

Del., N.J. protest VX disposal

BY E. KULHANEK
Staff Reporter

Gov. Ruth Ann Minner and New Jersey Gov. James E. McGreevey sent a letter to Les Brownlee, acting secretary of the Army, April 8 urging the Army to reconsider its plan to transport 1,269 tons of the VX nerve agent to a DuPont wastewater treatment facility in Deepwater, N.J.

Currently, 1,200 gallons of the wastewater containing the agent are being stored at an Army site in Newport, Ind.

Last year, the Army submitted a proposal to treat the wastewater at a public wastewater treatment plant near Dayton, Ohio but withdrew the proposal due to opposition from local citizens.

The United States must dispose of 31,500 tons of stockpiled chemicals by 2007 in order to comply with an international treaty.

Jeff Lindblad, public affairs spokesman for the Army, said he is not sure if Brownlee has received the letter yet.

"We will look at the letter and address the issues it contains," he said. "There will be some sort of response letter."

The Army has not yet awarded the contract to DuPont, Lindblad said, and no contract will be awarded until the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention conducts a formal review of the Army's proposal.

Anthony Farina, spokesman for the DuPont Co., said DuPont and the Army have set aside time for a public comment period that is in effect until April 19.

"We understand citizens' concerns and we are sensitive to that," he said, "but make no mistake about it, we would only be involved with this if we could treat the water safely and effectively."

The proposal calls for the plant to treat between 5,000 to 10,000 gallons of the wastewater per day, he said.

"The plant treats more than 15 million gallons per day. That makes the ratio of VX wastewater to non VX wastewater 2,000 to 1," Farina said.

Stockpiled chemical weapons are targets for terrorism, he said, and threaten the well being of Americans.

"We feel that through our unique capabilities, we would be best suited to eliminate this possible terrorism threat," Farina said.

According to 2003 U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, DuPont's safety record was 10 times better than the average record in the U.S. industry, he said.

However, lawmakers as well as citizens in Delaware and New Jersey have concerns over the issue.

Rep. Gregory Lavelle, D-11th District, said he has a number of issues with the proposal.

"My gut reaction as a citizen was, 'You have got to be kidding me,'" he said.

Several environmental and civil groups, as well as citizens, Lavelle said, have contacted him with anxiety concerning safety issues.

"My primary concern is the impact this will have on our environment and on our river," he said. "I have a number of issues of whether or not it can be done safely here."

The best result for everyone involved would be to treat the water at or near the site where it is currently being stored, Lavelle said.

"I do not want our river to become a choice destination for this type of thing in the future," he said.

States consider weapons ban

BY ANDREW G. SHERWOOD
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In an attempt to outlaw assault weapons before a decade-old ban expires in September, some state lawmakers are sponsoring legislation to ban the weapons within their states.

Early this month, a Maryland State Senate committee defeated a proposal to ban assault weapons, ending all possibilities the General Assembly will put a gun control bill into effect in Maryland before the federal ban expires.

Diane Walker, spokeswoman for Maryland State Sen. Robert Garagiola, D-15th District, the sponsor of the bill, said this was the last chance for the bill to pass in Maryland.

"It has to be done at the Federal level now," she said. "There's nothing else we can do."

After a similar bill failed in Illinois, Gov. Rod Blagojevich threatened to veto a pro-gun bill if it does not include an assault weapons ban.

Alan Sager, spokesman for Blagojevich, said despite pressure from the governor, Illinois lawmakers want to wait until September to see whether Congress actually lets the federal ban expire.

"It seems that legislators want to avoid a debate over this," he said, "and they're opting for a wait-and-see approach."

Ken Lisaitus, spokesman for the White House, said President George W. Bush

would support an extension of the federal ban.

Although the president supports extending the 1994 federal assault weapons ban, he said, leaders in Congress have vowed to let the gun control measure expire this fall.

Rob Wilcox, assistant director of communications for the Brady Campaign Against Gun Violence, said intense lobbying from the National Rifle Association is making it nearly impossible to pass the law.

"The NRA has promised to derail any attempt to ban assault weapons at the state level," he said, "and they're consciously trying to mislead the public."

"If the public is made aware of this ban and how effective it's been, we believe it will be renewed."

Wilcox said the federal ban specifically outlaws 19 firearms, including the Uzi assault rifle, the AK-47 and other military-style weapons.

Brian Hyder, spokesman for the NRA, said the Brady Campaign is the one misinforming the public.

"The Brady Campaign is lying when they say that unless the assault weapons ban is renewed, these illegal weapons will be legal again," he said. "The truth is that these firearms were prohibited in 1989 by executive order, and that wouldn't change if the ban expires."

When asked about the 1989 executive order on assault weapons, Wilcox said the NRA was "blatantly wrong" and "conscious-

ly trying to mislead the public."

"The executive order passed in 1989 did not prohibit all of these 19 firearms," he said. "It only banned the Uzi and the AK-47 from being manufactured outside the U.S. and imported in, any that were made in the U.S. were available for the public."

For 2003, Delaware received a grade of "C" on the annual report card done by the Brady Campaign, Wilcox said, and Delaware has no law restricting assault weapons.

Gregory B. Patterson, director of communications for Gov. Ruth Ann Minner, said Delaware was not trying to ban assault weapons within the state, nor had the governor taken a position on the renewal of the federal assault weapons ban.

Bill Ghent, spokesman for Sen. Thomas R. Carper, D-Del., said the federal assault ban has ceased for the year.

"We voted for it in March, but the Republicans and the NRA loaded the bill with loopholes, and it had to be scrapped, and that probably means it won't be renewed before September," he said.

Olivia Kurtz, spokeswoman for Rep. Michael N. Castle, R-Del., said the Congressman has supported the renewal of the federal ban.

"Do the American people really want Uzis and AK-47's on the streets where they live?" she said. "If the ban expires this year," she said, "we would very well face this reality."

THREE-DAY FORECAST



FRIDAY
Mostly sunny,
highs in the 60s



SATURDAY
Partly cloudy,
highs in the 70s



SUNDAY
Partly cloudy,
highs in the 70s

—courtesy of the National Weather Service

Police Reports

BREAK IN AT EAST CLEVELAND AVENUE HOUSE
An unknown person entered and removed property from university students in a house on East Cleveland Avenue between approximately 12:40 a.m. and 12:50 a.m., Newark Police said.
Cpl. Tracy Simpson said the intruder entered through an unlocked back door.
One of the students just returned home, she said, which is why the door was unlocked.
Simpson said the span of time between when the student went upstairs and the intruder removed the property was approximately 10 minutes.
A Dell laptop, a Samsung flip phone and two purses were removed from the first floor of the house, she said.
The property removed is val-

ued at \$1,065, Simpson said.
There are currently no leads, she said.
VEHICLE REMOVED FROM WELSH TRACT ROAD
An unknown person removed a vehicle from a parking lot outside of the Villa Belmont apartment complex between approximately 6 p.m. Tuesday and 5 a.m. Wednesday, Simpson said.
The person entered the owner's unlocked truck, she said, and removed the keys to his 2002 Honda Accord from the glove compartment.
Simpson said the person then drove away in the Accord.
The car is valued at \$14,000, she said.
Simpson said there has recently been a series of stolen vehicles from the Villa Belmont area.

In this particular case, she said, there are no leads.
PROPERTY REMOVED FROM CAR IN DICKEY PARK LOT
An unknown person removed property from a vehicle on Madison Drive in the Dickey Park lot between approximately 10 p.m. Tuesday and 10 a.m. Wednesday, Simpson said.
She said the person broke a window on the vehicle and removed a camcorder and approximately 50 CDs.
Damage to the vehicle is estimated at \$200, Simpson said, and the property is valued at \$900.
She said there are no suspects and the case would remain inactive.

—Stephanie Andersen

City opens emergency notification system

BY JIA DIN

Staff Reporter

Newark has recently implemented a city watch information system by which citizens can be notified of important announcements and emergency information through a computerized system.

Carol Houck, assistant city administrator, said the City Watch Community Notification System is an automated service, which calls people to let them know important information.

The system is geo-coded, meaning that it can call citizens on specific streets or portions of the city or send calls out to the entire city depending on the circumstance, she said. The program can be used to notify people of missing children, electrical outages, storms or other information pertaining to the city.

"It's a good way to get information out quickly to the city," Houck said. "It's a good tool as far as being able to provide service and emergency information."

She said other areas such as Bethany Beach and New Castle County have been using similar systems. It appeared useful and appealing for Newark, which is why the city purchased the program from Avtex, a telecommunications company.

Don Denman, vice president of Avtex, said this system is useful because it enables cities to become involved in crime prevention and unifies the community by giving them information quickly and automatically.

"It can actually save lives," he said. "It has in numerous cases."

John Herring, systems support specialist for Newark, said the city is not primarily using the system for emergencies but also for daily information.

"It's for anything and everything that's deemed important to the citizen," he said. "It can be used for something simple, like telling people there will be sidewalk work being done in your neighborhood, to information about a missing child in your area."

Houck said the city used this system for the first time last week by notifying all residents with registered phone numbers of differing days of trash pickup due to the Good Friday holiday.

"People get confused and forget when to put their trash out during holidays," she said, "so the message went out to remind people of this change."

Denman said City Watch is being used by various networks in several hundred cities across the country, such as school districts, health departments and police departments.

Cpl. Tracy Simpson of Newark Police said the department has yet to become involved in using the program.

"We would like to use it in the future," she said, "but right now we are not."

Herring said citizens will soon have the choice of whether they want to enroll so they can be included in the notification system.

Citizens can enroll by filling out a form attached to their utility bill, by going in person to the municipal building or by signing up on the city Web site, he said.

The enrollment process will give the city an accurate list of citizens and their contact information, Herring said, and will show the willingness of people to participate in this system.

Houck said citizens who have enrolled will have the option of choosing how they would like to be notified. The automated system can send out information via telephone, e-mail or fax.

There are strict guidelines as to what sort of announcements can be made through this new system, she said.

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Universities contest school ranking methods

BY KRISTEN LAUERMAN

Staff Reporter

Harvard Business School and the University of Pennsylvania Wharton Business School will no longer provide student contact information to all commercial outlets, including media groups that create college rankings, in an attempt to combat what they call misleading rankings.

David Lampe, executive director of marketing and communication at Harvard, said the ranking system provides an inaccurate picture of the school, which ranked third in 2002.

"Individual schools have different strengths and approaches to education," he said. "What matters is finding the right match between the interests and ambitions of the student and the school."

Lampe said the ranking system conflicts with the rich diversity of the students.

"It makes each student and school sound alike," he said. "Business Week" will still be allowed to contact the students independently, but Harvard will no longer provide them with information, Lampe said.

"We are just asking them to follow normal journalistic procedures," he said. "There is no other industry where they ask for contact information."

Patrick Harker, dean of the Wharton School, which ranked fifth, stated in an e-mail message that the rankings produce useless information.

"The external rankings fall far short of supplying the type of objective comparative material from which prospective students or recruiters can make the most informed choices," he said.

The surveys can be misleading, Harker said, and the methodologies used change from year to year producing an incorrect ranking.

"Some of the rankings are driven more by editorial agendas than by objective data," he said.

Louis Hirsh, director of admissions at the University of Delaware, said the rankings do not take into account individual student perspective or what a student needs to know when making a college decision.

"The toughest stuff to measure is how imaginative a school is in serving the students," he said.

Visiting the school and talking to students is the best way to get an accurate picture of the school, Hirsh said.

The survey system does not include employment after graduation, he said, which is one of the most important outcomes of a degree.

"Ranking focuses attention on the top 1 percent of schools in the country," Hirsh said. "Employers usually have successful graduates from a whole range of colleges."

Andrew Palladino, director of communications for "Business Week," stated in an e-mail message that the organization has other reporting resources and are moving ahead with their survey.

Palladino said he disagrees with Harvard and Wharton's decision to try and discourage "Business Week" from doing its survey.

"This is a bad decision that should be reversed," he said.

The business schools are trying to deny people access to information that is needed to make an informed and intelligent decision, Palladino said.

"At a time when the public demands accountability from its business leaders and institutions," he said, "Harvard and Wharton's attempt to curb the most comprehensive, independent source of student opinion about the quality of their education is shameful."

Ronald Ehrenberg, who specializes in ranking systems as a professor at Cornell University, said students and parents pay too much attention to the rankings, and they should be cautious in doing so.

"They are totally inaccurate," he said. "The weights are arbitrary and changes in rankings often reflect changes in the weighting scheme rather than anything changing at the institutions."

Ehrenberg said typically high-ranking schools, such as Harvard and Wharton, will not be affected, but if a school with a lesser reputation tried to withhold student contact information it could hurt those schools badly.

CAC considers environmental initiatives for Newark

BY SARA J. GRAHAM

Staff Reporter

The Conservation Advisory Commission met Tuesday night to discuss storm water utilities, land preservation, energy alternatives and the annual community cleanup.

A main issue addressed at the meeting was the prospect of new taxes for Newark homeowners and businesses that have impervious surfaces, which are causing excess storm water to run off into Christiana River and White Clay Creek, resulting in unnatural erosion.

Impervious surfaces include paved lots or roofs, which do not allow rainwater to percolate naturally into the ground, but force it to drain elsewhere.

Steven Dentel, civil and environmental engineering professor and committee chairman of the CAC, said addressing erosion and storm water drainage problems is imperative, although it requires extra costs for the city.

"The problem with storm water is the more paved surfaces you have, you have more flooding and more erosion," he said.

The taxes for impervious surfaces would work as a fee paid for water utility or wastewater management, Dentel said. Property owners would pay a specific fee that would go to the city to take care of storm water drainage.

One of the biggest concerns expressed was the university's part in the impeding taxation.

The university may already have a permit for its impervious surfaces, Dentel said, making it exempt from the city's taxes.

Working with the university on this issue is a possibility, he said. Kurt Philipp, board member and ecological consultant, said he was concerned that the university would want to function independently from the city regarding storm water management.

"I would imagine the university would be dragged in here kicking and screaming," he said.

No one from university Facilities Planning and Construction was available for comment.

In the past, the university has taken separate jurisdiction regarding this issue, although if it is not currently operating independently from the city, it is subject to taxation, as the university has many large, impervious surfaces, Philipp said.

In addition to storm water management, alternative energy sources for the city were also discussed.

The city is purchasing a small percentage of non-fossil fuel energy. Dentel said approximately .02 percent of Newark's energy is coming from methane gas, which comes from burning landfill waste.

There are concerns about the process of deriving energy from land-

fill waste, including the risk of impurities like dioxides being released when waste is burned, he said.

Members also addressed the threat of developers buying 34 acres of land in New Castle County, commonly referred to as the Wilson property.

Robert Bennett, English professor and committee member, said he was concerned about the city losing the property to developers without preservation of the historic site.

In addition to the environmental implications of developing, he said he was concerned about the preservation of the historic farmhouse located on the property.

"The property is exciting," Bennett said, "but the house is even more exciting."

The Wilson property has a Swedish farmhouse circa 1740, he said, and the Delaware Nature Society has expressed interest in conserving the property.

"To lose that [house] would be very sad," Bennett said. Developing this land would cause a loss of open space, more paved surfaces, possible flooding and an increase in traffic, he said.

At the meeting's close, committee members made plans for the upcoming Community Clean-Up, sponsored by Parks and Recreation of Newark on April 24.

Coffeehouse comedian recalls college experience

BY AARTI MAHTANI

Staff Reporter

Comedian Tim Young performed in the Scrounge Tuesday to an audience of 50 students for the weekly Coffeehouse Series, sponsored by the Student Centers Programming Advisory Board.

Spectators drank free coffee as Young discussed various college experiences, such as morning classes, drinking, women and dating, safe sex, spring breaks, loans, beat-up cars, parental problems, study habits and politics.

Young kicked off his comedic act by choosing a few spectators, which were the main targets for some of his jokes, incorporating their participation in his stand-up.

He said his 8 a.m. classes were horrible experiences for him when he was in college. He described the unpleasant feeling of waking up to

the alarm and hitting the snooze button.

The nine minutes of sleep he got when he hit the snooze button, he said, were like "sleep heroin," in which you loved every minute of sleep in that brief time-frame.

Young also described growing up with a strict father.

"When we were in the car, my father would turn around and say, 'Don't make me come back there and separate you,' he said. 'I knew he was serious because I was by myself in the back seat.'"

Senior Kaitlin Hoffman, vice president of variety events for SCPAB, said Young has been seen on MTV, Comedy Central and "Late Night with Conan O'Brien."

Hoffman said SCPAB decided to ask Young to perform for the Coffeehouse Series because he was a popular comedian and has previously performed

for the club.

"We get tapes from our agents of comedians and choose which ones are the funniest," she said.

Young said the show was his best time performing at the university.

"Out of a 10, this performance was about an eight or nine," he said, "which is very high because some colleges are usually four or five."

Young said he performs at different venues with various types of comedic style, from comedy clubs, to talk shows and universities.

"The comparison of venues varies widely, but I usually enjoy comedy clubs because that's where comedy was born," he said. "But there's something cool about performing at colleges."

Young said he started getting into comedy when he became a member of a comedy group in high school but got into professional comedy when

studying for a theater and communications degree and performing improv in college.

Freshman Deena Lopez said although she has been to a few Coffeehouse Series events before, she attended this particular show because it was a Sigma Alpha pledge event.

She said her favorite part was when he was making fun of people in the audience.

"[He's] one of my favorites," she said, "and the audience was laughing hysterically."

Senior Jason McEwen, chairman of films and Webmaster for SCPAB, said he attends most of the Coffeehouse series events and enjoyed Young's performance.

"I liked when he interacted with the crowd," he said. "I enjoyed how he incorporated college examples into his jokes."

Winning student scripts performed at Lieberman's

BY MELISSA MARGAVICH

Staff Reporter

The cluttered Lieberman's bookstore was transformed into a makeshift theater as actors performed the winning scripts in the seventh annual student playwrighting competition Tuesday.

Senior Edwin Hernandez was this year's winner with his script titled "Dominos."

There was a tie for second place with junior Gary Bundy's "Dillner's Books" and senior Mikaela Larraga's "Kissing You."

First place received \$500 and second and third place each received \$350.

The English department and the E-52 Student Theater group cosponsored the event.

This was the first year the plays were performed at Lieberman's bookstore. Previously, the event was held at Rainbow Books and Bacchus theater.

Jeanne Walker, English professor, said having the event at Lieberman's helped to create a link with the town and attracted members

of all different ages, not just college students.

The English department sponsors the event every year, Walker said, because scriptwriters need a way to see their plays developed for improvement and recognition.

Walker said the competition is also a way for the writers to have a better sense of what would happen in the real theater.

Gwen Thorson, president of E-52, said she was pleased with this year's performance. The highlight for her was having enough male actors to pull off the scripts.

"Finding male actors on campus is very hard," she said.

Michele Volansky, dramaturg for the Philadelphia Theater Company, judged the event.

She has earned two Broadway credits in her career for her work on Sam Shepard's revised "Buried Child" and Dale Wasserman's "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest."

Volansky said she was part of the ensemble cast that won the Tony Award for Best Revival of "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest."

She said she was very impressed with the potential of the student

playwrights, and especially enjoyed Hernandez's "Dominos."

"It was a complex piece, and I immediately understood the main character's dilemma and empathized with it," she said.

Volansky said it was striking to see the individual and unique voices the playwrights possessed. She believes that all three winners have enormous potential as writers.

"The death of theater was predicted for hundreds of years," she said. "It is good to know the death bell is not ringing quite so loudly."

Although Hernandez is a chemistry education major, this was his first shot at scriptwriting and he said he enjoyed it.

"I was really hoping my play would speak to different people and I was really glad I could accomplish that," he said.

Bundy, a theater major, won the Delaware State Festival last year for playwrighting and plans to pursue it in the future.

"Scriptwriting is something I could be broke the rest of my life and still do," he said.

Global Agenda speaker addresses U.S.-Chinese relations

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delivering growth. "It's successful," he said. "In fact, each year for the last 20 years or so they've had about 8 to 10 percent growth. And so the increasing standard of living in the population has caused the population to support the government."

The country suffers from vast unemployment, Perry said, especially farther away from the coastal cities.

"Already unemployment there is serious enough that millions, literally millions of Chinese, have migrated from those inland regions seeking work in the coastal cities, which are relatively prosperous," he said.

Despite these fears, Perry is confi-

dent China can remain stabilized, given its excellent track record for handling difficult international and domestic situations.

Ralph Begleiter, distinguished journalist in residence and moderator of the Global Agenda series, said experience was the key to choosing a speaker for the event.

"I knew that he had a special role

on China," he said, "not only in government, although it was a special role in government, but he was the first one to open up and sign this agreement with the Chinese military, but also after leaving government he continues to be sent as an emissary from the United States to China."

Freshman Karron Doers said she felt Perry was very thorough and left an

open forum for questions.

"What I found most interesting was the comments on North Korea's nuclear weapons and the steps that would actually occur as a result of these actions," she said. "I think all the information he presented on that was very interesting because I had no idea about it."

DUSC holds open forum with administrators

BY BROOK PATTERSON
National/State News Editor

Students were given the opportunity to voice their concerns regarding different areas of the university Tuesday night at a roundtable discussion consisting of 45 students and 12 members of the administration.

The Delaware Undergraduate Student Congress hosted the event to allow students to discuss any issues they may have with various aspects of the university and better understand why the university is run the way it is.

Junior Dhiren Ponnambalam, diversity co-chairman of DUSC, said a lot of people on campus have questions about the university, and the best way to get answers was through the roundtable discussion.

"We wanted students to have the opportunity to air their questions directly," he said. "We see [the panelists] all the time, but not everyone does."

Most of the questions students asked regarded scheduling of final exams, course requirements and the hiring of new faculty. The majority of the concerns were directed to Joseph DiMartile, university registrar, and Daniel Rich, provost.

DiMartile was asked if the university would ever consider adding more reading days prior to the final exam period.

He said there are enough reading days offered. The academic calendar allows for 68 days of instruction each semester, he said, and six days of scheduled exams in order to spread the exams out and not stress students.

"Depending on the days that exams fall on," he said, "it becomes a juggling act sometimes."

Rich addressed the issue of the growing number of faculty members retiring. This results in a shortage of instructors and low availability of courses some students need to graduate.

"Currently, we are putting together a plan to replace and fill every position with a full time faculty member," he said. "All positions will be filled."

Mike Fernbacher, a representative from the Office of Judicial Affairs, addressed issues such as the notification of parents when a student gets in trouble, why students are not allowed to have an attorney present when they go before the judicial affairs board and the process of having to go before the board for off-campus violations.

"We notify parents because we believe it is a teamwork situation to earn a degree," he said, "and we want to partner with the parents."

As for off-campus violations, Fernbacher said the university would likely be more lenient with punishments, considering the student is already in trouble with either the city or state police.

"All Alderman's Court documents come to the university, but they are handled differently than on campus violations," he said. "We want to make sure that just because

you live off-campus, you can't go crazy."

Lawrence Thornton, director of Public Safety, addressed a concern of students regarding university police and their access to fire arms.

Members of the university police, he said, have access to weapons in their car and are able to use them if they deem it is necessary.

Officers must justify the use of a weapon, Thornton said, which includes documenting the reason and the steps that occurred when the weapon was fired.

"We have had 18 to 20 instances where officers had to be armed," he said. "This procedure came about not because of things on campus, but because of things surrounding the campus."

Sandra Wither, assistant director of Morris Library, told students about new extended hours of the Library Commons that will begin

before the final exam period.

"The Morris Library is a 6-acre building with security issues every day," she said, "so a lot of work and planning went into this decision."

Rich said the actual idea for the extended hours came from DUSC.

Senior Morgan Long, president of DUSC, said the roundtable was a success, however they were expecting a larger turnout.

"Everyone asked a great amount of questions," she said, "and every panelist was addressed which was a very good thing."

In upcoming semesters, Long said DUSC hopes to have panels once or twice a semester and have a more focused topic with different administration members.

"It depends on how the panelists see it from here on in," she said.

DiMartile said the discussion went well and the students asked

good questions, however the rain may have kept some students from attending.

"It was very useful," he said, "and I think it is a good idea to keep doing it."

The most important topic discussed, DiMartile said, were the

questions that addressed scheduling and courses.

"It's important to accommodate students in their goals and we are trying to admit students to their first choice," he said.

Junior Kyle Somers, programming delegate for DUSC, said the

panel was a great opportunity for students who have an interest in what goes on around campus.

"All questions were answered," he said, "but if students want, they have the opportunity to follow-up on their questions and get the full story, which is great."

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Poet advocates human rights

BY ERIN GEMENY
Staff Reporter

There are consequences of living under an oppressive government and persecution, an Argentine-Canadian poet, artist and writer said to approximately 70 students and faculty members Tuesday.

Nela Rio combined many types of media in her presentation in Gore Hall. She displayed her digital artwork to accompany some poems, showed an online presentation of her Web site and provided books and pamphlets for the audience, along with reading her poems.

She said governmental construction of silence is a form of oppression. However, it is sometimes important to silence one's self, and she has done this through her art and poetry.

"Many of you have not experienced persecution," she said.

Rio said she speaks about human rights in Latin America on behalf of herself and others who are denied freedom of speech by

their governments or those who are deceased. She said she feels a strong commitment to the women who cannot speak up for themselves and wants to be their voice.

"I understand that my life is not only an individual experience," she said, "but also a collective experience, related to all persons and events, personal experiences that I have gathered in my lifetime."

She said she has felt isolated and silenced because of her dual heritage.

She was born in Argentina and moved to Canada in 1977, where she now resides.

"[This double identity] is a very peculiar experience," she said. "I wanted to be close to the foreign and the familiar."

Canada's two native languages are English and French, but Rio continues to write in Spanish.

One of her books is a collection of poems about 15 women, all of whom have suffered governmental oppression in their native countries, she said. Since she is not currently living in Argentina, she does what

she can for the women whose human rights have been violated.

"I don't like to say that I work for human rights," Rio said. "I say that human rights is a way of life."

Gladys Ilarregui, foreign languages and literatures professor, organized the event.

"She is very committed to passing the word to students," she said. "She has beautiful ways of addressing the suffering."

Senior Richard Coddling said he loved the presentation and enjoyed the display of artwork together with the poems.

Coddling said he liked how Rio is openly expressive about her views, especially because in Argentina freedom of art is more likely to be suppressed.

Rio said students tend to think they have to be in an organization to be involved with human rights. However, anyone who thinks they should treat others how they want to be treated is an advocate for human rights.

"Everybody should know that the model of human rights is one's self," she said.



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Bush's Speech

President George W. Bush hosted a press conference Tuesday evening in a rare opportunity to address the American public directly on several different subjects.

However, the president did not seem to consider it an opportunity.

Bush was unprepared to answer some questions, was altogether evasive and spoke to the White House press corps in a patronizing manner.

He refused to directly answer a question about why he would be testifying for the 9/11 commission with Vice President Dick Cheney. He would not answer another question about whether

he believed he has made any mistakes during his presidency. And he once again failed to address the glaring discrepancy in the WMD issue.

Acting in an evasive and patronizing manner to the press is a bad quality for a country's leader in any situation, but infinitely more so during a time of war.

The Review believes Americans deserve the respect of straightforward and candid responses to questions put forth

by the White House press corps — a challenge that is not particularly hostile, aggressive or unreasonable.

The president was in Texas during the bloodiest week in Iraq since hostilities ended. This press conference could have been an important opportunity to reestablish a connection with this country and answer questions about the unacceptable state of affairs in Iraq. Instead, Bush insisted on "staying the course," implying that any questions the press put forth to him, any direct challenge to his actions, would mean that soldiers have been dying in vain.

This rhetoric is the same manipulation previous administrations have used during times of war. Bush is repeating the same hollow phrases he has always used in reference to the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks and the war in Iraq, but they do not help to directly address any of this country's serious concerns.

Bush is giving the American public little reason to have confidence in his abilities to lead the country. Only a more direct and honest approach to press events in the future could help alleviate this most recent disappointment in his administration.

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Bush's rhetoric polarizes the left



Andrew Amsler
Reality Bites

Freedom, equality, justice and the belief in democratic principles are just a few of the many values held by most Americans, right?

Unfortunately, it seems that these are all concepts reserved for Republicans and people on the right at

present.

Only those who vehemently support the war in Iraq and cherish our foray overseas are viewed as true to these values. This idea is simply absurd. To consider people on the left unpatriotic or uninterested in global freedom because of their stance on Iraq or Afghanistan is an outrageous claim.

Much of this can be attributed to the Bush administration's use of repetitive propaganda in defining the conflict overseas.

When President George W. Bush uses terms such as "thugs" or "terrorists" to define our "enemy," or characterizes them as people who hate freedom and liberty, it becomes easy for Americans to associate Operation Iraqi Freedom with a noble quest for peace.

Hell, even the name "Iraqi Freedom" has this connotation.

Just as television commercials use key words to ingrain products into the minds of consumers, Bush terrifies millions of Americans to the point that they follow their fearless leader without question. Anyone who does not simply line up in blind faith, however, is labeled as unpatriotic or a bad person.

It is despicable to think in this way. In addition to liberty and justice, Americans also enjoy the right to challenge their leadership.

Constructive criticism, as it is often called, helps people realize and even correct their flaws. Why should this be any different with regard to the president of the United States?

The fact is, liberals do care about freedom. They do care about equality and promoting the principles that have made the American democracy the best in the world.

They do care about these things, but instead have serious problems with the ways in which the Bush administration has gone about tackling the challenges posed by terrorists.

Shoddy pre-war intelligence, lack of global support, dubious fiscal impacts and the idea of leaving Iraq in shambles are all concerns voiced by people on the left.

In many cases, these concerns are well-founded, but are often characterized as the views of crazy liberals and not true Americans.

Perhaps if the Bush administration had won the support of the United Nations, been able to reduce impacts on the American economy alone and voiced a clear plan for the future of Iraq, people on the left might have lined up as well.

However, none of this has taken place and the right has successfully



polarized the left with its characterization of the "enemy."

Iraqi Freedom was essentially sold to the American people with the use of colorful language intended to make it unfavorable to think differently.

No one in their right mind would side with thugs or terrorists, so the Bush administration used these terms as its method of propagandizing the war.

What many people seem to forget is that individuals who have raised concerns about the war in Iraq have little complaint about ridding the world of terrorism, but are instead critical of the Bush administration's implementation of its program for peace.

Most people, save the terrorists themselves, are of the opinion that terrorism is a bad thing and must be attacked with might. Fighting terrorists is one thing, but sending thousands of young soldiers overseas based on loose connections to terrorism is the ultimate sin.

The federal government may have been rash in its call to action in Afghanistan, and then in Iraq. This rashness has left two countries in turmoil and little to be desired in the way of actual democratic values.

The next time Bush is speaking on television, which may be soon considering the amount of criticism surrounding his actions, pay close attention to the language he uses.

If the public is informed about the use of propaganda, it will become more difficult for presidents like Bush to make their case to America with words alone.

The dumbing-down of politics to the point where a few words can incite popular support is a scary trend in recent years that only works to the advantage of a select few politicians.

Instead of making political action into a commodity that can be sold to Americans through the use of television, it is necessary for people to be adequately informed about a topic before supporting it. Once this is done, American citizens will have greater control of their own democracy and the White House hardliners will not be able to polarize certain groups of people at the expense of the nation as a whole.

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U.S. deserves sworn, public 9/11 testimony

Jennifer Lucas
Guest Columnist

As you all (hopefully) know by now, National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice testified before the panel investigating the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks — the 9/11 commission, as it's more commonly known.

You probably know that in President George W. Bush's daily briefing of Aug. 6, 2001 our esteemed leader was presented with a memo entitled "bin Laden Determined to Strike within the United States."

You may even know that Richard Clarke warned the president and Dr. Rice of so-called " sleeper cells" of al Qaeda terrorists in the United States as early as January 2001.

All this came out in Dr. Rice's sworn testimony before the commission and is now fairly common knowledge. However, there are several things you may not know.

The most important thing I'd like you to know about Dr. Rice's testimony is the price the commission paid for it.

In exchange for the testimony of the National Security Advisor — testimony the commission certainly needs to investigate the most serious breach of national security ever — the commission agreed to allow the president to have his main crony with him when he makes his own statements.

Yes, that's right, when Bush testifies before the 9/11 commission, Vice President Dick Cheney will be by his side. Whispering into his ear. Making sure he doesn't make any of his famous Bushisms.

This is pure speculation, of course. I obviously have no idea whether or not Cheney will whisper into the president's ear as he testifies.

And I probably never will. You see, Bush's testimony will be private. Not public and televised as Dr. Rice's was. Perhaps so his approval ratings don't slide any more. Perhaps so Cheney can field most of the questions. But who can be sure?

What I am sure of is that our president owes it to this country to make sworn, public testimony before the 9/11 commission. And I know the image of Cheney by his side is one that makes me very, very uncomfortable.

When President Clinton made his testimony in the Monica Lewinsky fiasco, Vice President Gore was not with him. When President Reagan testified in the Iran-contra scandal, he did not have Vice President George H. W. Bush with him. And President Nixon testified without Vice President Ford in the Watergate scandal.

The White House has given two reasons for the joint testimony of Bush and Cheney. The first is that their time is valuable, and it wastes less time for each of them and less of the commission's time if they testify together.

Since both are so busy, I imagine it was difficult to find a time when Bush and Cheney both had the same three hours free to talk to the commission. Wouldn't it be more effective for each to testify at his earliest convenience?

The second reason is that Bush could not possibly know everything there was to know about the intelligence the commission will be asking questions about, and Cheney is needed to clarify the details.

If the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Central Intelligence Agency and Richard Clarke were all telling Bush about the possibility of an attack, as each has claimed, there is no excuse for Bush not knowing all the details.

Even if Bush didn't know about the intelligence beforehand, he certainly should have been told about it once the attacks happened.

At the very least, Bush could be sufficiently briefed on what Cheney knew before he goes before the commission to testify about the details of what his administration knew. Saying he needs Cheney to clarify the details is like saying he's too stupid to remember them for the few hours it will take to testify.

Clinton and Gore made their testimony before the commission last week too, and while their testimony was private, each testified alone. And they testified under oath, as did Dr. Rice.

Bush and Cheney will not testify under oath. This means that if they lie — which both have been known to do, whether about drunk driving convictions or ties to oil companies — neither can be impeached on charges of perjury.

Perjury, not adultery, is the charge for which Clinton was impeached. And what he lied about wasn't exactly his knowledge of possible terrorist attacks.

If Bush lies to the 9/11 commission, shouldn't we be able to hold him accountable? If we can impeach a president for lying about adultery, lies about prior knowledge of terrorist attacks should be subject to at least the same punishment.

By not testifying under oath or before the public, Bush is saying he should not be held accountable if he chooses to lie. And regardless of whether Bush lies to the commission or not, having Cheney by his side looks weak.

It looks weak to the American public, it looks weak to the terrorists threatening to kill American captives and it looks weak to the terrorists who mutilated American contractors in Fallujah last week.

Our president should be capable of testifying alone, in public and under oath before the commission investigating the events on which he is basing his campaign for re-election.

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Fuss over recent death anniversaries evokes memories of forgotten souls



Rob McFadden
It Wasn't Me

Last week was the 10th anniversary of Kurt Cobain's death. Everyone started rambling on and on about how terrible it was and how they remember that day like it was yesterday ...

By everyone, I mean the DJs on every rock radio station. Kurt Cobain Weekend was definitely the "in" gimmick to have last week.

Then this past Sunday was, of course, Easter Sunday, the 2,000th or so anniversary of Jesus' death. More reminiscing about the good old days when that Sermon was preached on the Mount ...

More crying from the DJs? Resurrection Weekend? "We're bringing old music back to life?"

I'm pretty sure someone is going to hell for that one.

But I'm getting sidetracked, my point is that with all the recent love for cool dead people, why is no one donning the black veil for my man Mark Twain?

Come on now, you're not going to have a Huckleberry Weekend or swap theories on how Grandma Love really did it? The man was a genius!

"Sacred cows make the best hamburger."

— Mark Twain.

"Wrote" is the key word there.



THE REVIEW / Dan Lisowski

In today's world, most comedians don't know how to write at all, let alone how to write about sacred hamburgers. They just climb up on stage, mostly wasted, with jokes that other people wrote for them, using facial expressions to make people think they are hearing something funny.

Take Comedy Central's Tough Crowd, for instance. Colin Quinn, Jim Norton and whoever else they can dig up sit around and discuss recent events while trying to make the studio audience laugh. I'm sure they have something prepared beforehand but mostly they're just put on the spot.

And the studio audience doesn't laugh much.

That is why comedic writers, like Twain, are often a great deal more intelligent with their humor — they aren't winging it.

One of my favorite writers is Dave Barry. If you read one of his columns, "intelligent" probably isn't the first adjective you're going to come up with since he always finds room for the words "booger" and "underpants" in his columns. That said, he was the first writer to make me laugh out loud. He only writes one column a week, but he wrote in one of his books that he sweats and agonizes over every word.

In no way am I trashing all of today's comedians. I like Chappelle's Show just as much as the next guy. I watch Tough Crowd every once in a while. I even found the movie "Rocketman" to be hilarious — how lame is that?

But more and more, comedians just aren't doing it for me. There are no more Mark Twains out there and it bothers me.

Twain once said that the best way to get to know a community was to watch who they buried with the most ceremony.

So next week, if you can, pull yourself away from the Bible and that new Kurt Cobain conspiracy theory book and take a moment to remember Mark Twain.

"I think we never become really and genuinely our entire and honest selves until we are dead — and not then until we have been dead years and years. People ought to start dead, and they would be honest so much earlier."

— Mark Twain.

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Alumna makes baseball history



BY ANNIE GOTTLIEB

Staff Reporter

Nicole Sherry finally has her field of dreams.

No, the 26-year-old university alumna didn't hear voices in the middle of a cornfield urging her to spend her life savings on a baseball field in her back yard.

In February, Sherry accepted a job as the first female head groundskeeper in the history of minor league baseball's Eastern League.

Sherry, the woman in charge of maintaining the Trenton Thunder's Waterfront Park in New Jersey, was named the 10th woman to hold head of grounds position in the history of professional baseball.

The Thunder, a Yankees Double-A affiliate, hired Sherry after she practiced preparing fields at a beautiful major league stadium and home of the Baltimore Orioles, Camden Yards.

"I worked for the Orioles for three years, including a seven month unpaid internship," she says.

While continuing her education at the university, the Orioles offered her a full-time job. The first thing she does each morning is cut the grass.

Simple as it may sound, there are a number of different ways to prepare the field, she says. It could depend on the team's opponent or the weather.

"We have to cut the grass every day, an inch and a half in the outfield, an inch in the infield," she says. "We keep it longer in the outfield so the ball doesn't roll by the outfielders."

The shorter the grass, the quicker the ball rolls and the longer the grass, the slower it rolls. Therefore, the length and style of cut changes based on the aggressiveness of the rival teams hitters.

"It usually takes an hour and a half or more, depending on the technique," she says. "If we're cutting the grass in one direction, it's pretty quick, but if we cut the blade diagonally,

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Courtesy of Bill Cook and the Trenton Thunder



Flexitarians believe it's OK to have a little freedom in their predominantly vegetarian diet. See story, B3.

Just hangin' around

Young and old find adventure in trees

BY TIM NICHOLS

Staff Reporter

Ever fantasize about being a squirrel, bouncing up and down a tree like a furry woodland creature? If so, then the answer might be the sport of tree climbing.

Once relegated to lumberjacks and 7-year-olds with overactive imaginations, tree climbing schools are popping up and allowing people to satisfy their urge for scaling Earth's majestic foliage.

Abe Winters, a 60-year-old former Army Special Forces sergeant, started Tree Climbing USA in 1996, giving interested customers a chance to tackle a tree like a chipmunk. Since launching his business in Fayetteville, Ga., Winters says he has climbed with more than 8,400 people of all ages and sizes.

A rope and pulley system similarly used in rock climbing allows tree ascenders to bounce up a mighty hardwood or pine tree with ease.

Instead of utilizing just the upper body to scale the tree, a double-rope system allows a novice climber to use their legs.

After securing the line over a sturdy branch, a foot loop is made with the remaining slack. The loop serves as a kind of mobile ladder where a climber can start the journey.

Winters defines recreational tree climbing as the vertical pursuit of the canopies of both the urban and rural forest. The veteran climber helps people of all ages with the ropes and is always inspired by how quickly his customers grasp the concept.

"Pure play is what this is all about," Winters says. "It's about doing something in a natural way."

Winters holds recreational climbs in his Fayetteville forest on Sundays but also directs climbing excursions to places like the Panamanian rainforest.

Tree climbing can also give enthusiasts a chance to appreciate the longevity and durability of trees.

On a particular climbing excursion near the Florida State University

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Video game depicts realities of battle

BY JENNIFER LUCAS

Staff Reporter

With bullets flying, missions to complete and enemies threatening to attack, one might think they're in the Army, but they don't have to enlist to be a soldier.

The online video game, America's Army, allows players to go through basic training and then join other players in assignments and missions.

The highly realistic game has become so popular that several tournaments are planned for May and June, according to www.americasarmy.com, the official Web site for the game.

The game, developed by the U.S. Army, is available at www.goarmy.com and can be played in teams of four to six players. Competitors must go through basic training and then can form teams with other players to complete missions.

Several measures were taken to make the game look and seem more realistic.

Actual photographs of Army training locations are used as background for the game and movements of the soldiers were created by transferring movements of real people to computer data.

Additionally, game developers went through basic training in Ft. Benning, Ga., to develop a sense of the soldiers' experiences.

Paul Boyce, public affairs specialist with the U.S. Army, says America's Army was first available online July 4, 2002, and was so popular that the Web site crashed.

There are almost three million registered players, with over 64,000 new players registered so far in April.

"It's extremely popular on a day-to-day basis," Boyce says.

America's Army was not developed as a recruiting tool, he says, although several people have reported becoming interested in the Army because of the game.

"You need never visit a recruiter or supply information about yourself to play the game," he says. "We designed the game so people could play it anonymously."

Boyce says the Army wanted the game to appeal to a broad audience.

"We wanted to be sure it was a game everyone could play," he says. "So it's rated 'T for Teen.'"

Players in the game are vulnerable to weapons and disciplinary action just as in the real Army, Boyce says.

"You can't shoot your drill sergeant," he says. "If you do that, you will go to jail. You can't have bullets bounce off your chest."

The purpose of the game is to give young people information about the Army, Boyce says, since many grow up knowing only what the Army was like during World War II.

"The game was designed to show you what it's like to be in the Army today," he says. "A lot has changed in the Army in the last 60 years."

An update to America's Army, allowing players to go through Special Forces training, was recently released. Players who excel with this training can move on to Green Beret training, much like real soldiers.

A tournament in Los Angeles on May 13 will feature a team of real Army soldiers playing a team of civilians who have qualified through two previous rounds.



Courtesy of www.goarmy.com

Registration for the first qualifying round starts today. The best 16 players from the tournament will be entered into the semi-final round, from which four players will be chosen to go to Los Angeles to play against the Army soldiers.

The winners of the Army vs. civilian game will receive \$5000 and airfare and hotel costs.

Another tournament, in Ft. Sills, Okla., will take place between July 1 and July 4.

While America's Army may just be a game to some, Ron Betts, a member of the Vietnam Veterans Against War, says the use of a video game to represent the Army shows policy makers do not really understand war. To them, war is imaginary, just like video games, he says.

"[It's] a world of black-and-white heroic deeds, just like when they played soldier in their back yards as little kids," he says.

Craig Anderson, psychology professor at Iowa State University, says games like America's Army can be used effectively as an enlistment strategy.

"The Army reports great success with this as a recruiting tool," he says.

Anderson also adds violent video games, such as America's Army, affect the behavior of those who play them.

"Violent entertainment media have been shown to increase the likelihood of aggressive behavior," he says.

Tom Baxter, also a member of VVAW, says video games cannot re-enact war.

"But they can make you think war is a lot cleaner and a lot more fun than it is," he says. "They let you kill without danger."

Teams in the qualifying rounds for the Ft. Sills tournament, unlike real war, can experience a tie at the end of a round if all members of both teams are killed during the mission.

'Vol. 2' fights fan's expectations

"Kill Bill: Volume 2"
Miramax Films
Rating: ☆☆☆ 1/2

Sneak Peek HOLLYWOOD

As the story goes, writer/director Quentin Tarantino had originally intended for both volumes of "Kill Bill" to be released as one film, and after viewing this supposed second half of an original whole, it appears this could have been achieved if Tarantino was not so in love with his dual abilities of writing and directing.

Unlike the original, much of volume two feels extraneous, for there is much build-up but little payoff, lots of talk and little action. More so than the first, volume two has the stamp of a Tarantino film, as the oft-bizarre and hokey dialogue sprinkled throughout volume one has been replaced by the witty and pop-culture laden scripting found in Tarantino's first three movies.

This is not to discredit Tarantino as a writer; many of the scenes are brilliantly scripted, most notably the training sequence between The Bride

and her master Pai Mei and The Bride's climactic final encounter with Bill. The training scene is easily the high point of the film — it's funny, well-shot and much more engaging than anything else found within. Conversely, the final encounter with Bill, while very revealing, is ultimately a disappointment. Essentially, this scene is what the first two hours of this film and the entire 111 minutes of the original were leading up to, yet it is stiflingly uneventful.

David Carradine (Bill) is as perfect in his role as Uma Thurman is in hers as The Bride. Though present only through his voice in volume one, Carradine is now a dominating presence, an excellent job of delivering Tarantino's long-winded dialogue. It's impossible not to be drawn into whatever story or example Bill is explicating while on-screen, yet at times he comes off as a man, like Tarantino, too in love with the sound of his own voice.

It is Thurman, though, who once again steals the show in her role as The Bride. Her physical prowess having already been well established in volume one, here she is much more fleshed out and given greater emotional depth. This is both a blessing and a curse; on the one hand it's nice to learn more about her origin, on the other, it's somewhat unnecessary in a film with so simplistic a storyline.

More often than not, the superior writing doesn't make up for the lack of style and action that were so crucial to the success of the original. The score, which had such an important presence last time, seems to have faded more into the background as well. Once again, this seems due to Tarantino's love of his own dialogue.

Thankfully, Tarantino never stoops to the appallingly self-indulgent level of the brothers Wachowski, who after creating a truly captivating and spectacular film in "The Matrix" chose to ruin its sequels with films so bad that had they not been



granted the phrase "The Matrix" in their title, would have gone straight to video.

Nonetheless, this movie would likely have been much more satisfying had there been someone to tell Tarantino that sometimes less can be more.

Perhaps the film's biggest flaw is its sheer departure from the action-driven feel of the first — there is only one fight scene in this entire movie. It's spectacularly done, of course, but falls far short of the amazing battle between The Bride and the Crazy 88s in volume one.

Also unlike the original, there is no immediate desire to rush out and see this movie again. Even though there are a handful of captivating scenes, it would hardly seem worth sitting through the rest of the film for a second go-round just to re-experience them. In fact, as the end credits utilize a variety of the sequences from the first movie, any

desire one may have had to see volume two a second time will be quashed by a want to re-watch the original, conveniently released this week on DVD.

Those who loved volume one solely for its incredible score and dazzlingly choreographed fight scenes will likely find themselves sorely disappointed with volume two, for it is almost an entirely different sort of movie. For those wishing to learn more about The Bride, how and why her entire wedding party was murdered and what happened to her daughter, the film delivers, though often much too excessively.

"Kill Bill: Volume 2" is not disappointing because it's a bad movie; rather, it's disappointing because volume one was so much better.

James Borden is an entertainment editor for The Review. His past reviews include "The United States of Leland" (☆☆☆ 1/2) and "Hellboy" (☆)

The Gist of It

- ☆☆☆☆ "Kill Bill: Volume 1"
- ☆☆☆☆ "Kill Bill: Volume 2"
- ☆☆☆ "Reservoir Dogs"
- ☆☆ "Pulp Fiction"
- ☆ "Jackie Brown"

"Connie and Carla"
Spyglass Entertainment
Rating: ☆☆ 1/2

Connie and Carla is a heartfelt comedy about two small town girls whose love for dinner theater makes it evident they were born a generation later.

Connie and Carla will not stop until their dreams of stardom are achieved, even if that means becoming what they call "women dressed as men dressed as women," otherwise known as drag queens.

Connie, played by Nia Vardalos of "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" fame, who wrote both films, is the go-getter of the duo, while Carla (Toni Collette) prefers things much less risky. Connie propels the duo into the "Connie and Carla" show at a midwestern airport lounge, where the two sing show tunes and dance in terrific dinner theater style. The show receives minimal attention, consisting mostly of snoring, from their jet-lagged audience.

One of the few supporters of the girls and their show, their boss Frank, turns out to be the impetus for what leads them on their journey to change. Connie and Carla witness a mob hit on Frank, and are forced to run for their lives.

Los Angeles becomes the city of choice for the run-aways, and Connie decides the last thing the mobsters



will be looking for is drag queens. What ensues is a goofy film full of both the physical comedy and the theme of poking fun at stereotypes, which made Vardalos' last film "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" a great success.

Life as drag queens turns out to be great for Connie and Carla, and their new show at the gay cabaret bar is a huge success. However, things start to go south when Connie falls for Jeff (David Duchovny) the long lost brother of a fellow queen from the bar.

Collette and Vardalos' comedic performances in their overdone makeup, huge wigs and falsetto voices is creative and the two easily get a laugh from the audience.

"Connie and Carla" clearly echoes "Big Fat Greek Wedding," but in a refreshing, un-repetitive way. This film proves life is not always a drag.

— Crista Ryan

"The Punisher"
Lions Gate Films
Rating: ☆☆☆

Starring Tom Jane ("61*"), this new cinematic adaptation of the popular comic book series "The Punisher" is worlds beyond the 1989 Dolph Lundgren version. However, this is something like saying the Hitchcock version of "Psycho" is better than the Gus Van Sant remake — it's an accurate statement, but far too broad.

As this is yet another in a recent slate of comic-book movies, many will hold it to the gold standard of "Spider-Man" and the two X-Men films. Though it never quite reaches the level of any of these, it does rank above dismal efforts such as "Daredevil" or "Hulk."

The plot is pretty simple: A man's entire family is wiped out, he decides to go on a murderous revenge spree and much blood and violence ensue. John Travolta plays crime boss Howard Saint with little energy or enthusiasm, leaving Jane to carry much of the weight of the film. Though he is further bogged down by two wholly unnecessary comedic sidekicks and a not-so-interesting love interest in the form of Rebecca Romijn-Stamos, Jane proves himself more than capable in the role of the embittered Frank Castle.

The Punisher is an interesting character in that he's



not a superhero with any special powers — he's not even a martial-arts/weapons/computer expert like Batman — he's just an incredibly tough former marine and ex-FBI agent with nothing to lose. Thus there is little CGI in the film (save for a money shot at the end) and the fights are long and gritty. There is one scene where the Punisher takes on a seemingly unstoppable and hulking Russian opponent, and in the process is thrown through walls, pummeled mercilessly and nearly killed.

"The Punisher" ultimately feels like a film that could have been made 20 years ago, and with its standard direction, poor score and sub-standard supporting cast, it easily could have been a complete disaster. But Jane is the film's saving grace, an action hero in the vein of Charles Bronson or Steve McQueen for a new generation, and is nearly flawless in his portrayal of the Punisher — he's even got the one-liners down.

— James Borden



"Only In Screams"
By: Todd Miyashiro

SAY WHAT?

The Review asks students:

What is the most extreme sport you've wanted to try?

— compiled by Allison Clair



Andy Glessner
Freshman

"Skydiving, I'd be a little scared, but I'd do it."



Keith Johnson
Junior

"I'm a bum ... I've never really wanted to try any."



Lauren Ademek
Junior

"I've been skydiving in Cape Town."

"I think I'd try alligator wrestling."
— junior Chris Lelo



Jada Littman
Sophomore

"Either bungee jumping or skydiving, anything to help me get over my fear of heights."



Amy Hoffberg
Sophomore

"I'd want to try cliffdiving."



Chris Lelo
Junior

"I think I'd try alligator wrestling."

CONCERT DATES

THE CHAMELEON CLUB — (717) 393-7133

Andrew WK
April 17, 7:30 p.m., \$12

THE ELECTRIC FACTORY — (215) 568-2222

Fuel,
April 17, 9:30 p.m., \$17.50

TOWER THEATRE — (610) 352-2087

Mary J. Blige,
April 17, 7:30 p.m., \$75.75

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REGAL PEOPLES PLAZA (834-8510)

13 Going on 30 7:00
Connie and Carla 11:15, 2:00, 4:25, 7:00, 9:30
Kill Bill-Vol. 2 11:45, 12:15, 2:50, 4:00, 7:10, 7:45, 10:10, 10:45
The Punisher 11:05, 12:00, 1:50, 2:55, 5:00, 7:05, 7:50, 9:50, 10:35
The Alamo 12:10, 3:45, 7:25, 10:25
Ella Enchanted 11:10, 1:40, 4:10, 6:55, 9:25
The Girl Next Door 11:40, 2:10, 4:45, 8:10, 10:45
The Whole Ten Yards 11:50, 2:20, 4:50, 8:00, 10:20
Johnson Family Vacation 12:20, 2:45, 5:10, 7:35, 10:00
Hellboy 11:00, 1:55, 4:40, 7:55, 10:40
Home on the Range 11:35, 1:35, 3:35, 5:35, 7:40
The Prince and Me 10:55, 1:30, 4:05, 6:50, 9:35
Walking Tall 11:55, 2:25, 4:55, 8:05, 10:15
Jersey Girl 11:20, 2:05, 4:35
The Ladykillers 9:40

Scoby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed 11:25, 2:15, 5:05, 7:30, 9:55
The Passion of the Christ 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:05

NEWARK CINEMA (737-3720)

Matchstick Men Fri. 4:15, 6:45, 9:15 Sat. 1:00, 3:30, 6:45, 9:15 Sun. 1:00, 3:30, 6:15, 8:45
Once Upon a Time in Mexico Fri. 5:00, 7:15, 9:45 Sat. 1:30, 4:00, 7:15, 9:45 Sun. 1:30, 4:00, 6:40, 9:10
The Rundown Fri. 4:45, 7:00, 9:30 Sat. 1:15, 3:45, 7:00, 9:30 Sun. 1:15, 3:45, 6:30, 9:00
Rocky Horror Picture Show Sat. 11:59 p.m.

THEATRE N AT NEUMORS (658-6070)

Girl With A Pearl Earring Fri. 8:00, Sat. 8:00, Sun. 2:00

THE HITLIST

FRIDAY

Trabant University Center
Theater: "Lord of the Rings: Return of the King" 7:30 p.m.

Deer Park Tavern: DJ Rick Daring, 10 p.m., no cover

Stone Balloon: DJ Dance Party, 8 p.m., \$5, no cover with university ID

Klondike Kate's: Dynamite DJ Dance Party, 9 p.m., no cover

East End Café: Bam Sequence and General Electric, 10 p.m., \$12

SATURDAY

Trabant University Center
Theater: "The Lord of the Rings: Return of the King" 7:30 p.m.

East End Café: Montana Wildaxe, 10 p.m., \$3, \$5 minors

Deer Park Tavern: Living Earth, 10 p.m., \$3

Klondike Kate's: Awesome '80s Night, 9 p.m., no cover

Five films successfully seek revenge

BY JAMES BORDEN

Entertainment Editor

In honor of the release of two classically revenge-driven films this weekend — “Kill Bill: Volume 2” and “The Punisher” — The Review takes a look at some of the best of the revenge genre.

1. “Count of Monte Cristo”

There have been countless film adaptations of this classic Alexandre Dumas novel, and with good reason — it is the ultimate tale of revenge. Set in the good old, bad old days of 19th century France, it tells the story of Edmond Dantes, a man falsely imprisoned who spends his 13 years in hellish confinement plotting to get back at those who put him there. Upon his release, Dantes recovers a hidden treasure and creates a new identity for himself with which he is able to exact his vengeance.

It's hard to say which version is best, but most will find something to like in the 2002 version starring Jim Caviezel and Guy Pearce — it's well acted and written and its pacing helps make the inevitable revenge of the third act all the more satisfying.

2. “The Crow”

In “The Crow,” Brandon Lee plays a rock star who is murdered alongside his fiancée on the night before their wedding. As the film explains it, when one dies, their soul is carried to the afterlife by a crow, which will sometimes allow the person to return to earth if they have unfinished business there.

Of course, Lee's character returns from the dead to seek revenge on those responsible. The film's hard rock soundtrack, surreal visuals and bizarre characters lend it a very distinct feel, however it remains somewhat tainted due to the tragic and accidental death of its star during filming.

3. “The Sting”

The plot of “The Sting” is as revenge-driven as any other on this list, but unlike most vengeance-oriented films, the protagonists seek their retaliation through financial, rather than violent means.

The classic 1973 film stars Paul Newman and Robert Redford as two conmen who decide to take a mob boss for all he is worth after he murders a mutual friend of theirs. The nonviolent revenge motif is established early in the film when Redford's character comments, “I don't know enough about killing to kill him.” Much more comedically driven and filled with more twists and turns than are found in a standard revenge flick, the movie easily withstands the test of time and proves that you don't have to kill someone to get even with them.

4. “Death Wish”

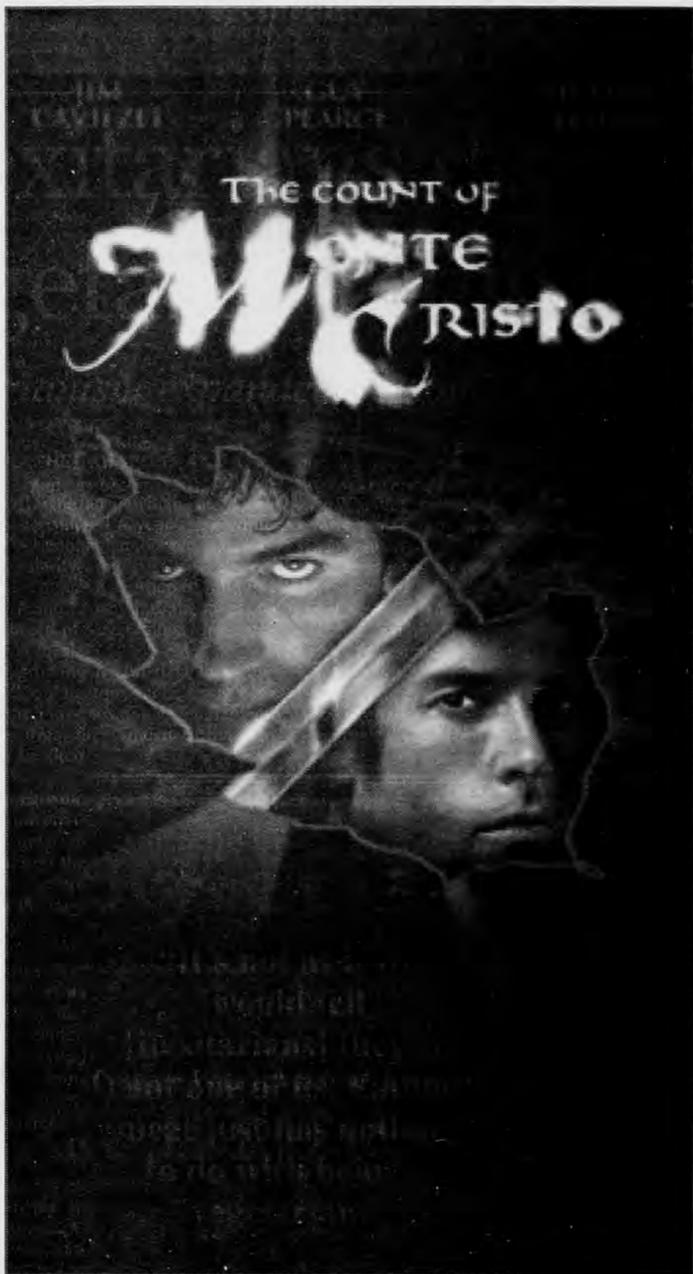
Even though it spawned four atrocious sequels (all of which, sadly, star Charles Bronson), this original remains a gripping and highly entertaining vigilante film.

The story is simple enough — Charles Bronson is a peaceful Manhattan architect whose world is shattered when his wife is murdered and his daughter raped. After conveniently meeting a client with a fondness for firearms, Bronson obtains a gun and uses it to murder two would-be muggers. Soon after, he goes on a killing spree, taking his own brand of justice to the thugs, lowlifes and criminals of New York City.

5. “Point Blank”

When Lee Marvin attempts to help his gangster friend, he is shot and left for dead by none other than his own wife and his gangster friend. Marvin's character, Walker, survives the ordeal and decides to take his revenge not just on his ex-wife and former friend, but the entire criminal organization for which his friend works.

This stylish and influential thriller is surprisingly well-done considering its standard and (at least nowadays) overused plot line. The film raises a number of questions that have no easy answer, utilizing flashbacks, visual metaphors and clever imagery to help get its message across that vengeance is a hollow, de-humanizing process that will never satisfy.



Sugar Ray fans discover 'it's not over' at Kahunaville

BY REBECCA MOFFITT

Staff Reporter

Sugar Ray launched its college campus and club tour April 3, making an energetic appearance at the Kahunaville Concert Hall in Wilmington on Saturday.

The doors to the island-themed concert hall open at seven and groups of all ages make their way to the front of the stage. The tropical surroundings, along with the simple stage layout, make for a casual entertainment atmosphere.

When the band — vocalist Mark McGrath, drummer Stan Frazier, guitarist Rodney Sheppard, bassist Murphy Karges, (turntables Craig “DJ Homicide” Bullock is absent due to the death of his father) — takes the stage at approximately 10 p.m., the audience gathers near the stage and prepares for a lively and high-energy show.

Unlike previous tours, this one caters to Sugar Ray's early fans, and features several tracks from the 1995 album “Lemonade and Brownies,” such as “Iron Mic,” “Rhyme Stealer” and “10 Seconds Down.” Sugar Ray chooses to open the set with a song from this album rather than a better known song. Coupled with more recent tracks, including a lively version of “Waiting,” as well as “When It's Over” and the ever-popular “Fly,” the set is well-rounded, showing the evolution of the band's sound.

The set list shows the heavier origins of the band as well as its transition into a mainstream pop band. The band tries to alternate playing these older songs while showcasing its more familiar side.

McGrath elicits reaction from the women in the

crowd when he constantly puts his microphone down his pants between song verses. He is extremely active, as he jumps from each side of the stage, and he interacts with Sheppard and Karges singing and dancing as well.

These actions draw out tremendous response as people crowd closer to the stage. Much of the audience are women and view McGrath as a sex symbol, and as his on-stage activities continue, their noise level increases considerably.

The show features two opening acts: Newark based Omnisoul, and New York City's Lola Ray, which will be opening for Sugar Ray in its other tour venues until April 30th. Omnisoul highlights their five song EP and Lola Ray plays songs from their forthcoming album to be released May 4, during their half-hour sets.

Despite the presence of heavy security, the audience is not prevented from freely reacting to the performance of all three bands, but most powerfully to Omnisoul and Sugar Ray.

Although Sugar Ray did not have a new album for fans to purchase at the show, McGrath notes that the band is currently writing new material for its sixth album for Atlantic Records.

Sugar Ray's tour will also be the basis of a new reality show, which will air on Spike TV beginning June 18. The premise of the show revolves around eight people who work for the band on tour, doing everything from on-stage work to handling public relations. During the show's six-episode run, contestants will vie for a position at a record company as well as to win a new Kia automobile.

Flexitarians defy vegetarian cuisine

Vegetarianism expanded by some followers

BY RACHEL SHAPIRO

Staff Reporter

The term “flexitarian,” which describes someone who is considered a vegetarian while still enjoying an occasional hamburger, is quickly growing in popularity.

The term was coined by a group of linguists and has recently found its way into the media to describe a new breed of vegetarians who occasionally indulge in meat.

Because of growing health data that supports cutting back on meat products, many people have made the move toward vegetarianism. But at the same time, they find it difficult to completely give up their carnal tendencies.

Suzanne Havala, author and nutrition advisor for the Vegetarian Resource Group, says the term flexitarian is not accepted among the vegetarian community.

“I don't know of any vegetarian that has ever used the term,” Havala says. “Some terms that are used and accepted among the vegetarian community are ‘semi-vegetarian’ or ‘meat-restrictors,’” Havala says.

According to Havala, flexitarian is most likely a word used by the mainstream to express a general acceptance of the idea that cutting back on a heavy intake of meat and meat products is a healthy move.

But Havala believes she is not convinced flexitarian is worthy of publication, but rather an idea that people are conscious of the health risks involved with too high of a meat intake.

“The concept is here to stay but the term flexitarian is most likely not,” she says.

Sasha Aber, a 15-year vegetarian and owner of Main Street's Home Grown says the term is not compatible with vegetarianism.

Although Aber admits she has recently begun to add meat into her diet, she does not consider herself a flexitarian.

“It would be hard to become a full-blown meat eater after so many years of being a vegetarian, so I'm slowly introducing meat back into my diet.”

“Everyone wants to put a label on every-

one. We just provide healthy food for everyone no matter what you call yourself,” Aber says.

Whether ordering chicken or Home Grown's own “veggie chicken” — made out of wheat gluten — it is easy to satisfy carnivores and flexitarians together under one roof, Ader says.

Carolyn Manning, nutrition professor, says she is unfamiliar with the flexitarian idea, but agrees that some meat intake for vegetarians is healthy.

“A diet deficient in meat and meat products allows for zero intake of the vitamin B12, which supports the red blood cells and protects against certain types of anemia,” Manning says.

The B12 vitamin is only found in meat and meat products, she adds.

With or without proclaiming oneself a flexitarian, Manning stresses the importance of including some meat or meat products for a healthy balanced diet.

Junior Jamie Watts, a vegetarian for eight years, doesn't personally agree with flexitarians calling themselves a type of vegetarian.

“People have the right to call themselves whatever they want,” she says.

Because Watts doesn't believe in eating the flesh of animals, she finds other ways to get the benefits of the protein found in meat through a variety of vegetarian-friendly fare that can be found in the supermarket. Watts says her favorites include the veggieburger and other fake-meat products made

from soy.

Watts believes that people who are vegetarian for political reasons really have no right to consider themselves a type of vegetarian and still consume meat.

“It defeats the whole point,” Watts says, who has managed to maintain a healthy diet despite an absence of meat.

She says she would never consider switching over to flexitarianism because it simply makes no sense to her.

“It's not as if we would tell [flexitarians] they're not one of us,” Watts says. “Eating meat just has nothing to do with being a vegetarian.”

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— junior Jamie Watts, a vegetarian for eight years

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No problem avoiding sweat

I am a virgin. Yes. I said it. I am a genuine, validated, (almost) 21-year-old Gym-Virgin. I hold my V-Card most sacred and valuable, almost as highly as I do my Pog collection, complete with super slammers. I've never been to the gym, I don't associate myself with the gym, and if I'm found sweating and panting, it is most definitely not because I have just treated my body to a hardcore fitness regimen at the Bob.

Before I delve into why I hold this virginity so sacred, I want to erase certain images that are possibly circulating through your mind at this moment. I am not someone who does not take care of her body. I do not sit in my room all day, lachrymatically munching away on whichever food is in my reach (although as I am writing this, I am staring a hole through the carton of E.L. Fudge guys one of my roommates foolishly left open on the table) and watching reruns of Ally McBeal. OK, maybe on Saturdays. But who doesn't?

I am not someone who is inactive. I've played sports ever since I could pick up a ball, earned the unceremonious nickname of "The Bulldozer" by the boys in my fifth grade class for my un-discriminatory view

on who I should tackle in football, and was always active in recreational league softball and high school level volleyball.

I go through stages where I am very serious about improving my self-image, including using Colgate White-Strips (fell off that band wagon about three nights in), eating healthier (I had my first salad ever sophomore year of college) and jogging (for about a week). So you see, it is not that I do not care. The gym just is not my thing.

To me, the gym is a vast universe of whirring machines and intimidating people. I have no clue how to meander my way through the gym and feel if I attempt it this late in my college career, I will be ridiculed and shunned, especially by those hardcore gym people who can navigate it with their eyes closed. If you are a gym-goer, you know the people I mean. I've spotted them through the windows when I do my usual walk-bys to see if there are few enough people working out that I can get in and get out without making a scene.

These people multi-task like I have never seen before. Listening to music, watching highlights of CNN on the gym TVs, schoolbooks folded out before them, water bottles in hand, and all the while they manage not to fall off the running-track thingy. I applaud you.

I have been told, from someone on the inside, that there is this magical green button on the machines, made for people just

like me. It's called the Quick Start button and you simply push it, and boom: the machine is up and running. From the outside, I will appear to be working out, but in reality, it's just a mechanism for buying time. With this Quick Start button, I would have an opportunity to take stock of all the buttons in front of me, make sense out of all the different speed settings and things of that nature, and begin to figure out how the machine works.

I am sure, or at least I am hoping, that there are girls out there just like me, who don't go to the gym. And why should we? If I can still fit into my jeans from freshman year, why should I fret about my body?

I am confident, I am healthy, I am active, and besides, I exercise in other ways. Do you know how much muscle strength I build up in my calves and thighs by teetering around on my stilettos all around campus? A lot my friend, a lot. Even having American Online Instant Messenger installed on my computer contribute to my body strength. With at least fifty buddies on-line at a time, checking away messages for each person at least twice every thirty minutes gives a very through upper body workout.

I plan on running more once the Delaware weather breaks, so look for me on the track sometime in mid-July.

I'll be the girl with the box of Dunkin' Donuts.



THE REVIEW/Todd Miyashiro

MTV rolls 'Pimp My Ride' onto the big screen

BY JESSICA ROLAND
Staff Reporter

MTV Films is revving its engine at the starting line of a new project.

The company announced April 2 it will be producing a film based in the car culture world.

Janet Hill, senior vice president of corporate communications for MTV networks, says the film is still in the early stages, but will focus on the growing trend.

"The tuner trend has become really popular," she says. "Children and adults are spending a lot of money on their cars. A couple of shows have taken that into the entertainment realm, like MTV's 'Pimp My Ride' and Spike TV's 'Funk Master Flex.'"

Hill explains the film might have some qualities of these shows, but would not be a spin-off.

Kim Watson and Alonzo Brown, best known for their script for the film "Honey," will be writing the film, which according to Hill, will be full of music.

The company is currently working to schedule cameos by popular artists.

"We haven't signed anybody yet," she says. "But we're in talks with a lot of great artists."

Sophomore Charlie Baynes says the movie sounds interesting to him because of the focus on

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— sophomore Charlie Baynes

cars. He and his two roommates spend a lot of their time modifying their Mazda RX-7s.

But Baynes says he will most likely wait to see the film on video.

"So far there has been 'The Fast and the Furious' and 'Too Fast, Too Furious,'" he says. "Both movies were horrible representations of what the real car scene is like, and both of them portrayed car modifiers as young punk kids who break the law and act like morons."

Not long after the first movie's release, Baynes says he began to get stereotyped.

"It's annoying," he says. "I don't think you can really capture the car modifying scene in a movie. It would have to be more of a documentary with people doing research and filming all over the U.S."

Baynes also says he doesn't care to see any musical guests in the film.

"It depends what MTV is trying to focus on in the movie," he says. "If they're trying to do a

movie about street racing and the culture, then I would hope they don't put any artists in it. None of them are into cars like real people are. They're not part of the scene. They barely even drive those cars."

Hill says because the film is still in the preliminary stages, she is not sure how similar it will be to the "Fast and the Furious" films.

"It's going to be more of a comedy," she says. "The script isn't written yet, so we'll see when the final draft is in."

Hill says MTV Films is always excited to help turn an underground movement into a cultural trend.

"That's kind of the business that we're in," she says. "Hopefully this movie will do that for the tuner culture."

Thomas Leitch, English professor specializing in film, states in an e-mail message that MTV could be making a good marketing move with the film.

"At a time when every single movie audience except 12 to 18-year-old boys is considered a niche audience, it makes perfect sense for MTV to make and market films based on trends that are currently fashionable within that target demographic," he says. "It doesn't follow that these films will make the American Film Institute's Top 100, but you never know."

Viewers want their videoless VH1

The music network's new lineup includes 'I Love the '90s' and 'Best Week Ever.'

BY MELISSA MARGAVICH
Staff Reporter

Say goodbye to Bruce Springsteen music videos and Pop-up videos and say hello to VH1's new programming. Including shows such as "Best Week Ever" and the upcoming show "I Love the '90s." VH1 is straying away from showing music videos.

In the beginning, VH1 started out in the same manner that every other music video network began, by showing: hours and hours of music videos.

According to Louis Defrank, VH1 coordinator, the network discovered there was a change in the viewing audience and certain things needed tweaking to keep viewers tuned in.

Another reason VH1 changed their programming, according to Defrank, was because a music video typi-

cally lasts four minutes and if someone doesn't like the video, they simply change the channel. If a show is on, he believes viewers will develop an interest in the show and be less inclined to switch channels.

The current programming of VH1 is drifting more toward shows than just music videos. According to Defrank, this has to do with the evolution of the music channel. He says VH1 still wishes to have the aspects of what the music channel used to be while tapping into different aspects of pop culture.

According to the VH1 press release, "I Love the '90s," which debuts July 5th, is using the same approach as "I Love the '80s" and "I Love the '70s" while giving viewers a piece of the music, movies and highlights of pop culture of the era.

"Best Week Ever" will be 13 episodes and will run

once a week. The goal of the show is to highlight the entertaining news and developments of pop culture to explain why the week in particular topped the previous week.

Along with its new programming, VH1 will also be running new episodes of old favorites such as "Driven," "Fab Life," "Bands Reunited" and "VH1 ILL-ustrated."

According to Defrank, the changes are "a breath of fresh air in comparison to before."

Jennifer Gregan-Paxton, department of business administration, attributes the changes of VH1's programming to the fact that they have "become more focused, which is appealing to a coherent target market."

Gregan-Paxton believes there is a smaller segment of people that wants to watch music videos and VH1 is now using a diversification strategy to cover both bases.

Tree climbing isn't just a childhood pastime

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campus, Winters and his arbor disciples ascended pine trees off a nearby lake.

Faced with whipping winds approaching 35 miles-per-hour and the inevitable movement of the tree, Winters says nature teaches people a beautiful lesson about the strength and nobility of trees.

"Not only is there the joy of being in the tree, there's the sense of a measure of danger," Winters says. "It can be disconcerting until you center yourself and say, 'My goodness, this tree has been here for 200 years and how many times has the wind blew since then?'"

While physically thrilling, there is an emotional and nearly spiritual element tree climbers experience while ascending these ancient plants.

Genevieve Summers, founder of Dancing With Trees, says climbers often experience a connection with the tree while climbing. Through climbing, she experiences the close bond that trees and humans share.

"They get to know their climbing tree intimately," she says. "It's like everyone knows trees are there, but then they consciously choose to appreciate or ponder how vital that relationship is."

Summers says she always pauses before climbing to acknowledge the vital connection between human and plant.

Based in Alto, Ga., Summers offers not only climbing excursions but also camping adventures. Campers do

not pitch their tents on the ground, but literally in the tree.

Using a stretch of canvas called a tree boat, an arbor camper sets up base in a majestic tree overlooking creation. While laying down stretched over the limbs of a tree many feet above land sounds like a potentially frightening situation, Summers says reaching a level of assurance in the equipment, instructor and tree itself can be a liberating experience.

"Once you reach that trusting place in yourself you can experience a lot of serenity in yourself and in the tree," she says. "That's a very neat place to come to and serenity is something our culture doesn't support you to see. There's no money in it."

However, the peace, spiritual awakening and visceral thrill of climbing fails to completely satisfy some people.

For individuals so comfortable with climbing that trees feel like a second home, the International Tree Climbing Championships allow these people to test their arbor abilities against others.

Sanctioned by the International Society of Arboriculture, the championships allow arborists a chance to boast they are the best in the trees.

Jim Skiera, executive director of the ISA, says the two-day championships attract both recreational climbers and those who make their living in the branches, such as arborists and tree surgeons.

The 28th World Championships take place August 7 and 8 at West Park in Pittsburgh, Pa. Events include a straight climb up a tree, a technical slalom course on the tree, a work area, a rescue competition and a throw-line



Courtesy of Tree Climbing USA

Groups such as Tree Climbing USA offer adventure outings with recreational tree climbing.

event testing the competitors' rope installation abilities.

The award for becoming a world champion tree climber is nominal. This year, first place receives between \$2,000 and \$5,000 worth of money and prizes along with the coveted championship belt buckle.

These athletes, Skiera says, do not care solely about winning. They are doing what they love in the plants they care about most.

"There is an unbelievable amount of passion for the work they do," he says. "A plumber on the weekend doesn't work for fun, but tree climbers are always looking for a bigger tree."

Sherry does not worry about 'dirt in her skirt'

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it means we run through one way, then go back

The dirt or "skin" of the infield is easier to maintain than grass, Sherry says, especially in the beginning of the season. For example, the skin requires less watering in spring because the ground is damper than the heat of summer.

As a baseball enthusiast, Sherry hopes working for a Yankees affiliate will present the opportunity to meet star athletes. While at the Orioles, she met Cal Ripken Jr. and more recently she spoke to Tommy John, a pitcher who attained 288 wins, famous for undergoing the game-changing surgery that helped sustain his 26-year major league career.

"I just met Tommy John of 'Tommy John surgery,'" she says. "I actually got to meet the man behind the name of the surgery."

Sherry says she wasn't the only woman interested in grounds keeping while at the university.

"Most of the girls wanted to go into landscaping," she says. "I think I'm the only one who wanted to work at a ballpark."

Her college career began at Delaware Technical and Community College after graduating from St. Mark's High School in 1995.

She earned her Associates Degree in agriculture from Del Tech and eventually a Bachelors Degree in the same field from the university in February 2003.

The New Castle native is the lone woman in charge of five men who work as a team to preserve Waterfront Park. Despite the almost entirely male atmosphere at the ballpark, Sherry hasn't witnessed any discrimination.

"I haven't as of yet had any unfair treatment because I'm a woman," she says. "Everyone has been really great."

Although Sherry, a born and raised Phillies fan, is happy with her new job, she would love to work in a major league park like Heather Nabozny. Nabozny, the only woman head groundskeeper in the major leagues, maintains the Detroit Tigers Commercial Park.

"I'm happy to grow, I am and I have a lot of room to grow," Sherry says. "It all depends on how my life changes over the next few years, but ultimately I would love to have a major league field of my own."

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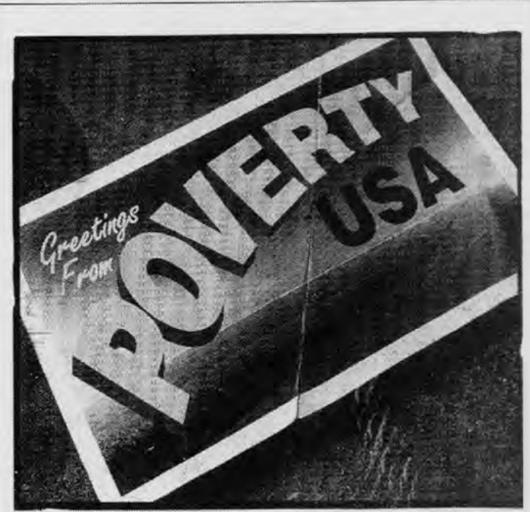
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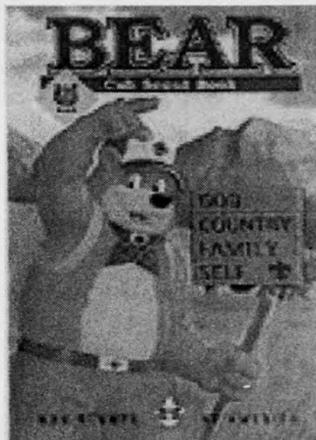
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ATLANTIC 10 UPDATE

BY ROB MCFADDEN
Sports Editor

The 2004 football season is still several months away, but dates on the calendar are already being circled in the Atlantic 10. Northeastern and 2003 co-conference champion UMass are especially anxious to face each other after Huskies' head coach Don Brown resigned to take over the Minutemen's vacant head coach position.

Former head coach Mark Whipple left UMass to become the quarterbacks coach for the Pittsburgh Steelers. On Feb. 9, UMass athletic director John McCutcheon announced that Brown had been named the new head coach. That same day, Northeastern athletic director Dave O'Brien released a statement saying that UMass had talked to Brown after being denied permission by Northeastern and that Northeastern would "review [its] legal options in addressing the ethical and legal concerns stemming from UMass' actions."

On March 10, Rocky Hager was named the Huskies' new head coach. Hager led North Dakota State to four Division II national championships between 1987 and 1996. Prior to being hired by Northeastern, he had been a tight ends coach and recruiting coordinator at Temple.

On March 11, Judge Thomas E. Connolly ruled that Brown had "willfully and intentionally breached his contract" and that UMass "actively induced the breach." An injunction was passed, preventing Brown from working at UMass.

Judge Connolly lifted the injunction April 7, allowing Brown to work while UMass and Northeastern work out a settlement.

The two teams play each other Nov. 13, the second to last weekend of the regular season.

Richmond athletic director Jim Miller announced Feb. 23 that Dave Clawson would be taking over as the new head coach after former head coach Jim Reid resigned to become the defensive line coach at Syracuse.

Clawson arrives after coaching Patriot League power Fordham for five years, bringing the Rams their first ever conference championship and Division I-AA playoff berth.

Delaware graduate Jim Pletcher was named William & Mary's new defensive coordinator March 4. Pletcher brings almost 30 years of coaching experience to the Tribe, including stints at current A-10 schools Northeastern (1981-1983) and James Madison (1985-1995). Pletcher graduated from Delaware in 1973.

Nonsense about my favorites

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Geez.

I seem to have gotten back to the NFL without even knowing it. As I ignore the NBA playoffs (is that going around this year?), I guess I'll have to make a quick prediction:

Detroit in seven over the Lakers as Rip Hamilton becomes a star.

Picking against the West! He must be drunk.

Now back to the foosball and this draft (which appears to be the point of this column). Do yourself a favor and tell the boss you're sick. Reserve that Lay-Z-Boy before your roommates call dibs on it and sit back and enjoy.

The NFL draft might take forever, but we just can't turn the TV off. It's the only time of the year when Mel Kiper Jr. awakens from hibernation and proves he not only has an awe-



THE REVIEW/File Photo

Is there anything scarier than Tim Curry in Legend?

some haircut, but also that he has one of the greatest jobs in the world, second only to the College Game Day crew.

That channel never changes on those late April weekends, because as football fans this is our one taste, one teaser, one glimpse so to say, of real football in these post-Super Bowl months.

So lose yourself in the moment, ladies and gentlemen. You own it.

You own it.

Jon Deakins is a sports editor for The Review. Send questions, comments and back issues of Ladies Home Journal or O to jonddd@hotmail.com.

Hens begin quest to defend Div. I-AA title

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the field to a rousing round of applause from the fans in attendance. Brown and Bleiler were both running backs in high school that were moved to different positions at Delaware because of the logjam at the position. With the path clear, both players would love to carry the ball this season and it will be interesting to see what Keeler does. Will they be the next "Porsche" and "Cadillac" in 2004?

#95 - DL Rachid Stoury (So.)

Delaware's depth at defensive line got even deeper when Stoury transferred to Delaware. The 5-foot-10, 288-pound lineman will join an experienced rotation up front and get the chance to contribute that never materialized at West Virginia.

#13 - DB Zach Thomas (So.)

Thomas returns to the defensive side of the ball after moving to wide receiver when he arrived at Delaware. The loss of seniors Mike Adams and Leon Clarke has opened up opportunities in the secondary and it will be interesting to see where Thomas fits in.

#17 - DB Dave Camburn (Sr.)

Camburn is the most likely

candidate to take over for Adams at free safety. Needles to say, he has quite an act to follow.

#87 - TE Steve Selk (So.)

A Newark High School grad, Selk will be asked to step

up and replace seniors Rick Lavelle and Jesse O'Neill.



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Departed quarterback Andy Hall has left a sizable hole at the QB position, leaving room for the possible emergence of Ryan Carty, Brad Michael and Sonny Riccio.

NFL DRAFT UPDATE

The Review is planning an NFL Draft extravaganza issue for next Friday. In-depth coverage on UD players, scouting tactics and historical information will be on display in the April 20 edition of The Review.

STAY TUNED ...

The Road Report

No. 17 Hens fall to Towson

Two straight losses for the men's lacrosse team have seriously dampened Delaware's hope to be the No. 1 seed heading into the Colonial Athletic Association Tournament.

12-ranked Towson narrowly held on for a two-goal victory over the No. 17 ranked Hens (8-4, 1-2 CAA) on Wednesday.

The Hens were led by senior Matt Alrich, who netted two goals and an assist, and freshman Cam Howard, who registered one goal and three assists.

Despite being outscored 3-1 in the opening period, Delaware did not lose hope, tying the game with just six minutes remaining in the first half.

The Tigers led 7-6 with 5:06 remaining the

third quarter when Tigers freshman Jonathan Engelke put the ball in the back of the net, starting a 3-0 run for Towson.

Delaware once again fought its way back, trailing 11-10 with just 20 seconds left, but the Tigers were able to put the game away with a late-game goal. The loss was Delaware's fourth straight to Towson. The last Hens win over the Tigers came in 2000 when Delaware won 15-13.

The Hens have two CAA games remaining on the schedule, with the first coming this weekend when Delaware hosts Drexel on Saturday at 7 p.m.

The Hens will close out conference play against Sacred Heart next week. Delaware will need to finish in the top four in the CAA to qualify for the CAA Tournament.

— Compiled by Bob Thurlow

Weekend Preview

A multitude of athletic events should mean a good weekend for Hens fans ... if they live in Virginia, as most of this weekend's contest will be played in one of the nation's oldest commonwealths.

The baseball team opens up a three-game series against CAA rival Old Dominion beginning today at 3 p.m.

The Hens (14-14, 0-5 CAA) will begin play today against the Monarchs' highly-scouted pitcher, junior Justin Verlander, who is holding opponents' batting averages to just .193. Old Dominion (13-20, 3-6 CAA), while not a conference powerhouse, will pose problems to the rusty Delaware squad who has not played in 10 days.

In the Monarchs last game, they were hitless against Duke junior pitcher Tim Layden. Jarame Beaupre, a Delaware senior, has also pitched a no-hitter this season and he will face Old Dominion on Sunday.

The women's lacrosse team will be on the road for two conference games this weekend. This afternoon, the Hens (3-8, 1-3 CAA) will take on Old Dominion at 3 p.m. On Sunday, the women will be in Williamsburg, Va., to play William and Mary at noon.

The Hens have lost three straight games, but two of those losses have come at the hands of nationally ranked teams (No. 8 James Madison and No. 20 George Mason).

Delaware's leading scorer, Jenny Diana will need to step up and increase on her 21 goals this season for the Hens' push to qualify for the CAA Tournament beginning on April 30.

The men's and women's track and field teams will travel to Richmond, Va. to participate in the CAA Championships being hosted at Virginia Commonwealth.

Freshman Mandy Stille is a strong contender in the heptathlon and senior Mike Riley will continue to be a threat in the 5,000-meter run.

The men and women's tennis teams will also be traveling to Virginia to take on George Mason tomorrow in an attempt to increase their conference standings.

Although the men are 1-2 and in conference play this season, they have shown improvement and will put up a tough fight against the Patriots.

For the women, the game at George Mason could be the team's best chance to finish with a winning conference record this year as the only remaining conference meet will be against Drexel next weekend.

The women's rowing team will travel to New Jersey to the Knecht Cup, where the team has been historically successful, including last year when it placed five boats in the finals last season.

— Compiled by Bob Thurlow

UD signs \$2M deal with Clear Channel

BY CHASE TRIMMER

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Delaware's athletic programs will receive an unprecedented amount of exposure thanks to a contract extension with media conglomerate Clear Channel Communications that begins in the fall, Delaware's director of sports marketing confirmed Wednesday.

The contract extension renews a previous five-year deal for five more years through the spring of 2009, Krouse said, and the agreement is worth more than \$2 million.

All men's and women's basketball games, home and away, will be aired on commercial radio for the first time in school history, Curt Krouse said.

Women's head basketball coach Tina Martin said she has talked to fans in the past who were disappointed that away games weren't on the radio. Some even had to go onto the

other team's Web site for the score.

Martin added that four consecutive 20-win seasons and 19 wins this year have helped the team's reputation grow tremendously across the nation.

Junior forward Tiara Malcom said that the increased airtime is a reflection of how the program is growing.

"It may take a while for our fan support to increase," she said, "but hopefully people will listen and see how good the games are and then maybe they'll start bringing their kids to the games."

Krouse said the women's basketball team will be heard on WTTX (1290 AM), "The Ticket," next season. Along with men's basketball, all football games will be aired on WRDX (94.7 FM), "The River."

The network will also broadcast other Delaware sporting events, including baseball, and pre-game and post-game

shows for both basketball teams and the football team.

"We have a tremendous product and we are going to make moves that get our product out there as much as possible for the fans," Krouse said. "We want to make sure that people on their morning drive hear other sports get a mention as well."

The deal is a radio rights package that gives Clear Channel the ability to sell airtime advertising.

According to Fortune Magazine, Clear Channel Communications is based out of San Antonio and is the fifth most admired entertainment company. Clear Channel owns 1200 radio stations and has outdoor advertising displays and entertainment venues in 65 countries.

The media corporation's motto on its Web site reads: "We are in the business of helping customers grow their business."

Commentary

JON DEAKINS



Column No. 44

Ugh.

These last two weeks have been killer. And besides Lefty coming through, the sports world, a.k.a. life, has been dull to say the least. What else do we have? Classes are draining, it's always raining and ... well I couldn't think of another "aining", but you get the picture.

And to make matters worse, there are another 146 more days until football season kicks off.

Woe is me.

At least us football enthusiasts have the NFL Draft coming up next weekend, a two-day time-honored tradition of sitting on the couch and dozing off during the hour and a half breaks in between picks.

It could quite possibly be the most hyped and anticipated sporting event every April, but after the first four picks, we always seem to find ourselves screaming at the television, trying to rush the other teams.

Did someone say Vikings?

April has just done nothing for me so far. Albeit the baseball season started and the NHL and NBA are in post-season form, but come on Sports Gods. Show me a sign of life.

The "fightin'" Phils are getting TKO'd on a daily basis these days and even though our Phillies correspondent, Ms. Amy Kates, swears an improvement is on the horizon, these guys wouldn't be able to hit a beach ball right now.

The Phils need some consistency in the worst way as they only have one player hitting above .300 this season coming into Thursday's game. And that would be Placido (What we got in the Rolen deal) Polanco.

Speaking of Rolen, the guy's on pace to smash Bonds' home-run record after hitting five dingers and driving in 16 runs in just 10 games.

Jokes and syringes aside, Rolen won't hit more than 45 long balls this season, but the .347 batting average he's posting ain't too shabby.

The Phillies current pitching staff is obviously their best in years but in order to succeed this year with just under three runs to work with a game, they would need a miracle.

(Enter Henry Rowengartner.)

On a lighter note, the Flyers went up 3-1 over the Devils earlier this week and look to close out the series Saturday afternoon at home. While some might be quick to bring up the 2000 conference finals when the Devils came back from 3-1 and Scott Stevens ended the seventh of Lindros' nine lives, the Broad Street Bullies have finally gotten to Brodeur/Satan.

(And by Satan I don't mean the European chap on the Sabres with the girly accent on his last name. I mean scary ol' Big Red. Tim Curry in Legend scary.)

While we're on the topic of evil demons from beyond the grave, the NFL announced their version of the "Halloween bowl" this year as the Baltimore Ravens and their devastating D travel up I-95 to take on the Eagles on Oct. 31. Speaking of the Eagles:

Booo!

With that said, the game promises to be one of the year's best as the two playoff teams have now developed a rivalry since the Terrell Owens fiasco.

Let's see how the Philly fans react when one of their wide outs is carted off the field after T.O. tries to run a slant over the middle. I bet all the Cobra Kai goons will leave their body bag remarks at home after Ray-Ray slaughters, I mean crushes Owens.

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Hens to showcase young talent

Football returns to action in Blue-White game

BY ROB MCFADDEN

Sports Editor

The Delaware football team closes out its spring practice schedule tonight at 7:30 with the annual Blue-White Spring Game. The event is open to the public and will give fans a preview of what the 2004 Fightin' Blue Hens will look like.

A silent auction will take place featuring sideline passes to next season's Navy game; a helmet signed by Andy Hall, Shawn Johnson and Jason Nerys, a football signed by Rich Gannon and a pair of Oakley sunglasses worn by head coach K.C. Keeler during the Hen's 40-0 trouncing of Colgate in the 2003 NCAA Division I-AA Championship game.

The team will also be presented with its national championship rings.

Players to watch if you go (jersey #, pos., name, year):

#5 - QB Sonny Riccio (Jr.) and #10 - QB Ryan Carty (So.)

The big question for next season: Who will replace Atlantic 10 Offensive Player of the Year Andy Hall? Riccio transferred from Division I-A Missouri this winter and, though it was made clear from the beginning that the job was not

being handed to him, Riccio did not leave his backup job with the Tigers to play second fiddle at Delaware. But Carty is entering his third year under head coach K.C. Keeler and knows the system. He performed very well last season as Hall's backup and proved himself to many when he was thrown into the middle of the hard-fought season finale at Villanova when Hall went down with yet another injury. It is unlikely that Keeler will make his decision until fall, which means both quarterbacks will be looking to strut their stuff tonight.

#4 - RB Roger Brown (Jr.), #40 - RB Niquan Lee (So.) and #22 - TE Sean Bleiler (Sr.)

After a record-setting year by seniors Germaine Bennett and Antawn Jenkins, a large hole was left open at the running back position. Despite the big shoes that need filling, the Hens are not short on qualified candidates with the tough, speedy Brown converting from cornerback and the 6-foot, 220-pound Lee looking to build off the experience of last year. Another possibility is Bleiler, who stole the show at last Saturday's scrimmage and left

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Former wide receiver Zach Thomas has been switched to defensive back for the 2004 season. He is one of several Hens to switch positions for the upcoming season.



THE REVIEW/File Photo

Senior first baseman Liz Winslow goes for the tag in an attempted pickoff earlier this season.

Softball set to face slumping Patriots

BY ROB FRANCE

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This weekend, when the Delaware softball team plays George Mason, it will be playing a team in nearly the same dire situation. After a rough streak of games that left the team with just two wins in their last 10 games, the Hens ended their weekend series with a victory over co-CAA leader Hofstra. This weekend, the team looks to take advantage of their weekend series and get back to their winning ways.

During its current slump, Delaware has seen its record fall from a promising 15-7 to a modest 18-15 (3-5 CAA), placing the team in fifth place out of seven teams. Entering the weekend, the Patriots are one place below at sixth.

Like the Hens, the sixth place Patriots are coming out of an equally unimpressive 10-game losing streak after last weekend's victory, like Delaware, against a co-CAA leader, in this case, James Madison.

Although their records are similar coming in, the teams rely on different aspects of their game to win. Delaware boasts the best team ERA in the CAA at 1.85, a full 13 points better than second placed Hofstra. Collectively, the Hens have allowed the least hits and runs in the conference. On the mound, freshman Carolyn Sloat leads the Hens with an impressive 1.70 ERA, fourth highest in the CAA to go along with her league-leading 11 wins. She is also the league leader in strikeouts with 120.

On the other hand, George Mason's pitching has been the second worst in the CAA, with an ERA of 3.64, nearly two full

runs larger than Delaware's. Miranda Fox, the Patriot's best pitcher, sports a 2.36 ERA. Their next best pitcher, Megan Farrell is the owner of an unexceptional 4.24 ERA.

While the Hen's hold the advantage in pitching, offensively George Mason totes one of the league's best offenses. Three Patriots rank in the league's top ten batting averages, headed by Ashley Purcell with a conference-leading .409 average and an astounding 45 stolen bases, 25 bases ahead of the next player. Stacy James compliments Purcell, leading the conference in RBIs (32), triples (8) and total bases (79).

Delaware counters with senior third baseman Laura Streets, who has the conference's second-best batting average at .402. She also is the league's leader in on-base percentage (.469) and doubles (14). She also is among the conference leaders in slugging percentage and walks.

Senior first baseman Liz Winslow also has given fine contributions to the Hens with a .278 average while knocking in 12 runs.

Defensively, Delaware owns a slight edge over George Mason statistically, with a fielding percentage of .959 compared to .953. Delaware also has the ability to get out of trouble, leading the league by turning 12 double plays.

Clearly, the Hens will need another fine performance from its pitching staff in order to cool the dangerous Patriot batters. If they can, with ample help from their offense, Delaware won't be looking so average anymore.

Keeler signs new extension

BY DAN MONTESANO

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The university announced Wednesday that it has extended the contract of head football coach K.C. Keeler through 2009.

Keeler guided Delaware to its first Division I-AA National Championship in school history after defeating Colgate 40-0 in the Div. I-AA National Championship game last December in Chattanooga, Tenn.

"I'm very grateful to the university for the commitment it has made to my family and to myself," said Keeler, who captured a championship in just his second season as head coach at Delaware. "I'm also very appreciative that the university has encouraged me to stay around for a long time."

It was the first football championship for Delaware since 1979, a team that Keeler was also a part of as a player under legendary coach Tubby Raymond.

The Hens went 15-1 last season, setting a school record for wins in a season on their way to capturing the Division I-AA National Championship, as well as sharing the Atlantic 10 title with UMass. Delaware was also honored with the Lambert Cup,

which goes to the best team in the Eastern region.

Keeler went 6-6 in his first season as head coach at Delaware, after leaving Division III Rowan, where he won nearly 80 percent of his games.

After the Hens dominating march through the playoffs last season, questions arose about whether Keeler would pursue a Division I-A job in the near future.

"There are no handcuffs on the contract and it's mutually beneficial for everyone," Keeler said. "I'm excited to remain a part of the Delaware family and it encourages me to stay around for a long time."

The Hens produced four All-Americans in 2003, as seniors Jason Nerys, Germaine Bennett, Shawn Johnson and Andy Hall were all honored with the award. Hall also placed third in the Payton Award voting, which goes to Division I-AA's top offensive player.

Delaware currently has four potential picks in this month's NFL Draft, as Hall, Johnson, Nerys and safety Mike Adams have been receiving attention from NFL scouts.



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Head coach K.C. Keeler speaks to the audience during the Hens Div. I-AA National Championship celebration. Keeler received a contract extension through 2009.