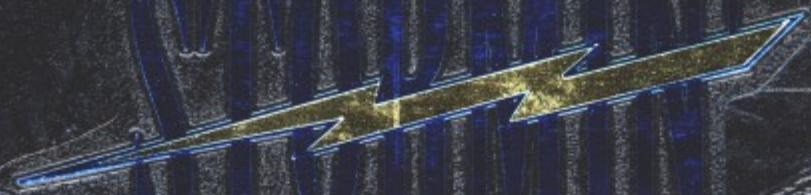


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# STORMING STORMING into • the FUTURE

The sky is bright and sunny as Delaware students walk down South College Avenue. At dusk, the sun starts to set and the sky changes colors right before our eyes. Blue, Orange, Pink and Yellow are the primary colors that can be seen. Suddenly without warning a set of thick black clouds start to roll over campus. The clouds mix with the colors of dusk forming different configurations in the sky. The smell of rain is in the air. As the clouds, that are now multi-colored, start to spit little drops of rain Delaware students can hear the loud crash of thunder. As time passes and the storm strengthens bolts of lightning fall from the sky. With every bolt of lightning comes the roar of thunder. The storm rolls over campus leaving its mark. Like the storm, the University of Delaware is very similar. As the students prepare for graduation they look back to see all the little storms that they created. That is what makes the University of Delaware so unique. As we break through the mold and storm towards the future.

When the University of Delaware first opened its doors to the nation, it was an all men's college. With strength and power women blew open the doors, once again, and the college was divided into two sections. University of Delaware, as we now know it, is a co-ed institution that is recognized on the national level.



# STORMING STORMING i n t o • t h e FUTURE

With 17,000 students performing to the best of their ability, the University of Delaware exceeds all boundaries. Similar to the storms that roll over campus, Delaware's students roll past the national average, winning several awards and titles. On May 9, 1997 over one hundred students were recognized during Honors Day. Through the excellent academic programs that the University of Delaware offers, every student strengthens that program. The Blue Hens fight their way to make those configurations in the sky. The next storm that comes through Delaware will be screaming Blue Hens and hit the rest of the nation by surprise.

Academics is not the only thing that the University of Delaware is known for. The student body has all different types of personalities. To cater to so many people the University supplies activities for everyone to do. Concerts like Rusted Root and Violent Femmes, programs like Greek Games and Ag Day are just a few examples. Students have Main Street and coffee houses that they can walk to. Fraternity parties and the Stone Balloon, Movies at Trabant like *Fargo*, *Twister*, and *Scream* are all available. University of Delaware students can relax on the mall, get together with friends, and use the fields around campus to play different sports. Students can work out in the gyms at Carpenter, Harrington and Pencader or use the computer labs at one of the many sites. They may take part in organizations such as the Resident Student Association or the Student Center Program Advisory Board.





On this fall day, Memorial Hall stands proudly as a monument of strength and pride to University students.

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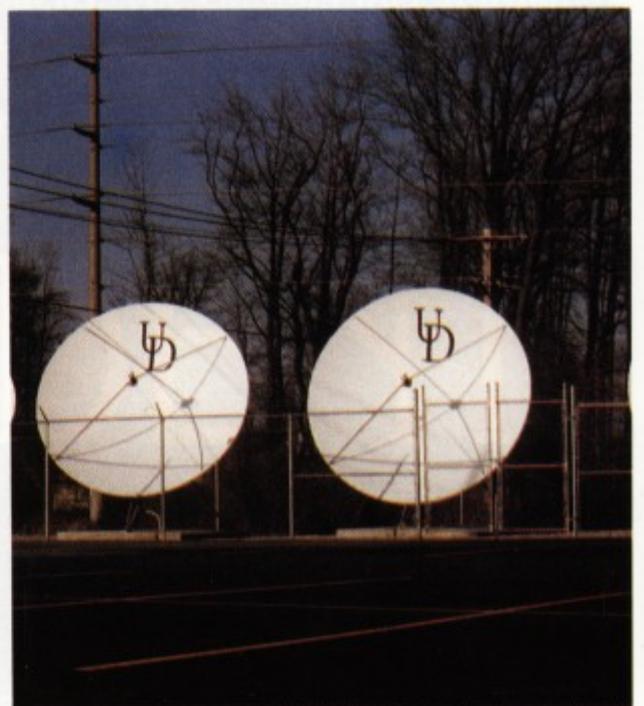
No matter what someone enjoys doing, they are able to take part in it at the University of Delaware. As the clouds are changing colors, Delaware sports teams are changing conferences. The University of Delaware is currently a member of the America East Conference and the Blue Hens are hungry for national glory. The twenty two sports teams were packed with skill and strength as they overpowered the competition this year. When Delaware takes the field to play there is always a something that strikes the other team. It could be the depth of all the sports teams or maybe the school spirit that all Blue Hens possess. Maybe it is just a bolt of lightning that fell from the sky. After all is said and done, the Blue Hens rank number one.

On graduation day, when seniors look back on all those storms that they created, most students are filled with a sense of pride. Either you won an honor award, helped the swim team win the conference or planned the social events for the Returning Adult Student Association; everyone made a difference. All students contribute something to the University of Delaware and help make this college the best it can be. We are improving the ways of the past and preparing to storm into the future. As each graduate walks to get his or her degree they see the configuration in the sky. The clouds come together and form the mighty BLUE HEN.



This Blue Hen soccer player storms for glory to help his Blue Hens reach the America East Tournament.

Delaware is ranked, on the national level, as one of the most technologically advanced schools.



These students are enjoying a late dinner on the tropical island of Martinique. This was one of the many places that Delaware students can choose to go when partaking in the study abroad program.



After winning the basketball competition in the fall, this group of friends pose for the awards ceremony. Intramural Sports is a big part of campus life at the University of Delaware.

You Dee is all smiles as he looks at the crowd through his extra big glasses. Delaware's mascot helped build spirit on this campus through his appearances at sports events and social functions.



# STORMIN' STORMIN'

*with unity*

**S**tudents at the University of Delaware take part in a great number of activities throughout the school year. Concerts like the Violent Femmes and Rusted Root, Perkins Student Center had Casino Night and the Mystery Game were just a few. Delaware students took trips to Washington, DC to see the Aids Quilt, they went to football games together and even took part in internships. Students went to social gatherings and hung out on Main Street and drank coffee. All these aspects make up Student Life at the University of Delaware. With a population of 17,000 people students are bound to run into someone they know. When traveling students moved in packs. The campus was stormin' with unity. This unity formed a college campus full of smiles and every student participates in what they can to make Delaware number one.

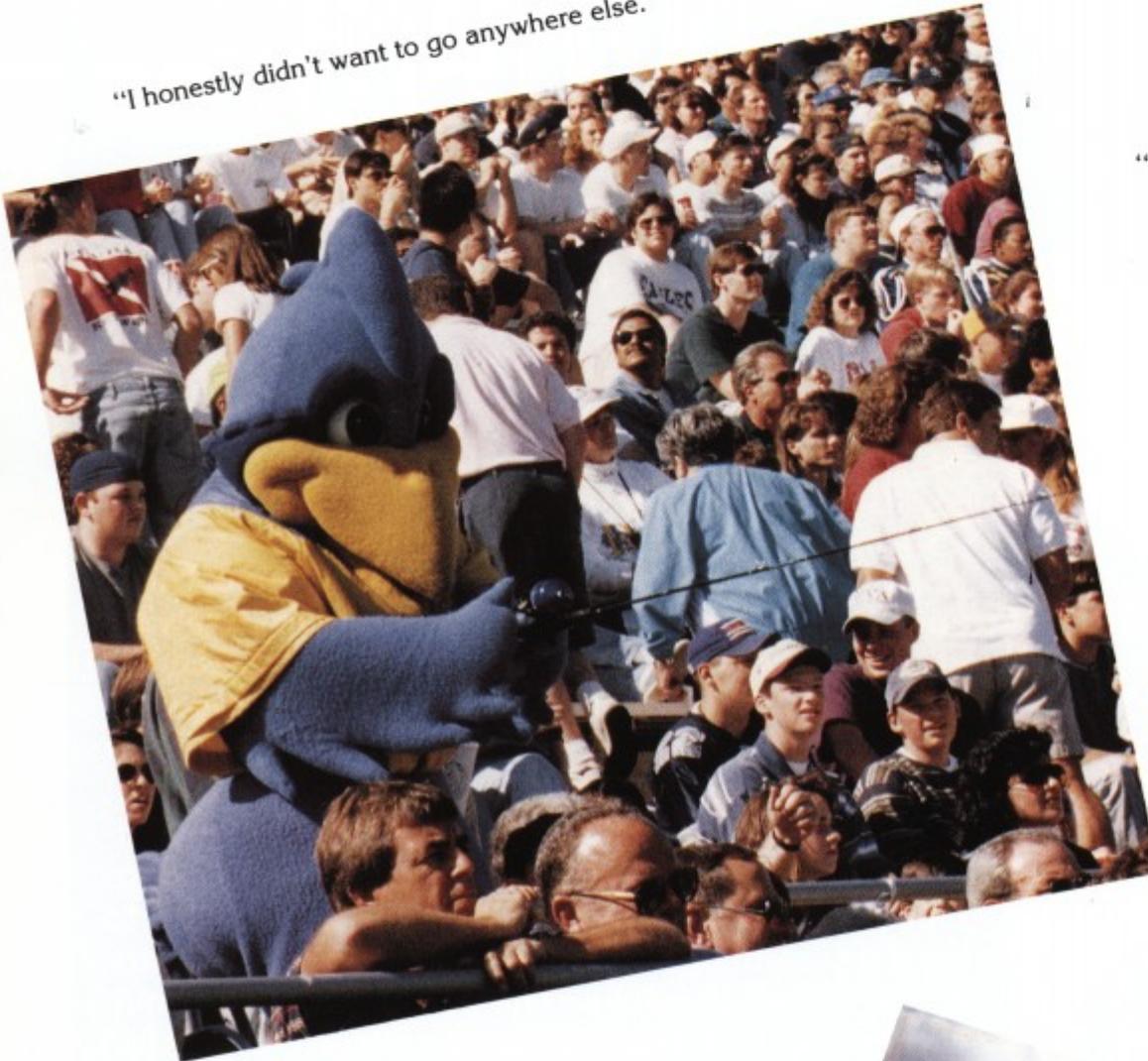
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"Coming here provided me with access to the three greatest cities in the world."

*"I honestly didn't want to go anywhere else."*



"I liked the way the campus looked."

*"I liked the campus and the people."*

"I found a major I liked and stuck with it."

# ACADEMICS

"U of D has a very good nursing program."

*"It has a great span of courses for me to take in almost every major, providing me with a well-rounded education for the future."*





# Why Delaware?

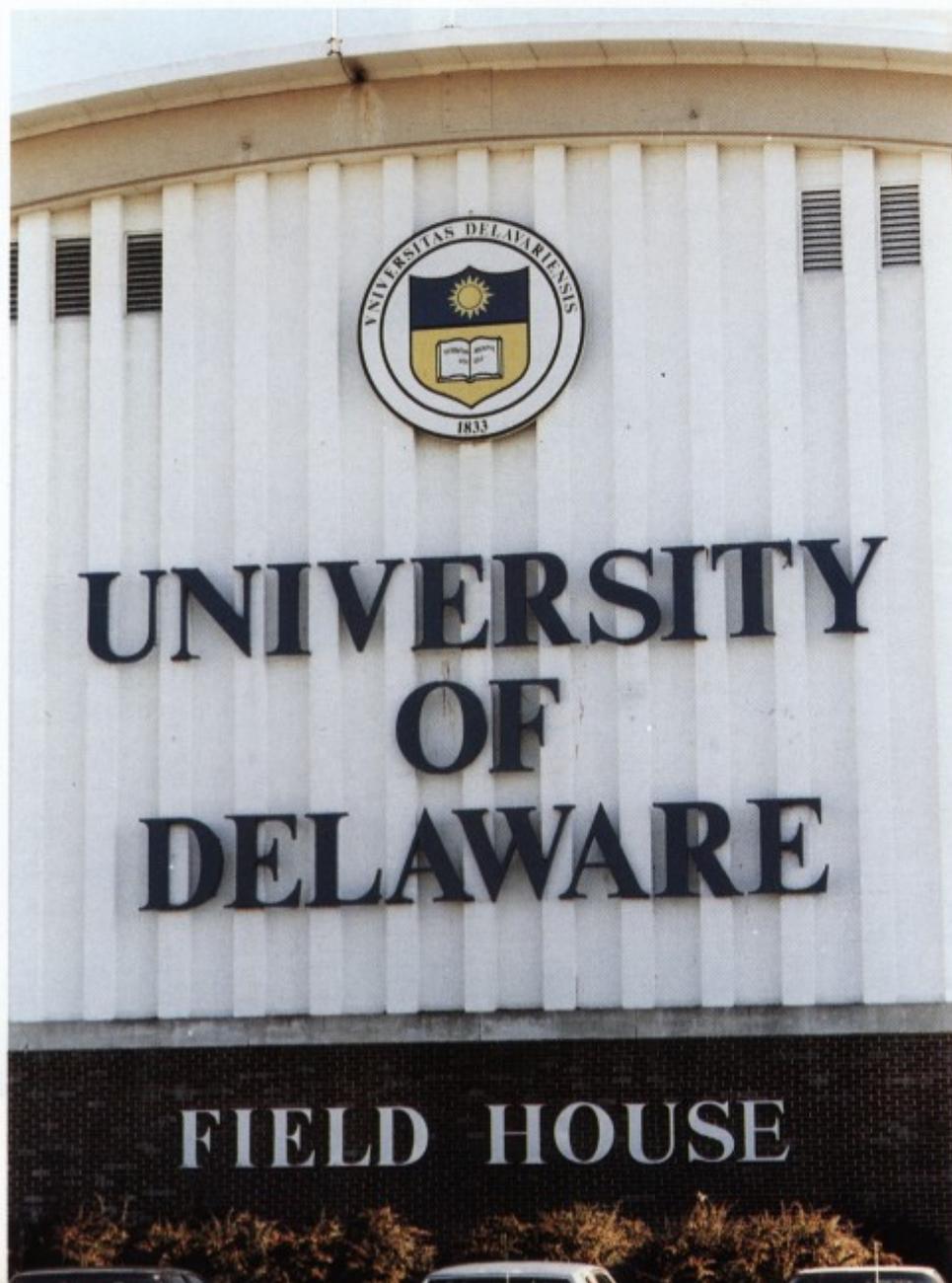
Sitting in the yearbook office chatting about this section with Kim Warren, another person on the Student Life staff, I began to ponder the question of why people elect to come to the University of Delaware. I have lived in this state all of my life, and I would really like to move somewhere else. Delaware is just kind of flat, small, and still unacknowledged by many as even being a state. I came to this college because I basically could not afford to go elsewhere. I have met quite a few other students with the same problem. It's just too expensive for them to leave the state. However, many of my friends from high school, inspite of higher tuition, fled Delaware for schools as far away as California and Arizona. "I just want to get out of Delaware!" one of them exclaimed. So, why do people from places like Arizona and California come here? Are they looking to get away from where they grew up? What's so special about this university? In search of answers, I pestered classmates, Internet users, and anyone who would listen. Listed here are some responses I received. So, why did you choose the University of Delaware?

## ATHLETICS

"I made the cheerleading squad!"

"There is a great athletic training program."

"There is so much to be involved in here."



# We've Got The Spirit



It was a glorious Friday morning as the birds chirped loudly out on the mall. What else could you ask for a bright sunny day to start off the Homecoming festivities. Delaware students walked around with grins on their faces as the academic day came to a close. As everyone on campus prepared themselves the clouds started to roll in. Dark skies and the threat of rain couldn't keep students from attending the 1996 Homecoming Pep Rally. The field across from the Trabant University Center, on College Avenue, was filled with food, music, fun and games. Contests like Kappa Delta Rho's "Guess the Number of Candy Corns in the Bottle" and Tau Epsilon Phi's "Balloon Bust," games like DUSC's

"Gladiator Joust" and RSA's "Sumo Wrestling." All set the tone for a great day. Other activities for students were the Nutrition Club's "Pumpkin Decorating" and Harrington D/E's "Condom-O-Grams." Students from all different groups united as one and got the University to show some spirit. Amongst all the fun and games, a more serious message was also presented. Set on display was a smashed and mangled car representing the possible consequences of drinking and driving. The Pep Rally served as a spirit booster before probably the most important game of the season to the students of this and any other university . . . Homecoming.



As part of the Pep Rally festivities, Delaware students were given bats to smash up a car. This was a symbol of what will happen if you drink and drive. The message was to be safe!!





Aloha! Aloha! These Hawaiian look-a-likes give it their best shot as they try to hula hoop.



Many students decided to suit up and take part in Sumo Wrestling. With a huge collision these seniors did more laughing than wrestling.

American Gladiators? These Delaware students enjoyed a quick joust to get their blood running for the upcoming football game.

Homecoming is a time for tailgating, fun, and most importantly, football. Here Delaware's defense halts Northeastern's advance to the end zone.

Every student's Homecoming dream: an interactive tailgate with food, beverages, and time spent with family and friends.



Everyone comes to the Homecoming Day game with expectations of a Delaware win.





# Homecoming



Nothing excites the Delaware campus as much as the Homecoming football game. Played every October, the game consistently draws a sellout crowd. It is a time for the college community and the city of Newark to get together and celebrate Blue Hen pride. This is truly a day when everyone, especially alumni, comes home to Delaware.

Once again reflecting on the crowd in attendance, one realizes that the freshman class is beginning a countdown to the end of the century. Members of this

Homecoming is not only a celebration for current students, but a time for those who have graduated to return. Here the Alumni band participates in the festivities.

class will be participating in 1999's Homecoming day, the last of this century.

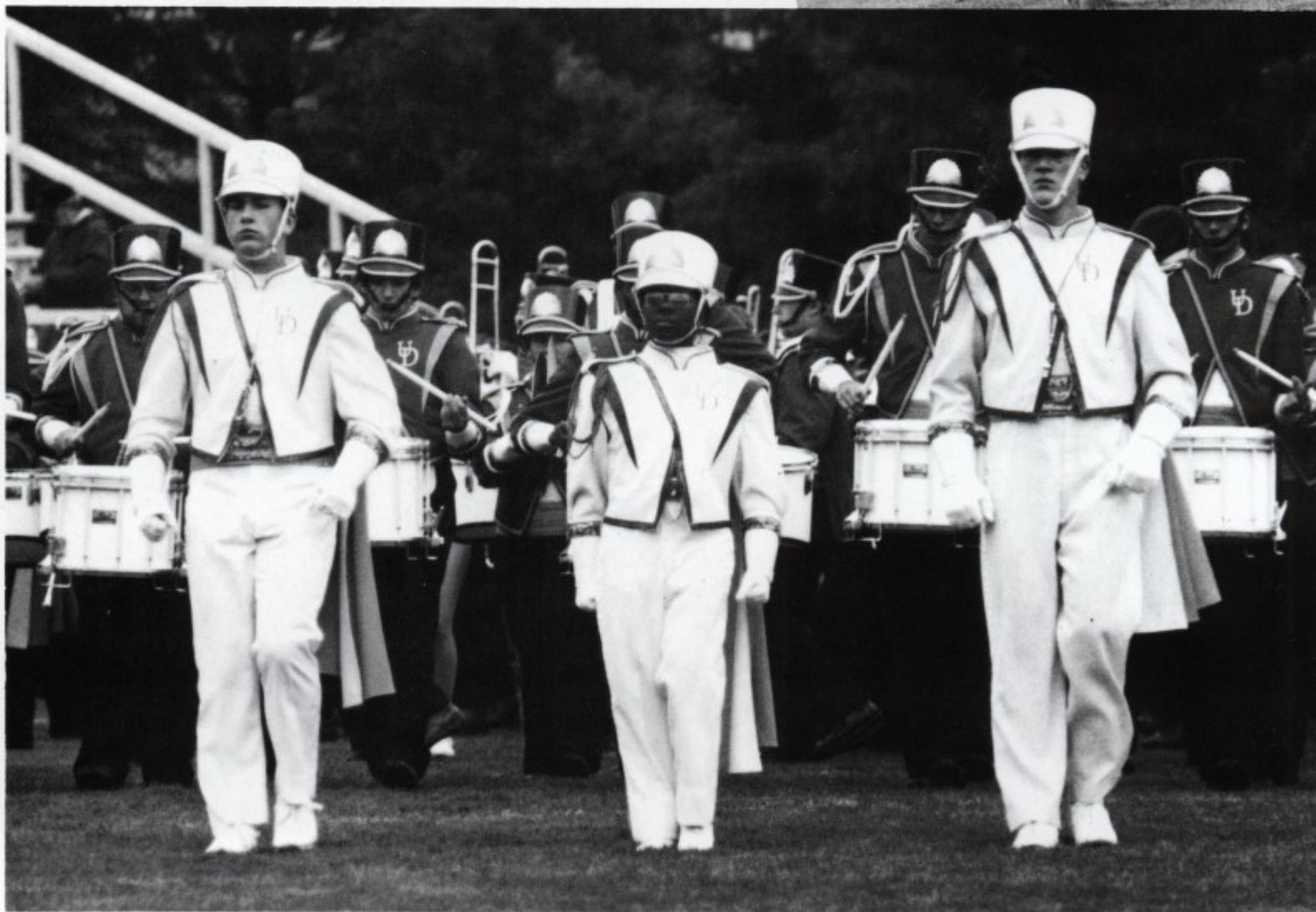
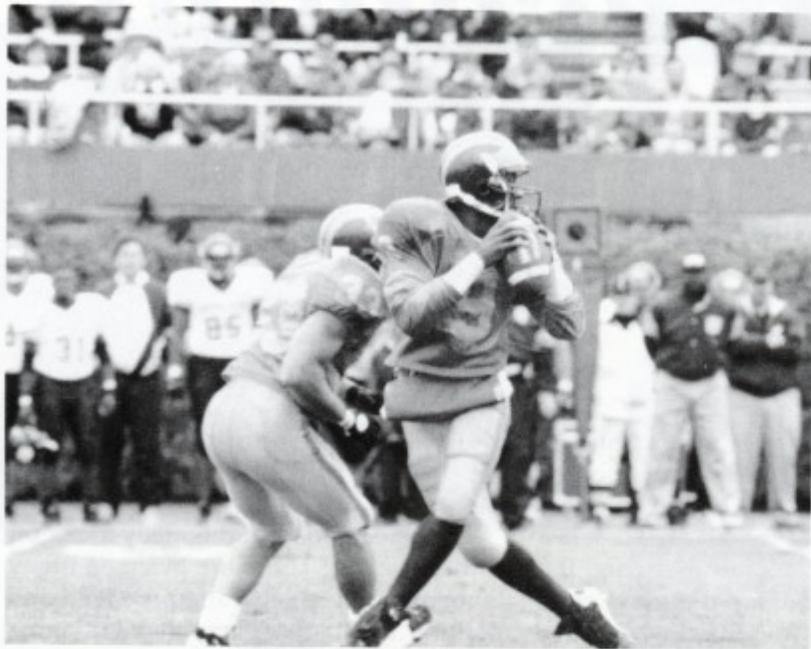
This special day traditionally kicks off with tailgating. There are twice as many tents and tables decorating the field and parking lot than on any regular game day. A festive feeling is in the air as the celebration continues and kickoff time draws near.

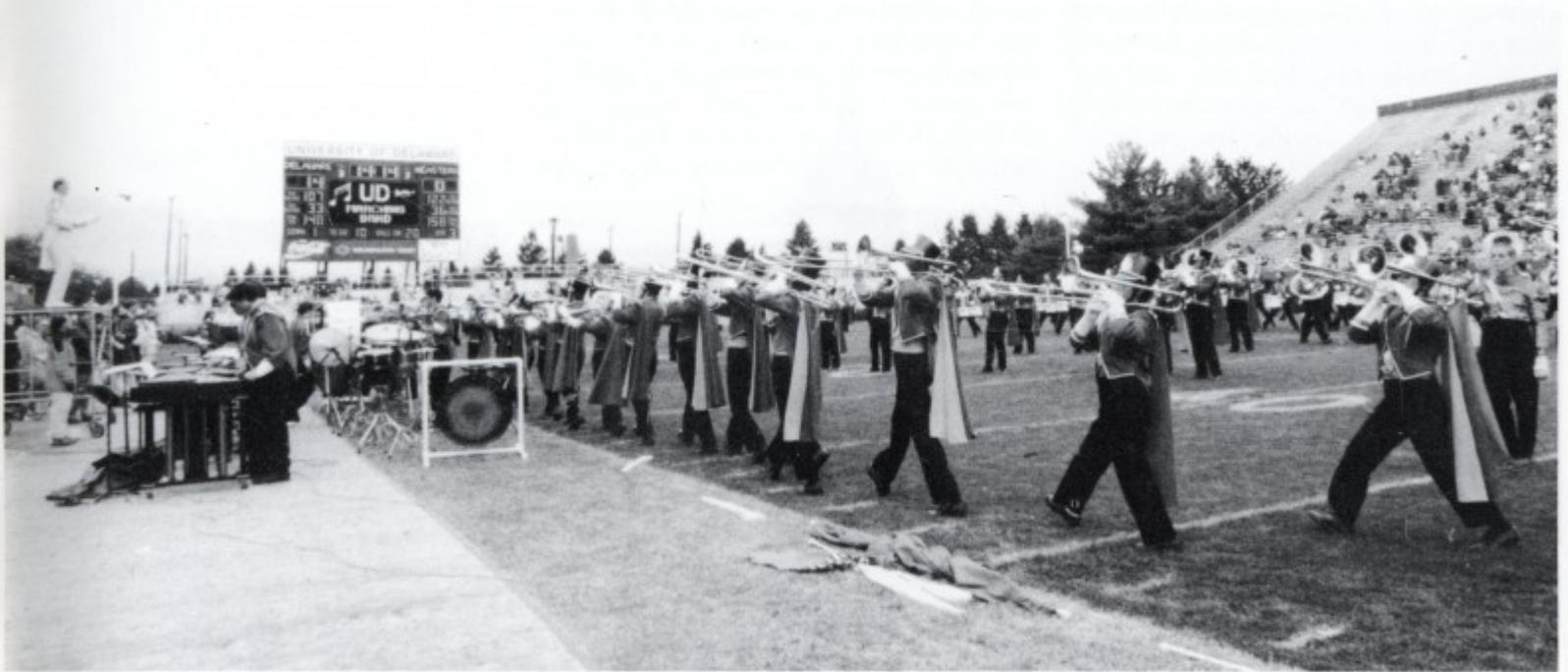
This year's game was very entertaining, as always. Although Delaware led from the opening kickoff, Northeastern was no pushover and this made for an interesting game. Delaware's efforts paid off and we were victorious with a 24-14 win, our first step towards the playoffs.



Seniors possessing leadership skills and spirit run for the Spirit Ambassador Award.

# Homecoming Highlights







# Delaware Remembers



Many University of Delaware students look at the mall and take it for granted. We use it as a place to hang out and lounge around. In the fall the trees on campus look beautiful. Although we were reminded of our campus, it was not just the trees that were beautiful on the National Mall in Washington, DC. The Names Project Aids Memorial Quilt was put on display to remember those who have died of Aids. The quilt stretched across the mall reaching from the Capitol Building to the Washington Monument.

The Aids Quilt is made of 37,472 panels that measure 3 feet by 6 feet each. The names on this quilt represent 12% of all Aids related deaths in the United States. Each panel is created by loved ones or friends of someone who had died of Aids. The panels are personalized for each name. They contain clothing, poems, knick-knacks and other things that symbolize a person's life. Forty countries

contributed panels and had them stitched to the quilt which measures twenty-two football fields long.

Delaware students made the journey to Washington this October. This would be the last time the quilt would be displayed in its entirety because it has become so big. This brought tears to the eyes of many. As we walked down the paths we could see many names that we recognized like Arthur Ashe, Freddie "Mercury" Bulsara and Ryan White. This brought more tears as each person was remembered.

All who had walked the pathways signed the signature quilt and wrote a message. Peace, love and harmony were some of the words used. As the students prepared to return home, each one took one last look and said goodbye to all those remembered. The University of Delaware will always remember those who have died of Aids.

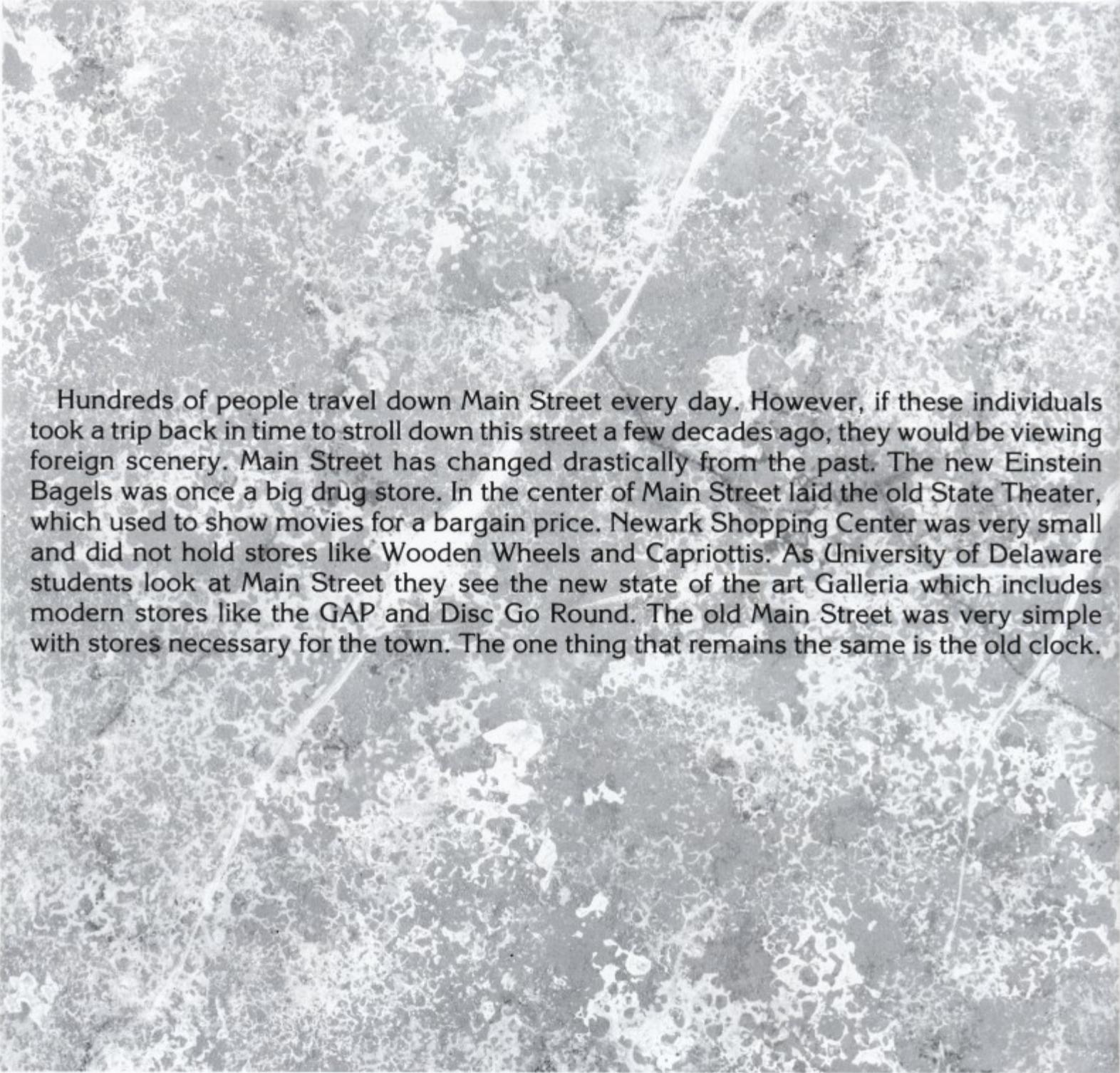


The Aids Quilt stretched across the National Mall. On the left, the Washington Monument is in the background. This allows us to see how far people had to walk end to end. To the right, we see the width of the quilt which helps us visualize the number of people who have died of Aids.



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# *Main Street Then*



Hundreds of people travel down Main Street every day. However, if these individuals took a trip back in time to stroll down this street a few decades ago, they would be viewing foreign scenery. Main Street has changed drastically from the past. The new Einstein Bagels was once a big drug store. In the center of Main Street laid the old State Theater, which used to show movies for a bargain price. Newark Shopping Center was very small and did not hold stores like Wooden Wheels and Capriottis. As University of Delaware students look at Main Street they see the new state of the art Galleria which includes modern stores like the GAP and Disc Go Round. The old Main Street was very simple with stores necessary for the town. The one thing that remains the same is the old clock.





# *Main Street Now*



The Galleria, or "mini mall," is one of the most recent editions to Main Street.

One of the most traveled streets in Newark is Main Street. Home to popular eateries and stores such as Grotto's Pizza, Mailboxes Etc., Salad Sensations, and Copy Maven, it is also the spot for big events like parades and Newark Day. One has only to set foot on East Main and look around during the week to understand why businesses there thrive during the Fall and Spring semesters. The University of Delaware has claimed part of Main Street as well, with the Trabant Student Center, Career Services Building, and Willard Hall, located on East Main, and the English Language Institute located on the less traveled West Main Street. Change is constantly affecting the street and not all of it is welcome. A number of students are still angry over the University's decision to tear down a small church, protesting that it was a historic landmark, to build the Trabant Student Center. Some merchants are also angry about the addition of a parking garage and student center, but others feel it may actually be good for business. "People come to visit the university, and wind up here," an employee of GI (General Impressions) explained. "They're looking for the perfect U of D sweatshirt, etc." The Galleria is also popular with students and their

parents. Located where State Theater and a malt shop used to be, the mall has made quite an impression on the students with its hair salon, clothing store The Gap, restaurants, and Disc Go Round. Employees of Disc Go Round insist that it has an advantage over Rainbow Books and Music and other big businesses. "The advantage in this store is everything here is music," said Rob Gibson, a U of D senior and employee. "Everything ties in with the CDs." Rob became involved with Disc Go Round as a customer. "I would seriously look into opening one," he told me. When I asked him why, he stated that he likes the atmosphere where he works, and that business is booming. "We started with 2000 CDs and we're already pushing 5000," Rob continued, gesturing to the wall-to-wall row of CDs behind the counter. His co-worker, Paul Gibson, nodded his approval of Rob's comments. The Iron Hill Brewery and The Stone Balloon also benefit from student customers. One student told me that she likes the bands which play at The Stone Balloon and that it is a great place to just "hang out." Overall, Main Street is a prime location for U of D students to enjoy shopping, eating, and socializing with friends.

Rob Gibson (left), a U of D senior, and Paul Francisco work at Disc Go Round in the Main Street Galleria.



Treats, a once popular sandwich and muffin eatery, shut down just two months after this picture was taken. Einstein Bagels now operates in its place.

The Main Street Café is the latest establishment to occupy this location.



The Iron Hill Brewery is another newcomer to Main Street.



# Clinton and Gore 4 More



This year brought another important decision for many of the students at the University of Delaware, as well as for millions of other Americans. It was election year again and time to determine the future of American politics. Was it to be four more years for the Democrats, Clinton and Gore, or was it time for some new blood from the Republican challengers, Dole and Kemp? Let us not forget about Ross Perot and his focus on economic issues. The nation knew that it was going to be a tight race and the students in Delaware were prepared to vote for their favorite.

What seemed to be a promising close race turned into a landslide victory for Bill Clinton and Al Gore. By the end of the cam-

paign, Dole and Kemp's tired Republican plans and their continued "Contract for America," were not enough to keep them in serious contention for the White House.

The University of Delaware did a lot to prepare for the 1996 elections. Some highlights include voter registration drives and a visit from MTV's Choose or Lose bus. As election time came near, students listened to the issues and tried to answer the problems. The votes were in and the winner was about to be announced. The only difference from the 1992 election was that there was no suspense. Clinton and Gore came home with a huge victory.

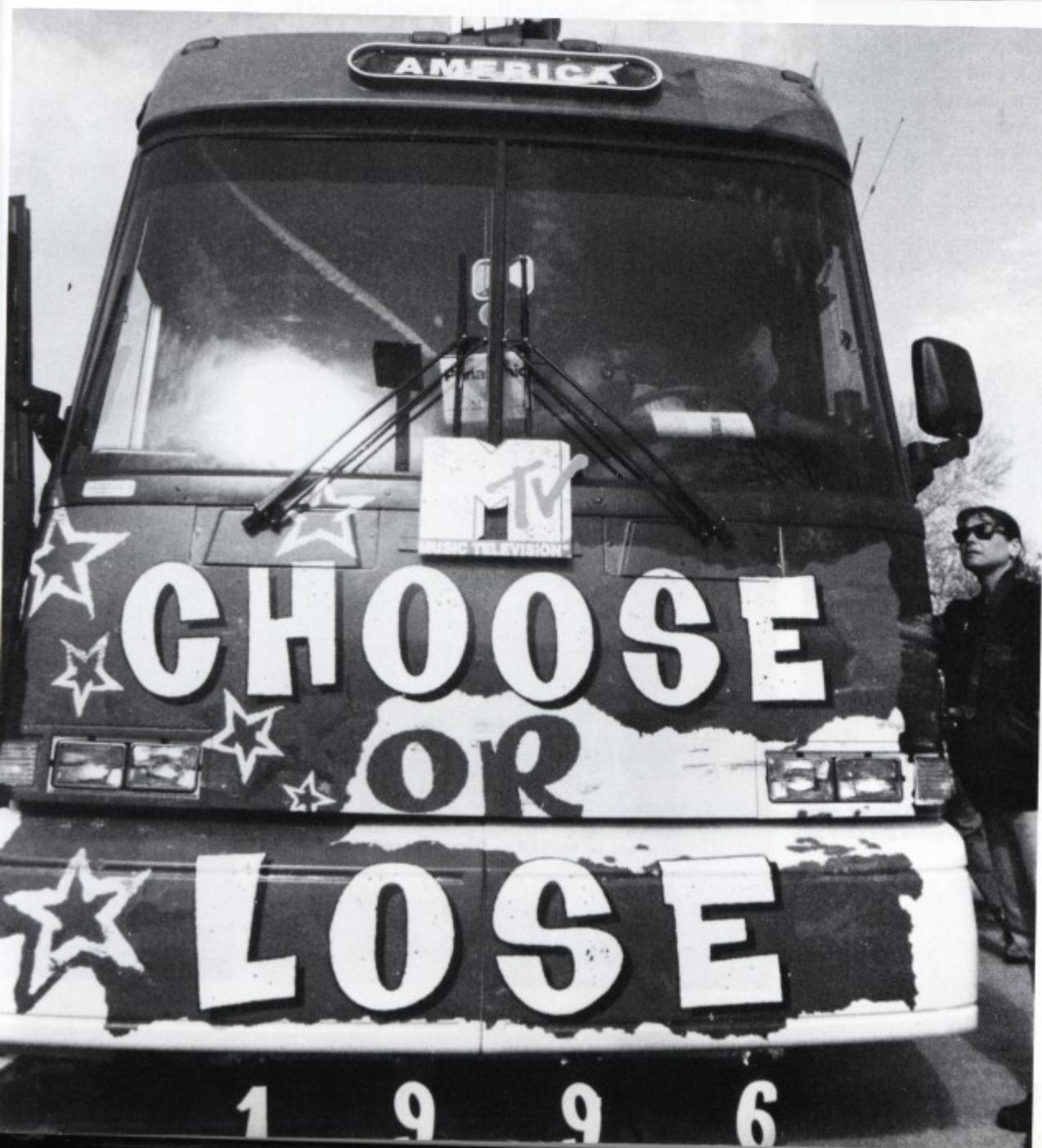
Clinton and Gore for four more not only became a slogan but a reality. The Democratic Party nominees won an easy victory over Bob Dole and Jack Kemp to claim a second term.





The Republican Party nominees, Dole and Kemp, were loved from the beginning as we see here at the Republican National Convention.

No, that is not a University bus, but MTV's answer to voter registration. The choose or lose bus made its appearance on campus in October 1996 seeking to educate the undecided.



# Traffic Jam



During the summer months, Newark has a small population. It's a laid-back, peaceful little town, with only a little burst of energy on the weekends when the kids from nearby towns in Pennsylvania and Maryland come to drive down Newark's short, one-way, two lane Main Street. Pedestrians cross streets wherever they like, drivers drive with their eyes practically closed. Neither pedestrians nor drivers concern themselves with each other; they live for the most part in peace and harmony, until . . . school begins again!! When UD starts up again in September, Newark's population increases greatly and pedestrians and drivers now become

each other's worst nightmares. All over campus and the surrounding streets of Newark, students and others can be heard shouting profanity and general statements of ill-will. Groups of students become invincible and pay no attention to cars and trucks who are now victims and are often trapped and swallowed whole by the masses. Bikers can be seen fighting for the last spot in the bike rack; some just don't care and lock themselves to the most convenient bike. Both Newark and University Police have their hands full, until . . . the lazy days of summer return.



The cars lay asleep in the visitor's center parking lot while students attend class. In another fifteen minutes the cars will awake and take the streets by storm.



Walking down South College Avenue at 5 o'clock in the evening we can see the traffic that starts to build. Within the next hour the traffic will be backed up from one end of the street to the other end.





Pedestrians and cars are not the only things that cause traffic jams. Here we see one student locking up his bike. Students would ride their bikes up and down campus weaving through all of the cars.



University of Delaware students were told never to walk alone at night. On campus students always walk together. Yourself and a friend start walking to class and you are joined by twenty other students. This was very common.

Main Street is considered a hot spot at the University of Delaware. As we see the traffic continues to flow down Main Street to reach their desired destination.

Dr. Hugh Ross (pictured below) holds up his latest book, *Beyond the Cosmos*.

On November 11, 1996, the host of television series, "Reasons to Believe," came to the Trabant Student Center to present a lecture which he hoped would help others bridge the perceived gap between science and faith. Dr. Hugh Ross is the author of several books, including *Creation and Time* (1995), *The Creator and the Cosmos* (1993), and *The Fingerprint of God* (1986). An astrophysicist, lecturer, and theologian, Dr. Ross captured an audience of nearly 200 professors and students for several hours the Monday night that he came to this university. Declaring there is less than a "million trillion trillion trillion chance for a planet such as Earth to exist anywhere in the universe," Dr. Ross professed a firm belief that "our Creator" must have specifically crafted our galaxy so that Earth could sustain life. He felt that for a clear, historical picture we must be willing to explore dimensions beyond space and time. "Oth-

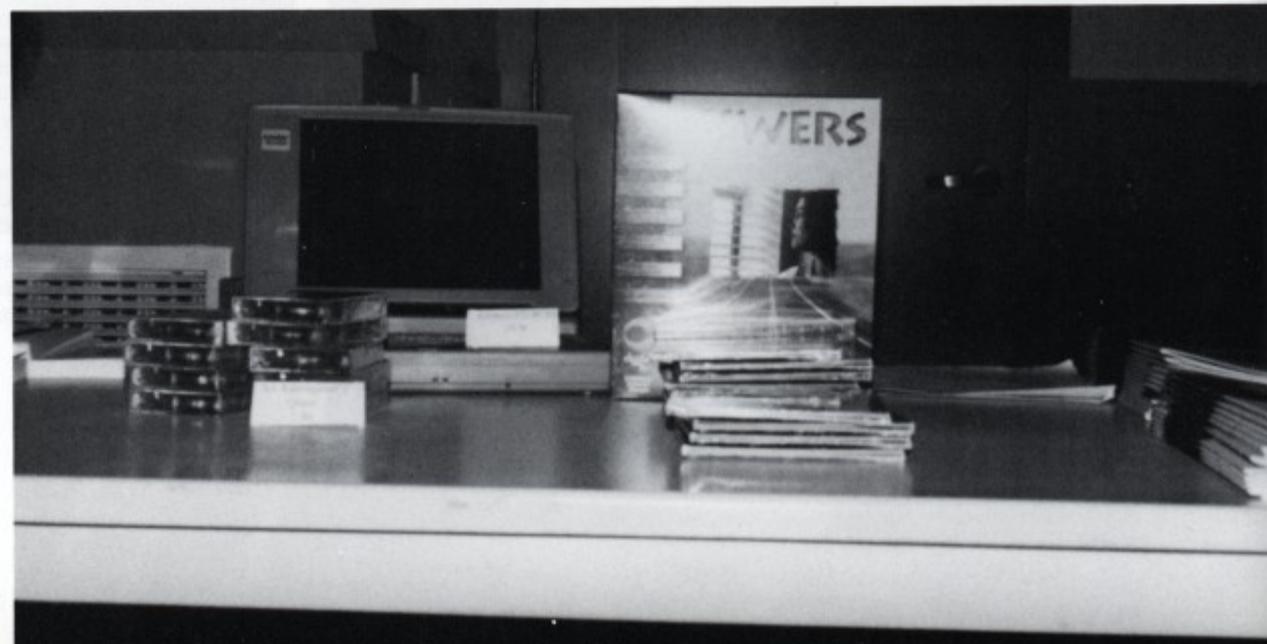
er holy books are likely to be the product of human imagination because they are restrained to four dimensions," Dr. Ross informed the crowd. Using formulas projected on a large screen, he gave a presentation which clearly pointed out scientific evidence that the universe was definitely designed and did not come about by accident. For more information on this subject, you may check the Reasons to Believe web site at [www.reasons.org/reasons](http://www.reasons.org/reasons), which connects you with a scientific research organization led by Dr. Hugh Ross. Digital Fish, a small company, also has information on the web. To obtain access instantly to hundreds of pages of information addressing key scientific, philosophical, historical, or theological issues, contact [www.digitalfish.com](http://www.digitalfish.com). You may also call (800) 482-7836 to find out more about the newsletter, "Facts & Faith," which is published quarterly by Reasons to Believe.



The audience listens as Dr. Ross talks about "Facts & Faith," a newsletter published by Reasons to Believe.



"Digital Fish" displays its latest software, *Answers*, at the presentation given by Dr. Ross.



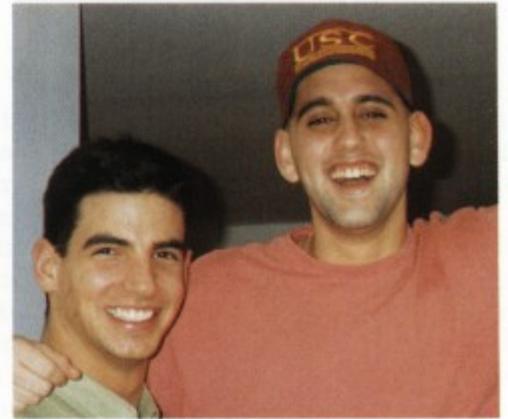


***“The Universe —  
Accident or Design?”  
Speaker: Huge Ross***



Dr. Ross signs a copy of his book, *Beyond the Cosmos*, for Pattie Harris.

# Party Time



Although most high school graduates decide to attend college to receive higher education in the hopes of getting a good job, many are attracted by the fact that college equals parties, lots of parties. Being in college and taking 12-17 credits per semester drives even the most diligent student to get out of control on the weekends. We hang out in the dorms, go to fraternity parties and even go to the bars on Main Street. The fact of the matter is, though, that the only

thing we need is a bunch of good friends. Parties do not always have to be about drinking, but most of them end up that way. Parties are the best way to make new friends, socialize with old friends, and get a chance to dance. As we attend these parties there is a sense of togetherness. The problems you have can be forgotten about for a short time. The next morning, University of Delaware students wake up and reminisce about the night before.





These University of Delaware students started their own party at the Stone Balloon. When students had nothing to do, they headed to the bars on Main Street.



Staying in at night was sometimes just as fun as going out. These students pose for the camera and are all smiles.

# Party





# *Highlights*

Here at the U of D, expenses such as tuition, textbooks (and, well, other necessities like parking stickers and meal plans), cause many students to seek part-time employment while getting their education. The university offers many job opportunities, such as working in the department or student center offices, giving tours of the school, working at a computing site or the bookstore, etc. I am a graduating senior who sought a job at the bookstore my sophomore year because I wanted a discount on my textbooks. I have gotten cheaper books, but working in the computer department has also enabled me to learn more about technology and make a lot of friends. The beginning of each semester, or "Rush," as we bookstore employees call it, is kind of fun because I end up seeing just about everybody I've ever met eventually. Everybody has to buy books sometime. I was interested in finding out where other students were working and why, so I made some inquiries. Tami Hutchison, Melony Thomas, Jaimie Leader (all pictured below), Dana Bertotti, Ben Cohen, and Rachel Spano (pictured on opposite page), were just some of the students who responded. Tami is a junior Environmental Science major who has been working at her family's Mexican restaurant "since we started building it in November of 1992." The Hutchisons' restaurant, called Salsa's, opened in February of 1993, and Tami has been waitressing there ever since. "Why?" she laughed.

"Because my family owns it. I never really had a choice." However, Tami has decided that it is the "perfect job to have" while she's in school. "When I need money, I just say, 'Dad, can I pick up a shift this week? I am really broke.' It usually works!" Melony first contacted me with the idea of featuring Brewed Awakenings as part of a yearbook page about Main Street because she has been working there since July of 1992. A senior with a major in Elementary Education, Melony wrote me a letter stating that she felt the small coffee shop "would be an excellent place to advertise in the yearbook." She later added, "I've always liked the atmosphere of Brewed Awakenings." When I went to visit her at work, it was indeed a popular place with friendly employees and wonderful service. It's too bad I don't like coffee. Jaimie is a junior who landed her job working in the Harrington and Morris Library computer labs while she was a Computer Science major. She has now switched to a major in Theater Production and is actively involved in the Harrington Theatre Arts Company, better known on campus as HTAC. She likes her current employment because "it's a job that you can do some of your own work while you are working with other people, and it's a fairly relaxed atmosphere most of the time." Overall, the students I spoke with enjoy their work and are gaining valuable experience from it.

Tami Hutchison poses by a wall in her family's restaurant, Salsa's, located on Salem Church Road in Newark.



Caroline, Nicole, and Melony Thomas smile from behind the cash register at Brewed Awakenings on Main Street.



Jaime Leader (shown right) smiles from behind the desk at the Harrington Computing Site, where she is seated with a male co-worker.





# Mel's Medley of Student Jobs

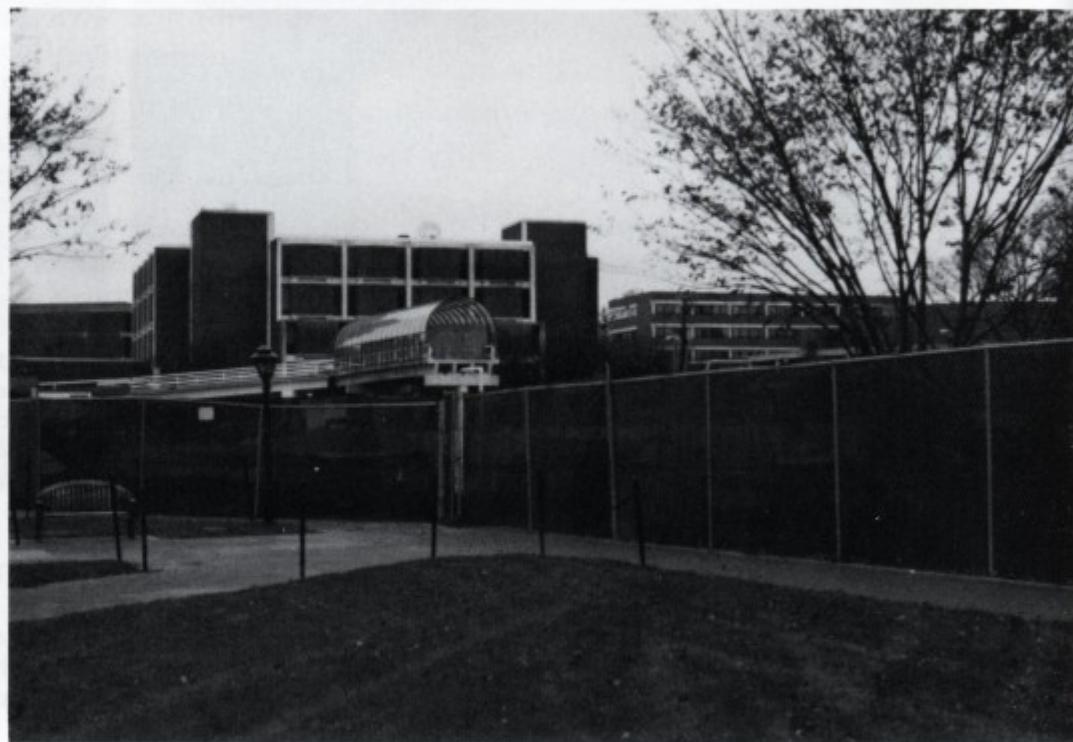


Dana Bertotti snuggles up to Ben Cohen in the Student Activities Office at the Trabant Student Center. Dana, a junior Interdepartmental Communications and English major, says she came to the University of Delaware because it was the "perfect size" for her. She also noted that "U of D had the best technology, a wonderful English department, the most services available to students (computers, gyms, writing center, etc.) and dozens of extracurricular activities that I could get involved in." Dana has been working for the university as a tour guide since the first semester of her sophomore year. She is very enthusiastic about her job. "Honestly, I love performing," she said with a smile. "I love working with people to solve their problems or answer questions. Giving tours incorporates both." Ben is a senior with a major in Communications who "desperately needed" a job. His polite manner and friendly disposition show that he is certainly suited for his position in the Student Activities Office. Ben stated that he chose U of D because he "liked the campus" and it is "relatively close to home."



Known on e-mail as "lil' rachie" or "rachert," Rachel Spano is so dedicated to her job that she even taught gymnastics with an injured knee. The day I took pictures of her at the Olympiad in Peoples Plaza, she was sitting with her crutches propped beside her, encouraging her young pupils to do cartwheels and try new positions on the trampoline. A junior with a double major in Voice Performance and Music Education, Rachie also coaches gymnastics at the "little bob carpenter center" and spends her summers as a secretary for a law office. When asked how she ended up working for the university, Rachel replied, "I was at the little bob, and I saw a sign that said gymnastics coaches were needed, and I wanted a small job, so I called. I had been coaching in my hometown for three years already, so they gave me the job at my interview." Rachel "fell in love with the campus" here one summer when she stopped by and took a tour of the U of D on her way to Florida. "I read about the university in one of those college books," she explained, adding, "Then I auditioned for the music department and got in. Then, I got a small scholarship to help with tuition, and there you go."

Not a semester has gone by since I came to this university in 1993 when there hasn't been some type of building or maintenance going on around campus. Last year it was the construction of Trabant that had everyone talking. Then it was the Morris Library, as a section on one side of it simply crumbled and fell off. The library (pictured below) has been subject to ongoing repairs and is now safer. However, bulldozers and workers continue to invade our campus. Right in the middle of a well-traveled area of the campus mall, cutting off the once-popular Smith Overpass, a green fence guards the area where workers are creating a new building. Many students are annoyed by the closing of the connection between Smith Hall and the main mall. A small sign on the boarded up bridge (pictured right) asking us to "please excuse the inconvenience" provides little consolation to the student who is rushing to class and now has to dodge traffic to cross the street. Gore Hall, which will connect to the Overpass, should be completed during the Fall semester of 1998. The idea of having an additional location for classrooms appeals to many professors who are now fighting for places where their students can all have a seat. More classrooms should, in theory at least, help to alleviate the overcrowding, which will benefit students a lot. Hopefully, if we put up with the "inconvenience" for awhile longer, Gore Hall will be completed. Maybe then the workers will leave, the bulldozers will disappear, and we can finally have a semester without construction constantly getting in the way, barging straight into the middle of things.





# *In The Middle Of Things*



A view of the construction site for the new Gore building.

Outside of Morris Library, these students take a break from studying. The stone walkway was always full of life.



As Delaware's football team dominated the season, a group of friends show their spirit and how much they love the school.

Rain, wind, snow and freezing temperatures could not keep crowds of people away from Delaware football games. We see that alumni and employees take up as many seats in the stands.





# Faces In The Crowd



Although many feel college is a place for accomplishing individual success, everyone fits into a crowd whether it's rooting for the Blue Hen football team or paying attention to the nice weather. Many students are but a face in the crowd. No matter where you are you are bound to run into friends.

Sitting outside the Scrounge or waiting for the bus at Smith Hall are only a few of the places students tend to meet up. Sporting events, concerts and movies at the Trabant University Center are also spots that draw the largest number of people together to share in the college experience. And let us not forget the others that help make up the crowds at Delaware events. Among the student body are also faculty, alumni, parents and just

plain fans; without these individuals sporting events and concerts couldn't happen to the large degree they do now.

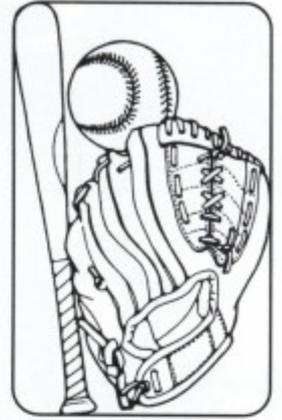
Also, and not to be forgotten, are classes. Some classes have small numbers and others larger populations of the student body. History majors could tell you about small classes at Ewing, as little as 15 students, while anyone in Criminal Justice could show you an introductory class at Smith 140 the size of a small nation. But no matter what the size of the class, students know they are not alone.

To meet up in dorms, football games and parties, coffee shops or the mall before class puts all of us in touch with each other. Our lives are centered around this University, our classes and our friends, which makes us a face in the crowd.



The University students stand at the bus stop and wait for their route. There were many people at all the Delaware bus stops. So students were never done.

# Intramural Sports



Varsity sports are not the only sports that the University of Delaware students can take part in. The Carpenter Sports Building and its directors offer a year round intramural sports program. Starting with early fall and ending in late spring students can partake in a number of different activities. The program offers Volleyball, Water Polo, Flag Football, Softball, and many more. The way that the program runs is that each team pays a refundable \$25 registration fee and fills out

the appropriate forms. The directors of the program will then divide the teams, for that sport, into leagues of men's, women's or co-ed. Then the teams are divided by beginner, intermediate or advance. This allows each team a chance to win the tournament. Awards are handed out at the end and the overall winner had their team name mounted on a plaque that hangs in the Carpenter Sports Building.



This co-ed indoor soccer team poses for a team picture after an exciting overtime victory in the championship game. Indoor soccer was one of the popular intramural sports offered at Delaware.





On many warm and sunny days, students can see teams play flag football on the South Central field.



For many female students field hockey is a good way to have fun and meet new people with the same interests.

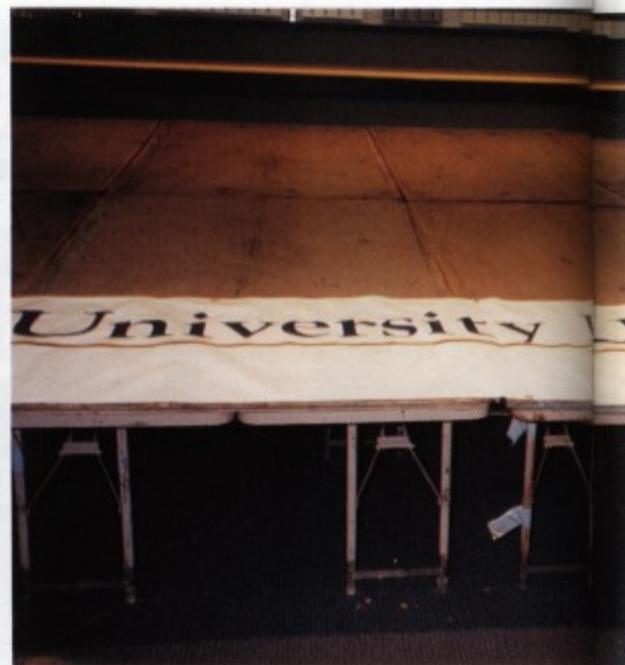
When the warm days of fall and spring are here, the fields all over campus are filled with students playing field hockey, flag football, ultimate frisbee and all different varieties of outdoor sports.

# *Together We Stand*



This student talks to three volunteer helpers about all the delicious foods that were available to everyone.

At the end of the day, many people came back to rest and socialize one last time.





# United

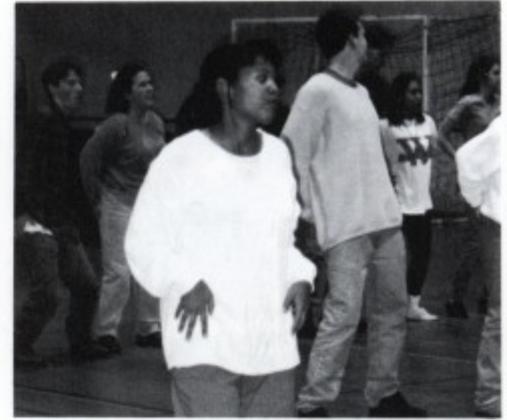
After a long and exhausting wait it is finally here . . . University United. University United was designed as a program to bring many cultures together. Many may ask what is the key component to this program? The answer is clear, Diversity. As the gold and blue balloons made their way through the Trabant University Center, a sense of pride filled the onlooking students. Next, many students started to prepare foods from different countries. The

smell filled the hallways and attracted even more people. The multipurpose room was filled with tables and chairs for people to socialize. Trabant's second floor held meetings and seminars that students could attend to learn things about different cultures. Students learn more and more every day about diversity, but this one program allows students to experience each other on a more personal level and break down barriers between us.



Delaware students eat good food and talk about the seminars. University United provided many opportunities for people to meet.

# Those Dancing Feet



The style of dancing has changed over the years. In the 70's it was the Hustle. The 80's brought us breakdancing and the cabbage patch. Early in the 90's it was the Electric Slide and now it is the Macarena. There is not one dance craze on this campus. Living on such a large campus, we can always find someone that likes each of these dances and more.

No matter what the latest dance step is, all students try to make history. Well, the University of Delaware did. Students, em-

ployees and friends came out to the Carpenter Sports Building to form the longest Macarena line on a college campus.

When people started to arrive, they found out there was more than the Macarena involved. Everyone who participated was taught how to do the waltz, the Electric Slide, and many other dances. While our Blue Hen students were touching up their dance steps, a news camera crew walked in and started filming and interviewing students.



Instructors are needed for everything, even learning the newest dance steps. These dance instructors are teaching students how to do the cha-cha.

Our Blue Hens and their friends practice the Macarena. After some practice everyone was in sync and anxious to make the longest Macarena line on a college campus.





These Delaware students added their own touch to the Electric Slide. Others looked on with amazement and later tried to master it, though unsuccessfully.



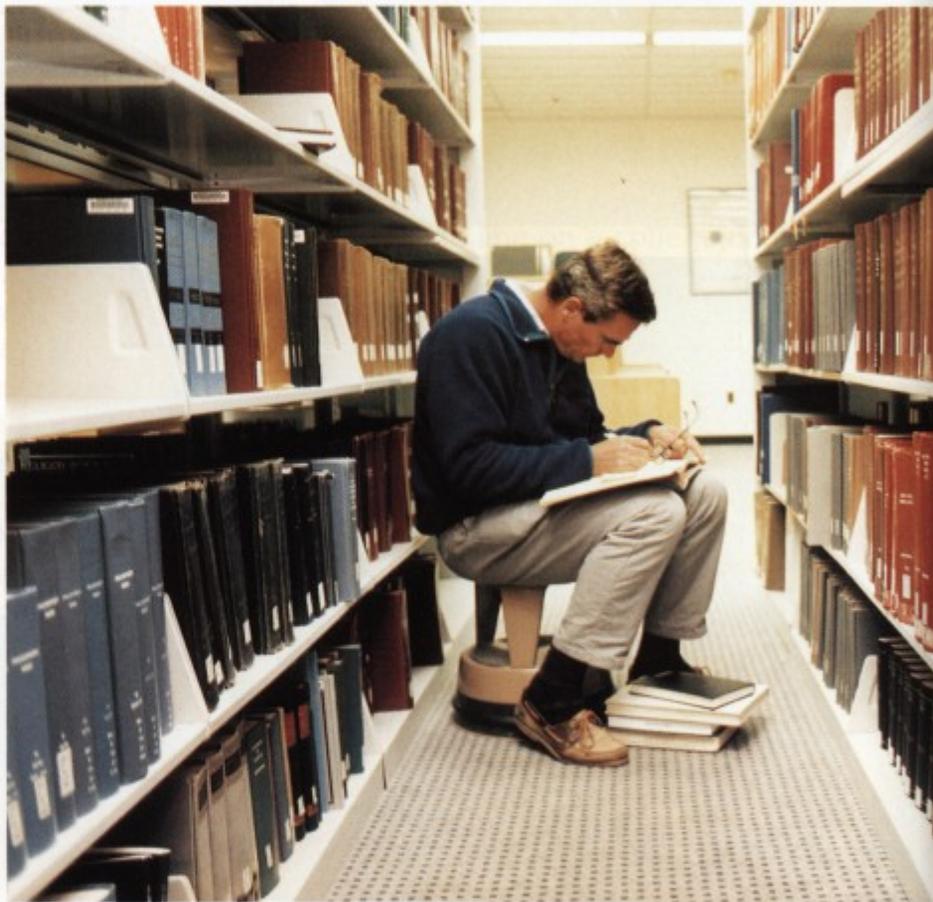
During the confusion, these students lose their place as they work on doing the Macarena. At first, many people lost their step. Finally all danced in harmony.

Joining in the fun, these students jump into the middle of the Electric Slide to show everyone their dance know-how.



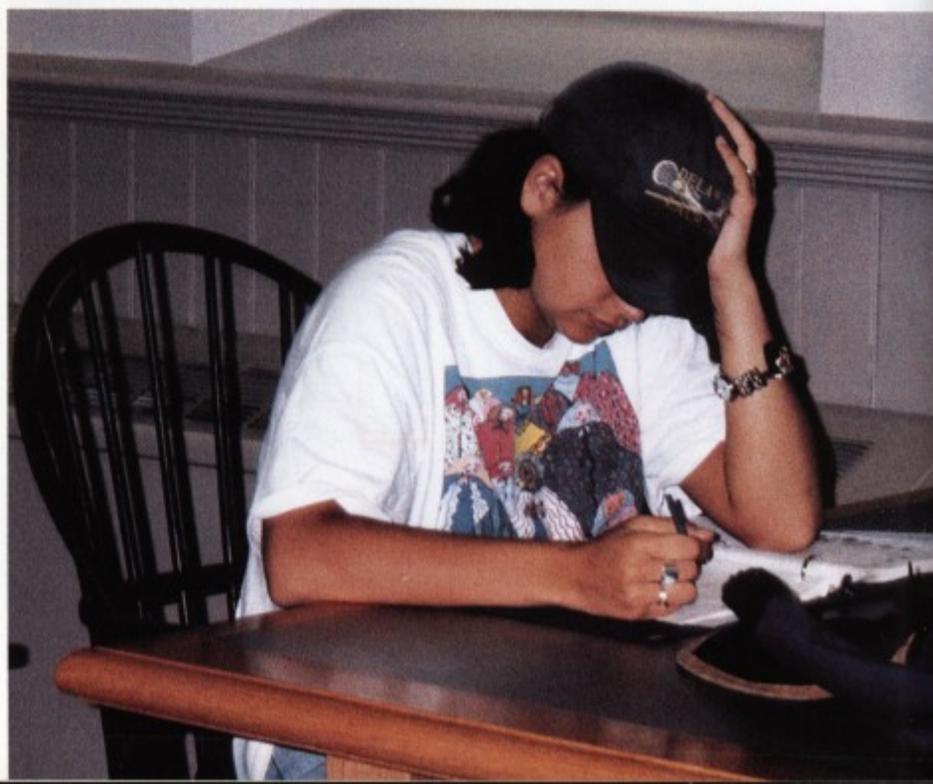
Before exams, many students went to class early and found a place to study. Not always comfortable, this Blue Hen looks over his notes one last time.

Stress does not always lie in exams but also in research papers. Walking through the library, students would always see someone in the middle of the floor reading books.



Morris Library has many desks for students to study. During finals every seat was always full.

Working out math problems was always a tedious task, but this student masters the task at hand.





# Oh The Stress

College is not just about socializing and having a good time. What a person does while in college will decide the path of his or her life. That is something we call pressure. Freshmen enter the University stressed about the new experience and wonder if it would be hard. All college freshmen know that they have plenty of time to make the best out of it. Sophomores and Juniors have the easiest time because they are considered veterans. There is still time to fix that damaged GPA from the previous year. When a person

gets to his or her Senior year this is the time to finish your degree and find a job.

After going through the four years of college we look back to all the studying we have done. College students try to learn and memorize all the information they can. Between regular semester exams and those dangerous finals, students are famous for procrastination. Who wants to study when there are so many things to do. But all students buckle down and complete the necessary requirements to graduate.



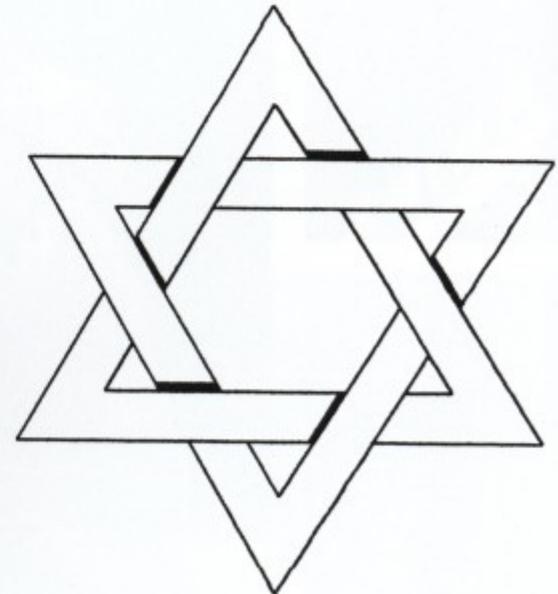
Many Delaware students study outside on a nice day. It is a way to relax and let the stress flow out of your body.

# Home For The Holidays



After a stressful week of final exams, students pack up their belongings and get ready to go home. Winter break gives University of Delaware students an opportunity to see their family and friends from other colleges. It is a time to bring home a pile of laundry and trade it in for some good old fashioned home cookin', and take a break from classes. Many students also vacation away from home, traveling to

other countries or hitting the slopes. However, underlying the activities in which students participate is a more serious message. Whether you celebrate Chanukah, Christmas or Kwanza, the important thing is that you spend the holidays with those that you care about. Hopefully, every student returned rested and geared up for the next semester.





This family spends Christmas together every year. They use the time to catch up on what is happening in everyone's life.

THE BLUE HEN  
YEARBOOK STAFF  
HOPES THAT  
EVERYONE HAD  
A GREAT WINTER  
BREAK!!!



**“My resolution is not to make resolutions.”**

**“I want to make a difference in the world.”**

**“I want to be more humble.”**

**“To be in the audience of the Montel Williams show.”**

**“I’ve never made a resolution yet that I haven’t broken.”**

**“From now on, I will avoid science classes.”**

**“I will go to my classes and not sleep through them.”**

**“I will Graduate.”**

**“No more 8 o’clock classes.”**

**“To party harder during the second semester.”**

**“To work harder in my classes, if I feel like it.”**

**“To stop eating chocolate.”**

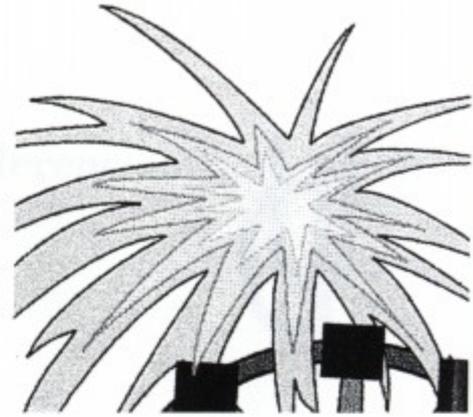
**“Do all my class reading on time and before the final.”**



# *Resolutions*



# Happy New Year



After the Holiday season is all over with the excitement does not die. On December 31, 1996, University of Delaware students reunite and grab their party favors. It is time to celebrate the New Year. As the start of all the New Years Eve parties begins around ten o'clock p.m. a chill starts to fill the air. Friends gather at Times Square in New York or at someone's house. No matter where you spend your New Years the same

effect is felt. The clock strikes ten of twelve and you and your friends grab your glasses and make a toast. With ten seconds left on the clock the countdown starts, 10, 9, 8 . . . 2, 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR. The confetti drops and the crowd shouts. The party begins all over for many students and does not end until school starts. A new year brings a whole new bunch of rules.



These University of Delaware students spent their New Years bar hopping. No matter where they end up, they will watch the ball drop on television.



With a little too much partying going on this student misses the ball dropping in Times Square, New York.

Good Old Father Time!!



For each group of ten people allowed in the interactive bubble, a quick seminar was given on how to use the equipment. After the instruction students were allowed to grab a vest, suit up and head in to play.



The signs, posted around campus, said it all, Laser Tag ... the future is here. This was the catcher that drew students and their friends to the Trabant University Center that Friday evening.



Steve Ross is seen entering the bubble for the first time. He was ready to play and enjoyed this new interactive game with his friends.



# Laser Tag

As all University of Delaware students look back and remember the outdoor games that we used to play when we were young, we think of one of the most popular games called freeze tag. There was no equipment involved, it only required a few participants, and it kept us occupied for hours. As we entered high school, freeze tag became a child's game. Did anyone know that the year 1997 would bring freeze tag back to life in a whole new way.

January brought a new year and the futuristic interactive games to our university. All around campus, signs were put up three weeks in advance and related one simple thought; Laser Tag — the future is here. Out of curiosity, students flocked to the Trabant University Center on January 24, 1997, to see a glimpse of the future. Inside the multipurpose room, people found a huge bubble

in the middle of the floor and a rack full of vests. Enthusiasm filled the room as the first group of ten suited up and headed inside the bubble. Each vest has a gun attached that would read off their scores. Once suited up it was in for an intense 5 minutes. The object of the game was to shoot your opponent in the chest as many times as possible. When you were hit, your gun would stop for about 10 seconds. Laser Tag has taken the childish game of freeze tag to a whole new level.

When asked what their opinions were, Noah Danker replied that it was "Intense!" and Bill Yosmanovich said it was "Crazy, Wild, Cool!!" Throughout the night the reply was the same. Laser Tag was a great way to relax, relieve stress and a new way to play an old fashioned game.



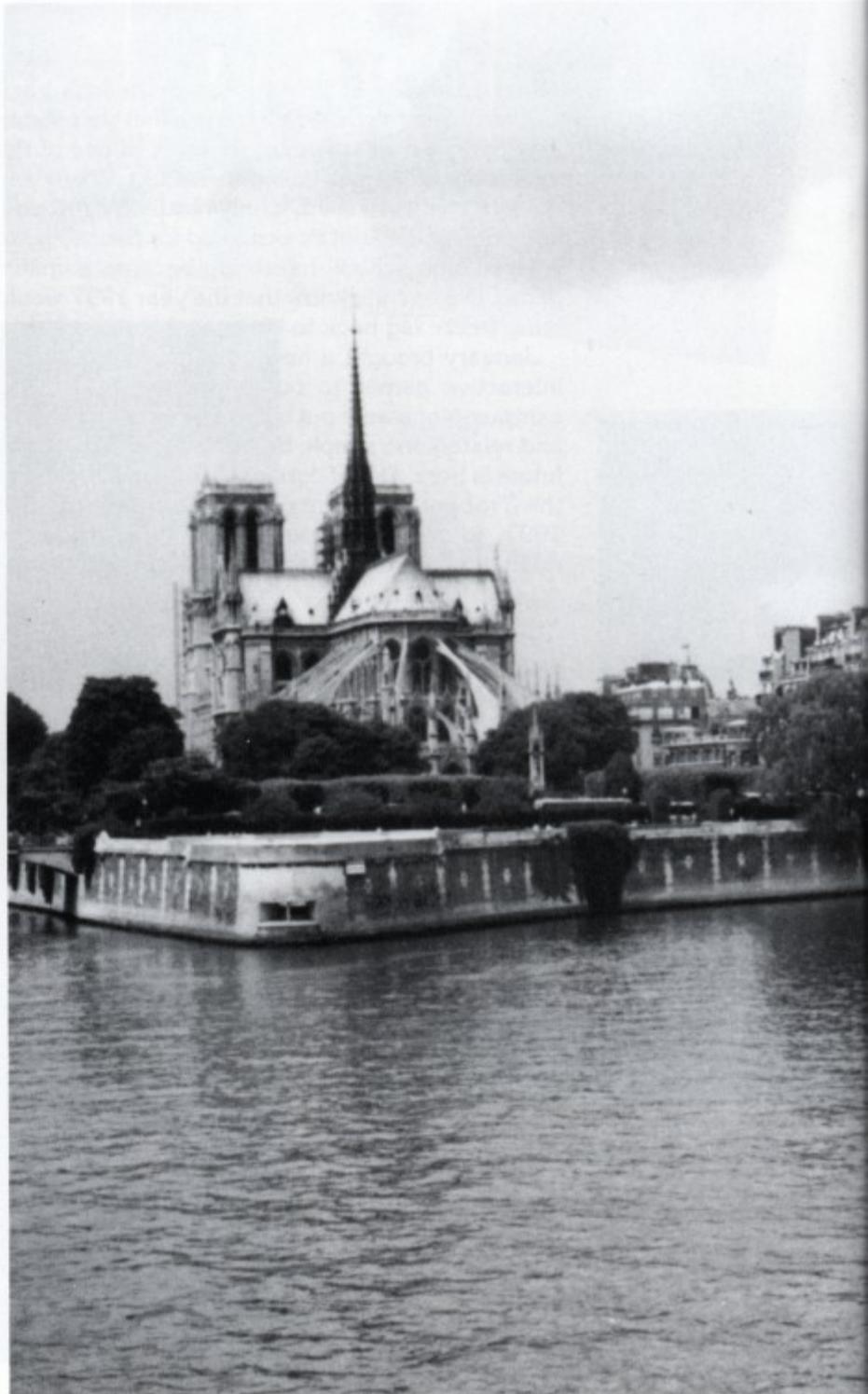


A pool party was a way many students found to relax after a hard day of classes, tours and learning.



Students learned that the military plays an important part in French society. On one of the tours, they visited the Military Chapel which was one of many historical sites to be seen.

Notre Dame was one of the many chapels seen in France. Delaware students were in amazement as they looked at these churches and contrasted them to our own places of worship.





# Study Abroad

What could be better than student life on campus? Student life abroad meets this challenge. The University of Delaware offers one of the best study abroad programs in the nation to all students. This program gives students a chance to visit other countries like Costa Rica, South Africa, Granada, Martinique, France and Scotland. You can study abroad during the fall, winter, spring or summer sessions.

Studying abroad is like taking classes on another University of Delaware campus. Students must complete certain academic requirements while over in these countries. Besides classes you spend time with your host family, take tours of the country and

experience the excitement of a foreign place. If you decide to go to Paris, France bring your walking shoes because you will see almost all of the city on foot. Students must spend time interacting with the people and adjust to new living conditions and ways of life. Students must also find time to socialize with each other since most of the people do not speak English.

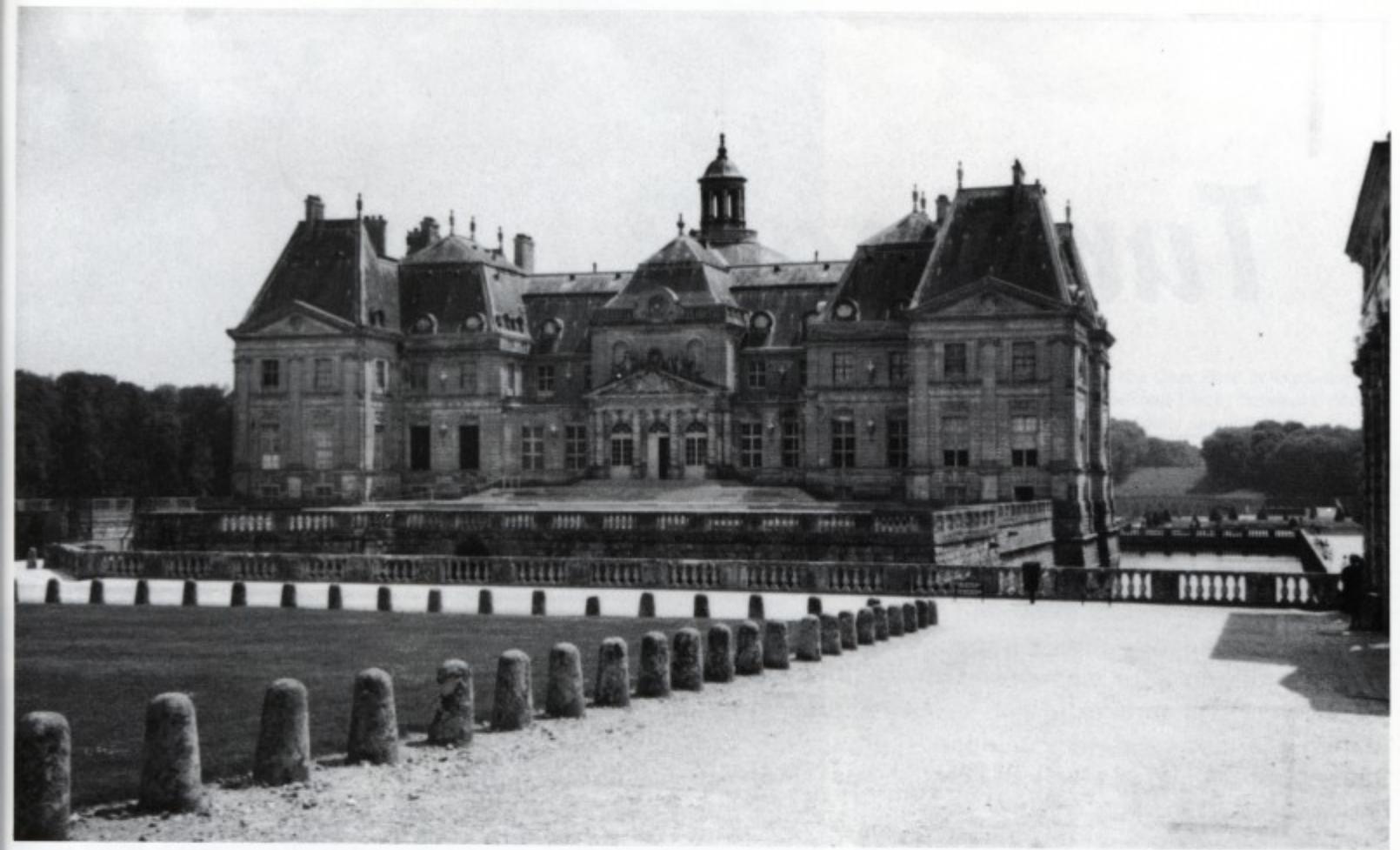
Even with all the requirements, there is still plenty of free time to enjoy the country and culture you have chosen to visit. Most students come away with the wonderful experience of having broadened their education.



These University of Delaware students spent winter session on the tropical island of Martinique. Besides experiencing the fantastic night life, they were exposed to many aspects of this island's culture.

# *Study Abroad*





# *Highlights*

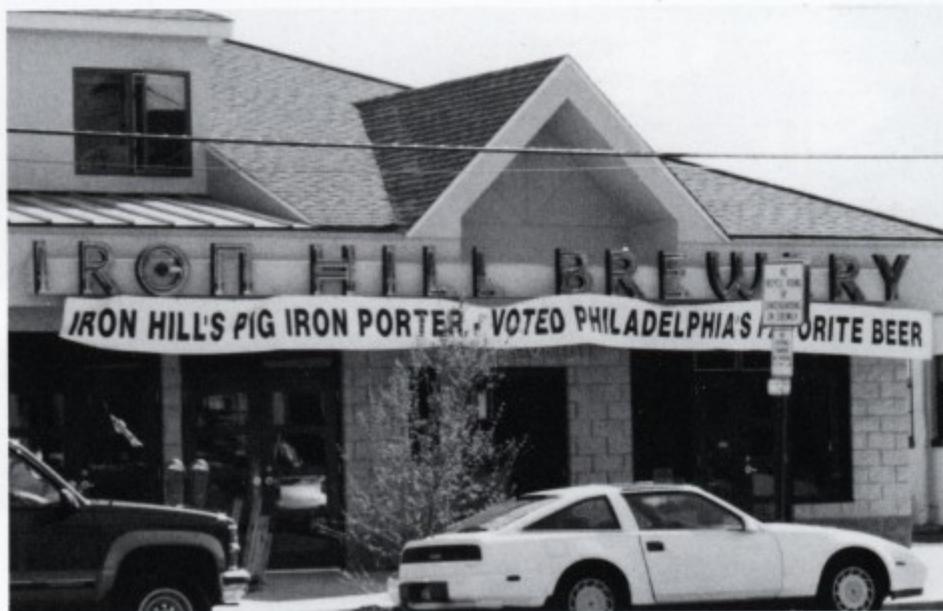
# Turning 21



There are only two times when Delaware students enjoy going to the Department of Motor Vehicles. These are when you turn sixteen and get your license for the first time and five years later when you turn twenty-one. This is the birthday that you looked forward to ever since you enrolled at Delaware. When your twenty-first birthday rolls around it means you are finally able to participate fully in adult entertainment. You can sit at a bar and drink, you can gamble at any casino and you can go to any dance club. The new piece of plastic that you hold in your hands gives you a whole new way of life that was not available to you before.

Most students spend this birthday with friends. They may go bar hopping in Newark and Wilmington or attend a private party. For most, drinking will be a part of the evening.

We must remember that with this new freedom come responsibilities. We should never put ourselves or others at risk by over consumption of alcohol or driving under the influence. Our number one goal, at the University of Delaware, should remain earning our degrees.

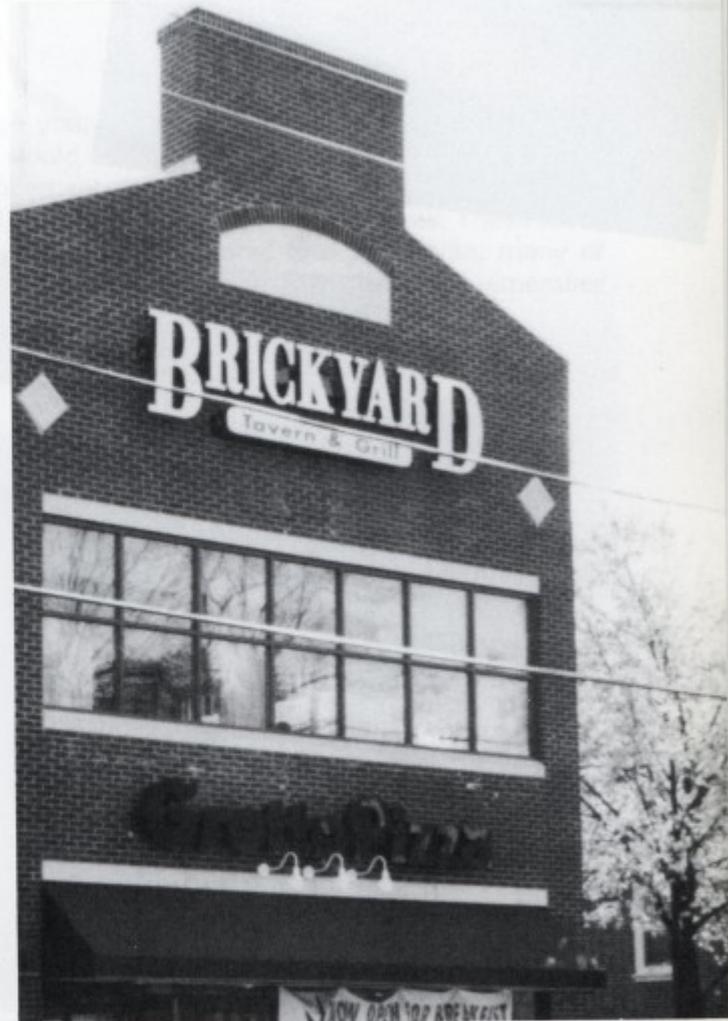


The newest edition to Main Street and another popular place to hang out is the Iron Hill Brewery. Iron Hill's Pig Iron Porter was voted Philadelphia's favorite beer and drew many students to this bar.





Always a traditional favorite, the Deer Park is located at the end of Main Street by the railroad track. Students flocked there for Nacho Night and other daily specials.



At the Main Street Gallery, Delaware students have a choice between two restaurant/bar combos. On the second floor is the Brickyard Tavern and Grill and right below is Grotto Pizza's Blue Hen Sports Bar.

After receiving a new face-lift due to a kitchen fire, Klondike Kate's is another popular choice for twenty-first birthday celebrations. Students may also rent the upper floor and have a private party.





# Friends

Although most people come to Delaware to receive an education, many come out with much more, including lifelong friends. From the first day at Delaware, freshmen meet hundreds of other students. These friends support you through tough classes and exams. At the U of D, friends become those who stay up until those early hours studying with you for that chemistry exam you have been dreading. They are those who laugh and cry along with you, celebrate with you, compete with

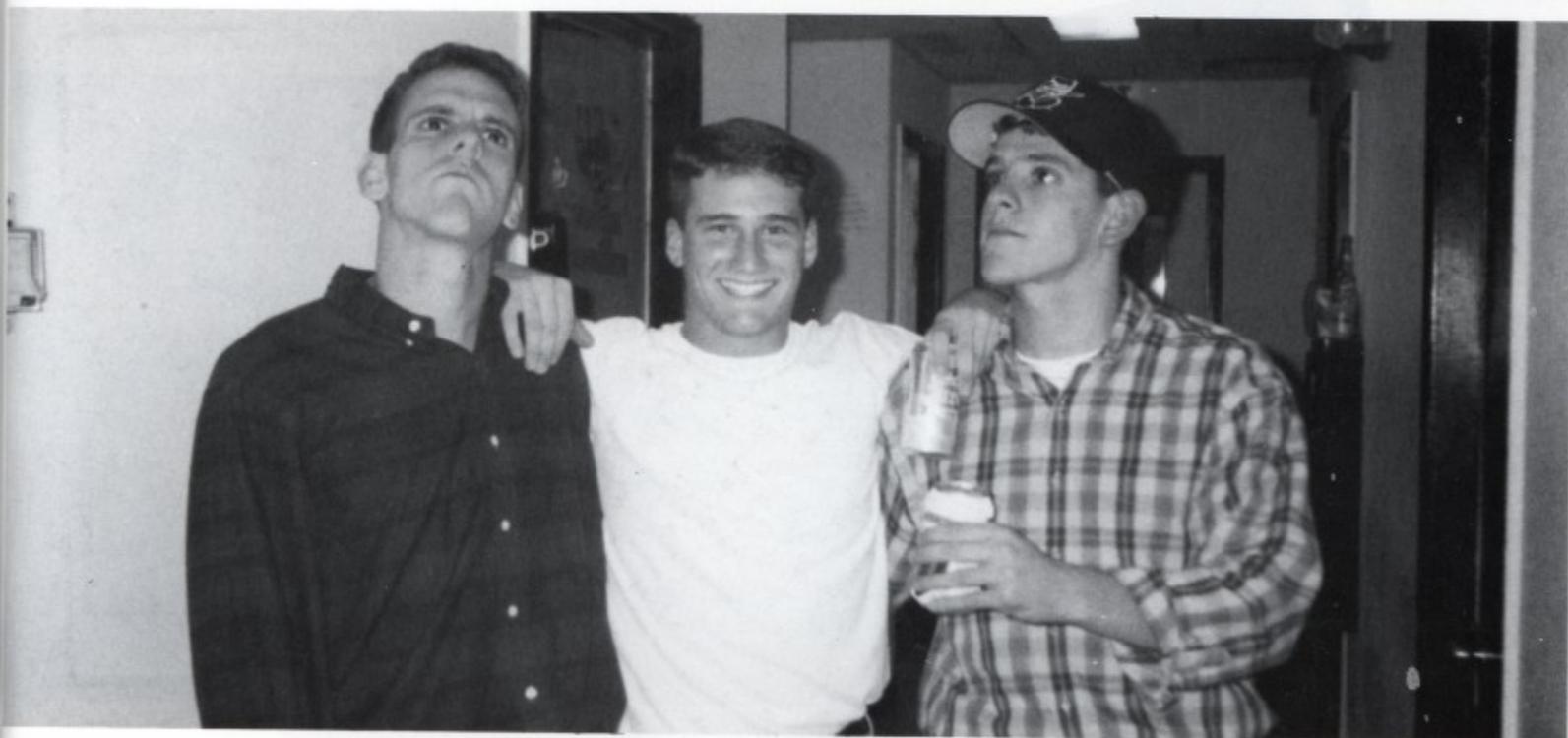
you, encourage you. They are your family and your support system. What would college be without friends?

As commencement draws closer, seniors are able to walk down the mall and pick out several familiar faces. These faces belong to people they have shared four years with, many of whom they will continue to share friendship with and remember for the rest of their lives.



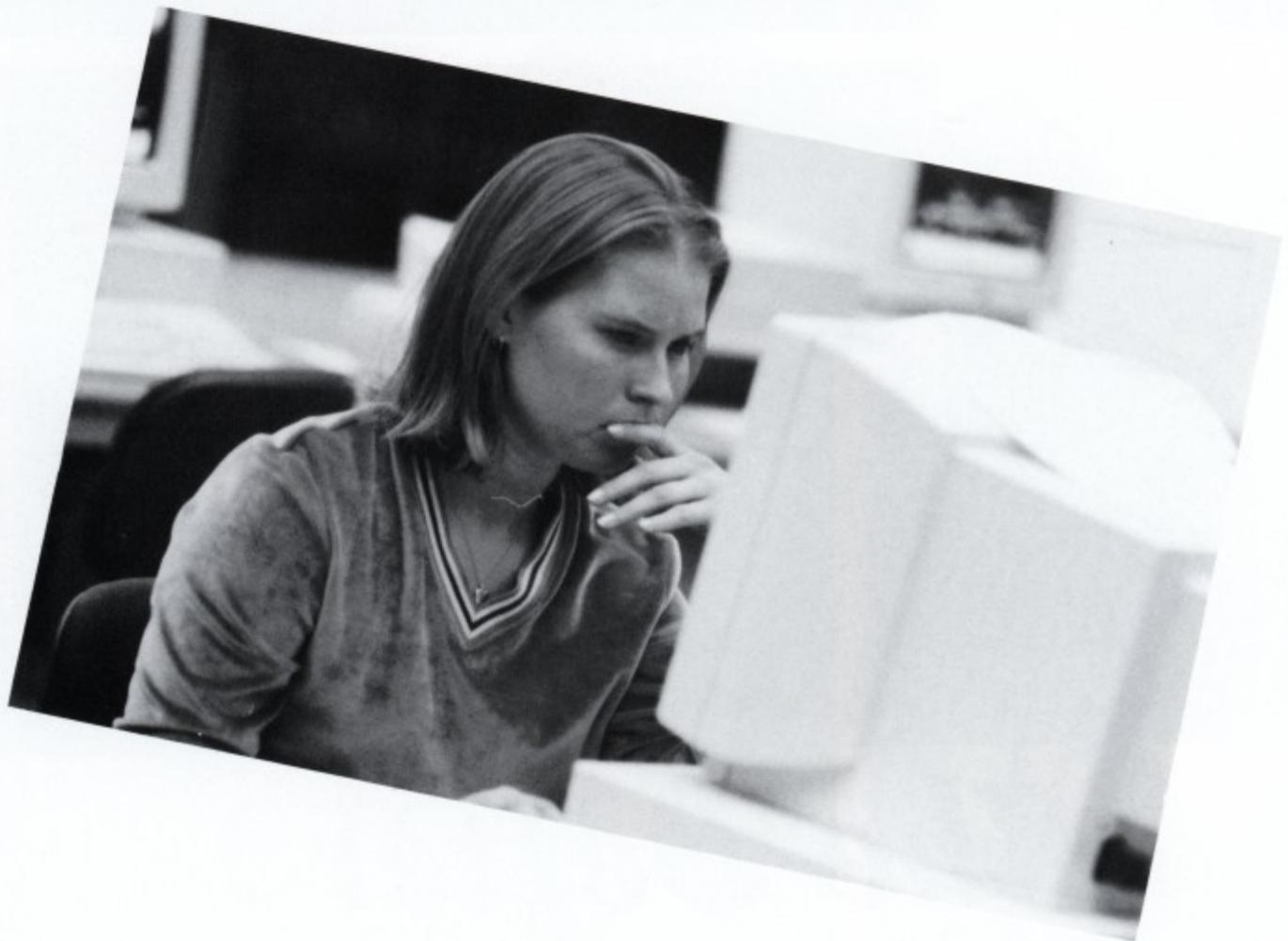
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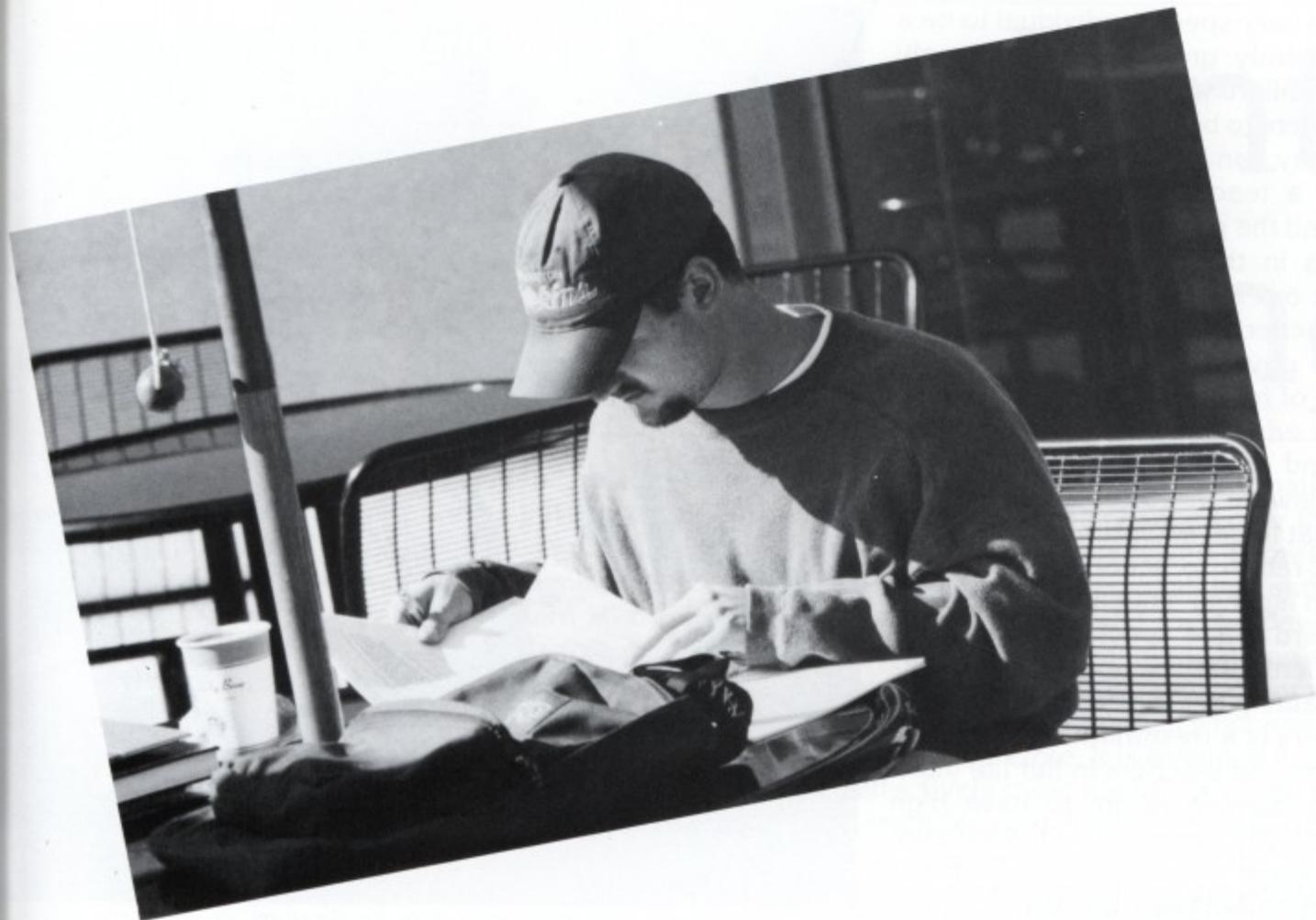




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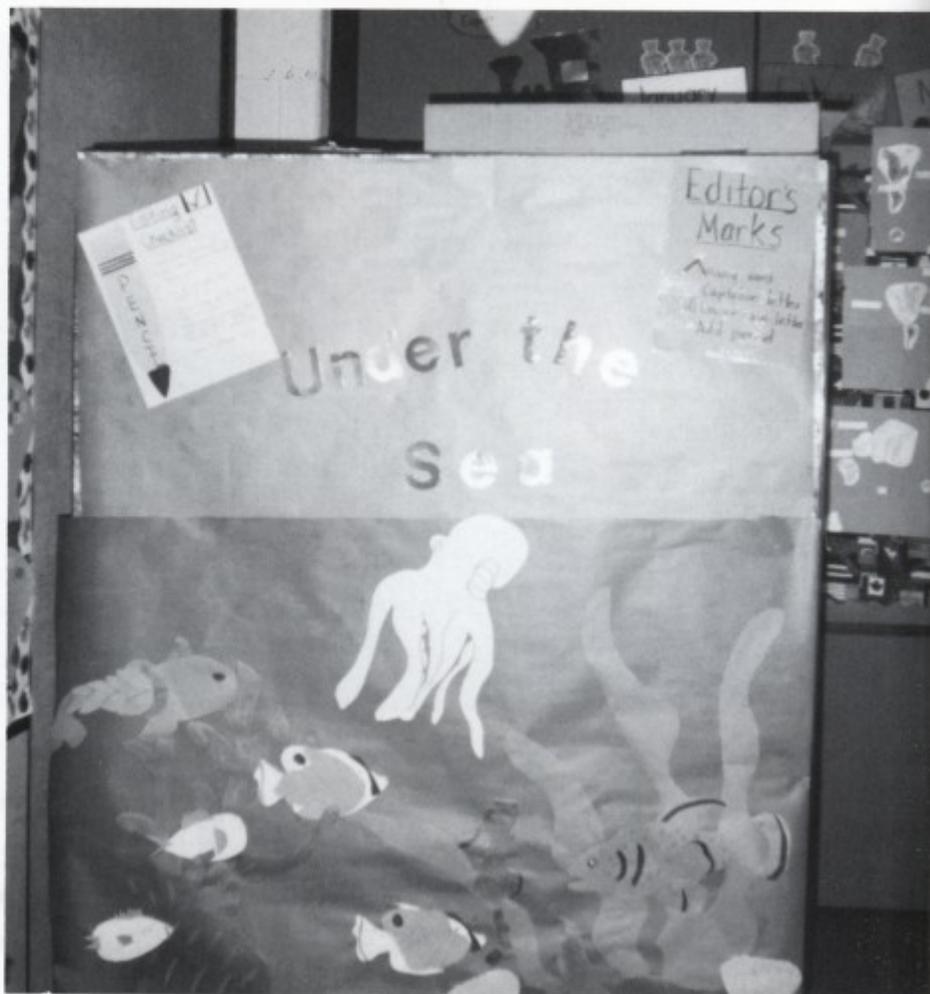
# Student Life





# Highlights

It takes a very special individual to be a teacher. A truly great teacher not only motivates children to learn, but also encourages them to be creative and is someone who they can look up to and admire. Becoming a teacher is a long, tedious process, and the person learns a lot about themselves in the process. One of my friends set out for college hoping to become a teacher and discovered along the way that a physical disability has gotten in the way of her dream. My mother took classes in education while raising four children and graduated from the University of Delaware in 1990. She then discovered that to get a full-time position she needed to return to school and become certified in special education. She now teaches third grade special education at Maclary Elementary School and is working on obtaining her masters degree. One of my sisters is a freshman at Grove City college who had teachers in her life instill her with a burning desire to have high school students appreciate Shakespeare and other great writers. Naomi Carter is somewhere in-between the status of my mother and my sister, for she has reached an important step in the process of becoming an educator — student teaching. She spent the Spring semester of her senior year student teaching for a classroom of first graders at Kenmore Elementary School. Pictured left is one of the bulletin boards she did when they were learning about the ocean. Creating lesson plans, reporting to school each weekday morning, and working with a teacher who already has his or her own set of rules can be tough. A desire to mentor and motivate children is definitely a must. Working with six and seven-year-olds also requires a lot of patience. When I spoke with her, Naomi was keeping up with the work and determined to learn as much as she could from the teachers at Kenmore. Eventually Naomi would like to work with middle school students. However, she was very enthusiastic about spending time with the first graders in her classroom. She even showed me pictures of a field trip they went on. "These are my kids," she said with a smile.





# Student Teaching

I once thought that the teacher-student relationship involved the teacher dispensing information and the student absorbing the information as if he or she were a sponge. This belief has changed over the past four years through my practice experiences and the educational training that I have received. I now believe that students are valuable resources of information who bring varied experiences, personalities, and abilities to the classroom. My responsibility to them is to nurture their academic, social, and mental development. I strive to provide students with an environment and curriculum that challenges, encourages and strengthens who they are. This is accomplished by designing a curriculum that includes cooperative learning experiences, addresses students' diverse background and learning styles, and builds on their prior knowledge. All students have the ability and must be given the opportunity to learn. Therefore, it is essential that I learn the needs, abilities and interests of my students. Indeed, I cannot effectively meet the needs of my students if I do not know who they are. Time must be spent through formal and informal settings to identify these needs. It is also imperative to establish communication among parents, teachers and students to help reach the academic and social goals of the students. I strongly endorse a program where parents are actively involved in the classroom, as well as at home, with the students' education. The education of students today needs to be rooted in the home and from there the teacher has the responsibility to nurture, prune and provide opportunities for students to grow.





# Things Learned While at UD

*"Delaware is a very flat state."*

*"I'm finally graduating!"*

*"I'm going to miss this campus."*



## ACADEMICS

*"What I've learned . . . The longest diamondback rattlesnake (except for fossils) was 9 ft."*

*"I've learned the Greek alphabet."*

*"E-mail connections in the room are nice. Scanners are a nice bonus when working on a web page."*



*"The sun sometimes doesn't come out for months."*



## FUN

*"I've learned that college is about making friends and growing up . . . not about classes."*

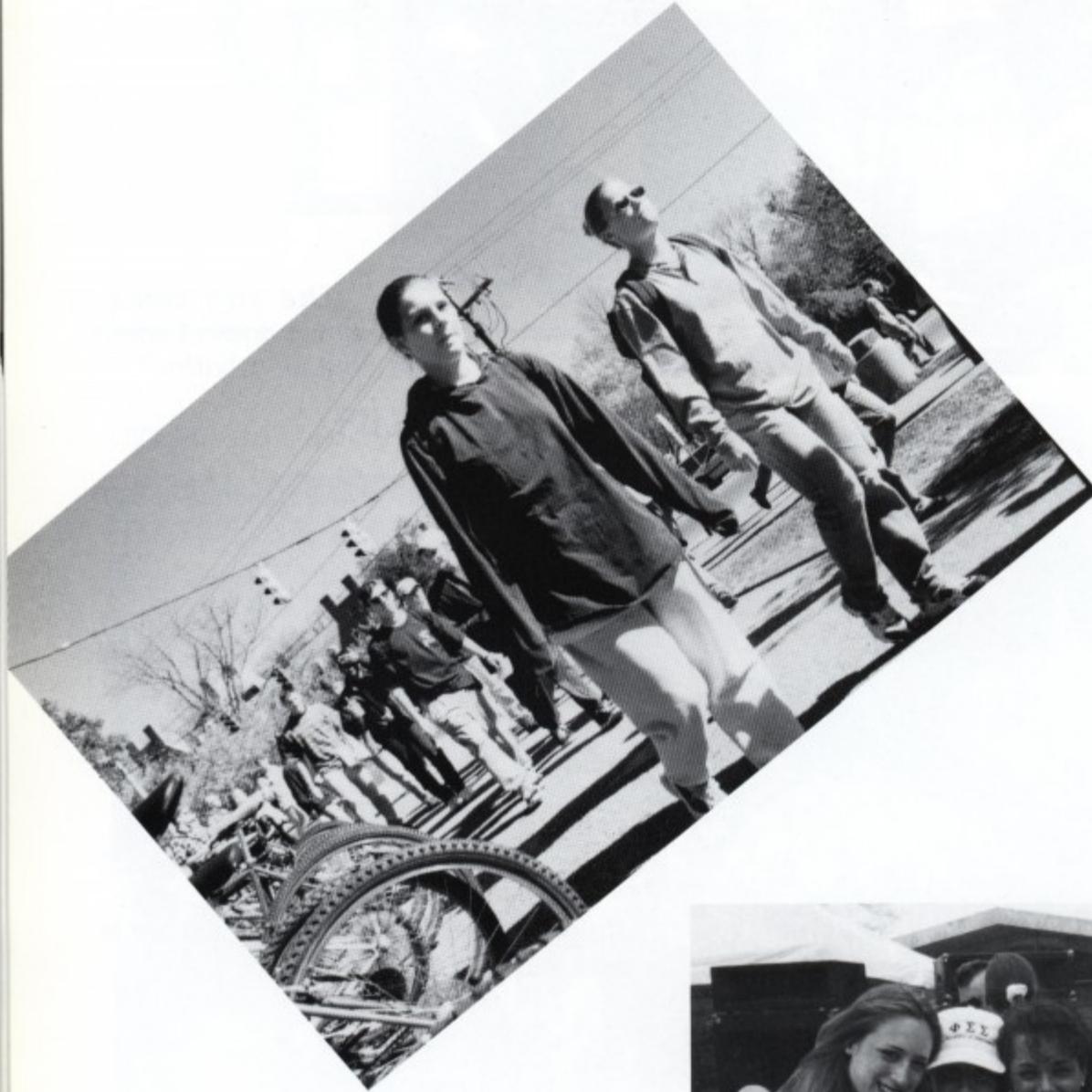
*"I learned how much coffee I can drink to stay awake but not get the shakes so bad that I can't type anymore."*

*"Having a single room is much better than having a roommate."*

*"Bricks do indeed look nice on campus."*

*"What I've learned at UD . . . Delaware is a backwards state."*

# Student Life





# Highlights

# Student Geology Club



# Field Hockey Club



# Golden Blues



## American Society of Civil Engineers



# Clubs

# Student Deltones



## Senior Class Executive Board



# HTAC



# Clubs

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# Highlights