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Deadliest shooting in U.S. history affects students, college safety left in question

BY SARAH KENNEY & SARAH LIPMAN

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Editor's Note: All data is accurate as of 10:30 p.m. EST, Monday.

More than 30 people are dead and at least 15 are injured after the deadliest mass shooting in U.S. history occurred at Virginia Technical Institute and State University in Blacksburg, Va., yesterday morning.

The shootings, which took place just four days before the eighth anniversary of the shootings at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., occurred in two different locations at the university, which has a student body of approximately 26,000.

The first shots were allegedly fired at approximately 7:15 a.m. at West Ambler Johnston Hall, a four-story co-ed residence hall, resulting in the deaths of two students.

At approximately 9:15 a.m., there was a second shooting at Norris Hall, the engineering science and mechanics building. At least 31 people, including the gunman, died at this scene.

In a televised press conference, Tech Police Chief Wendell Flinchum said preliminary police reports stated the lone shooter was found dead in Norris Hall, where the doors of the building were chained from the inside. He carried no identification and was described as an Asian male in

his 20s. It is unclear whether the gunman was a student. Police confirmed the shooter committed suicide within the building.

Flinchum said police had a preliminary identification of the gunman from the Norris Hall shootings. He did not, however, confirm the shooter was the same one from the incident that occurred in West Ambler Johnston Hall. Two guns were recovered from the scene and are currently undergoing ballistics testing.

At approximately 9:30 a.m., university officials sent an e-mail to students and employees alerting them of the first shooting. At that time, the second shooting was underway. Twenty minutes later, at approximately 9:50 a.m., a second e-mail was sent which recommended students stay indoors and away from windows because a gunman was on the loose.

Tech freshman Phillip Murillas said the first e-mail did not cause him to question his safety.

"It really hit me when my friend read the second e-mail that said to stay inside and away from windows," Murillas said. "Then he drew his blinds — that was really symbolic. It showed me that at any moment we're not really safe."

Tech President Charles W. Steger said in a televised briefing that officials and police initially believed the first shooting was an isolated domestic incident and that the gunman had fled campus. At that time, they saw no need to close the university.

At 10:16 a.m., a third e-mail was sent to students and faculty alerting them that classes were canceled for the day. By 4:31 p.m., a fifth e-mail was sent canceling classes for today as well, Steger said. It stated that counseling was

available and that a memorial ceremony would be held today at 2 p.m.

President George W. Bush addressed the nation at approximately 4:15 p.m. yesterday, offering his condolences and prayers to the victims, their families and the university community.

"Schools should be places of safety, sanctuary and learning," Bush said, according to *The Washington Post* wire reports. "When that sanctuary is violated, the impact is felt in every American classroom and in every American community."

Tech freshman Jeff Drake stated in an e-mail message that what happened at the university feels unreal.

"I can't believe I just watched President Bush address the nation about our school," Drake said.

He said he believed the university responded well. However, they should have taken the situation more seriously, especially since the Fall Semester began with an unrelated shooting carried out by an escaped convict. More recently, university officials received several bomb threats last week on academic buildings at Tech.

"I'm definitely not going to transfer schools," Drake said. "I don't know how I feel about my safety here anymore though. The first day of school we had a shooting with the escaped convict, William Morva, and then there were numerous bomb threats the last few weeks. This really makes things difficult."

Tech senior Greg Gannon said the campus is grief-stricken and in shock over the shootings.

"Usually this campus is always busy with people out on the quad," Gannon said. "Today it's quieter than usual — everyone's staying put."

He said he was able to get in touch with many of his friends to make sure they were safe. But, he still fears he will recognize a student or professor once the names of victims are released.

"I don't want to think about it," Gannon said. "It's too hard to think that someone I went out with, and probably partied with, could be dead. I'll never be able to party with them again. No one will."

"I keep thinking about my teachers too. I respect them and I don't want to see any of them hurt either."

Freshman engineering major

Nick Hammond said he has class in Norris Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

"It bothers me that the shootings occurred in a building I go to so frequently," Hammond said. "It could have happened anywhere, but it's a building I'm normally in."

University of Delaware junior Lauren Malakoff, who is originally from Richmond, Va., said a female Tech student who went to her high school was shot in the chest and was sent to the hospital. As of Monday afternoon, Malakoff said the last she heard was that the Tech student was in surgery.

"I put on CNN and I just got chills," Malakoff said. "When I first saw it, they were saying only one student was dead and I was still scared."

Malakoff said two of her best friends attend Tech.

"It's really hard to concentrate when you know your friends are inside their apartments, not knowing really what to do," she said.

University President David P. Roselle stated in a message released on UDaily yesterday that counseling is available for university students who may be affected by the shootings.

"Our heartfelt sympathies are with Virginia Tech, which has suffered an unimaginable tragedy," Roselle said. "Many UD faculty, staff and students have friends and colleagues in Blacksburg. They are in our thoughts and prayers."

Freshman Corwin Wickersham said he did not think shootings were a danger at universities.

"You don't think of there being many 'trouble people' on college campuses," he said. "It's hard to believe."

Junior Dan Urda said it most succinctly.

"It's fucked up," he said. Sophomore Brittany Yourinson said she did not hear about the incident until 3 p.m., but has been glued to her TV ever since.

"There are so many questions," Yourinson said. "Why did he have a gun? Did he live on campus? Did he live in that dorm?"

Freshman Sam Berko said because the incident did not directly affect him, he still feels safe on campus.

"When it happens somewhere

A Closer Look

A HISTORY OF VIOLENCE

■ August 1, 1966

Charles Joseph Whitman, 25, climbed the University of Texas at Austin's 27-story tower and shot at passersby in the city and on the campus, after having killed his mother and his wife the night before. In all, Whitman killed 15 people and wounded 31 others before he was shot dead by Austin police.

■ May 4, 1970

Four Kent State University students were killed by the Ohio National Guard and nine others were wounded during a protest of the American invasion of Cambodia.

■ April 20, 1999

Columbine High School students Eric Harris, 18, and Dylan Klebold, 17, killed 12 students and one teacher and injured 23 others in an hour-long rampage that culminated when they took their own lives.

■ Sept. 13, 2006

Kimveer Gill, 25, fired on Montreal's Dawson College students outside the entrance and the inside the school's Atrium, killing one student and injuring 19 before committing suicide.

■ Oct. 3, 2006

Carl Charles Roberts IV, 32, entered the one-room West Nickel Mines Amish School in Lancaster County, Pa., and shot 10 schoolgirls, ranging in age from 6 to 13 years old, and then himself. Five of the girls died.

— Compiled by Leah Kiell

else, you can't helping thinking that it won't happen here — that it won't happen to me," Berko said.

Yourinson disagreed and said students should not take their security for granted.

"I feel relatively safe here, but I'm sure they felt relatively safe there, in their beds, [Monday] morning."

— Additional reporting by Leah Kiell



police reports

VICTIM HELD AT GUNPOINT

A 19-year-old male was held at gun point Thursday at approximately 10:25 p.m. while walking on the sidewalk of Marrows and Wyoming Road, LeMin said. Two suspects pulled up to the victim in a black Oldsmobile and the passenger demanded the victim hand over his property.

The suspects fled in the vehicle traveling southbound on Marrows Road after the victim gave his wallet and coat, he said. The victim was not injured during the incident.

The passenger of the vehicle is described as a male with a scar on the right side of his face from his eye to cheek, LeMin said. The suspect also wore a black hooded sweatshirt and a neck warmer that covered the lower part of his face.

The driver could only be described as a male wearing a hooded sweatshirt, he said.

The case is currently still under investigation.

UNIVERSITY STUDENT ASSAULTED BY 2 BICYCLISTS

Two unknown male suspects attacked a 19-year-old male university student on Friday at approximately 2:20 a.m., Lt. Thomas LeMin said. The victim was walking home with a friend on South College Avenue when the two men on bicycles assaulted him.

The two suspects abandoned their bicycles and threatened the student, implying they were in possession of a gun, LeMin said. The first suspect went through the victim's pockets and stole a cell phone, camera and a wallet.

The first suspect is described as a male between the age of 16 and 17 years old with a height of approximately five feet, six inches, he said. The suspect also is said to have a shaved head and was wearing a black hooded sweatshirt and dark pants, he said.

The second suspect is described as a male also between the age of 16 and 17 years old with a height of approximately five feet, five inches and weighing between approximately 130 and 150 pounds, LeMin said.

The Newark Police Department is currently investigating the case, he said.

— Kevin Mackiewicz

University bulks up with new gyms

BY MATTHEW GALLO

Staff Reporter

After over-indulging with two chicken parmesan sandwiches, cheese fries, two slices of pizza and finally washing it down with a glass or two of Cherry Coke at the nearest dining hall, most students try to avoid the freshman 15 with daily trips to the gym.

Walking by the Harrington Gym windows, students become quickly discouraged as they see others waiting impatiently in line for the treadmills and elliptical machines.

However, students will no longer have to exchange stories of long waits or overly-crowded gyms.

Barry Miller, assistant director of Recreation Services, said the university has approved plans to expand the Harrington and Pencader Gyms.

"Tentatively, Pencader should be completed by the fall of 2008 and Harrington is tentatively scheduled to be done by the fall of 2009," Miller said.

Currently, no plans are in the works to expand the Rodney Gym, he said, because there is no space to expand in the area.

The new Pencader Gym will be located at the end of the footbridge leading to the George Read and Thomas McKean residence halls, while Harrington will be expanded. The estimated cost for the two projects is uncertain, Miller said.

He said the change is needed because the current square footage for the fitness centers is limited in comparison to the number of students at the university. The new Pencader and Harrington Gyms will not only contain more space but will also receive new equipment and more machines.

"When you purchase a new home you can't put your old furniture in the new living room," Miller said. "The same concept applies for fitness centers, as some things need to be new and updated. Our equipment is exchanged and updated every three to five years."

The expansions will give students additional options of where to work out on campus, as students will not have to make the long trek to use the Carpenter Sports Building facilities.

Sophomore Carolyn Hershler, a fitness center employee who uses the Harrington Gym five days per week, said she is excited about the future additions.

"The expansion will help cut down the wait and encourage people to use the gym more often," Hershler said.

She said the Harrington Gym is convenient because students can get a quick workout in between classes and studying. The major inconvenience she notices while working is the long wait for the newer equipment.

With the expansions, the Harrington Gym will feature many of the advantages students have at the Carpenter Sports Building. Miller said students will need a university ID to enter and can access towels at the door.

The hours of the satellite gyms will not be extended, he said, as Harrington and Pencader will still be closed on Saturdays.

"After paying the staff, electricity and other expenses, it doesn't make sense to extend the hours," Miller said.

The Carpenter Sports Building, which is open until 11 p.m. on weekdays and open from 10 a.m. to 8



THE REVIEW/Harry Caulfield

Harrington Gym is set to expand across the beach and will be larger than the Carpenter Sports Building.

p.m. Saturday and noon to 10 p.m. Sunday, is rarely crowded on weekends, he said, which does not make it necessary to extend the Harrington or Pencader operating hours.

Hershler said having the satellite gyms closed on Saturdays is an advantage for students because it helps them escape the residence halls and spend the day on campus.

"If you want to work out that bad on the weekend, then you shouldn't be discouraged from a five or 10 minute walk," Hershler said. "It allows students to go work out then spend the day on Main Street rather than sleeping the day away in their dorm."

Sophomore Dave Coraggio said he was a little distraught after hear-

ing that Harrington and Pencader Gyms will be extended.

"I enjoy working out at Harrington because it is small and has just enough equipment for a proper workout," Coraggio said. "Also, I am not forced to socialize with all my friends at the gym because they all go to the Little Bob. I prefer to work out and leave without seeing the entire world."

Miller said he is not worried that fewer students will use the Carpenter Sports Building facilities in the near future because of its convenient centralized location on campus.

"The expansions will give students more options," he said. "However, Pencader and Harrington

are different markets than the Little Bob, as students will continue using the gyms at their closest convenience and the gym that fits in with their semester schedule."

Freshman Stephanie Fabiano, a resident of George Read South who currently works out at the Pencader Gym, said she will use the gym more often after the tentatively scheduled reopening in Fall 2008.

Fabiano said the only concern is the increase in housing applicants wanting to live closer to the newly renovated gyms.

"It may become harder to get your first choice of housing because students will realize the benefits of living on campus now," she said.

Now everyone can live 'happily ever after'

Disney opens Fairy Tale Weddings to same-sex couples

BY KELLY DURKIN

Staff Reporter

It's the fairy tale wedding couples and young children dream of — following in Disney characters' footsteps and marrying the love of their lives. This dream, which was once only available to heterosexual couples, can now come true for everyone.

Same-sex couples are allowed to use Disney's Fairy Tale Wedding program to plan commitment ceremonies at Disney Parks and Resorts, the company announced April 5.

Jacob DiPietre, spokesman for Disney, said the change was initiated by a request from a guest who wished to use the program to plan a commitment ceremony. The desire for change was in line with the company's policy of welcoming all guests, he said. The company has received positive comments about the decision.

"We're not concerned with feedback," DiPietre said. "Our purpose is to provide

consistent services and make all people feel welcome and comfortable."

According to the Disney program's Web site, the wedding program ranges from \$2,950 for a small ceremony to more than \$45,000 for a large ceremony and provides locations, flowers and other planning services for guests.

Commitment ceremonies have already occurred at other areas in the park, DiPietre said, but the change allows commitment ceremonies to be held in Disney's Wedding Pavilion and other locations in the park reserved for the wedding program.

Prior to the change, couples were required to have a marriage license valid in Florida and California to participate in the program.

Senior Sarah Maguire, president of HAVEN, the university's lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and allies group, said the decision was a positive step, especially since it occurred in Florida, a

conservative state.

"It's not always about passing legislation or winning a court ruling because we face discrimination everywhere," Maguire said. "We have a lot more in common than we're ever given credit for."

Even though the decision has no legal ramifications, she said the inclusion of commitment ceremonies makes the idea of same-sex relationships less of an objectionable issue.

"Groups that oppose same-sex marriage aren't going to be getting married at Disney," Maguire said. "They'd be getting married in a church."

Peter Sprigg, vice president for policy at the Family Research Council, a socially-conservative organization in support of traditional family values, said the decision made by Disney is a poor one as the company is trying to drive social change rather than follow it.

"The policy that required a marriage license to participate in the program was a perfectly legitimate and objective standard to hold to," Sprigg said.

Although the FRC does not call for or arrange boycotts, he said Disney's decision will affect how pro-family Americans view the company.

"It's ironic how a company whose bread and butter is families with small children made a decision that will probably offend its target audience," Sprigg said.

Sophomore Bill Rivers, secretary of College Republicans, said he did not agree with the decision but considers it the company's prerogative. He stressed the fact that commitment ceremonies have no legal standing.

"The issue isn't really worth discussing," Rivers said. "It would be more worthwhile talking about the legislation in Massachusetts and New Jersey."

He said the change in Disney's policy reflects the company's shift in values over the years.

"They don't have the traditional family concept in mind," he said. "When I watched Disney films as a kid, Prince Charming never finds his own Prince Charming."

Maguire said including commitment ceremonies in Disney's Fairy Tale Wedding program helps to alleviate stigmas associated with gay marriages and civil unions.

"Stuff like this opens people's minds and hearts to see that we're just like everybody else," she said. "We like Disney, too."

"Our purpose is to provide consistent services and make all people feel welcome and comfortable."

— Jacob DiPietre, spokesman for Disney

Christian students keep the faith

Part two of the four-part student religion series

BY JOE ZIMMERMANN

Staff Reporter

Christine Appleyard-Smith has always been involved in her local Episcopal ministry in one way or another. In fact, the senior cannot fathom life without her faith.

Appleyard-Smith left her footprint on the church at an early age. She regularly attended religious services as a child, singing in the choir and exploring Episcopal life through weekly Bible study. When she got older, she strove to give back to her church's community by teaching Sunday school.

At the university, Appleyard-Smith has only reaffirmed her devotion by actively engaging herself in the Episcopal Campus Ministry and anchoring her academic coursework with more spiritual teachings. Now finishing her last semester as a biochemistry major, Appleyard-Smith, 22, knows exactly what she wants to do with her life after college — she plans to enter the Episcopal ministry.

At a largely secular, state-sponsored university, finding such a pious priest-in-training is close to impossible. Although there are approximately 15 Christian-affiliated organizations on campus — making it by far Delaware's most represented faith — finding a student who wants to pursue religion as a career is rare.

In an era of expected apathy from the coming-of-age generation, religious students at the university and across the nation are at a spiritual crossroads.

Sophomore Jason Day, president of the Lutheran Campus Ministry, said many students who come to the university are unsure of their own personal religious views.

"I think people don't know how to associate their faith, and they don't seek out their faith when they get here," Day said. "People are confused about their religion."

Christian students at the university are not the only ones who face difficult decisions as a result of the faith's eroding popularity.

Montclair State University junior Ben Jaffe, a representative of the school's Campus Ministry Council and a religion minor, said he believes students nationwide are increasingly losing touch with religion.

"Fifteen years ago, there was a study of Americans who consider themselves religious and 86 percent of the people surveyed said they did consider themselves religious," Jaffe said. "A more recent study found that just 76 percent of people today label themselves as religious. From what I see, there are not a lot of college kids in that group."

He said there are several reasons for this trend, including the changing dynamics of American society.

While religion used to be a way for parents to maintain social control of their kids, Jaffe said in this day and age, that strategy no longer works.

"Seventy years ago, what else was there to do on a Sunday morning except to go to church?" he said.

"There were no modern distractions and nothing else to do. Now, with the Internet, TV and parents working seven days a week, there is a diminished place for religion in our culture."

History professor Lawrence Duggan has taught at the university for 36 years and serves as the faculty adviser to the Episcopal Campus Ministry. He said he has seen a significant change in the religious activities of students during his years on campus.

"Thirty to 40 years ago, many students were more involved in religion," Duggan said. "They had a much stronger confessional identity and they knew what it meant to be Catholic, Lutheran or Episcopal."

Other national professors with interest in religious issues have also noticed changes in the way students embrace Christianity on campus.

Timothy Brunk, a first-year professor of sacramental theology at Villanova University, is one of the theology department's youngest full-time professors at age 42. Although the number of American churchgoers is decreasing, he said the decline is not enough to warrant alarm.

Brunk attributes the most glaring cause of this decline in church attendance to the rise of secularism. Secularism invites and compels people who are going to be believers to be more self-conscious and aware. It can also erode faith, he said, and this is especially true when people go to college.

Duggan suggested the increase in secularism has also led to a rise in American consumerism, which has extended into the religious marketplace.

"People are able to look around now and question things," he said.

Appleyard-Smith said she witnesses this phenomenon at the university.

"People are more apt to disregard their faith and explore things around them once they come to college," she said.

However, Brunk's colleague at Villanova, Father Francis Caponi, said he sees no obvious correlation between decreasing church attendance and students' participation in religious studies.

Caponi, who graduated from Villanova in 1983, said the school still serves as one of the East Coast's bastions of Augustinian Roman Catholicism and, in a larger sense, Christianity. He sees more students graduating with religion or theology minors today than when he was a student.

"I think this is happening because many students are not arriving at college with the same level of religious knowledge from home, parish schools, Sunday school, et cetera, as in previous generations," he said. "So much of what Christian theology teaches is new to them and they are interested in learning more."

He said many students are interested in religious themes that intersect with other fields of study, such as ethics, science and literature.



Courtesy of The Episcopal Campus Ministry

The Episcopal Campus Ministry does service work in the Dominican Republic.

"There are always students who are interested in the 'big questions,'" Brunk said. "For example, 'Who is God and what can I know about Him? Who is Jesus Christ, what did He teach and what does it mean for today? From where does evil come?'"

While Christian-affiliated schools like Villanova make it easy, and often required, for students to access this kind of religious coursework, the task is often harder at public universities.

Currently the University of Delaware offers scattered religious studies courses. Those that are available are usually housed within the English, history, philosophy and Jewish studies departments. There is no separate program for Christian-exclusive theological studies.

On the contrary, New Jersey state universities require students to take one religion course of any theme before they graduate — a policy of which Jaffe highly approves. He said taking a theology class reduces the amount of religious ignorance among college students while sharpening discussion and argument skills.

He acknowledges, however, that Montclair does not offer a large amount of religion courses from which to choose.

"Every semester, there's only five or six choices and most of them are Intro to Religion courses or simple courses overviewing the entire Old or New Testaments," Jaffe said. "I just don't think there's an incredible demand for the courses, though, as there aren't a lot of professional job opportunities."

"I've never heard anyone say, 'Oh damn, I couldn't get into Old Testament this semester.'"

He said most people who want more of an in-depth religious experience or plan to go into the clerical professions would probably attend religious private colleges that specialize in those areas.

University of Delaware junior Amelia House is a peer of Appleyard-Smith in the Episcopal Campus Ministry. Unlike Appleyard-Smith, however, House has no concrete plans for her spiritual life after college.

Like Jaffe, she would like to see more Christian-based courses offered to future university students.

"Most classes that we do have deal with the actual literature of the Bible instead of its content and I think the content should be more emphasized," House said.

Day agreed and said he wished more theological coursework could be offered in not only Christian, but Jewish and Muslim studies as well. He said such courses should not be mandated for graduation but should at least be offered to complement existing courses like World Religions (PHIL 204).

"Some people are glad there are no required religion courses, but I think they should at least be offered," Day said. "Perhaps as part of the group requirements so people can use them toward graduation."

Day was more concerned with how religion itself is portrayed by many professors. He said he feels many professors champion the values of science and evolution over those of religion and depict historic Christians in an unfair light.

"History classes have given me frustrations," Day said. "Professors have portrayed Lutherans differently than I would describe them — they're portrayed as rabble-rousers."

"It's a problem in history classes because there are so many students of different denominations, so you're always going to offend someone."

Although House did not have a problem with the way religion was treated in classes, he said the university did not strive to highlight its religious organizations to new students. She said many students looking for greater extra-curricular involvement

might seek out the student religious groups on campus but felt they are hard to find for first-year students.

"When I came here, I didn't even know where to look in terms of classes to take or organizations to join," House said. "There are some amazing religious groups on campus, but they're not really promoted by the school."

Junior Erin Toole, president of the Baptist Student Ministry, said although the university may not do enough to showcase the religious organizations available to students on campus, the university is not suppressing them on purpose.

"For example, I read a lot of articles published by the school about promoting mental health for students," Toole said. "They suggest all kinds of psychological answers, and I think they could also mention religious alternatives as well."

Both House and Appleyard-Smith said for the religious student community to thrive at the university, every faith, both Christian and non-Christian, will need to focus its efforts on advocating interfaith harmony and tolerance.

Though the number of Christian organizations still dominates spiritual groups on campus, the number of Muslim, Jewish and students of other religions are growing.

Appleyard-Smith said all of the groups will need to collaborate to advance the university's religious study as a whole and that this cooperation must also occur on a global scale.

"As the world becomes more global, and as more education exists for different issues, the problems between the faiths will decrease," she said. "I feel our generation will diversify the faiths in this country, and this has become more important than in ages past. We are driving independent thinking for faith."

who's who in Newark

Student to cross country on Journey of Hope

BY ALYSSA R. JIMENEZ

Staff Reporter

Imagine being hunched over a racing bike, your legs burning from the constant cycling, sweat running down your forehead into your eyes, the sun blazing. Though you have just hit mile 15, you still have 60 more miles to go before you hit your destination. That is what senior John Visconi will be doing this summer, all for a good cause.

Visconi will be the first student from the university to participate in Journey of Hope, a cross-country bicycle trek that begins in San Francisco and Seattle and ends in Washington, D.C.

The Journey of Hope, which is an event sponsored by Push America, raises funds and awareness for people with disabilities. Visconi and 90 other participants from colleges all over the United States will be split into three teams that will each take different routes across the country. In each city where they stop, the teams will have a "friendship visit" with a local organization that works with people with disabilities. Team members will spend time with the people in these centers and organize activities such as baseball games, bowling or dances.

Visconi initially found out about the program through his fraternity, Pi Kappa Phi. Push America is the national philanthropy of Pi Kappa Phi, the only fraternity that owns and operates its own philanthropy.

Visconi recalls attending a national conference about Push America as the vice president of his chapter at the time. "They showed us a slide show about some of things they've done and the people they've worked with," Visconi said. "And the stories of the individuals — you can't beat the emotional aspect of it. That turned me on right there. I knew I was going to try to do something."

Visconi's parents were vehemently opposed to the idea when he first mentioned it. He had just torn his Anterior Cruciate Ligament and was unable to complete any physical activity from the end of last October until the end of this past



Courtesy of John Visconi

Senior John Visconi will bike across the country to benefit a variety of charities this summer.

February. He then wrote a three-page essay on why he wanted to participate in the Journey of Hope. They ultimately said "yes."

Visconi pledged to raise \$5,000 and started a Facebook group to promote his involvement in Push America. He only asked those people who joined to donate a dollar to help. Through help from friends, family members and many others, Visconi has surpassed his goal and has raised more than

\$5,700.

Visconi said he has utilized every communication outlet to ask for support, and his profile on the Push America Web site lists his sponsors. He and his girlfriend even bought piggy banks and collected change to send to Push America.

"I had checks from people I had never met before in my life show up at my door," Visconi said. "I went to a couple sororities dressed in my uniform with letters made up to their parents to donate. One parent sent me \$500. I've received over \$200 from New Jersey state officials. It's been amazing."

Training has been a whole other challenge for Visconi. Though he considers himself behind in terms of training, due to his injury last October, Visconi talked with the other participants from other schools and is confident he will be in shape in time for the journey.

This experience has been a major transformation for Visconi, who never owned a racing bike, let alone participated in a national fundraising event of this scale.

"I had never ridden a road bike, like a Lance Armstrong kind of bike, until February of this year," he said. "I bought the bike having never ridden one in my life. Charity wise, I was on the planning committee for Relay for Life. I have never done anything physically like this and I have never raised that much money."

Even though this experience is new for Visconi, his motivation quells any doubts or fears he might experience.

"When you're riding by yourself and you're going 25 miles, it's hard not to stop around mile 15," he said. "I have no starting and ending point. I'm just riding around Newark. The seat definitely hurts, but when you split it down day by day, it's worth it. It's going to be great to hang out with people with disabilities and see what they can do. A lot of people are hesitant to approach people with disabilities because they're different."

"I visualize also the fact that if I don't do it now I won't be able to do anything like this ever again."

Main Street shop to combine naughty and nice

BY GEORGE MAST

Senior News Reporter

Something new is coming to Main Street. Something sweet. Something sassy. Something a little naughty.

For weeks campus has been abuzz with rumors of a strip club arriving on Main Street due to the mysterious, large words written on the pink paper covering the storefront windows of an establishment soon to open between Margherita's Pizza and Cluck-U Chicken.

Three short phrases, "They're sweet, They're sassy, Even a little naughty," have sparked the imaginations and hormones of many passers-by.

However, what lies hidden behind those covered windows — cupcakes and party supplies — is more likely to appease the taste buds than the untamed fantasies of one's darker side.



THE REVIEW/Mcaghan Jones

An adult-themed cupcake shop will tentatively open April 28.

Owners of the new business, Sweet and Sassy Cupcakes, said they put up the tantalizing advertisements to arouse attention but never imagined they would create such a rumor.

"I believe the rumor is way more powerful than the actual facts," said Tara Voigt, who owns the business with her husband, Mike. "Everybody loves a good rumor and I never underestimate peoples' imaginations. We put this up here and people have come up with the craziest ideas around it."

"We didn't necessarily think 'strip club,' but we didn't rule anything out."

While the majority of the rampant rumors may be false, Tara said there will be a naughty edge to some of the party supplies and themed gourmet cupcake packages the store will offer.

"There is nothing Hallmark about us, nothing Hallmark at all," she said. "It's more connected with what's happening in a college town."

Edible lingerie and themed cupcake packages for hangovers or an ex-girlfriend are a few of the products tailored for the campus crowd, Tara said.

"We're setting up your party and giving you all the stuff to make it a nice evening, a naughty evening, whatever you want it to be," she said. "You take your party and your strip pole somewhere else."

The couple said the tentative grand opening will take place April 28.

The excitement over the small store began a few weeks ago when Jill Vernon, a writer and editor for CollegeWeb, a Web site for news, humor and social networking, wrote a satirical article describing the business as an enterprising strip club.

Vernon said she had seen the catchy advertisement on the windows and had wondered about the nature of the store for a few weeks before deciding to have a little fun with

the issue on CollegeWeb.

The first article detailed how down-and-out "Candy" was trying to pull herself back up by starting a strip club. To give the rumor validity she then wrote a second article describing backlash from the university and religious organizations.

"I wrote it because I thought it was fun and I thought it was different," Vernon said.

On a more serious note, she said she also wanted to prove a point that students are much more interested in talking about insignificant issues.

"At the top of this, it's a fun article, but I really wish people were talking about something much deeper than that," she said. "I wanted to get people talking and they did. It was phenomenal. I just wish we could have that conversation about something else."

Vernon's two articles received approximately 10,000 hits, and Newark city planner Roy Lopata said he has received close to 40 phone calls from concerned parents and community members. Because of zoning, Lopata said it would be impossible for a strip club to open on Main Street.

Senior Andrew Barnes said he thought the rumors were true after he received an e-mail advertising the second article on CollegeWeb describing the flack the supposed strip club was receiving.

Although he recognizes the negative effects a strip club could have, Barnes said he was a little disappointed when he heard the rumors were not true.

"I thought it might add a little flair to Main Street," he said.

Owner of Margherita's Pizza, Enzo Dello-Monica, said students questioning the rumors began coming into his store soon after the advertisements were put up next door.

"A lot of people think a titty bar is going in there," Dello-Monica said.

When asked if he thought students would be supportive of the idea, he said, "Sure, I would be one of them, too."

The proud new owners, who had no part in Vernon's article, said all of the publicity generated from the articles has been beneficial for the business.

"We know some of the university students, and when it first came out they were like, 'Um, so there's an article I think we need to make you aware of,'" Tara said. "And we're like, 'Oh my god isn't it wonderful?' And they are like 'What?'"

"It's the best thing that could happen to us."

Workers remodeling inside the store have also taken hold of the rumors, referring to Tara as Candy, and joking about the students who stop to try and sneak a peak through cracks in the window covering, she said.

While many students seemed to think the rumors were harmless, junior Joel Rakes said he thought it was irresponsible to fabricate the articles even if they were labeled as satires.

"I think that's pretty stupid making stuff up like that," Rakes said. "I think it casts a bad light on CollegeWeb."

Vernon said she has received quite a bit of negative feedback about the articles but does not think her actions caused any harm.

"This was a harmless rumor," she said. "If anything, it really helped get the word out about that business."

The couple said they knew they were on to something when they sold approximately 500 cupcakes at Newark's Community Day celebration in September.

Sophomore Kelsey Hughes said the owner's witty advertising was smart because of the attention it has given them.

"Now its like, well, I want to go see some sassy cupcakes because I have never thought of them as sassy before," Hughes said.



THE REVIEW/Josh Baumann

Caffé Gelato will expand into the area currently occupied by Bert's Compact Discs.

Caffé Gelato to expand restaurant space this fall

BY BAILEY KUNG

Staff Reporter

Caffé Gelato is scheduled to expand this coming fall after a renovation of the property that is currently Bert's Compact Discs.

Bert Ottaviano, president of Bert's Music, said the move will take place in mid to late spring of this year.

Two weeks ago, a sign outside Bert's proclaimed, "Yes, we're moving." On Friday, it advertised a store-wide sale.

Ryan German, owner of Caffé Gelato, said the restaurant will remain open during construction of the renovation, which is estimated to be completed by the first weekend of the Fall Semester.

"We've been open for seven years and it's time to renovate," German said.

Business has been stellar within the restaurant, but German said he recognizes the need for improvement.

He said he hopes to make the restaurant more accommodating by spreading out the furniture and adding more seats and tables for the customers. A few seats will be

removed from the existing space and 16 seats will be added to the new addition, German said. The expansion will feature a waiting area inside, preventing guests from having to wait outside for a table.

To show its commitment to wine, the restaurant plans to add a temperature-controlled wine cellar, he said. It will be the second restaurant in the state to have this specific feature.

After the renovations' completion, German said Caffé Gelato will offer intimate booth seating and a private meeting room for professors or business people.

German said he plans to lease the new space.

A floor plan for the renovation is available on the restaurant's Web site.

Newark resident Patricia Hall said she looks forward to having more space at the tables and hopes the acoustics will improve with the new construction.

Junior Steve Fox, a regular customer of Bert's, said he is disappointed to see the store move from Main Street. Fox is from New York and said he got into the local music scene because of the store.

"It's the only place to get decent underground music in Newark," Fox said.

Caffé Gelato is one of the few eateries on Main Street that does not target specifically university students, German said. Guests include residents of Newark and business professionals, as well as university students.

Students primarily come to the restaurant to buy ice cream, but sit down for meals on special occasions, such as birthdays or date parties, he said.

Laura Schell, a first time Caffé Gelato diner, came with her family from Bear, Del.

After hearing of the new addition coming in the fall, Schell said, "We will definitely be back."

Caffé Gelato is distinct from the quick service establishments found up and down Main Street, German said.

The gelato counter, where the homemade ice cream is served, currently bridges the gap between formal and casual aspects of the restaurant, he said.

MISSING:

University lacks law and medical schools

BY ELENA CHIN

Staff Reporter

The university has toyed with the idea of adding a medical school or law school in the past and, with a new administration under way, it is possible the schools will be considered again.

Sheldon Pollack, director of the Legal Studies Program, said there was an initiative to begin a law school and medical school during the presidency of Edward Arthur Trabant, the university's 24th president.

"Neither of these efforts turned out to be fruitful," Pollack said.

Pollack stated in an e-mail message many faculty members would be interested in seeing a law school started at the university.

"Approximately 130 UD graduates — seniors and prior graduates — started their studies at various law schools last fall and there is certainly a continuing demand among our students for a law school education," he said.

Future university President Patrick Harker stated in an e-mail message he does not have any firm ideas on specific measures the university needs to take in order to continue its development.

"I plan on taking next year as an opportunity to listen to all of the stakeholders' views on where the university is and where it should go in order to develop a strategic plan," Harker said. "Thus, I really do not have a definitive view on starting new schools or programs at this point."

University President David P. Roselle stated in an e-mail message the administration does not have any current plans to begin a law school or medical school. Financial support is a determining factor whether a law school or medical school will be successful.

"I think that having an excellent medical school and/or an excellent law school would be a plus," Roselle said. "However, having a medical school that is poorly funded would not be a plus and might even damage the institution's reputation. The same is true for a law school. An excellent law school would be a plus and anything less could be a minus."

Sophomore Melinda Kiss said she would definitely consider attending law school at the university if there were such a program. Law schools and medical schools are prestigious and having one would add to the reputation of the university.

"The fact that our school doesn't have these schools takes away from it," Kiss said.

Louis Hirsh, director of admissions, said high school applicants rarely ask if the university has a

medical or law school.

"I suspect that many people nowadays realize that some of the finest universities in the country do not have medical or law schools," Hirsh said. "Princeton doesn't, for example."

Florence Schmieg, chair of the Health Science Evaluation and Advisement Committee and director of the Medical Scholars Program, said a medical school was considered many years ago. It was decided that the state would not develop the program because the population of the state was not sufficient enough to fill a medical school.

Schmieg said the university provides several resources to aid students in their medical school search so there is no need for a medical school here.

"Our students do very well in getting into medical school," she said. "We do very well here."

Junior Ryan Brennessel said he does not think the university needs a medical school and that the university makes up for this fact in other ways.

"I think we're in a pretty good position as far as school goes," Brennessel said. "I don't think they shortchange you."

Elizabeth Brooks, director of admissions at Jefferson Medical College, said the university is associated with Thomas Jefferson University and the Delaware Institute for Medical Education and Research program, which provide an opportunity for Delaware residents to obtain a medical education. Approximately five students from the program were accepted into Jefferson Medical College last year.

"We give priority status for Delaware residents through the DIMER program, which is a way to separate them from the pack," Brooks said.

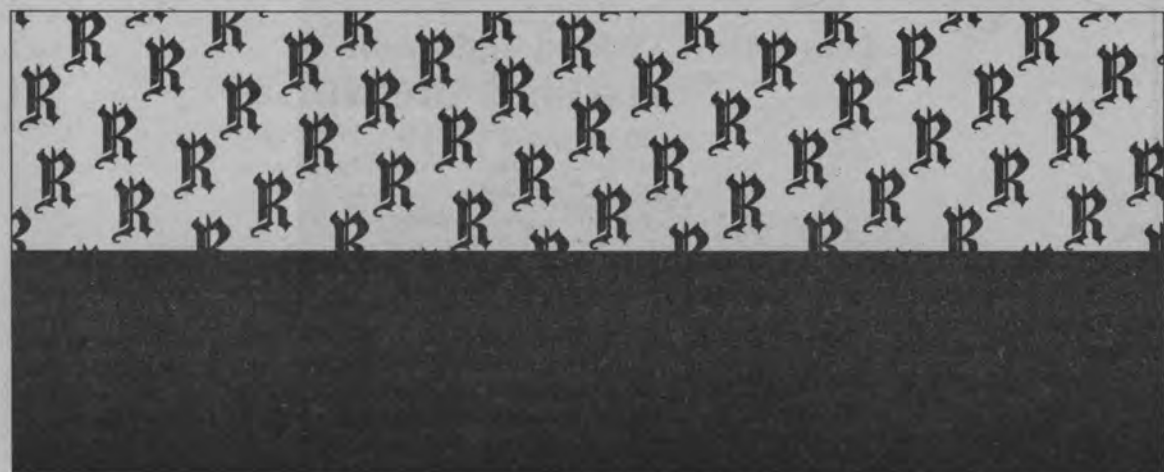
However, there is no financial advantage, since the college is a private school, she said.

Sophomore Nathaly Murillo, a Delaware resident, said she would attend a medical school at the university because it would be more affordable. A pre-medical program and medical school at the university would better prepare students for medical school.

"We would have a leg up on other students that we don't have now," Murillo said.

Senior Dan Straga, a law school hopeful, said Delaware would be a great place to practice corporate law since there are numerous corporations in the area.

"It would take a couple years to be recognized in the state," Straga said, "but it would put Delaware more on the map."



Circumcision found to have new role in prevention of AIDS

BY CAITLIN BIRCH

Copy Editor

New York City has begun to explore the possibility of expanding its present HIV prevention strategy to include male circumcision, a spokeswoman for the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene said.

The decision to begin the exploration came in the wake of a March 28 statement by the World Health Organization, which endorsed male circumcision as "an additional important intervention to reduce the risk of heterosexually-acquired HIV infection in men."

The WHO's statement was the culmination of a three-day international meeting in Montreux, Switzerland. Researchers presented what was considered "strong" and "compelling" evidence from three separate and controlled African studies that suggest male circumcision reduces a man's risk of contracting HIV through heterosexual sex by 60 percent.

Sara Markt, deputy press secretary for the NYC DOHMH, stated in an e-mail message the city is beginning to discuss the circumcision research with the community to learn whether circumcision would be effective in the fight against HIV in New York.

"NYC remains the epicenter of the HIV/AIDS epidemic," Markt said.

Although New York City health officials have already begun their preliminary discussions, John Kennedy, manager of the HIV/AIDS/STD Branch at the Delaware Division of Public Health, stated in an e-mail message there have not been any official recommendations concerning male circumcision as a preventive strategy against HIV from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.

Although the CDC has not released any statements to date, Kennedy said the Delaware Division of Public Health is studying the issue.

Susan Tanner, community planning coordinator for the non-profit educational group, Delaware HIV Consortium, said Delaware legislators normally wait for a statement from the CDC before considering new health-related legislation.

To date, Tanner said she has not heard anything about Delaware adopting a statewide circumcision promotion program in the future,

but it might not be a bad idea.

"As long as it's a promotion and not a requirement for male circumcision, it's probably a really good thing," she said. "When you require that things happen, especially for religious reasons, people will take offense to it and have problems with it, and you're also taking away human rights."

Herman Ortez, director of preventative interventions at the non-profit HIV-management organization AIDS Delaware, said circumcision should not be endorsed as a preventive measure against HIV.

"Unprotected sex is unprotected sex, circumcised or not," Ortez said.

He said AIDS Delaware encourages abstinence, condom use, self-disclosure, better hygiene and education.

"It's ludicrous," he said. "It's ludicrous because it doesn't make a difference if the penis is circumcised or not. There will be a risk of infection."

Ortez said the focus should be on hygiene to prevent further transmission of infection.

Tanner said if circumcision does become an issue in Delaware, the nature of HIV transmission in the state should be considered.

"The majority of our cases are among injecting drug users," Tanner said, "so male circumcision wouldn't have any bearing on those cases."

Kennedy said the African studies focused on heterosexual transmission of HIV, which is not the primary method of transmission in Delaware.

Another potential problem in applying the African studies to the United States, he said, is the number of males already circumcised. The CDC lists the number at approximately 77 percent, compared to the WHO's estimate at 30 percent of men worldwide.

Kennedy said the Delaware Division of Public Health currently provides an HIV-prevention strategy that includes abstinence, delaying sexual relations, limiting the number of sexual partners, using condoms, peer counseling and testing.

He said circumcised men can still contract HIV and pass it on.

"Knowing your HIV status is the best prevention strategy," Kennedy said.

"As long as it's a promotion for male circumcision, it's probably a really good thing."

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Web site shows what's happenin'

BY ANNEMARIE VALLI

Staff Reporter

Online stalking is so easy nowadays. A simple Facebook search will yield a name, bio and phone number within seconds. It is one-stop shopping at its finest and the now generation has come to expect it.

Senior finance major Dan Klueger has tapped into this instant gratification demand with the creation of UHappen.com, an online events calendar designed to simplify the way students gather information on upcoming student happenings.

Klueger, CEO and innovator behind UHappen, said the Web site allows individuals to view and post academic, athletic, philanthropic and social events as well as jobs and internships for their specific school on a public calendar.

He said the ease of having all of this information on one site shortens search time and immediately caters to information-hungry students.

"What I noticed was that there were so many different sites you had to go to to find out what was going on around campus," Klueger said. "If you wanted to know the drink specials at Kate's or Shaggy's, you had to go to their Web site — school events, the UDel homepage. We wanted to combine these things to have one Web site with everything." The site launched in February of 2007 after months of creative collaboration with Web site designers and UHappen president Josh Kaufman.

Klueger said the site currently contains more than 400 universities and has tallied a strong number of hits since its startup.

"In a little over a month and a half, we already had 2,400 visitors," he said.

Kaufman, a senior at George Washington University and friends with Klueger, said the two met their freshman year at Indiana University before transferring schools and have always been drawn to entrepreneurship.

"We're constantly thinking, 'What can we do to make some money?'" Kaufman said.

His three-pronged approach of e-mails, calls and interviews with local restaurant and bar owners on Main Street has allowed the Web site to expand its local reach, Klueger said.

"I've been giving them the figures," he said. "Students go here to post events and it's free, so it's a great way to promote their specials."

Klueger said additional promotions through Facebook groups, future newspaper advertisements and constant talk of the site have fueled the quest for new users.

"That's our strongest marketing tool right now, word of mouth," he said.

Central to UHappen's successful startup were relevant accounting and marketing courses at the university, Klueger said.

"Accounting classes helped with the back-end work of the site whereas marketing and business classes helped me analyze the

strengths and weaknesses of an area," he said.

Business professor Tom Johnston said the basic business programs taught in his Introduction to Business Information Systems (ACCT 160) course are beneficial to any aspiring entrepreneur or businessman.

"Everyday, whatever you do in business, you use Excel and Access," Johnston said.

He said registered UHappen user information is linked to Excel and Access databases that allow the site creator to accumulate totals such as e-mail addresses and number of site hits.

In addition to the number crunching, the brains behind the success of any business come with a thought-out marketing plan.

Business professor Bob McNutt said his Introduction to Marketing (BUAD 301) course engaged Klueger and other students with a project that challenged them in creating an extensive marketing campaign.

"What I try to instill in students is to go with their hearts," McNutt said. "Pick a product or service that you really have an interest in."

He said in addition to the marketing project, the course introduces the four marketing fundamentals of product, place, price and promotion analysis as components of running a successful business.

"People won't remember the text or the four P's, but they do remember that project," McNutt said. "That's probably what Dan connected back to with his site."

Junior Justin Dubler, a UHappen user, said the calendar gives students a chance to be on top of upcoming events.

"I feel that there's a void at the university," Dubler said. "Not everyone is up to date with what's going on."

He said the advantage of UHappen over other networking sites is its emphasis on student affairs.

"As president of my fraternity, I've posted frat events and speakers coming to the school," Dubler said. "It's another channel to get it out there to the students."

Another UHappen user, senior Evan Lewin, said the site needs a facelift in order to keep up with its competitors.

"His best bet is to make it more interactive," Lewin said. "Give students more of a reward for wanting to use it."

Klueger said prospective UHappen improvements including Web 2.0, user profiles and more frequent updates will be implemented to keep up with technology.

Dubler said he is optimistic these site improvements will eventually secure the same addiction as other networking sites.

"Everyone can't wait to go home and check Facebook," he said. "Their goal should be to make it so everyone wants to check UHappen every day."



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Students gripe over new univ. software

BY MOLLY MACMILLAN

Staff Reporter

UDSIS has been in place since the end of last summer, but students still cannot access their progress reports and experience difficulty accessing advising services, thus making some students wonder whether UDSIS is really an improvement from SIS+.

Junior Nick DeCampo said he has encountered problems using UDSIS.

"I feel like a lot of money was invested in it," he said, "and it's a lot worse than what we had before."

Computer science professor Jelena Mirkovic said the old system was not perfect, but at least she was used to it. She said the new system is making advising students painful.

"User interface is terrible. If you want to, for instance, print out a student's transcript, a shortcut on the menu would be the best idea," Mirkovic said. "Instead, we have 12 steps, and that is terrible."

Assistant Provost and Registrar Joseph DiMartile is the UDSIS project director of more than 100 UDSIS team members.

He stated in an e-mail message UDSIS is in its infancy and is still in the process of reaching its potential. DiMartile said progress reports are targeted at being available to students by April 30, the beginning of the fall registration period.

"With any project this size, it's not easy," he said. "It's a complicated process. It takes time and a lot of people."

Senior Lynn Clouser said she had to take two more classes this semester than planned so she can graduate, and transfer students in her major have especially had problems with the system.

"I know a couple friends, they had to drop their major and re-apply, which is really stressful your last semester because all you want to do is graduate," she said.

DiMartile said he does not believe there will be a problem with graduation because Winter Commencement was managed within the new system. He said once passing grades are issued for a student's remaining classes, degrees will be conferred.

Mirkovic said the new system makes it difficult for her to advise

students, leading her to believe there will be problems with graduation.

DiMartile said UDSIS is still in the process of a "phased roll-out." He said the system is still being put into place and, until web applications are built in, the system cannot be enhanced. DiMartile said he has received a lot of positive feedback about UDSIS.

When asked if problems with UDSIS were normal, he said, "What problems?"

Mirkovic said the program currently has user interface and functionality problems and seems like it is still being written.

"I think it's badly broken and maybe they could talk to the users," Mirkovic said. "The people doing it are probably capable programmers, but they don't know what we need."

DiMartile said a lot of the positive feedback has been about registration on UDSIS.

"Students seem to have adapted to the new registration system quite well," he said, "and, in fact, are pleased that it provides an immediate response to their registration requests."

However, junior Nick Begin said he didn't have a positive experience with registration. He said his experience trying to register for Spring Semester was difficult.

"You can't register for the classes you want until you get your grades," he said. "I have to wait to get my grades before I can register because they're senior-level classes."

Students and faculty said UDSIS is not user-friendly, but DiMartile said the UDSIS programmers are not yet at the stage of actively seeking user response. He said the first phase is putting the system in place and then Web applications are built.

Until the web applications are in place, DiMartile said programmers cannot enhance the system.

Mirkovic said she thinks the system would be improved if there was communication between users and the programmers of UDSIS and resolved.

"It complicates my life," Mirkovic said, "but I understand the need for a new system."

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Tainted pet food causes concern

BY KATIE ROGERS

Staff Reporter

Tyler Goralski fills his 10-year-old dog, Suede's, food bowl with caution.

"I'm becoming concerned as more and more foods gets recalled because it could all of a sudden be one of the foods that I feed my dog," he said.

This fear is not uncommon today after Menu Foods, manufacturers of wet and dry pet food, pulled more than 100 brands off of store shelves. According to a Menu Foods press release, the recall was issued when a small number of cats and dogs experienced kidney failure after eating certain types of Menu Foods products. The kidney failure was marked with signs such as loss of appetite, lethargy and vomiting.

The pet foods were removed from the shelves of mass corporations such as Wal-Mart and PetSmart. Marisa Bluestone, Wal-Mart spokeswoman, said her company took the recall seriously.

"We don't take chances," Bluestone said. "We changed manufacturers and removed all Menu Foods from our shelves to protect our customers."

She said as an extra precaution, Wal-Mart also placed an electronic recall on these brands so they are unable to scan at registers in stores.

Michelle Friedman, spokeswoman for PetSmart, said the company took the same precautions to protect consumers in more than 900 of its stores nationwide.

"Obviously a lot of brands have been affected, but we are doing everything we can to assure the foods on our shelves are safe for our pet parents," Friedman said.

She said many brands were removed from the stores and the brands that will be sold again in PetSmart are to be determined.

According to a press release from the Food and Drug

Administration, the problem was discovered during routine taste testing done by Menu Foods. Nine cats died during the testing. Pet owners outside of the taste test reported the deaths of four cats and one dog. Although the number of pet deaths are relatively low, Menu Foods has issued a recall on all "cuts and gravy" style dog and cat food.

The FDA is currently working with Menu Foods in testing the safety of wet and dry pet food.

Sophomore Rudy Salber, an animal science major, said he is not fearful of the recall. He feeds his yellow lab, Sandy, a mixture of boiled chicken or meat with a little bit of actual dog food.

"She likes the mixture better and gets more excited about it," he said. "The only thing is that my dad feeds her too much of it, so now she's a little chunky."

Goralski, who works at the Animal Hospital of Perry Hall in Baltimore, said while this mixture may be more appealing to the dogs and cats eating it, it is not the healthiest route for feeding pets.

"People may want to take extreme measures to protect their pets but it's too hard," he said. "Dog food is perfect nutrition-wise, so it's definitely hard to give dogs a balanced diet while feeding them hand-cooked food."

He said while he's at work, many concerned pet owners come in with questions about what to feed their pets. Goralski said the only advice he gives pet owners is to keep themselves updated on the recall list, as it tends to change.

Junior Josh Biddle said although many foods are being recalled, he would not hesitate to feed them to his pet in the future.

"It's always in the back of my head about what happened to the animals, but I would definitely feed them to my pet again in the future," Biddle said. "It wasn't the total fault of the manufacturers."

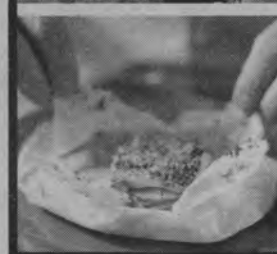
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Have your pizza and be a healthy eater, too

BY BRITTANY TALARICO

Staff Reporter

Pizza is a comfort food. Main Street offers a plethora of restaurants that feed college students' hunger for a hot slice. After a long night of partying, many students crave pizza, but may try to avoid it because of its reputation for being a fatty food. New research, however, is trying to discover ways to make this staple college food healthier.

Studies conducted at the University of Maryland are exploring ways to enhance the antioxidant content of whole-grain pizza dough through different baking techniques.

Jeffrey Moore, a researcher at Maryland, stated in an e-mail message that the overall goal of this research has been to pinpoint the health-promoting properties of food.

The study was undertaken to investigate whether changes in preparation techniques for whole-wheat foods, such as whole-wheat pizza crust, can influence their antioxidant content, Moore said.

"Under our experimental conditions, we found that increased baking time or temperature, or increased fermentation time has the potential to increase antioxidant properties," he said. "Our study was only on the crust component of pizza."

"Making healthy decisions for the toppings going on to the pizza, of course, are also important to make pizza part of a healthy diet."

Merlyn Bowen, marketing program manager for Dining Services, stated in an e-mail message the university prepares pizza with both traditional pizza dough and whole-grain dough.

"Dining services provides a variety of foods from each food groups allowing students to select a healthy and balanced diet," Bowen said. "Pizza can be part of a balanced and healthy diet if eaten in moderation."

Tomato sauce contains Vitamin C and lycopene, an antioxidant, she said. Other healthy ingredients of pizza include vegetable toppings and mozzarella cheese.

"Dining services uses 2 percent skim, shredded mozzarella cheese, which is lower in fat than whole-milk mozzarella cheese," Bowen said.

Vegetables provide fiber and a variety of vitamins, minerals, phytochemicals and antioxidants, she said.

Whole-wheat crust is a good source of fiber and complex carbohydrates.

Carolyn Manning, nutrition professor and registered dietitian, said pizza can be healthy because it has a lot of different food groups.

"The more veggies on it the better," Manning said. "When you start having a lot of meat on there, like pepperoni, you increase the calories. Meat naturally has more fat."

She said pizza can be creative and can be made in a variety of different combinations.

"You don't have to depend heavily on cheese and sausage," Manning said. "One of my favorites is spinach, broccoli and mushrooms. Broccoli is like the power vegetable. It is loaded with Vitamin C, calcium and many other nutrients."

Eating pizza in moderation is always a good thing, she said.

"There is nothing like a good pepperoni pizza," Manning said. "Make sure you get all your fruits and veggies. What you put on top of pizza can easily negate what you do with the crust."

Pizza is typically prepared with white refined flour, eliminating the bran and germ which have the nutrients in them, she said, which are removed in the refining process.

"White flour is low in fiber, which is the main disadvantage," Manning said. "It does not have the whole-grain. We are supposed to eat three ounces of whole-grain per day."

She said she thinks the idea of healthy pizza is a possibility.

Sophomore Amanda Hulme said she does not eat pizza often because it is supposedly an unhealthy mixture of carbohydrates and fat.

"If pizza was better for you, it would be more enticing to eat," Hulme said. "I would like to try whole-grain pizza because I'm used to eating whole-grain bread."

She recommended that the university dining halls serve this new pizza.

"I always think they do not offer anything healthy," Hulme said. "This would be a start, a good alternative."

Sophomore Brett Burns said it would not matter to him if pizza was considered a health food.

"If it tasted good, I would eat it," Burns said. "It's all about the taste value."

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Va Tech shooting raises doubts

Is Delaware prepared if such an event strikes Newark?

The Review staff is deeply saddened by yesterday's tragedy at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. We offer our most sincere sympathies to anyone affected in Blacksburg, Va. or across the country.

In light of these events it is time that the university, along with every college in the country, reflects on and takes into consideration the emergency plans for situations that could endanger their student bodies.

More so, it is important that our university educates us on the nature of these plans so we can be somewhat aware of what to expect in any given situation. At all times, there should be an open line of communication between students and the administration that allows us to expect the unexpected and avoid situations like this one.

If the university, or any university at that, does not have a plan that could counter this type of attack, one needs to be implemented immediately and students need to be notified that it is being devised.

Although nobody could have

foreseen this kind of tragedy, this event should be a wake-up call that tragedies are a real possibility. When comparing the two towns, is Newark all that different from Blacksburg?

Both schools are in stereotypically "safe" suburban areas. Neither college is barred from the public, but rather, they are the centerpiece of their respective towns.

Our administration needs to take this massacre into consideration and re-examine the policy that does not allow University Police to carry firearms. If something of this magnitude were to happen here, police should not have their forcible response delayed.

Delaware's administration should be commended for its quick response in offering counseling to the university community and should continue to help aid students and faculty that have been affected or are distressed by yesterday's events.

We urge the university to quickly respond to this incident and extend an open invitation for any aid or assistance Tech may need in the coming weeks.

Gym additions long overdue

UD answers students' concerns on health facilities

The university has finally decided to respond to students regarding the less-than-substantial convenience of gyms on campus.

The Pencader and Harrington gyms will be expanded, re-opening respectively in Fall 2008 and Fall 2009. New equipment will also be added to the enlarged facilities to help fill the additional space.

The only logical response to this is that it is about time.

The overcrowding of the workout facilities on campus has, in recent years, become a major concern of students who wish to exercise at the gym.

The university has offered the best solution for this problem. Instead of building a large gym, or expanding the Little Bob in the center of campus, the university is spreading three large facilities out in different locations.

This plan gives students the opportunity to have a gym close to their residence hall.

Another concern addressed by the university with this project is the health of their students.

Many attempt using the facilities but are discouraged by the crowds. With more space to accommodate them, students will have more of a reason to work out, and general health could increase.

In recent years private gyms like Fusion have opened on campus as a result of the overcrowding of the university's facilities. Therefore, students have paid membership fees instead of going to university gyms.

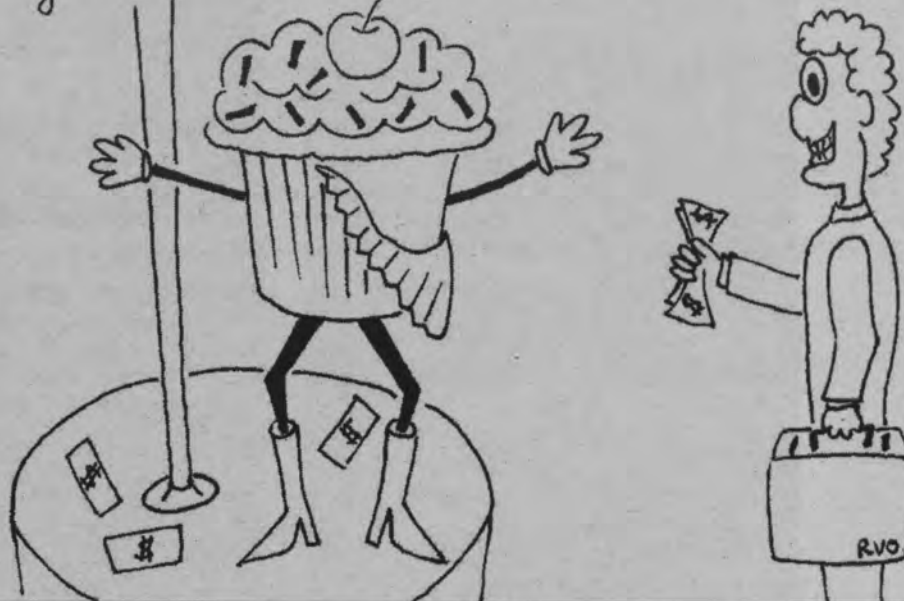
Since part of our tuition technically pays for our right to have workout facilities at our convenience, it is unfair that some students have been nearly forced into this decision.

The additions to the gyms will help cut back on that need for alternatives, and in the end, help save students money on local membership fees.

"The expansion will help cut down the wait and encourage people to use the gym more often"

—Sophomore Carolyn Hershler

They're sweet, sassy, even a little naughty!



THE REVIEW/ Domenic DiBerardino

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

UNDRESSED promotes promiscuity

I recently picked up a copy of The Review and was really taken aback by the Delaware Undressed article. It was about encouraging men to look at porn. Another one was about same-sex students kissing one another.

How can you be upset by sex crimes, child porn, rape and AIDS that you see on the news when you are encouraging behavior that leads to it? Your articles are pro-sex, porn, cheating and homosexuality — all of which contribute to the moral decay of today's youth. Do you think these behaviors will stop just because someone graduates, gets married or has children? Think about where this could lead.

Kids in college are in many ways just that — kids. They are not fully-mature adults. Many are even leaving home for the first time. These kids are going to be the future business and world leaders of the next generation and you are encouraging their corruption with every

article.

Yes there's freedom of speech, but I am really surprised The Review would allow such sexually explicit articles to be continually published. Do you think the founders of this university, alumni or the parents of present or future students would be proud of this type of "free speech?"

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Two scandals, one sad truth

Recently, radio host Don Imus made a stupid and offensive comment, and he has paid for it. A seemingly endless barrage of politicians, activists and media personalities have been lining up to take shots at him. Was he wrong? Yes. Was the public right in calling for an apology and punishment? Absolutely. Has anyone's life been severely damaged by his actions? No.

Also recently, in not-so-front-page news, the remaining charges against three former Duke University students and lacrosse players were finally dropped after more than a year of professing innocence to charges of rape and assault.

These men were irreparably damaged for the rest of their lives over complete fabrications. Where are all the talking heads who demanded these young men's lives now? They chase the next potential issue and blow it as far out of proportion as possible, hoping to garner the fame and admiration of the people, disregarding the lives they crush along the way.

With these people at the forefront of American public opinion, we will never move forward as a society toward our noble goals of true equality for all.

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The endless debate on free speech



Yahtzee!

Brian Citino

Showing respect for the greatest of American freedoms

Free speech. Together, those two words define a nation, stir a massive amount of controversy and provide us with one of the greatest liberties we, as Americans, have.

I could not write this column if it were not for free speech. Hell, any opinion section in this newspaper would fail to exist without the right. And the content would surely suffer because of censorship.

This right we have is tremendous, but at the same time makes many ask the highly debatable question — when has free speech gone too far?

According to the more than 80 university students who joined a Facebook group titled "Egg the Kirkbride Jesus Guy," the right has been abused.

An excerpt from the description for this group is as follows: "The Kirkbride Jesus guy finally took it too far today with his sign telling us all that gays, lesbians, un-submissive women and Roman Catholics are all going to Hell. Anyone who hates this guy as much as I do and is tired of his stupid ramblings, bring an egg to class on Monday, Apr. 30 and let the asshole get what's coming to him. Namely, egg

yolk all over his face to show him the sinner that he is."

You are now a bit more stupid for having read this garbage.

First of all, going after someone based on their beliefs is what is known as a hate crime. The members of this group may not know that term, but trust me, it is a fairly serious offense.

I found this to be interestingly ironic when I was invited to join the group. The "Kirkbride Jesus Guy" (KJG) held up a sign telling a couple groups of people they were sinners, and, in return, the genius creator of the group wishes to egg him "to show him the sinner that he is."

It's pretty cool that the group's creator is actually the authority on who is a sinner. I would love to meet him so he can assault me to show me my wrongdoings. Note the sarcasm.

Just another bit of irony for you, the group wants to fight intolerance with intolerance.

Dwell on that for a second.

This campus is a liberal atmosphere. Should the attacked groups be upset and offended by the sign? Absolutely. Was it right for KJG to hold it up? No way. Did he have every right to do it? He sure did.

As a student body, we have no right to physically attack this man for his beliefs. The plan was changed from egging him to shooting him with water guns, which is much less harmful, yet still juvenile and indecent.

Through his sign he attacked the gay and lesbian community, and now members want to soak him on the street. I was wondering, did anyone run by with a Super Soaker while they were doing mock weddings to protest gay marriage rights? I didn't think so.

Not everyone on this campus believes that gay marriage should be legalized. But they respected the right to let people know about those who do over a sound system on the steps of Trabant. I thought it was a great idea on how to protest peacefully, so why turn to actions on

par with that of an eighth grader when someone else peacefully states their beliefs? It's immature. We are in college. Act like it.

Anyone trying to censor this man is hurting society. If you look back over the past century there are numerous groups that have disallowed free speech. It's easy to figure out who I am referring to, and I do not think anyone would want to be compared to them.

As a country we need to respect the right to free speech. That means respecting another's right to it, but, more importantly, respecting the way we use the privilege ourselves.

KJG abused his right, so as a society we need to reach an understanding on where the line is. It is OK to believe whatever you want, but sometimes beliefs are best kept private or in a circle with those who share them. That still does not change the fact that he was well within his rights to do what he did.

The way to stop his intolerance is not to attack him like a bunch of pre-pubescent assholes with squirt guns, but to educate others on tolerance so we can grandfather people like him out of society.

I hope cooler heads prevail in this situation and 80 plus students do not embarrass themselves or this university — which preaches tolerance — just because one jackass created a group and decided it was "judgment day."

Leave him alone. Ignore him. And respect his right to stand there and scream all he wants. Trust me, you'll be much happier.

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THE REVIEW/ Domenic DiBerardinis

Obama promotes inspiring wave of change

Guest Commentary

Kaan Ekiner

The Democratic party taking proper steps to victory

It started in Springfield, Ill., on the morning of Feb. 10, 2007. Amid below-freezing temperatures and a crowd of thousands huddling to stay warm outside the Old Capitol, one man spoke. That man, Barack Obama, announced to his supporters what they had anxiously been waiting to hear for months — his bid for the Democratic nomination in the 2008 presidential election.

Obama inspired the crowd to stand up and take part in American democracy with one of his trademark uplifting speeches.

"This campaign has to be about reclaiming the meaning of citizenship, restoring our sense of common purpose, it must be about us, it must be about what we can do together, right here, right now," Obama said.

Although Obama's campaign officially

began that chilly morning, his proverbial movement started years ago. He initiated his policy of change when he moved his office from Springfield to Washington, D.C. There, he formulated perceptions and goals as he worked his way up the difficult hierarchy in the nation's capital.

As a state Senator from 1997 to 2005, Obama focused on welfare reform, health care for uninsured children, tax relief for low-income workers, death-penalty reform and a state-wide ban of racial profiling.

However, gaining unprecedented political momentum as a young and outspoken politician, Obama made an improbable bid in 2004 for the vacated United States Senate position in Illinois. He stuck to the ideals and policies that made him a successful state senator and remained confident in the face of adversity. In 2003, he launched his campaign as the only major candidate running for the seat who was opposed to the War in Iraq. He won in a landslide victory, although he was outspent by his opponents by a margin of 6 to 1.

During his brief Senate career, Obama has dealt with critical issues involving our nation overseas, planning an end to the war in Iraq, universal Medicare by 2012, finding sufficient alternative energy methods, improving secondary educational programs and keeping

weapons from terrorists.

As Obama has opposed the War in Iraq during his tenure in the United States Senate, he has engineered a plan to diffuse the current crisis involving the men and women of our armed forces in the Middle East. This past January he introduced the "Iraq War De-escalation Act of 2007," a move to reverse President George W. Bush's dangerous escalation and set forth a policy that will aid in bringing a responsible end to the war.

At his announcement speech on Feb. 10, he said, "America, it is time to start bringing our troops home. It is time to admit that no amount of American lives can resolve the political disagreement that lies in the heart of someone else's civil war — that is why I have a plan that will bring our combat troops home by March of 2008."

Aside from his plan for Iraq and commitment to protecting our homeland, Obama has diverted much of his attention toward reforming healthcare and ensuring that bills directed toward healthcare reform do not just die on the Congress floor. Instead, the effort is made to implement them. As a state Senator, Obama focused on extending healthcare to children in Illinois.

There are, however, many people who doubt Obama's campaign for the presidency. Many of them stand on the political right

holding onto more conservative values, but there are also many within the Democratic camp citing his relative inexperience in Washington, D.C.

To those who discredit his political achievements or question his knowledge on policies both domestic and international, his answer is simple — "I've been in Washington long enough to know that the ways of Washington must change."

Whether it be through speaking to citizens and community planners in Chicago, inspiring thousands of supporters in the streets of his home state, or rallying the Democratic National Convention in the summer of 2004, Obama has electrified and impressed everyone he has met. As a fresh new face in Democratic politics, he has stood by his beliefs as he now vies for the White House in 2008. With his policies stated and recognition for standing by his word, Obama now presents a challenge to voters across America, just as he had to the thousands huddled in the cold on that February morning. This challenge, one of change, presents itself right here, right now.

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The knights of Medieval Times tell tales of brute strength

BY KEVIN MACKIEWICZ & JEFF RUOSS

City News Editor & Assistant News Editor

"Kill 'em! Off with his head!"

The noise of the crowd begins to grow as the audience anxiously anticipates the beginning of the match. The spotlight illuminates the two combatants — braced for battle, ready for anything, circling each other, awaiting the first move.

Although this may sound like just another main event on the World Wrestling Entertainment's Monday Night Raw, this is the Medieval Times.

Since the restaurant opened in Majorca, Spain, 34 years ago, men have been portraying knights of the royal court. Trained performers in nine Medieval Times' castles across North America, from Florida to California and all the way up to Ontario, Canada, re-enact a story based on an actual medieval tournament from the 11th century five days per week.

But what is it like to be an actual knight, swinging swords, charging on horses with a lance and battling for the glory of the court?

According to Victor DeLara, the horse trainer and one of the original knights from Spain, it takes concentration, athletic ability and extreme discipline to go out each night wearing armor and put on a show. He works each week in the castle located in Hanover, Md.

"To be a knight, first you have to be tough," DeLara says with sincerity. "Second, you can't be a crying baby. Third, you're going to have a lot of girls."

DeLara has 25 years experience with the Medieval Times and says he could eventually see himself trying a new

profession.

Head knight, Stephen Ager, who has been a part of the cast for the past 14 years, interrupts and explains that DeLara will never work anywhere else because he takes such pride in what he does.

"He's going to be doing this until he's dead," Ager says.

To become a knight, Ager says, applicants are chosen by physical ability as the job entails an immense amount of strain on the body.

Ager, who played football and soccer throughout high school, says it helped prepare him for the intense practices and performances of the rigorous schedule, sometimes performing multiple shows in a single day.

"Ninety-nine percent of us are former athletes," he says. "Imagine playing a game of football every day, it would be hard for your body to keep up, that's what we do."

He decided he would be a part of the knights of the realm when he was 17 years old. He heard about a job opening and gave it a shot. Before earning the honored title of a knight, he had to work his way up by starting out as a squire.

Ager describes how the perfect candidate is someone with absolutely no background of performing or riding a horse.

Kellstein Grateaux, a knight of 12 years, says these qualities are ideal because the veterans do not have to break any old habits that the new performers might have learned from another castle.

The intense fighting is what makes or breaks the show. This is another reason why Ager and Grateaux say hiring someone with a blank slate is best for training.

"If someone has done staged-combat choreography

before, they come in thinking they know exactly what to do, when we do some thing completely different," Ager says.

The fights have seen few changes over the years, Grateaux says.

"It was like four years ago that we finally put in a new fight," he says. "Mostly it's still the original choreography from Spain."

He also says, along with the choreographed combats, riding horses and sword fighting, a knight has to learn how to entertain all the fans in attendance. The crowds of approximately 1,000 people are seated around the knights.

"When you're on stage, you only have people looking at you from one angle," he says. "We are in a pit, we have people all around us, 360 degrees, and some of them are pretty far away. They need to see the show just as well as the people in the front."

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Delaware musicians get a taste of the red carpet

BY KENDALL ROY

Staff Reporter

"And the DMA goes to..."

That certainly was the anticipated question for more than 40 local original bands and music gurus who gathered together at the Ruddertowne Complex at Dewey Beach this past weekend. The event not only promised a night of free performances by Delaware's musicians, but a chance to see which bands would win the honors of Delaware's first-ever music awards ceremony — The Delaware Music Awards.

The Delaware Music Festival has taken place over the past five years as a traditional kick-off to a series of festivals that occur all summer long in Dewey. However, this is the first year that many of the bands who come out year after year were recognized for their achievements by people of the "know how" in the music business.

Vikki Walls, entertainment director, festival coordinator, talent buyer and idea originator of the DMA's, has been working with

bands for more than 18 years. She realized that too often local bands' efforts go unnoticed and decided to help them out.

"I've been in the business a long time and I figured nobody's ever done it — had a Delaware music awards or an award ceremony where local bands are actually presented an award," Walls says. "Nor were the people who voted for them music industry professionals as opposed to fan-based driven awards where it's like a popularity contest."

Spark magazine teamed up with Highway One, a company owned by Alex Pires that owns and operates most of Dewey's bars and restaurants, to help plan and put together the event.

Avie Blau, senior sales representative for Spark, says the magazine became involved because of its appreciation for Delaware music and artists.

"It's to support local original bands in the area," Blau says. "All the bands nominated are really talented. So we're going to give them their own version of the Grammy's."

Inspired by the elaborate Grammy style performance motif, four stages were reserved at the Rusty Rudder — two inside and two outside for the approximately 40 bands and musicians to perform live, beginning last Friday at 7 p.m. Special arrangements were made to have the outside deck tented and heated to accommodate the performers and guests.

Like the Grammy's, which hosts a variety of performers, a new band played every 40 minutes or approximately 18 to 19 bands per night, making it a weekend of

constant music at no cover charge.

Continuing into Saturday, April 14, rock band Love Seed Mama Jump got the party started at 5 p.m. Other bands continued to jam throughout the night, showing off their talents until the awards were presented at midnight on the inside-stage lounge of the Rusty Rudder.

The crowd gathered around to see who would be named Delaware's title holders in each of the six categories and who would walk off stage with their very own acrylic-etched trophy.

Months ago, Walls began contacting notable musicians throughout the state and placing them into six different categories to win awards for titles such as: Best Rock Band, Best Alternative, Best Pop/Power Pop/Punk Band, Best Jam Band, Best Singer/Songwriter and Best Americana (Blues, Folk, Alt. Country).

After nominations, the bands in each category were then presented to music industry professionals and people of the press throughout Delaware. The voters ranged from recording studios and record store owners to booking agents and music critics. The results were kept confidential, creating buzz leading up to the big night on Saturday when they were revealed.

Before the festival, the hype had even some of the nominated artists chatting it up about who they thought would be perspective winners in the selected categories.

Tony Travalini, who was nominated in the Best Americana category, says the awards are good publicity for Delaware bands, but he doesn't look at music as a competition.

"Every band is unique and has its own worth. I'll just try and enjoy the bands, try and play a good show and see some old friends," Travalini states in an e-mail mes-

DMA Winners:

Best Rock Band: The Scenic Route
Best Alternative Band: Fat Daddy Has Been
Best Pop Band: Kaitlin Sweeney
Best Jam Band: Mad-Sweet Pangs
Best Americana Band: lower case blues
Best Singer/Songwriter: Cliff Hilli



Courtesy of Spark Magazine

Mad-Sweet Pangs accept their Delaware Music Award.



Courtesy of Jet Phynx

Jet Phynx has rapped alongside Kanye West and Lupe Fiasco.

Newark rapper in search of light

BY DANIELLE D'ALESSANDRO

Staff Reporter

Newark may not be known for its Hip-hop scene, but rapper Jet Phynx, pronounced "phoenix," is putting the small town on the map by introducing his positive message from an unconventional angle.

"Everyone wants to be the hero of Hip-hop," Jet, whose real name is Parris Duncan, says. "I want to be the villain."

Jet's desire to be "the villain" refers to breaking the mold of Hip-hop. On his upcoming album, "Amber Glow Light," the 24-year-old Baltimore native uses his music to send out a more positive message than most Hip-hop songs today.

He says he thinks rappers and the industry focus too much attention on making money and not enough on what they want to say.

Jet says he feels it's possible to fix this problem by creating his own voice and remaining true to himself. Most record labels don't want to take the risk by breaking the trend of what is popular because it's what sells, and trying to change that can be risky, he explains. Jet says he was offered record deals but turned them down because he didn't want to be forced to change his style.

"I'm being real," he says. "I'm saying what people are scared to say."

In an effort to put his ideas into motion, Jet created his own record label, Cashmere Records, in which he has the freedom to produce his own style of music without limitations.

Jet has already made a mixtape, "Rise of the Phynx," in which he raps alongside Kanye West.

On "Key to Success," a song on "Amber Glow Light," the chorus, "Honesty is the key to success / So I separate myself from the rest" is played over a reworked version of the Kansas song "Dust in the Wind" that sings, "Just a drop of water in an endless sea."

The slow beat and deep lyrics in "Key to Success" separate Jet's message from most Hip-hop songs and artists today who inspire their audience to learn dance steps

rather than to contemplate the meaning of the song's lyrics.

"Patience and persistence — that's my motto. That's me," he says. "You have to be patient while being persistent."

In the chorus of the song Jet says, "Patience waiting my time / not in a rush to reach the finish line / cuz I already know, we gonna shine."

Jet's own life experiences inspire him to express his emotions through his music, which he calls "the soundtrack of life."

His transition from the streets of Baltimore to being a former student at the university majoring in Web design all contribute to creating this soundtrack.

Jet has remained close to the campus and Newark community, working at Flavor on Main Street as the men's assistant buyer and one of the store's managers. He says working at the store allows him to express his second passion of clothes, shoes and fashion — second only to music.

"I love music," Jet says. "I love music just as much as I love ladies. And sneakers."

Jet's father was diagnosed with throat cancer when he was 9 years old and had to get a tracheotomy after his vocal box was removed. After experiencing chest pain 10 years after the surgery, Jet's family discovered his father's cancer had spread and became fatal.

In 2003, during his last days, he asked Jet a favor that he's still striving to fulfill.

"Promise me you won't give up on the music," Jet recalls his father saying. "Promise me that you will be my voice."

Jet pulled the album title "Amber Glow Light" from his memories of skateboarding down the streets of Baltimore when he was a child. At night, he used to skate on a street that had only four amber glow lights spaced far apart.

"I'd reach an amber glow light and it would be bright for a while," he says. "After I passed it, it would go dark and I was constantly trying to make it to the next light. So I look at my music as if I'm trying to get to the next light."

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'Aqua Teen' film satisfies own fans

"Aqua Teen Hunger Force Colon Movie Film for Theaters"

First Look Studios

Rating: ★★ (out of ★★★★★)

"Random" is one of the only words that can be used consistently to describe "Aqua Teen Hunger Force." The same holds true as the television show makes its transition to the big screen.

"Aqua Teen Hunger Force Colon Movie Film for Theaters" pushes the envelope in ways only an R rating will allow. It's the type of movie that, if aired on cable TV, it would give Kevin Martin at the FCC a heart attack, or at least a massive migraine.

That being said, "Aqua Teen" is everything a fan of the show would want from a motion picture journey that included a milkshake, fries and a ball of meat, also known as Master Shake, Frylock and Meatwad.

The "Aqua Teen" movie, the demented brainchild of Matt Maiellaro and Dave Willis, is the journey of the three superheroes trying to determine where they came from and who created them. Along their journey, they are visited by Plutonians, Mooninites and a floating watermelon while trying to destroy the "Insanoflex" home gym that has captured their neighbor Carl and is threatening to destroy the universe. Maiellaro and Willis don't waste any of their 86 minutes of Hollywood fame.

Willis lends his voice to several characters in the film, including Meatwad and Carl Brutananadilewski. Somehow the minds behind the show and movie have made a talking ball of meat seem cute. That's an accomplishment.

Meatwad's appeal aside, the "Aqua Teen"

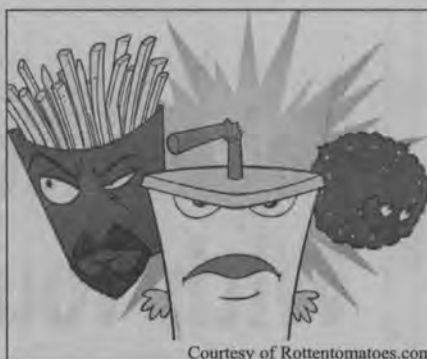
movie provides some of the most offensive jokes and cracked-out scenarios ever put on the silver screen. However, one of the standout moments in the film is when the Time Lincoln, a time-traveling Abe Lincoln, provides the three heroes with a wooden, get-away rocket called "Abe Force One."

Maiellaro and Willis are some of the most off-the-wall, comedic minds, and the movie displays their talent in 2-D glory.

However, their jokes are hit or miss depending on the audience. Fans of the show will love that their favorite 11-minute TV show made the transition to the big screen and didn't lose its comedic edge. But there are people who may never find a milkshake, fries and a ball of meat funny, and that may be where this movie falls short. The box office results will tell if it is a movie that can transcend that barrier or if it's just a glorified episode created for the people who already get the joke.

As the college generation gets criticized for being desensitized, "Aqua Teen Hunger Force Colon Movie Film for Theaters" forces us to realize there are things that are still not acceptable to be said. And those statements can be extremely funny.

— **Tim Mislock, tmislock@udel.edu**



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Courtesy of Columbia Pictures

'Stranger' not nearly perfect

Perfect Stranger
Columbia Pictures

Rating: ★★ (out of ★★★★★)

In "Perfect Stranger," a conventional narrative with an emulous subplot loses track of its own progress and in turn collapses, leaving the audience with a far-from-perfect sequence of events.

What should have been a 30-minute episode of CSI is drawn out for two hours, with

little to occupy the bridge from beginning to end.

Halle Berry is Rowena, an ethically-challenged journalist who has quit her job after being denied publication of an opinionated article about a Mark Foley, right-wing stereotype. In her immoderate tantrum, she randomly crosses paths with an old friend Grace (Nicki Aycox). Grace tells Rowena that Harrison Hill (Bruce Willis), a respected corporate executive who met her through an online dating site, seduced her then severed contact with her and resumed his married life.

Rowena becomes interested in cracking down on Harrison Hill, especially after Grace's mysterious death.

With the aid of her former co-worker, Miles (Giovanni Ribisi), she gets a temp job

at Harrison's office and begins to entice him in order to obtain the evidence needed to convict him of her friend's murder. She also begins to seduce Harrison through dirty talk on a dating Web site as an anonymous sex-figure.

Haunted by childhood abuse, Rowena is struggling to make up for it with an investigative report, just as Halle Berry is struggling to make up for her mistake of starring in "Catwoman."

Because of the illogical turns in plot, she seems to be a different character every 20 minutes in the film, losing any believability in her role and any empathy for her choices. Bruce Willis' acting is not bad, but his dialogue is inconsistent with the overall plot.

Ribisi maintains his role better than the others and keeps it consistent with the plot, but wasn't given enough artistic freedom to bring the character to life.

Another fatal flaw is the poor editing that resulted in a discombobulated surprise ending with similarities to "The Black Dahlia," where you must recalculate every scene in the film only to find many of the questions are unanswered. Therefore, you are cheated and expected to comprehend something extremely intricate that stirs little interest from the get-go.

With the decent amount of press "Perfect Stranger" had, the movie itself doesn't amount to much. "Perfect Stranger" lacks balance, is inconsistent and builds the framework for something its creators couldn't support.

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Reznor marches along

"Year Zero"
Nine Inch Nails
Interscope

Rating: ★★ 1/2 (out of ★★★★★)

Trent Reznor, the electronic mad-scientist behind Nine Inch Nails, has made some of the most important and socially-conscious music of the past 18 years. He has managed to battle the cloning machine of the record industry and remain a unique, artistic voice — the voice of popular industrial music. His forked political tongue has not become dull or rusted over the years. "Year Zero," his latest creation, is some of his sharpest and most concise music to date.

The 41-year-old Reznor has combined the harsh industrial sound of 1994's "The Downward Spiral" and 2005's dancier, more accessible "With Teeth." Although "Year Zero" can only be compared elementally to those albums with its industrial noise and sometimes infectious beats, it is still its own breed of music. It's the effort of a man who has honed his craft and is not about making the record companies want to sell.

From the anti-war "Good Soldier," in which Reznor proclaims "There's no where left to hide / 'Cause God is on our side," to the self-analytical "Me I'm Not," the album covers a wide horizon of topics. The record could be the voice for a generation upset with the current affairs of its country.

Reznor goes after the loyal Bushies in government and global warming policies in his song "Capital G." He sings, "Don't give a shit about the temperature in Guatemala / Don't really see what all the fuss is about / Ain't going to worry about no future generations and / I'm sure somebody going to figure it out" and goes on to say, "Trading in my



Courtesy of Interscope Records

god for this one / He signs his name with a capital G." It would be refreshing if someone in our government actually heard these lyrics since Reznor is speaking on behalf of all those who cannot wait for our current president's last day of work on Jan. 20, 2009.

From a marketing standpoint, this is an edgy album. Reznor has adopted a guerrilla-marketing tactic with USB drives placed in concert bathrooms with MP3s on them. Also, on the band's Web site, there is a GarageBand-formatted track of the single "Survivalism" that allows people to remix the track. The site states "we plan to release every track on the album this way over the next few months."

"Year Zero" sounds different from any other album we've heard from Reznor yet, although the progression to this album is evident. The album was designed to rattle cages — our own and those of the music business. It truly has a sound that will stand out in 2007.

— **Tim Mislock, tmislock@udel.edu**

"Get Money, Stay True"
Paul Wall
Swishahouse / Atlantic

Rating: ★★ 1/2 (out of ★★★★★)

The Swishahouse movement, which blew up in 2003 with the posse-cut "Still Tippin'," has cooled off considerably. The three MCs on "Still Tippin'," Mike Jones, Slim Thug and Paul Wall, have yet, and probably won't, see the success the single "Still Tippin'" garnered. Yet the movement trudges on, as Paul Wall's second solo album, "Get Money, Stay True," rides slow like molasses.

That isn't always a bad thing. The Swishahouse movement ushered in the chopped-and-screwed-inspired tracks of ultra-slow beats and altered vocal tracks. The songs sound like ultra-thick chocolate syrup is being poured all over them. The

Jermaine Dupri track "I'm Thrown" is Wall's finest song since his debut's "Sittin' Sidewayz."

But too often Wall's lyrical repetition — the topics don't stay far from cars, car accessories or "boppers" (slang for girls) hoppin' in his car — holds the record back. Incredibly slow beats matched with lazy lyrics and flow only make an album annoyingly stick to your teeth.

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"The Best Damn Thing"
Avril Lavigne
RCA Records

Rating: ★★ (out of ★★★★★)

Avril Lavigne still sounds young. Although she's now 22, the snot-nosed pop-rocker's third album, ironically-titled "The Best Damn Thing," sounds like she's still wearing a training bra and dropping notes in a boy's locker.

For some reason, this is surprising. After her marriage to Sum 41 lead singer Deryck Whibley, her fans might have expected Lavigne to mature overnight.



Courtesy of Atlantic

"The Best Damn Thing" is a contradiction to the thought.

With slick production from industry heavy hitters, including Dr. Luke (he co-

wrote Kelly Clarkson's

"Since U Been Gone"), Lavigne's new songs are full of bite and middle fingers.

The problem lies in Lavigne's immature stagnancy — the Toni Basil-inspired lead single "Girlfriend" has lyrics like "Don't pretend, I think you know I'm damn precious / And hell yeah, I'm the motherfucking princess."

The album's closer, the ready-for-radio ballad "Keep Holding On," refreshingly proves Lavigne is capable of crafting an emotive, beautiful record. But only when's she not too busy writing nasty rumors in her burnbook.

— **Wesley Case**

delawareUNdressed Like a virgin



Laura Beth Dlugatch
Columnist

Sex, sex, sex. It's plastered on our TV screens and integrated into the debauchery of our college life. Hell, it's even in the newspaper. It's everywhere and everyone's doing it, right?

Come on, of course not.

You may not be surprised, but there are some who think you can only have the complete college experience by doing the nasty. How can you blame them when sex is everywhere in our society and it seems like everyone's doing it — especially right before they come to college.

Take "American Pie" for example. The whole point was to get laid before coming to college or face the fear of being the only virgins on campus.

Like Jason Biggs said, "You realize we're going to college as virgins. They probably have special dorms for people like us." If anyone actually believes that, I question how they got into college in the first place.

So yes, there are virgins on campus that stay virgins throughout their years at college. But one thing I've noticed is that everyone has a different definition for that one little word — virgin.

For some it's

straight up sex. Once you have it, *poof*, there goes your V-card. Then for others there's, let's say, exceptions, such as oral and anal sex.

So if you go through the back door before the front, are you still a virgin? Some say yes. Some say no. I say whatever.

We already know why people keep that chastity belt on tight:

"I don't trust guys," says Jackie, a freshman.

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"I've never had a serious boyfriend and I don't want my first time to be with a random guy," says Ashley, a freshman.

"It's part of my religion that it's something so sacred that you should wait until you're married," says Ryan, a sophomore.

"There were times when I wanted to, but I just felt like I should do it when I have no doubts in my mind about it," says Melissa, a junior.

It's not so much why someone's holding on to their V-card, but more like how do they resist the urge to get down when things heat up at night.

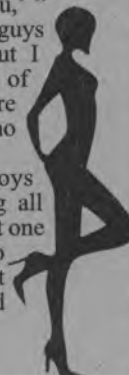
No matter when you want it, or if you're trying not to want it, sex is hard to resist. But for some it's easy because they know they are going to have mind-blowing sex, but only when it's the right time for them. Even if that means waiting until they are married, like Ryan.

"Of course sometimes it's hard because sometimes I'm in a situation where I can get it right there," he says. "But I know if I want it that bad, then I will want it even more when it's with my wife sometime in the future. I'd rather just wait for that special moment than just a random time in college."

Those who do choose to abstain from sex do exactly that — choose. And whatever a person decides, no one else should judge them. So don't be shy about whatever your preference is, like Jackie.

"Whenever I'm hooking up with a guy at some point I'll tell him, 'Yeah, I'm a virgin.' Surprisingly, most guys have been like, 'Wow, good for you,'" she says. "I know that some guys aren't totally cool with it, but I know some boys find it kind of refreshing in a way, since there aren't many girls our age who still are."

Whether someone enjoys banging, boinking or thrusting all day and night or waiting for that one special night — who are you to judge? No one. So respect that person's lifestyle decision and leave it at that.



fashionforward You're so vain

So maybe I cried the day I knew I had outgrown of my size-zero Express jeans (those were the ish when I was 14), but at least I had my mom there to knock some sense into me. She looked so infuriated that I was bitching about being a size two and told me frankly to "get over it" — which I did. But in a world so focused on emaciated starlets, some people live for being a certain size — and retailers are taking advantage of our insecurities.

They are guilty of what's called "vanity sizing," which, according to fashion and apparel studies professor Jaehae Jung, is the practice of increasing clothing's measurements without increasing the size marked on the tag. This is possible because sizes are not standardized like they were in the 1950s, Jung says.

Standardized sizing was a failure, Jung says, and modern retailers now cater clothing sizes to match demographic data from their target market.

"Basically, this is kind of referring to size inflation," she says. "A dress labeled a size 10 actually fits like a 12."

The idea is that people get an ego boost from being able to wear the smaller numerical size, Jung says, and retailers get some happy, loyal customers.

"They like to find the sizes they believe they still fit into," she says.

The catch, Jung says, is shoppers will only stay happy until they try on their new size at another store.

"[Retailers] might think they're helping out by increasing self-esteem, but it can actually work the other way," she says. "[Customers] might feel negatively about not being able to fit in the same size at other retailers. It's almost deceiving."

Let's put this in context of shopping for jeans, a college staple.

Men seem to have it easy. They look for their waist size and inseam and pick a cut like "loose," "baggy" or "bootcut" that seems like it would fit their body shape (i.e. bootcut for skinny emo boys and baggy for beefy athletes).

Women look at a jeans display and think to themselves "I'm a size X in this store and a size Y at that store, so I'll grab an X and a Y — oh, and a Z because I have/haven't been going to the gym."

And that's before factoring in the different cuts.

I have always thought that women's clothing should be sized like men's (waist size, inseam, arm length, etc.) but Jung gave me good reason to give up hope.

Men's bodies do not have as much variation in shape as do those of their female counterparts whose bodies can be labeled with such terms as "hourglass," "pear" and "tubular," Jung says. Add to the mix women's penchant for wearing tight clothing, and you've got a major problem making things fit.

I'm not suggesting you start paying for custom-made apparel or wear baggy clothes in protest — just realize manufacturers don't regulate clothing sizes so don't let the numbers regulate you.

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Susan Rinkunas
Columnist

mediadarling VH1 loves its trash reality

The first action in any twelve-step program is admitting that one is powerless. A person must acknowledge that they have a dangerous and uncontrollable problem that must be addressed immediately. Worst of all, the problem is often embarrassing — like my addiction to VH1's "I Love New York."

I didn't want to like the show. In fact, I have a history of condemning similar trash-based programs that seem to be ever-present on television today. But one unforgettable afternoon, I happened to give it a try. It happened to be a marathon day. I lost one evening of a life that would never be the same.

This past Sunday saw the conclusion of the first season (come on, like there won't be a season two?) with the airing of the "Flavor of Love" spin-off's reunion show. Viewers were treated to the usual mix of bizarre antics, near-fights, tilted hats and deleted expletives that fans of the show have come to love.

The season finale continued the show's tradition, playing like a modern-day sideshow with a cast that seems more like caricatures than real people. Comparing the show to a car accident is an outrageous understatement. "I Love New York" is a 10-car pile up being consumed by a raging inferno while blood-soaked, disemboweled bodies litter the street.

The gruesome spectacle works. In its season opener, the show drew 4.4 million viewers — a number that remained consistent throughout its run. It seems that today, success is guaranteed if a show can feature an epic search for a "butt-naked perpetrating ho," (according to suitor Chance) has characters so outlandish they refer to dolphins as water dogs and lizards as dragons and a self-proclaimed HBIC (Head Bitch in Charge) who never ceases to provide a good head-shaking laugh.

While everyone may have their

favorite character, it's no secret that New York and Chance steal the show. Obviously all fans of the show don't have love for New York, whose attitude can easily polarize viewers. Whether they do or not, they should concede at least one thing — she's damn entertaining.

Although New York eventually surprised most viewers by choosing Ninja Turtle Tango (her "Rock") over Chance (her "Fire"), the outcome didn't have any effect on what many view as the guiltiest of pleasures. Fans with this outlook can't wait for a new season. Others may feel like they are bearing witness to the decline of Western civilization.

The producers at VH1 discovered a gold mine when they chose Flava Flav for "The Surreal Life." The premiere of "Charm School" last Sunday is a testament to the fact that there is no end in sight for the inevitable succession of spin-offs shows. With any luck, it will turn out to be as much of a gluttonous, brain-cell devouring beast as its predecessors.

As long as VH1 keeps finding hilariously out-of-control people for their shows, they will continue to pull in ratings as high as "I Love New York." Besides renewing the show for another season, VH1 should do one more thing — give Chance his own show. And put Mr. Boston in it.

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I Love New York

THE REVIEW/Domenic DiBerardinis



Courtesy of Gordon and Greg DelGiorno

The DelGiorno brothers go back to the Boys and Girls Club.

Wilmington filmmakers have hometown pride

BY VICTORIA BALQUE-BURNS

Staff Reporter

Gordon and Greg DelGiorno want to bring Hollywood to Delaware. The Wilmington-based filmmakers, collectively known as The Film Brothers, are looking to take their quirky brand of comedic productions to the next level with their latest movie, "Jack of Clubs," which premiered April 11 and premieres in Newark April 19.

For the DelGiornos, who have been making movies since 1999, the decision to get into the film business was based on a combination of their childhood hobby of putting on skits for their family and their belief that anybody could make films.

The brothers did not attend film school and had no prior experience with filmmaking, but instead learned from example during the making of their first movie, "Franks and Wieners," an "in your face comedy" in which they poke fun at various stereotypes.

"When we started our first film, 'Franks and Wieners' in '99, we really started on the script ourselves and then we figured we would get people that knew what they were doing," Gordon DelGiorno says.

After showing their talents as comedic filmmakers, the brothers are heading in a slightly different direction with "Jack of Clubs," which he refers to as a light drama with comedic moments. The movie is about a man who finds himself in trouble with the law and is sentenced to work at the Boys and Girls Club with a diverse group of 9-year-olds in which no one seems to get along.

Like most of their movies, "Jack of Clubs" is based somewhat on the DelGiornos' life experiences, as many of the children's characters are modeled after kids the brothers encountered during their own time as members of the Boys and Girls Club.

"The kids in the movie, their characters are all typical kids," Gordon says. "You have them from all walks of life. So they were kids that we either knew growing up, kids like them or we were part of those personalities."

The brothers' longtime relationship with the Boys and Girls Club served as inspiration for the film. Gordon, who was Youth of the Year in 1983 at the Fram Boys and Girls Club in Wilmington, sees the project as a way to pay the club back for the positive experience he had as a member.

"I'm almost 40. I'm 39. Not that that number's of any significance, you know, it's time for me to try to give back what I can and not just money, but time. And to create money for the clubs and that's what we're doing with this," he says.

Making the movie also served as a positive experience for the children who participated, such as Lisa Holden, a Newark resident, who says she had a lot of fun making the film.

For her first acting role ever, Holden, 10, plays Thelma, who she says is a "street-smart character always trying to keep the group together." She says the film has a good moral.

"I think the movie's about making friends and having fun," Holden says.

Gordon agrees, saying that the theme of "Jack of Clubs" is about dealing with differences and overcoming them in order to be friends with one another — a lesson both children and adults need to think about.

"As we get older, as adults, we get a little more jaded and cynical about that, and we have to keep reminding ourselves that even though we're different we still have to coexist and be civil with each other," he says.

In having a cast of five young children, Gordon says he and his brother felt intimidated because they thought it would be a challenge, but found the experience to be generally positive.

"They're great to work with, they're better than adults," he says. "Adults have these ways about them. A lot of them can't take direction or their ego won't allow them to, and we're all just trying to get a job done."

For the DelGiornos, "Jack of Clubs" signifies the need to take things to the next level in terms of production size with their next project, slated for 2008, but Gordon says Film Brothers Productions is not headed for Tinseltown or The Big Apple.

"We like Delaware, we don't want to go Hollywood, we don't want to go to New York or L.A.," he says. "They just have more toys and a bigger budget, they don't do anything different."

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'I love my job. I could never see myself doing anything else'

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The choreography of the fights is the toughest part to pick up for new performers. To aid in teaching, the newest members of the knights are sent to the Medieval Times training facility in Florida. Learning the moves can take up to nine months of strenuous drills. Depending on the squire's speed in picking up the choreography, it could take longer.

Once the men go through training and perfect the performances, they are ready to fight in front of the fans, Ager says excitedly. Even after being a knight for all these years, he says every single show is an exhilarating experience.

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After thinking for a moment, he begins to laugh and retells the story of when he was thrown off his horse and landed in the crowd.

"I came charging out of the curtains, I tried to stop the horse, horse didn't want to stop, I got

thrown over the railing," he says.

When Ager first put on the shiny armor and rode his horse into the sand pit, he says the most exciting part was the rambunctious crowd cheering for him to win his fight.

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But as he became more experienced, Ager says his favorite part of the job is working with his fellow knights. He says there is a strong camaraderie among the cast members.

Even though being a knight is a tough job, Ager says he couldn't see himself giving it up for anything.

"I love my job," he says. "I could never see myself doing anything else."

Gratereaux agrees, although he admits he could possibly see himself doing other things, he still loves being a knight.

"Could I see myself doing something else?" he says with a chuckle. "Of course. But do I want to? No."

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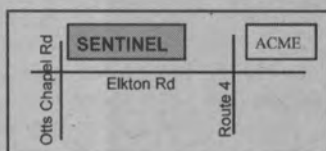


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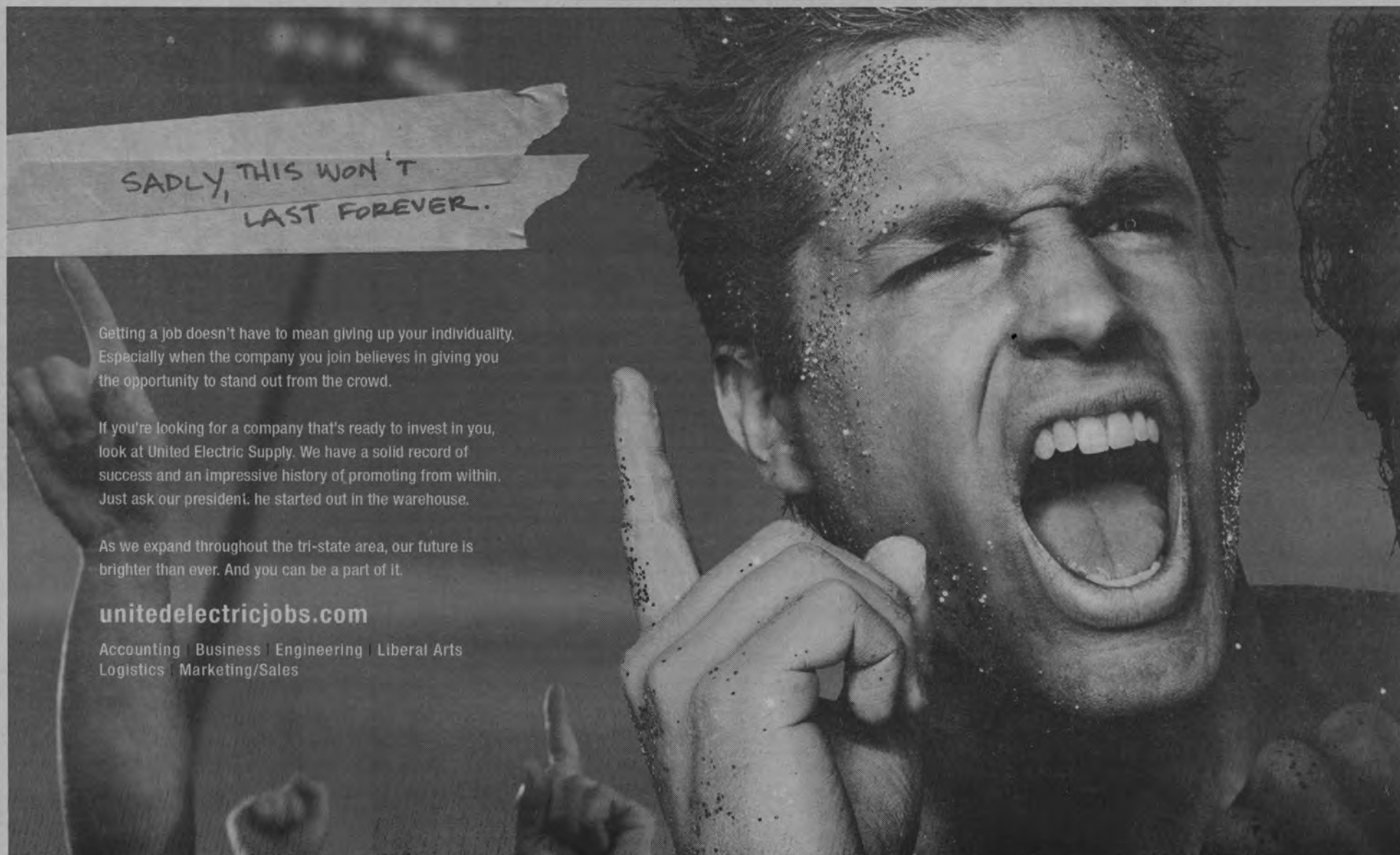
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Coaches defend academic reputation amid recent doubts

BY JASON TOMASSINI

Managing Sports Editor

The term "student-athlete" carries a wide range of opinions. Many think the term is an oxymoron, but they still show up in the front row for every big game. Some worship their favorite college athletes, but don't hesitate to disparage the academic standards that put them on the field.

At Delaware, a March 30 article in *The New York Times* alleged transfer forward Marc Egerson from Georgetown was given preferential academic treatment from an unaccredited NCAA prep school in Philadelphia. Coupled with incidents like the March 5, 2006 armed robbery by former football players Danny Jones, Demetrice Alexander and Jeff Robinson, the integrity of all Hens has been put in question.

While these incidents further cloud the distant look most fans have at the academic situation of Delaware's athletic program, coaches from some of the university's most high-profile sports said the efforts made to maintain Delaware's academics often goes overlooked.

Men's basketball coach Monté Ross has had to defend his program in light of the questions surrounding Egerson's recruitment. Egerson, who, according to *The Times* report, did not meet NCAA academic requirements in four years at Delaware public schools, transferred from Georgetown, where, according to Ross, he met all academic eligibility requirements.

Ross said when considering a transfer from another university, it is a nationwide practice not to consider high school transcripts. The fact that Egerson was able to handle the academic load at Georgetown, Ross said, shows he can compete in the classroom at Delaware.

"I think a lot of times kids make mistakes early on," Ross said. "Then the light hits them and they want to change, but people are reluctant to give them a chance."

Head football coach K.C. Keeler has used transfers from Division I arguably better than any coach in the country. Former stars of the 2003 National Championship team Andy Hall and Shawn Johnson were transfers, as are current quarterback Joe Flacco and 2006 standout and NFL draft hopeful Ben Patrick (see page 29).

"For us to take a transfer, he has to be the right fit in terms of our foot-



Despite recent controversies, K.C. Keeler (left) and Monté Ross (right) stand by their academic standards.

ball program," said Keeler, who also does not look at high school transcripts. "On top of that he has to be a right fit for us academically, and on top of that, he has to be the right fit in terms of social issues."

Keeler claimed he rejects "90 transfers for every one we take" and said the admissions office first must decide if the candidate can obtain a degree at Delaware before his staff can even evaluate a player.

Women's basketball head coach Tina Martin, who had four transfers on this year's NCAA Tournament team, said she looks solely at a player's college transcripts.

"In 20 years, no one has ever asked me what a kid did in high school if they were a transfer coming in from another college," Martin said.

Following the armed robbery by Jones, Alexander and Robinson, many wondered how an academic institution like Delaware could let players with such questionable character into the university.

Keeler said even the most comprehensive evaluation of a prospect doesn't guarantee he will perform as

expected.

"Danny came from one of the best prep schools [St. Joseph's Prep in Philadelphia] on the East Coast. His high school coach knew him since he was 8 years old, never a social incident," Keeler said. "You look at Demetrice Alexander, he babysat my linebackers coach's [Ben Albert] children two weeks before."

"Do you think we felt good about those kids? Absolutely. So sometimes you don't know."

Keeler admitted many of his players wouldn't be able to attend Delaware if it didn't have a football team, but said he will not take a player who he thinks is incapable of graduating.

In order to maintain the academic success of his players, Keeler and Tim Morrissey, director of student services for athletes, institute a strict system of checks and balances.

Punishments for academic inconsistency can range from Saturday night study halls to dismissal from the team. Keeler said when he came to Delaware in 1978 he too was an average student out of high school but was able to graduate

with just less than a 3.0 GPA.

Men's lacrosse head coach Bob Shillinglaw said he has the same academic standards for his team.

"We will suspend a player if he's not going to class," he said. "We'll add additional conditioning, up to the point where I've thrown a player off the team for not keeping up with his grades."

While the recent situation involving Egerson garnered a lot of negative publicity for the men's basketball team, a demonstration of Ross' strict adherence to academic integrity went largely overlooked.

One of Ross' recruits for next year, forward Ryan Bacon of St. Benedict's Prep in New Jersey, had his scholarship offer rescinded for academic reasons. Ross said he set academic guidelines for Bacon before the school year started and he failed to meet them.

"He was eligible as far as the NCAA standards," Ross said. "But for the standards that we had set above and beyond admissions, what we thought is he wasn't living up to those, so we had to rescind our offer."

"They won't report the fact that

we saw somebody that we thought was not going to be University of Delaware material and they did not accept them, but those things aren't going to get written about. But I'm fine with that because that's the life I've chosen to live. You have to take the good with the bad."

The standards to play at Delaware are higher than most other athletic programs across the country when it comes to course load, Martin said. She said Delaware requires 18 core courses in high school for incoming freshmen while most other schools require 16.

The Hens have been built into a nationally-competitive program, but Martin said it is still difficult at times to recruit given the academic standards.

"At times it can be a little frustrating, but again you know where it's coming from," Martin said. "You understand the mission of the university is to make it a strong academic institution, which Delaware is."

In February 2005, the NCAA released a new measurement of academic success among athletic programs called the Academic Progress Rate (APR). The rating indicated each NCAA team's ability to keep players eligible and retain them on the team.

As of 2005, the men's basketball team's APR was in the 80th to 90th percentile among basketball programs in the nation. The football team was in the same percentile within its sport, while the lacrosse team was in the 50th to 60th percentile. As of 2005, the women's basketball team was in just the 20th to 30th percentile within its sport.

The data has its flaws, as it counts players who transfer for non-academic reasons against a team's rating, but on the NCAA's Web site, it acknowledges this measurement as the most progressive in collegiate athletics.

Regardless of the data, the recent publicized incidents at the school or how coaches describe the university's academic situation, Martin said GPAs don't always tell the whole story.

"But as far as actually having a feel for the game, you have to play the game a lot and work on your skills," Martin said. "Just because you're smart doesn't mean you're going to be a great football player or a great basketball player."

Offense impressive in Spring football game

Hens begin long journey to prominence after losing season

BY JIMMY DALY

Staff Reporter

Delaware's annual Blue-White Spring football game brought 1,200 fans to Tubby Raymond Field on Saturday, even with the season opener five months away.

The offense, led by senior quarterback Joe Flacco, looked sharp and played efficiently for much of the game, which was broken into six segments. The Hens returned 10 starters on the offensive side of the ball, losing only All-American tight end Ben Patrick. Flacco will have a strong receiving corps nonetheless, highlighted by juniors Aaron Love and Kervin Merchaud.



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Sophomore Jared Bradley scored two touchdowns Saturday.

Expectations are high for the offense next year, and the pressure is on Flacco to lead the team to victory although he said he is confident with the players around him.

"There's not too much pressure, that's for the fans," Flacco said. "I'm always pretty relaxed, I expect to come out every game and win."

Senior running back Omar Cuff, the team's leading rusher the past three seasons, was named one of this year's captains, along with senior offensive lineman Mike Byrne and sophomore defensive end Matt Marcocelle. Cuff had a 35-yard touchdown catch early in the game and afterward said he has hopes for a healthy and successful season.

Despite suffering several minor injuries last season, Cuff was a candidate for the Walter Payton Award, which recognizes the best offensive player in Division I-AA. Flacco was also nominated last season. Red-shirt freshman Kevin Uhl said he expects both players to be even better this year.

Uhl, an offensive lineman, and junior defensive lineman Manny Marshall were named the most improved players of the spring session. Marshall saw limited action last year but has been working hard in the offseason, something he said will be the key if the defense plans to rebound.

The defense struggled last season, allowing 25.9 points per game, the most Delaware has allowed with Keeler as head coach.

The Hens will lose six defensive starters, including cornerbacks Roger Brown and Rashaad Woodard. The front-runners to replace them in the defensive backfield are red-shirt freshmen Chuck Burton and Aaron Walters. Walters recorded seven tackles, a statistic that caught the attention of head coach K.C. Keeler, who commented on his strong play after the game. Although the defense was unable to force any turnovers in the scrimmage, they showed several glimpses of strong play, especially in the red zone.

The scrimmage-style game pitted the blue offense against the white defense and used an altered scoring system. The offense gained points by scoring but also received

A Closer Look

BLUE-WHITE SPRING FOOTBALL GAME

- Passing: Joe Flacco — 14-20, 234 yards, 1 TD 0 INT, Sean Scanlon — 9-15, 159 yards.
- Rushing: Jared Bradley — 29 carries 81 yards, Omar Cuff — 3 carries 7 yards.
- Receiving: Tommy Crosby — 6 receptions 118 yards, Kervin Michaud — 5 receptions 67 yards.
- Field Goals: Jon Striefsky — 6-for-7 (long 43).
- Punting: Stuart Kenworthy — 6 punts, 181 yards (30.1 avg).
- Tackles: Johnathon Smith — 13 (5 solo), J.T. Laws 8 (4 solo).
- Sacks: J.T. Laws and Ronald Talley (two each).

two points for every first down. The defense earned four points for a change of possession, six points for a turnover and seven points for a touchdown. The offense defeated the defense 86-44.

A spring football game is tradition at many schools, including Penn State, whose team has attracted 40,000 fans in eight of the last 11 years, almost double the capacity of Delaware Stadium. The defending national champion Florida Gators drew 47,500 this weekend in their Blue-Orange game. Another Division I-AA team, Richmond, drew about 1,500 fans to its game last weekend.

The Hens found success on both sides of the ball during the scrimmage and they look to rebound from the first losing season in the Keeler era.

"The sky is the limit for this team," Flacco said.

NFL Draft watch: charting tight end Ben Patrick

Undergoes character evaluations, meets with Jets

BY BRENDAN REED

Sports Editor

With less than two weeks until the NFL Draft, the waiting game is beginning to intensify for Ben Patrick. After meeting with the New York Jets coaching staff last week, Patrick is currently working out in Atlanta with his brother, training for whichever team decides to select him. And, like any other football player who has not competed in a while, Patrick is ready to get started.

"I'm just trying to make sure I'm ready when it's time to report to camp," he said. "I don't want to have to fight to get in shape when I'm in camp so that'd be one less thing to worry about."

Patrick said his visit with the Jets was similar to the one he had with the Philadelphia Eagles two weeks ago. Patrick spent time with the team's position coaches, who gave him a look into some of the strategies and packages the Jets like to employ. They quizzed him and put him in certain football situations to see how quickly he could learn. He met briefly with the entire coaching staff and gave them a good look at what kind of person he was.

With the recent suspensions by the NFL of Tennessee Titans

cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones and Cincinnati Bengals wide receiver Chris Henry, teams around the league are looking carefully into the character of players. The staff's caution is meant to avoid potential embarrassments like in the cases of Jones or Henry, but also to protect themselves because now entire teams can be penalized for the misconduct of their players. Patrick said the Jets definitely had that in mind when they met with him.

"The whole reason you're there is to try and get to know the [player]," he said. "That's both an assessment of character and to see how fast you can learn things. I think that's what their intentions are when they bring you in."

As far as differences between the Jets and Eagles, there were not many, Patrick said. He explained that both teams had the same goals in mind when bringing him in — to gauge him both as a person and as a player — and that his limited meeting times with the coaching staffs left him equally impressed.

"They're both just trying to get to know me better," he said. "Both facilities were really nice and both coaching staffs were nice as well, so it wasn't really me comparing them so much. The sessions are only 10 to 15 minutes long with each coach, so you can't do too much besides just talking a little bit and try to get to know each other."

Patrick said he does not have any team visits planned in

the near future but that his workouts would continue up until the draft. He said he plans to watch the draft in Atlanta with his family.

For now, Patrick's workouts remain the focus of his day-to-day life. Just 11 days remain until the draft and he would not want to be unprepared.

Part two in a three-part series about Patrick's preparations for the NFL draft.



In 29th season, lax coach still passionate

BY ALEX CHEW

Staff Reporter

In both collegiate and professional sports, it is rare for a coach to stay with one team for five years, let alone ten. Yet, men's lacrosse head coach Bob Shillinglaw is in his 29th year at the helm of the Hens.

Shillinglaw has been a lacrosse man his entire life, growing up in Annapolis, Md., and attending University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He played lacrosse for four years and was team captain his senior year in 1974. After he graduated with a degree in coaching and a background in exercise science, Shillinglaw took his passion for lacrosse straight into coaching at the collegiate level. After college he took an assistant coaching position for one year with Division III Massachusetts Maritime Academy, then served as head coach for three years before taking the head coach position at Delaware.

Shillinglaw has been a staple of Delaware lacrosse for longer than most students at the university have been alive. He is the only full-time head coach in the team's history, taking over for Jim Grube in 1979, who also was an assistant football coach.

Coaching is something Shillinglaw said he has had a passion for since he was young, and through his athletic pursuits in both high school and college he was able to focus his studies in that direction.

"I decided at an early age that I wanted to be a coach," he said. "As I progressed through high school and college I kind of had my goal set on coaching college."

Upon arriving at Delaware, Shillinglaw said the team had some successful years, but was competing closer to a Division III level. One of the first things he did was increase the level of competition within the schedule so the team would be competitive with other Division I teams.

He said funding is one of the main reasons why the program has been able to steadily increase in its competitive level from succeeding at a D-III level, to being a top-10 Division I program. The team currently has 11.5 scholarships out of a collegiate maximum of 12.6. Shillinglaw said the team had only six scholarship players just two or three years ago.

With the increased scholarships and the team being close to being fully funded, he said he hopes this will provide more stability for the program as opposed to some of the up-and-down history the team has had in the past.

Shillinglaw and the team also focus on raising money from alumni, and recently raised \$130,000 to renovate the locker room.

"Our locker room is one of the better Division I locker rooms around," Shillinglaw said.

Lacrosse is chronicled as one of the fastest-growing sports in the nation, and Shillinglaw, having been here for nearly 29 years has seen it evolve. He said it is most evident at the high school level.

"When I first got here in '78, they had just started the first public school program," Shillinglaw said. "Now I think there is close to 36 or 38 high schools playing [in Delaware]."

Shillinglaw also is a leader in the advancement of the sport. He served as the president of the United States Lacrosse Coaches Association for eight years. The USLCA includes lacrosse coaches from all levels, not just college. He also serves on the Rules and Equipment Committee of the USLCA, the All-America Advisory Board and is involved with the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association Top 20 Coaches Poll.

Junior goalkeeper and co-captain Tommy Scherr said he has never played for a coach who knows the game as well as Shillinglaw does.

"I think he knows the X's and O's and the in's and out's of the game the way you can't get from a new coach," Scherr said. "He knows every situation."

Shillinglaw has twice been named the USILA Coach of the Year while at the university — in 1979 and 1999. He was also selected to be the head coach of Team USA for the 1999 World Cup of Lacrosse, guiding the team to a victory over Team Canada in a best-of-three series. He has also led the Hens to the NCAA Tournament in 1984, 1999 and 2005.

When it comes to his players, they have nothing but great things to say about Shillinglaw both on and off the field.

Junior defenseman Evan Crowther-Washburn said



Courtesy of UD Photo Services

Bob Shillinglaw is in his 29th season as men's lacrosse coach.

Shillinglaw puts everything in perspective and cares about his players tremendously.

"I've played with plenty of coaches and I've never played with a coach who cares more about the players and the team," Crowther-Washburn said.

Two UD pitchers discuss the effects of Tommy John surgery

BY ELAN RONEN

Staff Reporter

Senior Brent Gaphardt was pitching the best game of his life last year in a home match up against Vermont. Everything was going perfectly. Gaphardt already had seven strikeouts with two outs in the top of the third.

One pitch changed everything.

"I got right to the release point and I felt a pulling sensation," he said. "Then I felt a shooting pain from my elbow up to my fingertips." A little later he felt a tingling which was replaced by a burning sensation, he said. Gaphardt, with a swollen forearm, was taken off the mound and put into the team's training room for examination.

"You could feel something wasn't right," he said.

The next day he was taken to get an MRI and was told by doctors he needed Tommy John surgery.

While the surgery is popularly called Tommy John surgery by baseball fans, the surgery is known to doctors as Ulnar Collateral Ligament Reconstruction, or UCL surgery. The operation was named after former Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Tommy John after he received the operation in 1974. He returned successfully to the Major Leagues and pitched 15 years before retiring.

Between 2002 and 2003, 75 pitchers who appeared in the Major Leagues received UCL surgery, according to an article published July 28, 2003, in USA Today. Kerry Wood, Adam Eaton, Randy Wolf and A.J. Burnett are just a few of the big leaguers who have undergone the one-hour surgery.

The UCL, located at the inside of the elbow joint, is responsible for resisting the extreme forces generated from overhead throwing activities such as pitching, throw-

ing a javelin and serving a tennis ball, according to a 2002 medical study published in Medscape, an online medical journal. UCL surgery involves the replacement of the elbow ligament with a tendon from the forearm, hamstring, knee or foot of the patient. In Gaphardt's surgery, the tendon from a cadaver was used.

Dr. Andrew Rokito, co-author of the 2002 study, said the surgery is successful in approximately 90% of cases but it does not guarantee a return to a pre-injury level.

Rokito said that an athlete considering surgery needs to weigh their options very seriously.

"This is a major surgery. It is clearly a surgery that is season-ending and can be career-ending," he said. "I think that unless the ligament is completely torn, surgery should be put off as a last resort."

The possible complications, although rare, include nerve damage, continued pain and infection.

Rokito said an athlete should only consider the surgery if he has a strong desire to compete at the highest levels and if rehabilitation has failed.

"People are under the misconception that if they don't undergo the surgery they won't be able to participate in the sport," he said. "I had one father who told me 'if I don't have this surgery I won't be able to have a catch with my son'."

Rokito said this fear is simply unfounded.

Prevention at a young age is of profound importance, he said, since the injury is an effect of the cumulative stress the UCL endures. Using a pitch count, learning proper mechanics and undergoing conditioning programs when a pitcher is as young as 12 are of profound importance.

Senior captain and left-handed pitcher Mitch Heckert received UCL surgery in March of 2006. During his return game this

year, he tore a flexor tendon in his arm. He said he will not be able to continue playing at the college level.

"My pitching career at Delaware is over, but I still want to stay in baseball," said Heckert, who believes his future may include a pitching coach position at West Chester University.

Gaphardt's recovery, on the other hand, has yielded much better results, returning this year and starting six games with a 2.35 ERA and 2-1 record.

"I feel personally that I have almost come back 100 percent," he said. "I feel like it was a pretty good surgery for me."

Gaphardt was drafted by the Seattle Mariners last year, before his full recovery was a sure thing. He said the team still has his naming rights, which reserves them the option of giving him a contract while simultaneously preventing other major league

teams from talking to him.

Heckert and Gaphardt underwent an intensive, one-year rehabilitation program to recover from UCL surgery. Heckert explained the process, which involves going from complete arm immobility, to light forearm stretching and eventually to a progressive pitching program.

Continuous repetitive motions such as pitching decreases the internal rotation of the shoulder and may result in a loss in hip flexibility and can fatigue the muscles that support your shoulder blades, he said. Careful monitoring of a pitcher's range of motion combined with specific stretching techniques would go a long way in preventing injury.

Their possible baseball careers have diverged as a result of the operation, but both Heckert and Gaphardt said they have improved from the experience.

"I've learned a lot more being able to sit and watch," Heckert said. "You're not involved mentally in one aspect."

Gaphardt said he learned a lot from watching hitters' tendencies, resulting in an increased ability to improve his own mechanics.

Heckert said the baseball team has been playing well the last couple weeks. With Friday's win over UNC Wilmington, the Hens extended their winning streak to five and have moved to 13-16 (7-7, CAA) on the season.

"The last couple weeks we've been able to hit as a whole," Gaphardt said, echoing Heckert's positive outlook.

Gaphardt said an improvement in the team's pitching in general has boosted their chance of success.

"We have always struggled pitching-wise, but now the hitters can rely on the pitching staff to win some games," he said.

"This is a major surgery. It is clearly a surgery that is season-ending and can be career-ending."

— Dr. Andrew Rokito, co-author of a 2002 medical study about Tommy John surgery



Freshman midfielder Amanda Jones is leading the Hens in draw controls with 21 on the season.

Courtesy of Amanda Jones

Freshmen spark women's lacrosse to successful start

Four rookie standouts make immediate impact

BY RYAN JORNLIN

Staff Reporter

The average college athlete begins his or her freshman season expecting to get minimal playing time and "ride the pine" until seniors graduate and leave open positions for them to fill.

For four freshmen on the women's lacrosse team (6-4, 2-1 Colonial Athletic Association), that time came a few seasons early.

Attackmen Nicole Flego and Courtney Aburn, along with midfielders Emily Schaknowski and Amanda Jones, have filled starting positions nearly all season and rank among the top scorers on the team.

Head coach Kim Ciarrocca said she knew the freshmen she recruited were skilled, but did not expect to have such a young group of starters.

"I thought they would contribute, but I didn't expect them to play as much as they have," Ciarrocca said.

She said the freshmen occupy a wide range of roles on the team — Jones doing the "dirty work" by getting the ground balls and leading in draw control, Schaknowski uses speed and assists to complement the scoring power of Flego

and Aburn.

Ciarrocca said she realized the skill level of her freshmen starters in the first game of the season against Penn State.

"We were down 9-1 at one point," she said. "We ended up losing 15-10, but you could see them coming back and battling."

The same week, Flego won CAA Rookie of the Week — the first of two times during the season she would receive the award. Aburn has also won the award twice, most recently this past week.

Flego, currently leading the team with 26 goals and 16 assists, said her performance in the season opener against Penn State gave her confidence for the rest of the year.

"I got my first collegiate goal that game, which also happened to be the first team goal of the season," Flego said. "I thought 'Wow I have four more years of this.'"

She said the game gave her the confidence that comes with on-field experience, experience that most other freshmen do not get.

"Having that extra year of experience will help me play a role on the team in the future because I've seen it before and it gives me the upper hand coming in to next

year," Flego said.

Aburn said she did not come to school this year expecting to start, or even play as much as she has, but started to realize she would during the offseason. Aburn is fourth on the team in scoring with 30 points, including 23 goals.

"I'm very lucky that I have the opportunity to play this year," she said. "Some coaches wouldn't even consider playing freshmen."

Ciarrocca said the performance of this year's freshmen has helped attract recruits and possibly an even stronger freshman class next year.

"We signed 14 freshmen, 11 of whom were first-team all-Americans," she said. "Once you start winning, the rest of it takes care of itself."

The team is looking to win the last four conference games left in the regular season, which would put them at No. 2 behind James Madison in the Colonial Athletic Association. According to Flego, more of the same effort and continuing to play as a team will carry them to the top of the CAA, and possibly even further.

"If we do [win the CAA], we could definitely do some damage," Flego said.

commentary



MIKE LORE

Keep No. 42 where it belongs

On April 15, 1997, Jackie Robinson's jersey and number were retired throughout all of Major League Baseball celebrating his 50th anniversary of breaking the color barrier in professional baseball.

That same day, Ken Griffey Jr. donned Robinson's No. 42, with the consent of Rachel Robinson — Jackie's wife — and MLB Commissioner Bud Selig. He was the only player besides New York Yankees pitcher Mariano Rivera to wear the number that day. Rivera is the only player who wears No. 42 on a daily basis because the number was given to him before it was retired.

Griffey and Selig talked about doing it again this year when the idea to allow other players around the league to wear the number came up.

"I think everybody should be able to wear it who wants to wear that number," Griffey said in an April 5 Associated Press article.

So this year, at least one player from each team honored Robinson by wearing his number on Sunday — Jackie Robinson Day. Players like Florida Marlins pitcher Dontrelle Willis, Colorado Rockies pitcher LaTroy Hawkins and Atlanta Braves center fielder Andruw Jones wore No. 42. Even New York Mets manager Willie Randolph planned to put away his regular jersey for the day and take part in honoring Robinson, but the Mets-Nationals game was rained out.

Every player on the Dodgers, Cardinals, Astros, Brewers, Phillies and Pirates planned to wear No. 42, hopefully not confusing commentators and statisticians. Unfortunately, the Phillies, Astros and Pirates games were postponed.

Recently, players have expressed positive and negative reactions towards the measurements Major League Baseball took Sunday to honor the Hall of Fame second baseman.

In an April 5 *Denver Post* article, Hawkins said he did not feel worthy enough to wear Robinson's

number on Jackie Robinson Day.

"We owe him so much," Hawkins said. "If it wasn't for him, I wouldn't be playing this game."

While players like Hawkins have nothing but praise toward Robinson and are honored to wear his number Sunday, other players like Minnesota Twins center fielder Torii Hunter think it is too much of a good thing.

"This is supposed to be an honor and just a handful of guys wearing the number," Hunter said in a *USA Today* article. "Now you've got entire teams doing it. I think we're killing the meaning."

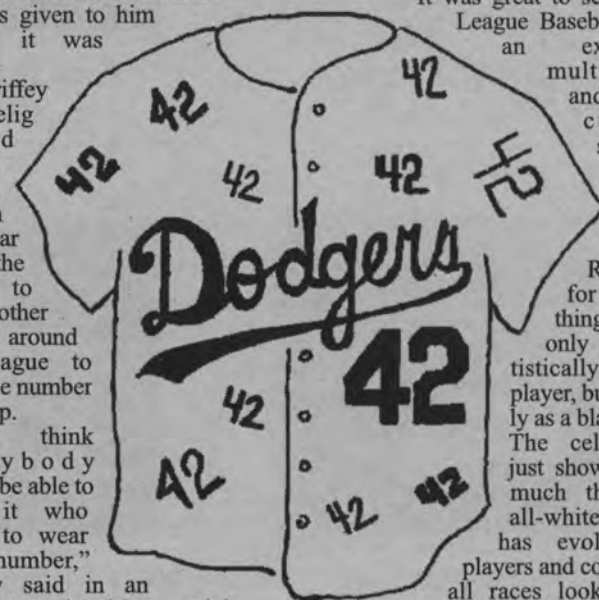
"It should be special wearing Jackie's number, not just because it looks cool," he said.

Watching the pre-game ceremony at Dodger Stadium Sunday night, No. 42 logos were on everything from microphones to podiums and even robes worn by a church choir who sang a special Jackie Robinson version of "Oh Happy Day."

Can you say too much of a good thing?

To me, that's pushing it. I think it is enough that players and managers are wearing his number, but using it to decorate objects is too far of a stretch.

It was great to see Major League Baseball, now an extremely multi-ethnic and multi-cultural sport, honor



Jackie Robinson for the things he not only did statistically as a player, but socially as a black man. The celebration just showed how much the once all-white sport has evolved as players and coaches of all races looked past skin color to honor a great.

But what will be the next step taken for the 100-year anniversary? Are players going to get "42" tattooed on their arms?

In an ESPN interview on Sunday, director Spike Lee questioned what people are doing to make Robinson's legacy mean something today.

"He's a great symbol," Lee said. "A lot of times symbols get pimped."

Pimped. That's exactly what Major League Baseball did Sunday to No. 42. Numbers in sports should only be for uniforms, banners and stat sheets.

Let's keep it that way.

Forty years from now, I'd love to see every MLB player and coach wearing the number, but I don't want to see it on office supplies. Cutting the number into the outfield grass will suffice.

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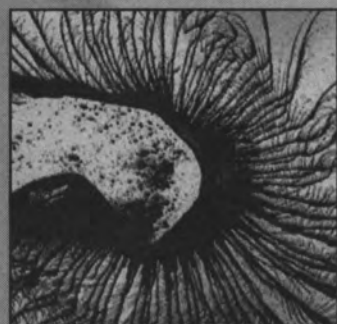
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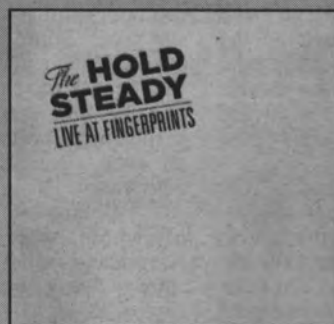
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