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Who popped out this day?
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 1964 - Doc Gooden

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Hens win, keep playoff hopes alive



Freshman running back Omar Cuff rushed for 115 yards on 34 carries in Delaware's win 23-13 over Richmond.

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Hens defeat Richmond 23-14

BY STEVE RUSSELL

Faced with its first must-win game of the season, the Delaware football team jumped out to an early 20-0 lead in the first half and never looked back, defeating Richmond Saturday 23-14 in front of 5,028 fans at a cold and windy Richmond Stadium.

With one game left in the regular season, the Hens (7-3, 6-1 Atlantic 10) find themselves in a three-way tie for the Atlantic 10 standing with James Madison and William & Mary.

Delaware finished off its three-game road trip on a high note, setting the tone early in the first quarter.

With the wind at their backs, the Hens first drive started at their 10-yard line. They strongly matched down field with a strong running game and timely third-down conversions. Five of the seven first downs Delaware obtained were through the running attack. The Hens were 4-5 on third-down conversions.

Nineteen plays, 90 yards, and 9:20 later, freshman running back Omar Cuff scored his first career touchdown from the one-yard line on a fourth and goal smash up the middle to give Delaware an early 7-0 lead.

The Spiders (3-7, 2-5 A-10) were coming off a strong win over Towson and looked to spoil Delaware's playoff hopes.

Richmond lost four fumbles in the game, including three in the first half and the Hens capitalized off of the Spider's mistakes. Delaware scored 10 points in the first half courtesy of turnovers.

"The defense did a great job of stripping the ball," said

Delaware head coach K.C. Keeler. "That was really key today."

Sophomore defensive back Kyle Campbell recovered Richmond's first fumble at the end of the first quarter. Junior quarterback Sonny Riccio then led the offense on a 12-play, 48-yard drive and capped it off with a 12-yard touchdown pass to

Riccio played a solid game as he completed 15 of 25 passes for 153 yards, one touchdown, and 11 carries for 47 yards. He has at least one touchdown pass in all 10 games this season.

Bleymaier finished with a career-high six catches for 77 yards and one touchdown, his fourth of the season.

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"The energy level was great. We were really getting after them and doing some good things on both sides of the ball."

Richmond began the second half with a first down on the Delaware 11-yard line after a great punt return. Junior running back David Freeman then ran the ball 11 yards into the endzone and less than two minutes into the third quarter, the Delaware lead was cut to 20-7 and the Richmond crowd began to get into the game.

The Spiders made it a one score game in the beginning of the fourth quarter when Freeman took a screen pass from junior quarterback Stacy Tutt and marched 25 yards into the end zone. The Hens lead was cut to 20-14 and all of a sudden, after such a dominating first half, Richmond was a touchdown away from taking the lead.

The Hens regained possession at 13:22 left in the fourth quarter and was looking to further cut into the lead. Sophomore linebacker KeAndre Hepburn stripped the ball from Tutt and junior linebacker John Mulhern fell on it. Richmond's fourth fumble proved to be an emotional turnaround in the game. The Hens regained possession at the Spiders' 27-yard line.

"Turnovers change the game," said junior defensive lineman Tom Parks. "The score is 20-14, they are driving to score, and we take the ball away from them. It totally sucked the life out of them."

Delaware has won 17 straight games in which it had fewer turnovers than its opponent.

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Strong first half helps UD avoid its fourth loss

BY TIM PARSONS

Sports Editor

Once again for the Delaware football team, it was a tale of two halves.

And unlike last week's crunch-time loss at James Madison, the Hens managed to pull out a 23-14 victory over Richmond.

"I thought we played a tremendous first half," said head coach K.C. Keeler. "The energy level was great and we were creating turnovers and I thought we were doing good things on both sides of the ball."

Indeed, the Hens did play an excellent first half. They took a 20-point lead into the locker room. They out-gained the Spiders 214-112. They forced fumbles on three consecutive

plays and Ryan Mace returned Mike Weber's punt 40 yards to the Delaware 11-yard line. David Freeman scored on the next play. "They had a lot of momentum," Keeler said. "The first series of the second half... You can't let that happen."

The Delaware offense could not start up again in the third quarter and the Spiders scored again to start the fourth quarter, cutting the lead to 20-14.

AROUND THE A-10

William & Mary	27
James Madison	24
Marne	42
Rhode Island	28
New Hampshire	62
Towson	24
Northeastern	37
Hofstra	34

A key field goal, a forced fumble and a timely blocked field goal attempt secured the victory for the Hens, but they still couldn't turn the corner and play a 'whole game.'

"I was disappointed that we didn't get a full four quarters, but at the same time, I thought the first half was outstanding," Keeler said.

This isn't the first instance of Delaware playing an incomplete game.

The Hens took a 27-7 lead against Maine in the first half of their game earlier this season, but let the Black Bears back in the game before they squeaked out a 43-38 victory.

Delaware fell behind Hofstra 19-7 after three quarters before scoring two touchdowns in the

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The Sports Network I-AA College Football Poll

Team	Points	Prev. Rank
1) Southern Illinois (9-1)	2,718 (105)	1
2) Furman (8-2)	2,597 (3)	2
3) Western Kentucky (8-2)	2,412	5
4) Georgia Southern (9-2)	2,390	6
5) New Hampshire (8-2)	2,126	7
6) William & Mary (8-2)	2,010	10
7) Montana (8-2)	1,951	9
8) Lehigh (9-1)	1,917	8
9) James Madison (8-2)	1,762	4
10) Sam Houston State (8-2)	1,708	3

junior wide receiver Joe Bleymaier in the back of the end zone. Just like that, the Hens had a 14-0 lead.

After last week's failures in the red-zone, the Hens quickly put up two touchdowns in two red-zone opportunities.

"We were all disappointed in last week's red zone opportunities and the way we executed down there," Bleymaier said. "As soon as we got in there, we were excited. We just wanted to show everybody we could do it and last week was a fluke."

Shushman hit a booming 42-yard field goal into a stiff wind that bounced off the cross bar and through the uprights for a dramatic ending to a dominant first half that gave the Hens a 20-0 lead.

Field position played a crucial role in the first half. On average, Delaware began its drives at the 50-yard line, compared with Richmond beginning its drives at their own 22-yard line.

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Field hockey falls in first round of NCAA's



The Delaware field hockey team was bounced from the first round of the NCAA playoffs after a 5-2 loss to Maryland.

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A Cinderella Season was in the making for the Delaware field hockey team after it defeated long-time conference powerhouse Old Dominion in the CAA tournament.

Unfortunately the fairy tale ended rather abruptly when the No. 14 Hens fell to the No. 3 Maryland 5-2 Saturday in the first round of the NCAA field hockey playoffs, thanks to Paula Infante's record-setting five goals and 10 points.

Infante set the new NCAA championship records for most goals and most points in a game.

Of Chilean origin, she is an internationally renowned player, and the captain of the Chilean National field hockey team.

The Hens finished their historic season with a 15-7 record and they are still the only Delaware team to ever capture a Colonial Athletic Association championship.

"You guys can all be proud of how these 22 women represented

the University of Delaware," said Delaware head coach Carol Miller.

Maryland, which is now 16-5 for the season, advanced to the next round to take on American, which beat Iowa 2-1 in the afternoon game to advance to the second round.

While the Hens scored first, Maryland dominated the game, keeping play in either midfield or deep in the Hens' territory. The Terps held Delaware to just five shots compared to their 19 shots.

Maryland controlled the ball so well that neither freshman goalkeeper Kathryn Masson nor sophomore goalkeeper Christina Restivo had a single save in the game.

Hens' sophomore midfielder Amanda Warrington, who was also the CAA Defensive Player of the Year, struck the back of the cage first unassisted at 12:37 in the first half to put Delaware on top 1-0.

This would be the last time the Hens would score until the closing minutes of the second

half, when senior forward Erica LaBar fired an unassisted goal of her own at 68:51 in the second half.

"We played with effort, but our skills just weren't there today," Warrington said.

Despite Infante's presence, The Hens were able to play solid defense in the early minutes of the first half.

Hens' goalkeeper Megan Allen charged at a shot leaving the net wide open, but Warrington slid into the net blocking what would have been an early Terps goal.

The Delaware defense, however, eventually broke down as Infante started to heat up.

She began her barrage of goals at 19:18 with an unassisted slap shot at the top of the circle.

Her next goal would follow shortly after at 31:15 when she banged home another unassisted goal, swinging all the momentum to the Terps in the second half.

Infante recorded the hat trick at 44:31 off a running slap shot making it 3-1 Maryland.

Miller attributed the Terps

win strictly to Infante's dominance. She particularly mentioned her shot selection and speed.

Maryland employed a fast-break offense, sending Infante down the field as soon as they had neutralized a Delaware possession. This appeared to have caught the Hens off guard from the start of the match.

No matter how crushing a loss, the Hens still saw this season as one to extend the yardstick. In each of the past three seasons the Hens have increased their rank in the standings, inching ever-closer championship caliber.

Warrington believes this playoff berth and the CAA division title will open the doors for future teams, and give them something to remember.

Martha Dell-Browning, a Delaware alum and former field hockey teammate with Miller, had glowing remarks for the Delaware squad. "It's phenomenal to see these young girls who weren't even born when we were playing," she said. "It's just wonderful to see."

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Prior to the presidential election, Republicans and Democrats in Florida were at war over a state law prohibiting convicted felons from voting.

The issue captured the attention of political activists as the Republican Party firmly fought to keep the law intact while Democrats accused the law of suppressing the rights of potential minority voters.

President George W. Bush won Florida by nearly 380,000 votes, while approximately 600,000 residents were prohibited from voting due to felon disenfranchisement laws.

Civil rights groups attest the laws are a form of racial discrimination by a criminal justice system in which blacks and other minority citizens are convicted and put behind more bars more often than white citizens.

All states and the District of Columbia, excluding Vermont and Maine, restrict prisoners from voting

while incarcerated for committing a felony.

Thirty-five states bar felons on parole from voting, while seven states exclude all ex-felons who have served their sentences from voting for the remainder of their lives.

Some states, including Delaware, allow ex-felons who have committed less serious felonies to reapply for restoration rights after a specific duration of time.

Greg Patterson, director of communications for Gov. Ruth Ann Minner, said the policy in Delaware that allows ex-felons to vote after five years has been a recent change under the state's legislation.

"Prior to that, the policy had been a lifetime ban for anyone convicted of a felon," he said. "It will most likely be the only change anyone will see for a while."

Angela Nelson, election clerk for the Commissioner of Elections in the felon department, said there is a process convicted felons must undergo before being

allowed to vote.

After registering to vote, the eligibility of the convicted felon is researched at the Office of Court Collections, she said. After that, it is forwarded to the Department of Corrections in Delaware.

"It is there that another research process is done on the felon's record to determine if fines have been paid and sentences have been completed," Nelson said.

Eligibility of a felon will only be researched if the conviction was more than five years ago, she said. If the conviction was fewer than five years ago, the felon is ineligible to vote.

"Felons who have been convicted of disqualifying felonies, which include rape, murder and crimes against the public, are not allowed to vote for the rest of their lives," Nelson said.

John Perry, director of planning for the Department of Corrections in Vermont, said if the two million people in the prison system were allowed to vote

there might be a significant effect on elections.

Perry said the legislative decision in Vermont was made in the 1800s and there has not been any challenge to reverse it.

"In some states there are differences in what types of felons are prohibited from voting," he said. "Some states only prohibit violent or repeat offenders because every state has a different legislative criminal code."

Leland Ware, Lewis Redding law and public policy professor, said the issue has received a great deal of attention.

"I do not see any reason why a person who has served their time should not be allowed to vote for the rest of his life as a matter of public policy," he said.

Civil rights activists assert the disenfranchisement laws contradict the federal Voting Rights Act.

In Florida, one out of every six African American males are excluded from voting due to past felony convictions.

Hilary Shelton, director of the Washington Bureau of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said approximately four million Americans presently have no voting rights as a result of disenfranchisement laws.

"Of that four million, 1.4 million are African Americans," he said. "It's getting to the point where African Americans are disproportionately affected by these laws."

"In American history, states such as Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Virginia, West Virginia, Louisiana and others weigh more heavily on disenfranchising the African American community."

These states consciously chose laws they knew African Americans were more likely to violate to suppress their voices at election times, Shelton said.

"Voting is an empowerment process," he said. "Perhaps if felons were allowed to vote they would be less likely to commit crimes."



HBO's "Def Jam Poetry" artist Vanessa Hidary performed in the Bacchus Theatre Wednesday.

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Poet discusses her life experiences

BY M. SADARANGANI
Staff Reporter

A cultural show busted race relations open and threw them in the faces of audience members due to the raw, direct style of poet, actress and playwright Vanessa Hidary Wednesday night.

Hidary's solo show, "Culture Bandit," was the crowning finale to a night of entertainment that included music, dance and poetry.

When Hidary took the stage, the crowd was silent, but as she began her act, supplemented by music and dance and fused with humor, the Bacchus Theatre of The Perkins Student Center was full of laughter.

Hidary, known for her performances on "Russell Simmons Presents Def Poetry" on HBO, danced and joked her way from grade school to the present, topping the show off with an emotional ending of realization of race relations.

She re-enacted her childhood winter holidays in New York City, which were spent divided between celebrating Chanukah with her family and Christmas with her best friend's large Hispanic family.

Hidary morphed from a child to a teenager to portray her high school life as a white girl in New York City during the golden age of Hip Hop.

Describing a relationship she had with a black classmate she said, "we looked like Molly Ringwald meets Slick Rick walking down the street."

Hidary also touched on the uncertainty of her college search. "I don't know if I want to go to college," she said, relaying what she had once said to her mother. "I visited University of Maryland, and all the white people sit at one table and all the

black people sit at another table. So wack!"

Hidary became impassioned toward the end of the show, touching on black-white, Hispanic-white and black-Jewish relations.

Facing the 60-person audience with a strong gaze and solid stance, she gave advice on how to respond to the allegation that people do not look like their ethnicity.

"Impossible!" she said. "Because you are your people. You just tell them, they don't look, period."

Junior Alison Krull said that line was the most impacting message of the show.

"I think it summed up everything she was trying to say," she said.

Junior Rob Arthur, poet "Reality" and vice president of Stimulating Prose, Ideas and Theories also impressed the audience with his socially conscious rhymes and his expressive delivery.

In one poem, Arthur declared himself "Reality" by saying he was different issues and ideas from American culture and society.

"I'm as American as apple pie ... I'm the slave that cooked it," he said.

Other performers included Junior Stephanie Lehman, who belted danced, and the Golden Blues a capella group.

Ian Cooper, Jewish student life coordinator said because the show revolved around multicultural issues the proceeds were donated to The Interfaith Center of New York City.

Hillel, the Resident Student Association, the Unity Project and S.P.I.T. sponsored the show.

Some clinics tell patients cancer and abortions are linked

BY KIM AUSLANDER
Staff Reporter

Some women getting abortions are falsely informed they are at higher risk for breast cancer, Suzanne Cohen, spokeswoman for Planned Parenthood of Delaware said.

In some states like Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas and Kansas women are required to sign a waiver before having the procedure done, which claims they are aware

abortion may lead to breast cancer, she said.

No current research shows any relationship between abortion and breast cancer, Cohen said, but doctors and clinics continue to tell women inaccurate information to discourage ending pregnancy.

"It's a fear-mongering, anti-choice tactic to imply that abortion has this risk which it does not," she said. "As with any medical procedure there are risks, but it is very safe in terms of consequences."

Dr. Deborah Armstrong, gynecology and obstetrics professor at the Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center, said there are previous studies that showed a slight correlation between abortion and breast cancer, but they were flawed.

More advanced and modern studies from self-reports clearly display there is no relation between abortion and breast cancer, she said.

However, Karen Malec, president of the Coalition on Abortion and Breast Cancer, said there is irrefutable evidence abortion does put a woman at an increased risk for breast cancer.

"There is overwhelming proof of the cause and effect relationship of abortion and breast cancer," she said, "but scientists need an overly high bar of proof to tell the public something is true."

She said the hormone estrogen is a carcinogen, and is increased by 2,000 percent in the breasts during the first trimester of pregnancy.

During this time cells are multiplying, so all cells vulnerable to cancer are increased.

Therefore, when abortion is induced, the woman is left with many more cells that are prone to cancer, Malec said.

If the pregnancy is carried out the body develops a protection mechanism after 32 weeks. The potential cancer cells are then turned to milk, and cancer resistant tissue is formed, she said.

Scientists in some states, Malec said, have told experts at the Coalition on Abortion and Breast Cancer that their government funding is contingent upon hiding the link between abortion and breast cancer.

"This issue is so politically explosive," she said. "Scientists are corrupted by industry money."

Malec said women considering abortion should continue to be warned of its relationship to breast cancer, and those who have already had abortions should know that they are at higher risk.

"We want to reach out to women who already had abortions so they can know how to best protect themselves from cancer now," she said.

Bob Johannessen, spokesman for the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, said information suggesting a link between abortion and breast cancer will no longer be disclosed to women considering abortion in Louisiana.

He said for the past 10 years, brochures have circulated revealing this false information and have given women unnecessary concern about abortion.

"Because of the latest medical research the information has already been removed from our Web site," Johannessen said, "and it will be eliminated from every brochure within a month."

"It's a fear-mongering, anti-choice tactic to imply that abortion has this risk which it does not."

— Suzanne Cohen,
Planned Parenthood of
Delaware spokeswoman

Police Reports

WEAPONS REMOVED FROM APARTMENT

An apartment was burglarized on Woolen Way between 10 p.m. and midnight Saturday, Newark Police said.

Cpl. Tracy Simpson said someone entered the apartment through an unlocked rear window and removed two martial arts weapons.

A black machete knife and a ninja sword were removed from the living room wall, she said.

The weapons were valued at \$120, Simpson said.

Neighbors were holding a large party at the time of the incident, she said. Police suspect an attendee of the party removed the items.

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY AT PAYLESS

A woman attempted to remove a pair of sneakers from Payless ShoeSource in College Square Shopping Center Tuesday afternoon, Simpson said.

At approximately 1 p.m. Anastasia Hyde, of Brookside, wore the new Champion sneakers, valued at \$20, out of the store, she said.

The woman claimed she forgot she was still wearing the new shoes. Simpson said her old ones were found in a box in the store.

Hyde was arrested and charged with robbery, she said.

MONEY REMOVED FROM DOLLAR TREE

A man removed money from the register at Dollar Tree in College Square Shopping Center Wednesday afternoon, Simpson said.

A clerk opened the drawer at approximately 4 p.m. to get change for a customer and a man reached over the counter and grabbed a handful of bills, she said.

He fled the store on foot with \$90, Simpson said.

She said there was no surveillance equipment in the store to help identify the man.

FIGHT AT TEXACO

A man instigated a fight with another man at the Texaco Station on South College Avenue Wednesday night, Simpson said.

A driver entered the lot in his vehicle, she said, and a man approached the car, yelling racial slurs.

The driver began fueling his vehicle and the man came closer. Simpson said they began to verbally argue.

The man hit the driver in the face with his fist and a fight ensued, she said.

The man claimed self-defense to the responding officer and said the driver was going to collide with him when he entered the lot.

Neither man is pressing charges in the incident, Simpson said.

— Katie Faherty

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Hotel opens on Laird Campus

BY JIA DIN
Staff Reporter

The university's new Courtyard by Marriott hotel, which will provide overnight lodging for the public and a hands-on training facility for Hotel Restaurant & Institutional Management majors, officially opened Monday.

The four-story, 126-room building, located next to Clayton Hall Conference Center, was discussed as a possible venture for the university for several years but serious plans were not made final until three years ago, according to Bill Sullivan, managing director of the hotel.

The university partnered with the Pennsylvania-based private lodging and management company Shaner Hotel Group.

Under the management contract with the company, Shaner oversees the daily operations of the hotel and owns 25 percent of the hotel, while the university owns 75 percent, Sullivan said.

"The university entered into this as a business venture, forecasting a modest profit," he said.

The hotel, which is categorized as business class, features a swimming pool, a mini-gym, a restaurant and café and 2,000 square feet of banquet space.

The overnight rates are between \$109 and \$169 depending on the time of the week, Sullivan said.

"The hotel would probably be considered three-star because it doesn't have all of the extra services such as a cocktail lounge," he said. "But the décor is beautiful and the rooms are large."

The new facility currently has 40 employees, about one-third of whom are university students working part-time.

Sullivan said HRIM students will have the chance to participate in non-paid internships at the hotel.

"The HRIM program at the university is ranked the seventh best in the nation," he said. "This will only improve it."

Frederick J. DeMicco, professor and ARAMARK refreshment services chair of HRIM, said the new hotel offers students an opportunity to gain real world experience in their field.

The hotel will positively affect HRIM students and faculty, he said. The students will work and research in the learning laboratory facility within the hotel.

The Marriott Educational Foundation financially aided construction of the Marriott Center for Hospitality and Tourism, which is



A Marriott Courtyards hotel, which will employ HRIM students, opened on Laird Campus Monday.

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where five new HRIM courses will be taught, he said.

Sullivan said the hotel cost approximately \$12 million to construct.

David Hollowell, executive vice president of the university, said the project was funded through a combination of bonds that will be repaid over time by revenue produced from

hotel sales and investments made by the university and Shaner.

The Marriott Educational Foundation contributed a \$600,000 grant to buy instructional technology for the HRIM program, he said.

DeMicco said students will have the opportunity for thorough training in various aspects of the hotel industry such as sales and marketing, revenue management, housekeeping and hotel engineering.

Sullivan said there was a great need for overnight accommodations near Clayton Hall Conference Center, where the new hotel provides.

"The hotel gives guests an opportunity to stay near the conference," he said. "It can also provide for families who visit from out of town."

The hotel has received positive responses from the community so far, Sullivan said.

"We've already received numerous dinner reservations and the banquet space is being booked for the holidays," he said. "People are anxious to see the place."



Runners gear up for Turkey Trot race

BY CHRISTINE ALHAMBRA
Staff Reporter

Area residents will participate in the 31st annual Turkey Trot Saturday morning at Handloff Park, to try to get in shape before the holidays start.

Two hundred to 500 runners are expected to register for the 5K and 10K race. Runners will start on Barksdale Road and end on Casho Mill Road.

The cost to register was \$12 before Nov. 19, and will be \$15 at the park the day of the race. Long sleeve T-shirts are given to the first 250 people registered.

Participants from each age category will be awarded trophies and participants can draw numbers for prizes of anything from salon gift certificates to fitness center passes.

Sharon Bruen, city recreation supervisor, said the race is a fun event and a lot of families run together.

Since the race will take place on a number of roads around Handloff Park Newark Police will be directing traffic.

Lt. Thomas Le Min of Newark Police said several officers will be controlling traffic for the event, however, it is not usually a problem.

"We have officers at major intersections and one vehicle leads the race," he said.

Sonji Hubbard, recreation specialist, said the proceeds of the race are toward production of the race such as T-shirts, trophies and other expenses within the event.

Wayne Kursh, president of Marathon Sports Events, said his organization has managed the event in the past and helps to time the event.

Marathon Sports Events advertises local races on its Web site races2run.com, which is how last year's winner for the 19-24 age group, Tim Jadick, found out about the race.

Jadick plans to run again in tomorrow's race. "I try to run a road race every one to two weeks," he said. "There are some pretty steep hills in the race."

"Last year it was really cold," he said. "It's cool, they give out trophies with turkeys with running shoes on to the winners!"

Bruen said this year the Ancient Order of Hibernians, division 2, of Newark will hold a coat collection during the Turkey Trot.

She encouraged families to donate their winter coats to families in need around the area. She said you do not have to be a runner to donate.

Amendment would allow foreign-born citizens to be president

BY HEIDI OWSLEY
Staff Reporter

California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's heavy involvement in the past presidential election has spawned rumors of his possible candidacy in 2008, however, the fact that he is Austrian-born restricts him from running.

Article II of the U.S. Constitution sets the eligibility criteria for the Office of the president and require the candidate to be a natural born citizen.

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said the rule is very outdated. Hatch presented his Equal Opportunity to Govern Amendment to the U.S. Senate in October. The amendment would change the constitution to allow any individual who has been a U.S. citizen for at least 20 years to run for president.

The basis of Article II when the constitution was first written was the fear of the Duke of York coming into power over the United States. Hatch said this is now impossible.

Margarita Tapia, press secretary for Hatch, said despite the slow response by the Senate, the senator will continue to monitor the issue.

"He pointed out our country is filled with immigrants," she said. "Great patriotic Americans who have contributed to the U.S. whom were not born in the U.S."

A Silicon-Valley based organization in California has begun running advertisements in the state supporting

the amendment.

The television commercials are the first efforts to develop public support for the idea. The ads state: "Help us amend the Constitution. Help us amend for Arnold."

Tapia said Hatch has no comment as of now on the supportive ads.

Among the skeptics of the amendment is Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Cal.

Scott Gerber, press secretary for Feinstein, said the senator believes the amendment needs more study, including an additional hearing and more views from experts.

"She is reluctant to support such an amendment," Gerber said, "but it is impossible to predict what is going to happen in the Senate."

Schwarzenegger stated in a press conference that even though he has pondered the thought of running for president he would like to remain out of the discussion.

"I think this is a debate that people will have in America, all over America," he said. "I think Democrats and Republicans should be together on that debate."

Leslie Goldstein, political science professor, said she does not agree with the amendment because the President is basically in charge of foreign policy and is military commander in chief.

"It is extremely important that his undivided loyalty to his country be totally beyond suspicion," she said.

New DVDs disposable after use

BY M. SADARANGANI
Staff Reporter

Soon, DVDs might be as perishable as a can of fruit salad.

Ez-Ds are just like regular DVDs. The only difference is, once the package is open they are only playable for 48 hours. Kate Solley, spokeswoman for The Convex Group, Inc., patent-holder of the disposable DVD technology, said.

The Convex Group is devoted to finding new ways to provide new branded entertainment to consumers, and Ez-Ds are one of those ways, she said.

The discs cannot be copied due to a red playable surface. After 48 hours, Solley said, a red ring around the center of the disc turns black, indicating the disc is no longer readable in a DVD player.

The Convex Group sees disposable DVDs as competition for the movie rental business, she said, because they would appeal to people that do not like to pay late fees.

Solley said people could purchase an Ez-D, watch it as many times as they like for 48 hours and then throw it away.

"They look like a regular DVD, work like a regular DVD, in all aspects are regular DVDs," she said, "except they only work for 48 hours."

Solley said Ez-Ds are being marketed for the first time on Amazon.com, which is offering the holiday film "Noel" for \$4.99.

Solley pointed out many benefits to future use of Ez-Ds. She said they are similar in price to rental DVDs, consumers would no longer have to worry about returning a movie and there is no account to hold with a movie-rental store. The customer would also be getting a new DVD without scratches or blemishes.

There are some who are skeptical about the potential for consumers to embrace the new technology.

Jan Saxton, film entertainment analyst for Adams Media Research,



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The Convex Group has developed Ez-Ds, a \$4.99 DVD that self-destructs after 48 hours.

said the company cannot see Ez-Ds effectively competing with rental movies.

"We're not convinced that coming in with a disposable DVD at a higher price is an effective way to compete," she said.

Randy Hargrove, spokesman for Blockbuster, Inc., said the company does not consider Ez-Ds appealing to consumers in the current market.

Due to Blockbuster's store-based and online subscriptions services, he said the company allows for unlimited rentals and no late fees.

"Right now you can go into Blockbuster and rent a movie for about \$4," he said. "You can certainly get the director's cut, and if you want to purchase it, you can keep it forever. With disposable DVDs, you're not

UD vows to crack down on student file-sharing

BY RENEE GORMAN
Staff Reporter

The university announced plans to comply with subpoena requests that may be received from the Motion Picture Association of America, after the organization announced recently its intent to prosecute individuals who download and swap files illegally from the Internet.

Sheldon Pollack, law and legal studies professor, said universities would not condone file swapping for fear of facing repercussions.

"Universities don't want to be dragged into that," he said.

Allowing students to file swap could damage a university's image, if it facilitates any illegal activity, Pollack said.

Legal consequences could also emerge because of the 1998 Digital Millennium Copyright Act.

The legislation was passed to strengthen penalties to any institution such as a school or a library supplying individuals with illegal access to copyrighted material in digital form, he said.

A handful of universities across the country, such as the University of Rochester, have begun to create deals with the legal file sharing networks to allow students access to files for minimal rates, Pollack said.

Individual files might be accessed by the students in the price range of fifty cents to \$1, he said. Some, to his understanding, even allow access to the legally-accessed files for free.

Pollack said it is difficult to determine the effectiveness of the Recording Industry Association of America and the MPAA's prosecutions.

College students hear of the five to 10 thousand individuals who receive large monetary penalties for downloading and sharing files, but that still may not cause a cease in downloading, he said.

"It's hard to imagine change just because a couple of thousand get sued," Pollack said.

Juliet Dee, communication professor, said the MPAA would never sue for copyright infringements unless it was hurting them.

The MPAA reported Hollywood studios losing \$4 billion due to the piracy of copyrighted material, she said.

"My impression is the MPAA and the RIAA are both trying desperately to put their fingers in the dike," Dee said.

Movie downloads are easy to obtain with the link to the source code the proper bandwidth and to download the DVDs, Dee said.

"Technology has outstripped the ability of the plaintiffs to control it."

Karl Hassler, associate director of IT Network and Systems Services, stated in an e-mail message university students should refrain from illegally downloading copyrighted material or they may find themselves subject to a law suit, a university judicial hearing or both.

He suggests keeping legal files in a location unable to be shared out by P2P file sharing software.

The owner of the computer is responsible for what their system does online, he said. If the user breaks the copyright laws unknowingly, the owner will still be held accountable.

Sophomore Anthony Vuono said downloading movies is wrong, but downloading music is not so bad.

Downloading a movie may not drive someone to see a movie for a second time, but downloading a song may spur a student to make a new purchase.

"It's a tricky subject, and both sides have good arguments," he said.

getting the extra bells and whistles."

Junior Cole Austin said while he understood people would benefit from not having to go back to a movie rental store to return a regular DVD, he did not understand the benefits to retailers of stocking Ez-Ds.

"At least at rental places, there will always be DVDs in stock and companies won't have to order more and more," he said.

Junior Khadir Griffith said he thinks disposable DVDs are wasteful.

"I just don't see the point in mass producing billions of DVDs each year that are just going to be thrown away," he said.

Local initiatives discussed at Town and Gown

BY AMANDA LAMAR
Staff Reporter

The Town and Gown Committee declared last week's Town Conversation a success at their meeting Monday night.

Ron Smith, chairman of the committee, said the committee received questionnaires from 11 people who attended the event and all but one ranked the Town Conversation between a seven and a nine out of 10.

"I'm always pretty critical of anything I'm involved in," he said, "but from what I heard from people in the audience, they thought it was a great first step."

The Town Conversation focused on four major issues: alcohol, traffic and pedestrians, the relationship between the university and the city and the relationship between students and residents, Smith said.

Mayor Vance A. Funk III said he was pleased 82 people from the university and the community attended the discussion.

Funk proposed the committee form a subcommittee to work on the results of the Town

Conversation. The rest of the committee then passed the proposal.

Funk said he and others have been planning the event since June and he does not want the effort to go to waste.

"I know when we got toward the end I was thinking, 'Oh no, why am I doing this, they're all going to come to the meeting and scream at me about all these things that are wrong,' but it really wasn't that way at all. It was a really good event, he said, but we've got to build on that. We can't let it die."

The subcommittee will have seven members and will meet once every two weeks, he said. They will release a report on the Town Conversation once the committee studies the tape recording of the event, Funk said.

Jim Neal, a member of the board of trustees, suggested the subcommittee post the questions and answers brought up by the event on the Town and Gown Web site or print them in a booklet.

"There were a lot of good questions asked, and a lot of answers given," he said, "and it

occurred to me that the only way of capturing those questions and answers is to put them on the Web site."

To make the question and answer information better, the committee should solicit notes from everyone who wrote things down at the Town Conversation, Neal said.

He also suggested the information be dated in case policies change.

"Another question people ask is about enrollment, in-state students versus out of state students," he said. "That process is unique here at this university and I suggest

we collect it with the other questions and answers and put a date on it, because some time in the future, that answer may change."

Funk said one of the main focuses of the subcommittee would be getting university students more involved in the community.

He also gave students a piece of advice.

"If you really, really want to stay out of trouble," he said, "go around and introduce yourself to your neighbors. If people would do that, they wouldn't have problems."



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Mayor Vance A. Funk III said at the Town and Gown meeting Monday that the Town Conversation was successful.

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moshers, the band absorbed themselves in their music. They moved slowly and loosely while their guitar riffs and drum beats shook the walls with songs like "New," "For Good" and "A Song about a City in Virginia."

Sophomore Corrine Zobroski bounced around the room, collecting dancing partners as she handed out copies of Chase Her's new CD and balanced a notebook on her chest for mailing list signups.

"You don't ever see a band as good as these guys around here," she said after the show. "This is one of their best shows, and the crowd was totally rockin' out even more because it's for charity."

Along with their own songs, the band continually lured the crowd away from the tap and onto the floor with upbeat renditions of Gin Blossom's "Hey Jealousy," Eminem's "So Empty," Pearl Jam's "Better Man" and The Outfield's "I Don't Want to Lose Your Love Tonight" to close out the set.

"I lost my voice up there, but that just means we rocked hard," McCartin said, rubbing his throat and puffing on a cigarette. "We're gonna miss playing here because everyone always had a good time."

McCartin said that Chase Her and the opening bands, Philadelphia punkers Special When Lit and South Jersey post-grunge rockers Noringo, were happy to donate their talents to the charity event sponsored by Silver Wings, a student service organization on campus.

Chris Stankiewicz, Silver Wings president, said all proceeds will go to the Newark chapter of Adopt-A-Family, an organization that benefits low-income families during holiday seasons. With the money made from ticket sales and donations, Silver Wings will be able to support two families, he said.

"This put everybody in the holiday spirit," Stankiewicz said. "It's a really great feeling to be able to give some kids a holiday who might not have otherwise had one."

Military says VX gas safe

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anything new. "I believe that it is intended to confuse the issue and the public," he said.

In addition, Muller said DuPont is in the process of receiving a new permit, which will allow them to increase the amount of chemicals that are dumped into the river. The company's current permit is expired.

"The Delaware River is highly polluted and they are already dumping millions of chemicals that are officially classified as toxic," he said. "People are finally saying 'enough already.'"

Contrary to what Army and DuPont officials have maintained all along, Muller said the dumping will never be a safe option.

"There are so many layers of why this dumping is wrong," he said.

The presence of phosphates in the river can cause algal blooms that are harmful to the environment, Muller said. Another unresolved issue is the hazard of transporting deadly nerve agent across the United States.

Owens said a "treatability" study is currently being done to assess the new technology and hopes to have results by January.

"This is a promising new technology and we're continuing to work on the treatment," he said.

Police identify risky walkways

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and bicyclists as drivers. University Police Captain James Flatley said there is an education awareness program assigning officers to designated areas of campus to teach students how to use those traffic symbols.

There have been significant pedestrian collisions at Amstel and Elkton Roads. He recalled three incidents in the past seven years where two resulted in fatalities and one student was severely injured.

"Those do stand out due to the severity of them," he said.

In the beginning of the Fall Semester there are officers on Main Street near Trabant University Center and on Amstel and Elkton roads to ensure students know how to operate the crosswalk buttons, he said, and to

make sure only cross when the pedestrian symbol is lit.

LeMin said there are three components to their traffic safety plan: engineering, education and enforcement.

Enhanced engineering around campus includes fluorescent signs found around campus and new traffic signals on South College Avenue, LeMin said.

More lighting, newly painted markers for bicycle lanes and crosswalk design are also among the improvements made. Newark is a participant in the statewide study for crosswalk design, he said, and there are similar markings throughout the state.

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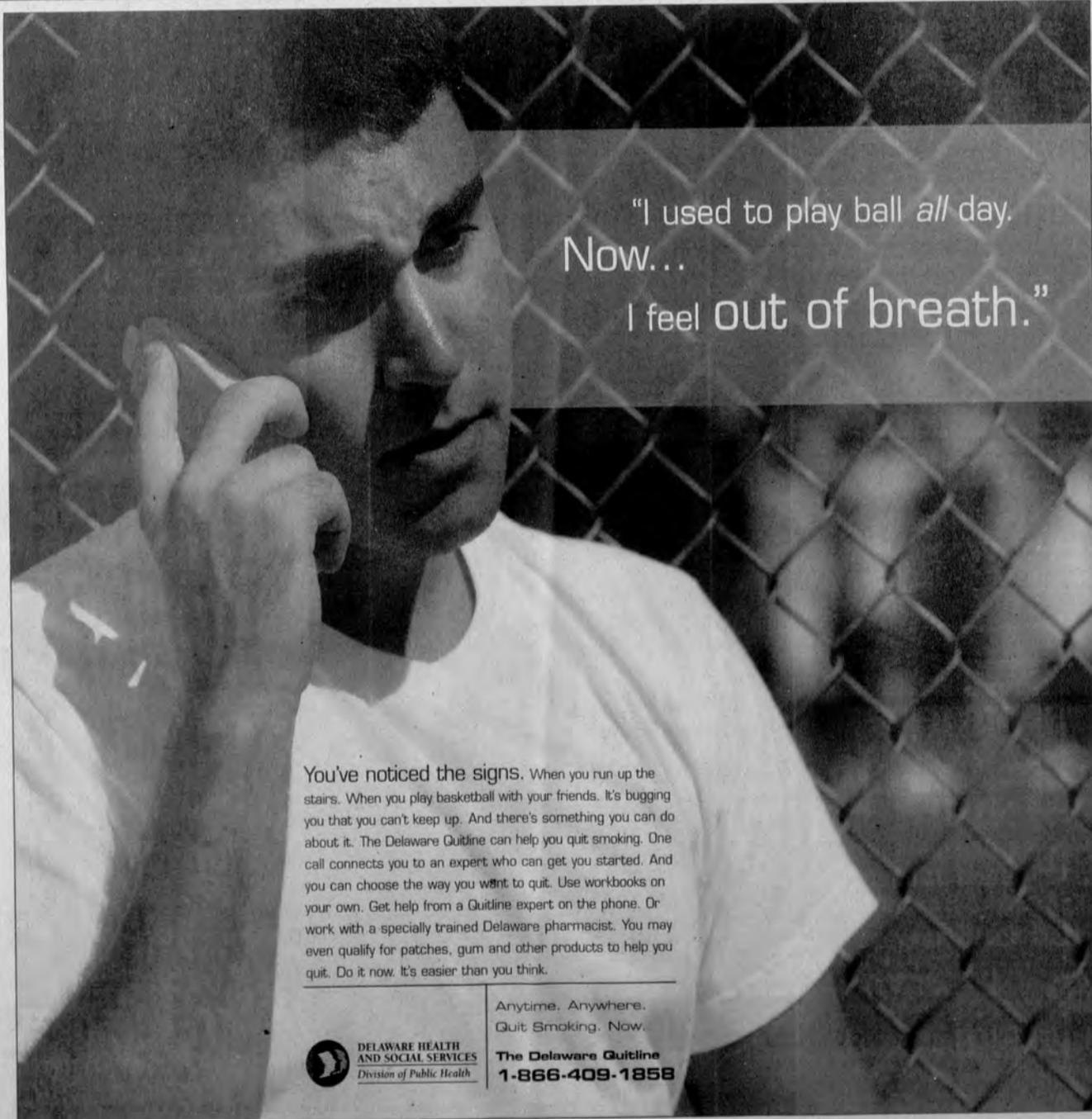
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Editorial

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Foreign President

Sen. Orrin Hatch, D-Utah, presented his Equal Opportunity to Govern Amendment to Congress in October. This would amend Article 2 of the U.S. Constitution and allow a foreign-born U.S. citizen to run for president.

The amendment states that an individual who has been a U.S. citizen for more than 20 years can run.

The Review supports this amendment and feels that it is about time this country opens up our political system to those not born in the United States.

We feel 20 years is a good time set for foreign-born presidential prospects to reside in the United States.

This country has been xenophobic, weary of foreign influence on our government, and this amendment would spark change to that sentiment.

Margarita Tapia, press secretary for Hatch, said one of his reasons for proposing this amendment is that there are many patriotic immigrants that greatly contribute to this country,

and they deserve a chance to run for presidency just as much as a natural born citizen.

We agree with this motivation and feel there are promising politicians who are not U.S. citizens. For instance, former Secretary of State Madeline Albright was born in Czechoslovakia and Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm was born in Canada.

A Silicon Valley-based organization has produced television advertisements in California supporting the amendment that say "Help us amend the Constitution. Help us amend for Arnold [Schwarzenegger]."

The Review supports these early efforts to raise public awareness on this issue. Although they primarily focus on California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, we feel that his celebrity is a good method to gain public recognition.

We cannot help but think, though, that the United States should have more diversity from our own country in the White House first.



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Can Condi handle it?



Shawna Wagner
Politics as Usual

At first glance, national security advisor Condoleezza Rice is impressive.

She is well educated, speaks eloquently and doesn't appear intimidated by the White House boys' club — Vice President Dick Cheney, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz.

Her life story is inspiring. She grew up in the segregated South and was raised by her parents, both teachers. Rice, an only child, had a girlhood crammed with cultivation — piano lessons, ballet, skating, etiquette lessons, et cetera. She became so intellectually agile she skipped two years of high school and graduated from college at only 19.

But when President George W. Bush nominated Rice for Secretary of State Tuesday, I suddenly became disillusioned.

On second look, her charm and intellect wasn't enough to impress me.

If confirmed, Rice would no longer be the president's private advisor or partner for weekend cardio sessions — she would be forced into the public as the administration's top diplomat.

It'll be a tough job for someone whose background is in academia, not diplomacy.

President Bush originally hired the former Stanford University professor and provost, who he nicknamed "Guru," as a foreign policy tutor during his campaign for president in 2000. However, Rice's expertise was the Soviet Union.

In June 2000 she told the New York Times: "I've been pressed to understand parts of the world that have not been part of my scope," she said. "I'm really a Europeanist."

Let's hope these past four years have been a little more than a global crash course.

During confirmation hearings, Rice will probably be questioned about her role in the period leading up to war in Iraq, and her failure for not questioning the accuracy of prewar intelligence.

In September 2002, she said high-strength aluminum tubes that were seized en route to Iraq were



THE REVIEW/Todd Miyashiro

"only really suited for nuclear weapons programs." However, almost a year earlier her staff was told that the nation's leading nuclear experts seriously doubted the tubes were intended for nuclear weapons.

Then there was the now famous 16-word sentence in Bush's State of the Union address in 2003. Bush had falsely cited British reports that Iraq had tried to buy uranium in Africa to produce "nuclear" weapons.

Rice blamed former CIA director George Tenet for allowing the claim to sneak into Bush's speech. However, Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., shifted the blame back to Rice, accusing her of "a frightening level of incompetence."

If Rice is able to sweet-talk her way through the hearings, she challenges as Secretary of State will include serious diplomatic problems from North Korea to the Middle East.

Compared to current Secretary of State Colin Powell, Rice's background on East Asia and the Middle East is thin.

Yet Rice might have already found her own niche in dealing with foreign leaders. In early 2001, she went to Israel to meet with Ariel Sharon, before he was elected prime minister.

After the meeting, Sharon allegedly told reporters: "I have to confess, it was hard for me to concentrate in the conversation with Condoleezza Rice because she has very nice legs."

Now that's one advantage over Powell.

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Secularist candidates can never win political office



Mike Fox
Will Write for Food

There are three words that any candidate for public office can utter that would doom his or her chances of winning: "I'm an atheist."

If in fact President George W. Bush won re-election in large part because of his moral convictions and a majority of Americans identify themselves as "conservative," the odds of a secularist being voted into a significant public office are slim. This is ironic since a 2001 study conducted by the Graduate Center of the City University of New York found that 14 percent of the U.S. population professed to not belonging to a religious group of any kind, and 3.7 percent professed to be of a non-Christian religion.

Questions about a secularist candidate's ethics and attitudes toward religion would hamper any attempted candidacy. The stereotype that secularists are somehow immoral or amoral without theism and they want to dismantle institutional religions and deny believers' their freedom of conscience would dominate campaign "discourse."

Unfortunately, this kind of mentality or use of "atheist" as a political attack label like "liberal" or "right-wing" is nothing new. Thomas Paine, the revolutionary who argued for U.S. independence "Common Sense," was branded an atheist for his criticism of dogmatic faiths in "Age of Reason," even though the book's third paragraph states "I believe in one God, and no more; and I hope for happiness beyond this life."

When Thomas Jefferson ran for president in 1800, former President John Adams and the Federalists tried to portray him as an atheist who would march up and down the East Coast burning Bibles. Jefferson, a deist, was a stalwart advocate for a "wall of separation" between church and state, he also declared in the Declaration of Independence that men "are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights ..."

No matter how a secularist would carefully craft every answer to questions about his or her views of spirituality and religious freedom, political analysts and skeptical Americans would find some way to spin those comments. For example, a political debate with a theist and secularist candidate would probably go like this:

Moderator: "What is your view concerning church-state separation?"

Secularist: "Like what the Founding Fathers understood, I believe church and state, as institutions, prosper better the further they are apart."

Moderator: "Do you mean religion is some kind of poison or disease?"

Secularist: "No, no, it is easier for both these institutions to become corrupted and coercive if they intermingle."

Moderator: "Why do you think religion is coercive?"

Secularist: "I said the state can become more coercive or intolerant if it does not take a neutral stance toward religiosity. As an agnostic — a spiritual minority — I understand what social intimidation is like."

Moderator: "An agnostic? So you're a spiritual flip-flopper?"

Any secularist candidate would understand and convey the importance of spiritual freedom and church-state separation as a safeguard for minority rights. Yet, virtually all politicians wrap themselves in the cross as well as Old Glory whenever they get the chance.

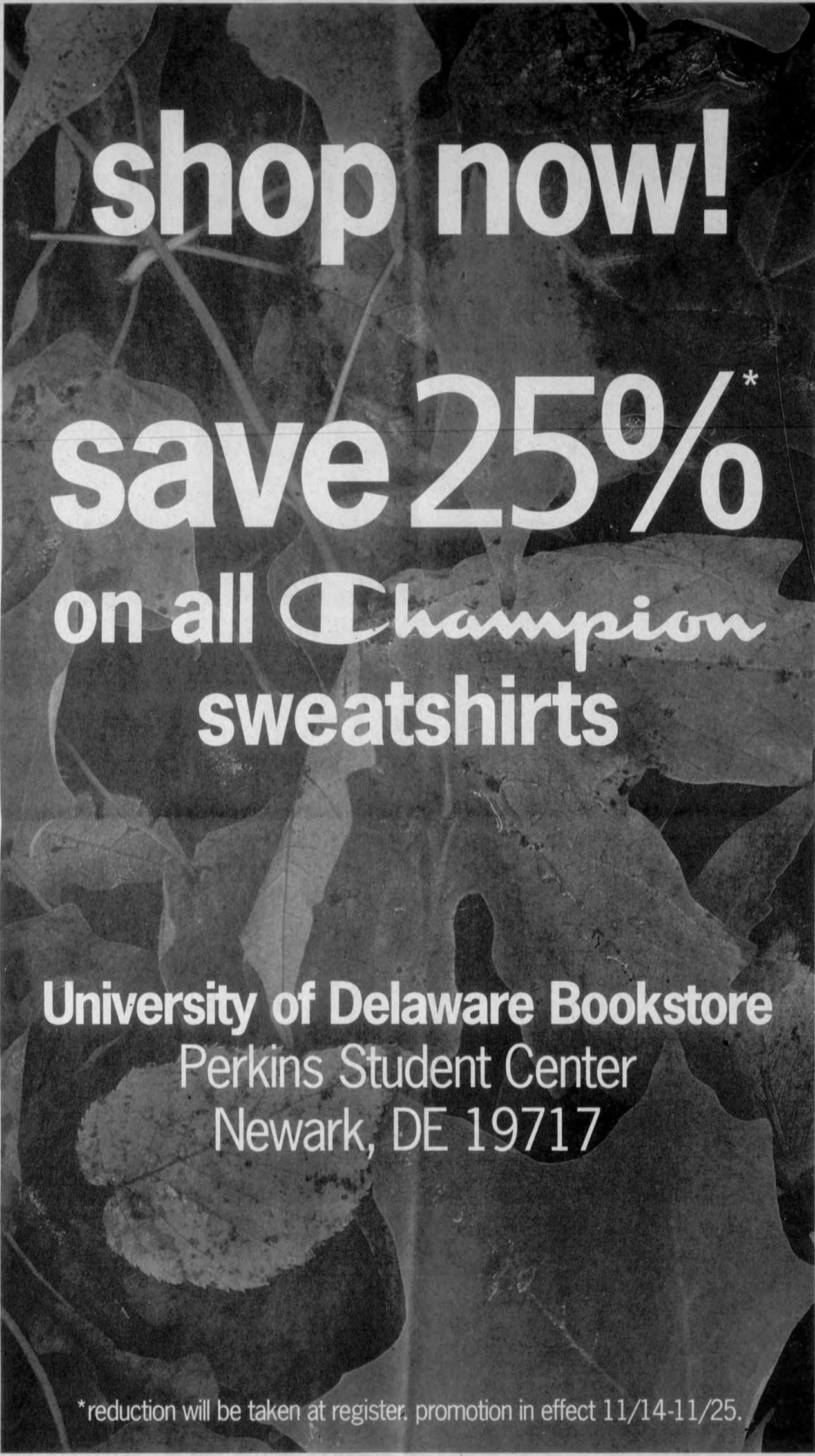
When a federal appeals court struck down mandated public school recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance in June 2002, Congress and President Bush reacted with a declaration denouncing the decision and a proposed constitutional amendment reaffirming the Pledge's reference to God. Voting against either would be political suicide.

The United States spiritual rebirth after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks resulted in hostility towards secularists, and faith and patriotism became one in the same. The United States was suddenly founded as a Christian nation where the Ten Commandments are the foundation of the law. The United States suddenly became a theocracy.

It is in large part because of all of this, candidates often find themselves trying to out-moral and out-faith the other, as seen with the sermons during the presidential debates.

I respect the right of everyone to believe what he or she wants to believe, but I consider what H.L. Mencken observed: "Giving every man a vote has no more made men wise and free than Christianity has made them good."

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Black Eyed Peas



Members of the Black Eyed Peas perform at the Bob Carpenter Center Tuesday night.

THE REVIEW/Mary Beth Wilde

Hip-hop group gets crowd 'started' at the Bob

BY AMY KATES
Entertainment Editor

Fans of the Black Eyed Peas will tell you the band's mantra is to celebrate diversity. The group itself boasts a plethora of rich diversity, with members will.i.am, apl.de.ap, Taboo and Fergie representing various ethnicities. The idea apparently caught on among fans, as there is certainly no discrimination in the types of people attending the concert at the Bob Carpenter Center Tuesday night.

Among the scattered crowd that only half fills the Bob, there are conservatively dressed mothers and fathers who arrive in minivans, grade school children dressed in as much concert attire as they can get away with, older generations of music lovers bobbing their heads to the music and, of course, university students.

Opening for the Black Eyed Peas is the Wylde Bunch, a deliciously invigorating and enthusiastic big-band-meets-hip-hop group. The Wylde Bunch amps the crowd for the Black Eyed Peas with original material and songs rich with fun samples like "Mr. Big Shot."

Saxophone, trumpet and electric guitar accompany the rapping style of Wylde Bunch. The band's choreography is fantastic and the energy flowing through the venue increases as the Peas finally make its entrance.

The university is lucky enough to score the last spot on the 2004 World College Tour and the Peas make it clear they plan to go all out for their last show.

The Peas make its way to the stage, opening with "The Boogie That Be," from its 2003 album "Elephunk." Fergie sets the tone for the rest of the evening, garnering the most screams and applause with her solos and funky dancing. "Smells like Funk" and "Labor Day (It's A Holiday)," both off the same album, are performed as well.

In true Generation Y style, students rely on technology to enhance the concert atmosphere, as hundreds of fanatic university students in the first few rows reach for their Nokias and Samsungs and flip them open, using the light on the LCD display to substitute for lighters.

Although not the most popular songs, the first few jams on the set list still have no problem waking up a semi-sleepy crowd. The Peas feed the crowd all it needs to fully jump out of its seats as soon as the opening strains of the insatiably catchy "Hey Mama" begin to pulsate through the amplifiers.

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THE REVIEW/Mary Beth Wilde

Student returns after four years of service

"It hit me like a freight train that the next four years of my life were not my own."



BY KATELYN FARAGO
Staff Reporter

Struggling to escape the sand pelting his body, his mouth covered with a rag to breathe, Army Sgt. Brian J. Methner scrambled to find shelter from the unexpected sandstorm for himself and his squad.

Concealing themselves beneath duffel bags in the bed of a truck, they could see only brown and were unable to decipher whether it was day or night.

Methner and his squad remained in this position for 17 hours. He fell asleep there and when he woke up, he was covered with silt.

"I remember waking up and having to pry my eyes open with both of my hands," Methner says.

As a member of the first unit to move into Iraq on the first day of the ground war (March 22, 2003), Methner says. "No one was prepared. Everyone was thinking we were going to be attacked by the enemy, not by sand."

Methner, a sophomore at the university, returned to college this semester after serv-

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'National Treasure' not a gem

"National Treasure"
Buena Vista Pictures
Rating: ☆☆☆

Sneak Peek HOLLYWOOD

Perhaps there is no unique way to make a film involving people stealing something so valuable and highly secured that it is said to be a mission impossible. We always know that somehow these crafty plan hatches will succeed. Somehow they find a way to get past obstacles, such as fingerprint identification, access codes, lasers, alarms, booby traps and the strongest safe known to man.

Disney's "National Treasure," directed by John Dahl (the "Phenomenon") and produced by Jerry Bruckheimer ("Pirates of the Caribbean") already takes a risk by submerging into an action/adventure tale. In turn, the film needs something inventive to hold

The Gist of It

- ☆☆☆☆ Statue of Liberty
- ☆☆☆☆ The Liberty Bell
- ☆☆☆☆ Lincoln Memorial
- ☆☆ Mount Rushmore
- ☆☆ Plymouth Rock

its own among similarly themed films.

The second strike comes too early, however, when our memories are jogged yet again and we feel as though this is something that has been seen before. Actually, not seen, but read.

Cryptographs, invisible lists of number sequences, letter scrambles and other such hidden clues all bring to mind Dan Brown's 2003 bestselling novel, "The Da Vinci Code." An adaptation of this novel is supposed to be filmed next year, but it's highly improbable that "National Treasure," an "Indiana Jones" kind of adventure, will steal its fire.

Nicholas Cage plays Ben Gates, whose life mission is to find a hidden treasure the Knights of Templar passed on through generations of freemasons until America's founding fathers hid the treasure from the British. Ben's great-great-grandfather acquired the secret when the last founding father, Charles Carroll, had no one else to tell before his death.

Ben's entire life has revolved around locating this treasure, but as his father Patrick (Jon Voight) says, one clue always leads to another. When he discovers the map is on the back of the Declaration of Independence, a chaotic adventure ensues as one of his partners, Ian (Sean Bean) double crosses him and hatches a plan to steal the 2,000-year-old document.

Ben and his sidekick, Riley (Justin Bartha), attempt to warn authorities, but no one believes there is an invisible map on the back of the Declaration or that someone would try to steal this highly-protected piece of history. National Archives conservator Abigail Chase (Diane Kruger) offers no help, and Ben realizes the only way to protect it from the wrong hands is to steal it himself.

Although goofy, Bartha evokes laughter as the computer geek whose intellectual skills don't stem much beyond technology. When Abigail finds herself in a compromising situation, she has no choice but to



join forces with Ben. Riley then finds himself surrounded by historical brainiacs who know the answer to everything. Without Bartha's character, this movie wouldn't be as fun to watch.

Even if the entire plot is implausible and the adventure unfeasible, it's a nice idea to entertain and its fast pace keeps the audience pumped.

One of the major annoyances in the film, although obvious since the minute they meet, is the relationship that ignites between Ben and Abigail. It's no coincidence that Kruger ("Wicker Park," "Troy") was chosen to play the part of Ben's love interest, as she is beautiful, curvaceous and enticing.

The flaw is that not long before the film's end, Ben grabs Abigail out of nowhere to kiss her and they miraculously become a couple. Their attraction never has a chance to grow during the chaos, unless you

count the time they both blow their hot breath on the back of the Declaration to reveal the hidden code.

"National Treasure" is captivating to watch, however, as it shows a number of familiar historical sites in Washington, D.C. and Philadelphia.

Aside from the beauty of the historical sites, the props and sets in the opening and closing scenes are intricate and beautiful representations of ancient history.

"National Treasure" is a tiny gem in the rough, but it's comical, fast-paced and fun, despite its predictability.

Megan Sullivan is an entertainment editor for The Review. Her past reviews include "Ladder 49" (☆☆ 1/2) and "Wimbledon" (☆☆☆☆).

"After the Sunset"
New Line Cinema
Rating: ☆☆

The idea of a criminal coming out of retirement to land one last big score he simply cannot resist is one of the most overplayed crime scenarios in film. While predictable and corny, these films have inexplicably increased in number since the late '90s.

"After the Sunset" is a half-hearted crime comedy about two jewel thieves/lovers who retire at the top of their game after stealing two of the three famous Napoleon Diamonds. They depart to an exotic island, only to find themselves bored and unfulfilled. The third diamond is on a cruise ship docked outside the island, waiting to be stolen.

With the predictability of the genre against it, the film is further hindered by having quite possibly the worst director in Hollywood: Brett Ratner.

Despite its simplicity, the concept was clearly too complex for him. Ratner's deplorable camera work gives the film no perspective whatsoever, as the audience becomes lost in a sea of close-ups and terribly executed panning.

Ratner became notable for his pathetic 1998 box office success, "Rush Hour." Since then, he not only convinced himself he can direct a serious film, but has



managed to use falsely-acquired confidence to ruin the remake of the Hannibal Lechter prequel, "Red Dragon."

Ratner's destructive influence notwithstanding, the film does have a star-studded cast. Pierce Brosnan and Salma Hayek give solid performances as jewel thieves Max Burdett and Lola Cirillo. Woody Harrelson has the best role of the film playing Stan Lloyd, the FBI agent investigating Max and Lola. Harrelson is given many of the film's funniest lines and plays his role perfectly.

The actors and their characters make the film somewhat watchable. However, Paul Zbyszewski's unimaginative script makes the film pointless to endure, as the entire plot can be figured out within the first 10 minutes.

Ratner clearly belongs on MTV making music videos or directing a cooking show on the Food Network. As for "After the Sunset," it belongs in the "Do Not View" section of your movie list.

—Matthew Feldman

"The Polar Express"
Warner Brothers
Rating: ☆☆☆

The theater slowly melts away, turning into a whimsical, wintry wonderland. The uncomfortable popcorn-embedded seat becomes a sled racing down an icy slope, dodging snowballs hurled by neighborhood children. The audience slowly transforms out of name-brand sweaters into mismatched mittens. Welcome back to childhood. All it takes is one trip aboard "Polar Express," with the going rate of less than \$10.

"The Polar Express," directed by Robert Zemeckis ("Cast Away"), is based on the 1985 Caldecott Medal winning children's book by Chris Van Allsburg. Most university students should readily recall cherishing the timeless classic as a child, and seeing the film this holiday season will reestablish that adoration.

Zemeckis, who is no stranger to the talent of Tom Hanks after casting him in "Cast Away" and "Forrest Gump," chose the actor to play not one character in the CGI animated film, but five.

In the film, a boy does not believe in Santa Claus anymore. Encyclopedia entries define the North Pole as being "devoid of life," and newspaper articles about department store Santas on strike contribute to disbelief. When a mystical train pulls up outside his window,



however, he is whisked away on a journey that will change his mind.

Although the boy does not believe in Santa Claus, he clearly wants to. It works out well that Hanks plays multiple roles because one person is responsible for every element of belief for the boy.

There is the Scrooge who encourages loss of faith, the conductor who tries to instill it, the hobo who urges "seeing is believing" and Santa himself who represents tangible evidence to his existence.

The bah humbuggers of the season will contest the film is too showy and sensational, turning a simple 29-page children's book into a technologically-advanced piece of cinematography.

In reality, the spellbinding effects create images straight out of the pages of Allsburg's gem, providing even more emotional reconnection to days of past.

—Amy Kates

SAY WHAT?

The Review asks students:

What would you think of having a female president?

—compiled by Ben Andersen



Casey Hauner Junior

"I don't think we'll ever have one... we'll see one run and it'll be good for the country."



Jason Franks Freshman

"I think there's too many people who don't think they're strong enough."



Ryan Miller Freshman

"No, I just don't think men would vote to have a woman in charge."



Dana Bernard Freshman

"I would love to have a female president, it would bring a whole new perspective."

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

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

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Trabant University Center Theater: "Harold and Kumar Go to Whitecastle," 7:30 p.m., "Collateral" 10 p.m., \$3

Stone Balloon: DJ Dance Party, 8 p.m., no cover

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Wu-Tang Clan loses founder

"Puff Daddy" Combs. Holding a cup of something probably containing enough "proof" to strip the paint from a Buick, and pushing singer Shawn Colvin out of the way, he proclaimed Wu-Tang good for the kids. I agreed wholeheartedly, and still do. There were also the numerous occasions when he would appear on the pre-TRL video/gab-fest "MTV Live" to discuss the latest activity in the Wu, which would immediately be curtailed by his rants about the gold fronts he so proudly wore. And who could forget when he allowed a camera crew to follow him around for a day while he paid for groceries with his food stamps? Yes, food stamps. Before you turn your nose up you need to understand that O.D.B. wasn't just some rapper screwing the system over just because he was able to slip through the cracks. Anyone else using food stamps while their groups effort sat high on the Billboard album charts would be thought of as ludicrous — not O.D.B., it just added to his charm. And I would be a fool not to mention the various names O.D.B., who was born Russell Jones, went by during his career. For starters, there was Osirus, Unique Ason, Dirt Dog and Joe Bananas. But there were also the more colorful names: Dirt McGirt, Dirt The Flirt, Ol' Dirt Shultz, and

my personal favorite, Big Baby Jesus. If nothing else, O.D.B. kept it real by giving me, and many others, I would imagine, something to laugh at and to jam to even when the bass in our cars was a bit higher than we knew it should be. In the late '90s, O.D.B. spent a lengthy amount of time in and out of jail thanks to a parole violation and drug charges, and it's been said he was off drugs, even if it was, in part, due to court orders. I look around at his contemporaries to find a suitable replacement and I fear nothing lives up to the bar O.D.B. has raised for outlandish, overtly honest entertainers. Who else would have the balls to rap, "Twenty-six years old / Still on welfare! / So I gotta' get paid fully / Whether it's truthfully or untruthfully." Namedropping heirs to his throne is futile — no one will suffice. So with respect, and more regret than I can possibly paint for you, I tip my box of wine to O.D.B., hoping wherever he is, the gold shines brighter than the sun, the women are more beautiful than words can describe and the beats never stop pumping to the sound of the incomparable Ol' Dirty Bastard.



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Women discuss challenges in politics

BY NATALIE TORENTINOS

Staff Reporter

"Tonight I have the pleasure of introducing the last great Democratic President. But first I want to say a few words about the next great Democratic president... myself."

Knowing the results of Election Day, this is the opening statement Hillary Clinton could have made at the Democratic National Convention in July.

It is uncertain, however, whether the American people will be ready to elect a female president only four years from now, with a conservative male elected to second term by a clear majority.

Only time will tell.

Yet the hope for further female advancement in politics is alive and well, thanks in part to many other women who have been running on the national and state levels. The goal: to encourage voters to see how a woman can be an asset in the public service realm.

Patricia LaMarche stands behind a podium with a "Vote Green for Peace: Cobb/LaMarche" sign hanging on the front while a video camera clicks and snaps in the aisle.

"If only my mother could see me speaking at an altar," LaMarche says with a chuckle to a modest crowd at the United Church of Christ of Newark. LaMarche was the Green Party's vice presidential candidate who initially did not want to run in such a fierce election. She feared giving the impression that the Green Party was a spoiler for the Kerry campaign.

She says she called the Green Party presidential nominee, David Cobb, and proposed they run together as long as they did not get in the way of President George W. Bush losing the election.

A question posed by a member of the audience asks who LaMarche would pick to advise her if she were in office.

She says she would consult Jimmy Carter, who she claims is the last great Democrat since he sacrificed his career for peace, and the first person she would hire is a historian to keep things in perspective.

The history of health care, for example, demonstrates why it is imperative that the system be changed. Candidly, she contemplates whether some politicians are smart enough to explain the issue.

Friendly and forthcoming, LaMarche sits on the edge of a red chair as the crowd slowly leaves the room after her well-received speech, discussing reactions from other people in response to her campaign for a high office.

"Someone once told me I was aggressive and confrontational. I just looked at them. I'm running for vice president!"

LaMarche questions why these characteristics might be considered insults, given the need for strength in a woman to succeed in politics.

Currently, 74 out of 525 members in the U.S. Congress are women, only 13 percent, while they constitute 51 percent of the population. While a woman has never been elected to a presidential office in the United States, women have served as president or prime minister in 32 nations including Ireland, England, Latvia, Indonesia, Finland, Switzerland and San Marino.

In an era of advancing women's rights and numerous networks to help mobilize them to run for office, there are few in American politics.

The structure of American democracy is such that a single candidate is elected instead of a party, which places more focus on the individual instead of the issues. In other countries, like Great Britain, proportional representation allows for more women to hold public office. Women currently constitute 22 percent of the House of Commons.

In October 1999, Sen. Elizabeth Dole, R-N.C., dropped out of the race for the Republican presidential nomination, her bid being the most serious one in two decades. Research from Rutgers University investigated ways in which gender bias stemming from gender role stereotypes is reflected in how women candidates are perceived in the press.

President Bush and Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., received more in-depth coverage and media attention, while Dole was often described as lacking fund-raising abilities and as a novelty rather than a legitimate contender.

In Rutgers University's report, "Gender Differences in Print Media Coverage of Presidential Candidates: Elizabeth's Dole's Bid for the Republican Nomination," studies



Courtesy of Terry Schooley

Rep. Terry Schooley, 23rd District, talks with members of the community during her recent campaign.

by Kim Kahan on newspaper coverage of races in the 1980s show women receive less issue-related coverage but instead, the press focused more on appearance and personality.

In Dole's case, 64 percent of journalists chose to make a reference to the fact that she was a woman during the campaign. Dole was repeatedly described as a "perfectionist" and the first woman to run a serious campaign for President.

In recent years, the progress of women elected and appointed to offices in state government has declined. Research from the Center of American Women in Politics has shown women being less likely to be "self-starters," running for office only after getting encouragement from others.

One study of a major party candidate in state legislature races found only 11 percent of women said the idea to run for public office was their idea.

Rep. Terry Schooley, 23rd District, who works in the Kids Count office at the university and won a state representative seat for Newark, was not sure if she wanted to run even though she had been active for more than 30 years encouraging women to get involved in politics.

She was approached in June 2003 to run for a state seat by State Treasurer Jack Markell.

"My daughter said, 'You better do this one,'" she says, sitting in her office across from her daughter, Korynn.

Raising money is a factor in obstructing women from entering the political arena, according to Schooley.

"Women don't think anything of sacrifice," she says, "but they have trouble asking for themselves."

In Schooley's race for representative, she found women had more trouble writing out checks to candidates than men, so she held a fundraiser called Women for Schooley, in which she asked women to give a maximum of \$600.

A goal was set for getting 20 women to give the maximum amount, and 26 gave that generous amount. Seventy-five to 80 other women gave smaller contributions.

"This is a community of women in Newark who were behind this," Schooley says. "We did a series of breakfasts [for this purpose] because we wanted them to feel like they were a part of the process."

Schooley also points out the obstacle of feeling comfortable with knowledge of the issues.

"I'm really comfortable doing things I know about. I think, oh my God, I have to research this. I'm not sure if men feel the same way. Women feel as if they have to know more."

"Campaigning is incredible," she says. "You work all day and all night. It's a huge commitment and sacrifice."

Schooley says that since her children are grown and her husband is supportive, the time previously spent for family can now be committed to a campaign.

"If I had my druthers it would be much shorter. The money spent is obscene even at the local level when it could be used for kids or health issues."

Schooley believes education and the well being of children and families are the



Courtesy of Patricia LaMarche

Patricia LaMarche speaks at the United Church of Christ of Newark about her decision to run as the Green Party's vice presidential candidate.

backbone of what will make the community and state strong. Women role models are out there for inspiration in pursuing these issues, which she thinks men tend to be less passionate about.

"Margaret Thatcher was very strong and aggressive, and Madeline Albright was well-respected. Geraldine Ferraro running for vice president was an exciting thing, but that was 20 years ago."

The position of First Lady is an ambiguous one because for some it is a chance to set an individual agenda and for others, simply a position of representing the President.

When Bill Clinton ran for the Presidency, he did say, "You'll get two for the price of one" in a reference to Hillary's role in chairing the Task Force on National Health Care Reform for his administration.

The role of presidents' wives remains prone to change depending on the individual preferences of the first lady and the nature of the president's campaign, but a certain tradition prevails among polled voters.

According to USA Today, Laura Bush is considered to be a great asset to her husband, with a favorable rating of 74 percent, because she is not outspoken on political issues. Teresa Heinz Kerry, on the other hand, only received a favorable rating of 40 percent after voicing dissent with views of reporters in the press.

Hillary Clinton, now a star member of the Senate, somehow maintained her popularity while breaking with tradition as first lady. It still remains to be seen if the man she called "the last Democratic president" will become the first husband.

Terry Schooley believes Hillary is qualified for the job. "I think Hillary Clinton is brilliant. Sen. Joseph Biden, brought her to town and there were a thousand people in the room. She knew every issue. She certainly is the caliber."

America will not know whether this is enough to change the traditional views of a woman's place in politics.



Courtesy of Brian Methner

Sophomore Brian Methner arrived in Iraq March 2003.

Soldier joined Army to 'see the world'

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ing four years in the United States Army. He decided to enlist during his second year at Middlesex County College in New Jersey.

"I always wanted to go out and see the world while I was young enough to enjoy it," he says, "even if I didn't have the financial means to do it."

However, on the second day of basic training, he called his parents and said that joining the military was the worst decision he had ever made.

"It hit me like a freight train that the next four years of my life were not my own."

After completing basic training and boot camp, he was sent to The School of Military Intelligence in Huachuca, Ariz., where he was trained to be an intelligence analyst.

"There was no three piece suit, but there was an attaché case with secret documents," Methner says.

The job seemed a lot less glamorous than the James Bond-style picture recruiters had painted.

In 2000, six months after enlisting, Methner was deployed to Kosovo in a peacekeeping mission, called Operation Joint Guardian.

He says in Kosovo he "witnessed the reconstruction of a country devastated by mass genocide and ethnic cleansing."

After leaving, Methner was sent to Baumholder, Germany, where he trained for two years. The army trained the troops under the severe condition — sleeping in a tent with two feet of snow outside — in order to prepare them for the worst.

Methner was taught to stay conditioned and ready to react.

In personal journal entries, Methner describes the sleeping conditions:

"You sleep on the ground, whereas days before you were sleeping on a bed... Then you're made to stay awake for days on end without any sleep until your eyes are blood-shot and you can't see straight. You have no idea when you'll be able to sleep next. And sleeping on the ground becomes very appealing."

However, Methner's harsh training in Germany could not prepare him for the deserts of Iraq, when he arrived in March 2003.

At the time, American troops believed Iraq had weapons of mass destruction. They were uncertain whether there would be great resistance in Iraq or the war would result in nuclear warfare.

On the first day of the ground war, a call came over the radio that called for full chemical protection gear. Being that M.O.P.P. gear is usually only called for when there is an imminent threat of chemical warfare, Methner was convinced Iraq was going to attack with some chemical weapon at any moment.

"I remember thinking to myself that the world was going to end there," he explains.

For the next month, Methner was forced to wear a charcoal suit and full body armor in 140-degree heat, while carrying a gas mask and rubber gloves in a case at his side.

While stationed at Camp Pennsylvania in Iraq, Methner was awakened in the middle of the night and was told Iraqi Special Forces had infiltrated the American base.

In actuality, an American soldier had rolled four grenades into the tents of commanding officers and attempted to shoot at them as they fled.

Amid the chaos, the army mistakenly informed the soldiers that they had been attacked. Methner says this is only one example of the miscommunications in the army.

Soldiers receive information through the radio or from a commanding officer that they find hard to believe and that information is often wrong, he says. "The communication in the army is like playing a game of telephone."

Methner believes the situation in Iraq got much worse after May 1, 2004, when major combat operations began. Attacks on American soldiers became a daily occurrence.

"Everyday there are attacks against soldiers and someone dies or gets wounded," he says.

Methner recalls one day in particular when a soldier lost his leg and a sergeant was shot in the face. The convoy was ambushed and others sustained lesser injuries.

But that is what Iraq is — "a war torn wasteland."

Methner described the scene in his journal:

"You're engulfed in complete darkness, poised to strike in a moment's notice. You begin hearing sounds that aren't there and the shadows play tricks with your eyes... inevitably you start dwelling on thoughts of your own mortality. You don't want to go out like this; you've got your whole life ahead of you; you're not ready to die. These are the times you look back on later in life and think, 'things could always be worse' and realize how true that statement really is."

When Methner left for Iraq in 2003, one of his friends stayed behind. His friend was stationed permanently in Washington state as a military cook in a prison. Methner joked that his friend had a "cushy job." He would never see the chaos in Iraq. He was never supposed to be deployed. When Methner arrived home from Iraq in March 2004, he opened up a newspaper and read that his friend had died in Iraq.

"His number was still in my cell phone."

Black Eyed Peas finish set with current favorites



THE REVIEW/Mary Beth Wilde

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Although any male students who purchase their tickets solely on the basis of checking out Fergie's amazing abs might be disappointed by her un-Fergie like attire, they are fully compensated by her sensuous adroitness on the dance floor.

Fans are treated to a throwback track off of the Peas first album, 1998's "Behind The Front." The song, "Joins and Jam," is an immediate hit and definitely a fan favorite. The band blends the hook on Fat Joe's "Lean Back" into the song. Although some hard-core fans disagree with the intrusion of the omnipresent jam, their shoulders sway back and forth nonetheless.

The band deviates from the standard set list trail as they perform a hot free-style rap. Will.i.am, Taboo and apl.de.ap all step forth into the lime-light, spitting verses in three distinct styles. Although she doesn't step up to spit bars, Fergie does what she does best, which is warble her throaty voice confidently and defiantly. Her scat-influenced, erratic singing style is as close as one can get to freestyle on vocals.

The Peas end there, but how could the crowd not scream for more after the "Like A Virgin" display they just witnessed?

After what seems like an eternity to the voraciously-hungry-for-hip-hop crowd, the Peas come back, introducing the musically-talented band. Although people enjoy the band solos, everyone knows what they want: Black

Will.i.am, the most vocal when it comes to interacting with the crowd, tells everyone in attendance to appreciate hip-hop music. He also gives a shout-out to the recently-deceased Old Dirty Bastard of Wu Tang Clan fame and asks that everyone honor what he brought to the hip-hop world.

The Peas dive back into the "Elephunk" album, performing an elongated version of "Shut Up." Upon asking, "Have you ever been in a bad relationship?" the crowd falls apart, stomping its feet, pointing and screaming. Apparently there aren't many happy couples in the crowd. After the song, Fergie and will.i.am role-play as a dysfunctional couple, hurling comical insults back and forth, until the song finally ends with Fergie writhing all over the floor a la Madonna.

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Eye'd Pea's two most popular singles off of "Elephunk": "Where is The Love" and "Let's Get Retarded."

The Peas know it as well and begin with "Where is The Love," which has the Bob alive with sentiments of social reform and positive change. The crowd is at its most boisterous then, with not a stiff-footed, leery-eyed, un-inspired body to be seen. Every body was moving, singing and caught up in the thought that such a world can even be imagined.

The group finally brings down the house with "Let's Get Retarded," drawing it out as long as they possibly can before saying goodbye to the last stop on its college tour. The band retreats to riotous applause, screams and props.

For a few brief moments at the concert, unity is found among all who hear the Peas inspiring call for a more peaceable world. However, it is soon back to reality in the parking lot, where the driver of a dark gray Dodge Intrepid with New Jersey tags classily throws up the middle finger at other drivers simply trying to navigate out of the jammed and confusing traffic.

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High hopes for Hens

Men open season at Ohio St.

BY TIM PARSONS
Sports Editor

Delaware men's basketball head coach David Henderson said Wednesday he hopes to push his team into national prominence this season.

Well, his team will be thrust straight into the spotlight tonight when it heads to Big Ten title contender Ohio State at 7 in an attempt to prove itself to the rest of the Colonial Athletic Association and to the country.

"We can't allow them to play the speed game that they want to play and pound the ball inside on us," Henderson said.

Four starters that include 6-foot-9 junior Terrance Dials return for the Buckeyes. Dials averaged 10.4 points per game and 6.6 rebounds per game last year.

Ohio State is 2-0 on the season as they defeated fellow CAA member Towson and Robert Morris to win the Guardian Classic held this week.

Delaware will try to improve on its 16-12 record from last season and make the jump to the upper tier of the CAA.

"The strong point of the team is going to be our balance," Henderson said. "We have a strong inside presence to go along with our outside attack."

Henderson said this is the first time the team has had a strong inside game since he took over as head coach.

The Hens will have a big front line with four players that are 6-foot-8 or taller.

Leading the way inside the paint will be sophomore center Raphael Madera and junior forward Harding Nana. Nana led the team last season with 12.6 points per game and 8.5 rebounds per game in just 16 games. Madera averaged 5.0 points per game and 4.0 rebounds per game.

Henderson also will look for sophomore forwards Lebo Maepa and Henry Olawoye to contribute inside.

Henderson said he believes that new players, especially guard Andrew Washington, will have a substantial impact on the team in 2004-2005.

"[Washington is] an experienced player and a proven offensive player," Henderson said. "He gives us more speed and athleticism to create more of an up-tempo game."

Washington, a 6-foot-3 junior, played the past two seasons at Allen Community College in Kansas. He averaged 19.6 points per game, 6.4 rebounds per game and shot 54.7 percent last season to earn Jayhawk Community College Conference Co-MVP and was named Second Team All-Region VI.

"He can rebound the ball and push it in transition," Henderson said. "We don't have to rely on [senior tri-captain] Mike Slattery to bring the ball up every time."

The Hens will also have to deal with the graduation of leading scorer and tri-captain Mike Ames.



THE REVIEW/Derrick Calhoun
Sophomore forward Lebo Maepa slams home two points in Delaware's preseason game against Widener.

"You don't replace Mike Ames, you just find other people who become different players," Henderson said. "We appreciate everything Mike did for us, but now we have a different look with Andrew and Rulon Washington."

Ames led the Hens in 2003-2004 averaging 15.3 points per game and was a dangerous threat from behind the three-point arch connecting on 63 three-pointers last season.

Delaware looked strong in its Nov. 4 exhibition game, a 100-62 victory over Division III Widener.

Washington had 31 points, seven rebounds, seven assists and six steals. Madera added 15 points and seven rebounds and Slattery contributed 12 points and seven assists.

The Hens finished sixth in the CAA last season with a record of 10-8 in conference. They were defeated by George Mason 65-58 in overtime of the quarterfinals of the CAA tournament.

"Since we've joined the CAA, we've been fighting an

uphill battle trying to establish ourselves with the personnel to fit this league," Henderson said. "The CAA is one of the toughest mid-major conferences from top to bottom, but if we can stay healthy this season, I think we have just as good a chance as anybody to win this league."

Henderson projected that 10 players will be able to start the season on Friday with three others on the injured list.

Sophomore forward Herb Courtney is recovering from knee surgery during the off season, junior guard/forward Chris Prothro will have ankle surgery next week and sophomore forward Henry Olawoye should return from compartmental surgery on Jan. 1.

As far as tonight's game is concerned, Henderson said he is confident in his team.

"We go into every game feeling like we have a chance to win," he said. "It's going to take a great performance to go in and beat a team like Ohio State."



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2. Drexel (5)	203
3. George Mason (4)	189
4. Virginia Commonwealth (2)	185
5. Delaware	137
6. UNC-Wilmington	124
7. Hofstra	100
8. William & Mary	58
9. James Madison	54
10. Towson	38

PRESEASON ALL-CONFERENCE TEAMS

(as voted on by the media)

First Team	Cl.	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.
Alex Loughton, Old Dominion	Jr.	F/C	6-9	235
Phil Goss, Drexel	Sr.	G	6-2	185
Jai Lewis, George Mason	Jr.	F	6-7	275
Mike Slattery, Delaware	Sr.	G	5-11	195
Nick George, VCU	Jr.	F	6-6	205
Sean Brooks, Drexel	Sr.	F	6-6	250
Second Team	Cl.	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.
Corey Cofield, William & Mary	So.	F	6-5	225
Isaiah Hunter, Old Dominion	Jr.	G	6-2	160
Michael Doles, VCU	Sr.	F	6-6	210
Loren Stokes, Hofstra	So.	G	6-3	170
John Goldsberry, UNC-W	Jr.	G	6-3	180

Slattery takes over

Senior set to break records

BY CHASE TRIMMER
Assistant Sports Editor

With his trademark white headband, senior Mike Slattery is the most recognizable member of the Delaware basketball team.

The third-year captain starts the 2004-2005 season third in school history in career assists (439) and will take over 10th place in the CAA with just 10 more.

A consistent leader who has appeared in all 87 games of his career at Delaware, the Hens' point guard has started 69 consecutive games and is only 13 away from the school record.

Slattery is also a dedicated student and an Academic All-American nominee this year. A sports management major, he traveled to Turkey last summer and said his two-week visit of Istanbul was a good experience.

"It was a lot different than anything I've ever been around," Slattery said. "We take a lot for granted over here."

Among other things, Slattery got to watch the Turkish Basketball Federation's championship game that featured American players like Khalid El-Amin and Trajan Langdon, two successful Division I basketball stars.

Slattery began his journey into collegiate basketball and onto the pages of Delaware's archives when he picked up the game of basketball at age seven.

He may have learned the fundamentals of the game at basketball camps in the summer, but what prepared him the most was the level of competition he

played against in high school.

A native of Philadelphia and graduate of Germantown Academy, Slattery grew up playing with top-notch talent. Six eventual Division I players were among his high school teammates, including Melchioni (Duke), and fellow headband-wearer Matt Walsh (Florida).

"When we played together in high school, there was a college-type atmosphere," Slattery said. "I struggled with [the transition to college] at first, but I think that's something that everyone goes through."

There is little evidence of Slattery's struggle. As a true freshman, Slattery played in all 30 of the team's games and started the final 12.

In that span, Delaware's average turnovers dropped from 18 to 12 per game.

In his sophomore season, Slattery took over the reins as the Hens' point guard and has been in charge ever since. His 6.2 assists per game were tops in the CAA and ranked 18th in the NCAA. Slattery was third in the nation with five double-digit assist performances in 2002.

Last season, in which he averaged a career-high 11 points per game, Slattery led the team in assists (166), steals (47), and minutes per game (33.8), earning the title of Team MVP.

"Mike Slattery is a tremen-

dous leader and excellent point guard," said Delaware head coach David Henderson. "When we've turned the ball over in the past, it was because the ball wasn't in his hands."

Henderson said the Hens' coaching staff believes that they have assembled the best Delaware squad in Slattery's tenure as team leader.

"I think he's going to be an even more focused leader than before because he's got a great chance to finish on top," he said.

Slattery said he is excited to play alongside newcomer Andrew Washington, a junior college transfer expected to start for Delaware.

"I think that [Washington's] ability to make plays for other people and to push the ball up the court will make it easier for the whole team," Slattery said.

Slattery said the Hens have an excellent opportunity to garner a conference title this season.

"I know we're going to compete every night because that's what we do," he said. "It's just a matter of us playing together and playing hard."

With an arsenal of weapons by his side, the Hens' court general is ready to lead the team on an ambush of the CAA with that trademark headband lighting the way.



Senior guard
Mike Slattery

THE REVIEW'S PREDICTIONS

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	Overall	(92-51)	(89-54)	(87-56)	(87-56)	(85-58)	(82-61)	(75-68)	(17-11)	(0-0)
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	Pitt @ Cin	Steelers	Steelers	Steelers	Steelers	Steelers	Steelers	Steelers	Steelers	Steelers
	Ind @ Chi	Colts	Colts	Colts	Colts	Colts	Colts	Colts	Colts	Bears
	Ari @ Car	Panthers	Panthers	Cardinals	Cardinals	Panthers	Panthers	Cardinals	Cardinals	Cardinals
	StL @ Buf	Bills	Bills	Bills	Rams	Bills	Bills	Bills	Bills	Rams
	Dal @ Bal	Ravens	Ravens	Ravens	Ravens	Ravens	Ravens	Ravens	Ravens	Ravens
	S.F. @ T.B.	Bucs	Bucs	Bucs	Bucs	Bucs	Bucs	Bucs	Bucs	49ers
	Den @ N.O.	Broncos	Broncos	Broncos	Broncos	Broncos	Broncos	Broncos	Saints	Broncos
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	Sea @ Sea	Seahawks	Seahawks	Seahawks	Seahawks	Seahawks	Seahawks	Seahawks	Seahawks	Seahawks
	S.D. @ Oak	Chargers	Chargers	Chargers	Chargers	Chargers	Chargers	Chargers	Chargers	Raiders
	Wash @ Phi	Eagles	Eagles	Eagles	Eagles	Eagles	Eagles	Eagles	Eagles	Eagles
	Atl @ NYG	Giants	Falcons	Falcons	Falcons	Falcons	Falcons	Falcons	Giants	Giants
	G.B. @ Hou	Packers	Packers	Packers	Packers	Packers	Packers	Texans	Packers	Packers
	N.E. @ K.C.	Patriots	Chiefs	Patriots	Patriots	Patriots	Patriots	Patriots	Patriot	Patriots

Commentary

BOB THURLOW



Desperate for T.O.

Dear American Broadcasting Company, I recently watched your Monday Night Football program (Philadelphia Eagles against the Dallas Cowboys) and was appalled at what I saw in the pre-game segment. Never before had I seen a woman in a towel and never before had I seen the bare back of a woman, let alone a seemingly naked woman jumping into the arms of an arrogant athlete.

I have two young children and they were watching the game in hopes of seeing their favorite team, the Eagles, and their favorite player, Donovan McNabb, but what did they see? They saw a display of everything that's gone wrong in this country. Now I don't know what to let them watch. First we see Janet Jackson's wardrobe malfunction at the Super Bowl and now we are subjected to see bare backs on Monday Night Football. I was so stunned that I was barely able to log on to NFL.com to vote for the Levitra Play of the Week.

How am I supposed to put that scene into context for my two sons, Trevor (11) and Todd (7)? This stunt will not be tolerated again, but for now I will continue to tune in to your fine programming, such as The Bachelor and Wifeswap, but any more mistakes will result in my family boycotting your station. Thank you.

Sincerely, Mortimer Turnbucket

Mr. Turnbucket,

I am saddened to hear your disappointment with our opening segment for this past week's Monday Night Football and we here at ABC are sorry for any pain it may have caused you, Trevor or Todd.

We did not know what was to be shown because we apparently do not screen what we show on the network... We promise neither this, nor any sort of sexual stunt like it, will ever be seen on ABC again. Please enjoy the rest of our quality family programs. I have forwarded your letter to Terrell Owens so he may see the concern of our viewers. Thank you.

— High-ranking ABC Guy

Mort,

My first question to you is this: If you have two kids, how've you never seen a naked woman before? It doesn't make sense for you to be appalled at seeing a woman in her natural form, especially if you watch other shows on ABC, or any other channel, that promote scantily clad women, sexual situations and even the swapping of spouses. Even during football games you see countless beer commercials with blond twins in their daisy dukes or men talking about the little blue pill that brought their little buddy back to life.

And what about cheerleaders? I guess you turn a blind eye to stuff like that so you can focus on me, and why shouldn't you, I am one hell of a guy. Everyone focuses on my celebrations and rips on me for not being a good team player, but look at this, my team is arguably the best in the league and the passing game has completely turned around since I've been in Philly. Bad attitude, my ass.

If your big complaint is about my acting ability, I will tell you this — I don't know how my acting skills were, but I can't play football forever. I'm working on my acting. Maybe it has opened a door for me and I can make a movie with Shaq, like "Shazam 2," or something and I can be his evil genie twin.

I know ABC, the NFL and the Eagles have apologized about this, but even Philly's owner, Jeffrey Lurie, originally said he thought it was interesting, and most Philadelphians could care less about it. They aren't as naïve as you to assume that the skit will destroy children's minds and dirty the image of the game. It was just a way to have some fun and give a little promo for "Desperate Housewives," which I'm now going to make sure I watch every week. If I'm not home I'll TiVo it.

Blaming America's problems on things like this is like blaming welfare abuse on the plots of "Good Times." Since when does "hangin' in a chow line" constitute a good time?

And if your sons don't know anything about sex yet, then they're going to have a tough time when they get older. If you shelter them too much, they'll get into trouble when they're finally presented with options, then Trevor might finally learn about the birds and the bees from a tattooed man named Bruno.

I hope you accept my sincerest apologies for whatever it is I did, because we all know that people just want to hear an apology whether or not I believe it or not. So, I'm sorry and it might not happen again, but I can't guarantee anything.

Love always, T.O. aka Kid Dynamite!

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'WE WIN, WE'RE IN'

Hens host 'Nova with playoff hopes at stake

BY DAN MONTESANO
Managing Sports Editor

If you're a fan, you love this game. It has everything you could ask for.

The No. 11 ranked Delaware football team hosts arch-rival Villanova at Delaware Stadium, which has been sold out for nearly a month, the all-times series is tied at 18-18-1, the preseason Atlantic 10 favorite Wildcats have under-achieved much of the season and come into Delaware Stadium to try and ruin the Hens' playoff chances.

Delaware needs the win to secure a playoff berth, and Villanova would want nothing more than to keep the Hens' from a chance to defend their national title.

For a fan, does it get any better than that?

How about for a coach? K.C. Keeler, who leads Delaware into Saturday's must win game against the Wildcats: "I wish I had a Division III game on my schedule right now," he said with a sarcastic smile.

For the Hens, who enter the game at 7-3, 6-1 in the A-10, they know in all likelihood, a loss to Villanova would almost certainly drop them from playoff contention.

That's why Keeler and his players are treating this game as a play-off game in its own right against a dangerous Villanova team that has struggled most of the season.

The Hens defeated Richmond 23-13 last week, a game that Delaware needed just to keep its playoff hopes alive. The Hens raced out to a 20-0 halftime lead, but were barely able to hang on for the win.

Freshman running back Omar Cuff continued to open some eyes as he rushed for 115 yards on 34 carries. Cuff has now gained 100 yards rushing in back-to-back games after his record setting 162-yard performance against James Madison.

The Richmond game also saw

the re-appearance of redshirt freshman running back Lonnie Starks, who instead of lining up at running back, lined up at quarterback and gained 48 yards on 14 carries.

The Hens also took advantage of four Spider turnovers and a blocked field goal to propel them to the win.

Villanova enters the game coming off its bye week, and after dropping its last game to William & Mary 37-29.

The Wildcats feature sophomore quarterback Marvin Burroughs, who leads Villanova with more than 2,100 yards passing and 19 touchdowns.

"They settled in with a quarterback and he's played pretty nicely," Keeler said of Burroughs. "He's an outstanding athlete with a good arm."

Burroughs' favorite target is wideout J.J. Outlaw, who has caught 50 balls for 564 yards and seven touch-

downs.

Villanova will have to face a Delaware defense that leads the A-10 in total defense, and features the conference's sack leader in defensive lineman Tom Parks.

If the Hens win, they're most likely in the Div. I-AA playoffs and will most likely earn a home game for at least the first round of the playoffs. Delaware is currently tied with William & Mary and James Madison for the lead in the A-10, with William & Mary holding the tiebreaker.

Keeler is confident that if Delaware beats the Wildcats Saturday, the Hens will get the chance to defend their National Championship.

"We get Villanova at home in basically a playoff game and we're confident that if we win, we're in."

Kickoff is set for 1 p.m. at Delaware Stadium.

Around the A-10 Nov. 20

James Madison @ Towson
New Hampshire @ Maine
Richmond @ W&M
Hofstra @ UMass
Rhode Island @ Northeastern



- 9/2 - UNH - L - 24-21
- 9/11 - Towson - W - 21-17
- 9/18 - West Chester - W - 24-6
- 9/25 - Massachusetts - W - 21-7
- 10/2 - Maine - W - 43-38
- 10/16 - Hofstra - W - 20-19
- 10/23 - William & Mary - W - 31-28
- 10/30 - Navy - L - 34-20
- 11/6 - James Madison - L - 20-13
- 11/13 - Richmond - W - 23-14
- 11/20 - Villanova - ???

Redshirt freshman running back Lonnie Starks and the Delaware football team must defeat Villanova Saturday to advance to the postseason.

UD set for semifinals

Volleyball to face Hofstra in tournament

BY CHRISTINE PASKA
Staff Reporter

The whole season has built up to this weekend. A win or two will become a milestone, but a loss will send them home with only the memories of an impressive season left unfulfilled.

The No. 3 Delaware volleyball team (22-8, 9-5 Colonial Athletic Association) will travel to Towson to take on No. 2 Hofstra (19-9, 10-4 CAA) in the semi-final game of the CAA tournament at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. With a victory, the Hens will face the winner of the match between No. 1 Towson and No. 4 George Mason in the finals Sunday at 5 p.m.

Delaware head coach Bonnie Kenny said she is excited about the team's seeding. She knows that tournament wins won't come easy, but that her team is capable of earning an automatic bid into the NCAA Tournament.

"We are about where we expected to be. It is better than where coaches expected us to finish during the preseason," Kenny said. "We are excited to play Hofstra who we split our games with. If we get to the final match it will be anyone's game."

In the first match of the season between Delaware and Hofstra, the Hens rallied from behind in the first two games to post the victory and shut out Hofstra. The Pride avenged the loss on their home court a month later by blanking the Hens 3-0.

"We need to make sure that we establish momentum on offense against Hofstra," Kenny said. "Defensively we match up well because our attackers match theirs. We are a little better at passing, so hopefully we can get off to a good start so that they can't generate an offense. It's going to be a battle. I don't think it is going to be an easy match, but offense is going to be the key."

During the regular season, the Hens were led by senior co-captain and middlehitter Valerie Murphy who posted 415 kills and senior libero Taylor Govaars recorded 613 digs. Junior middlehitter Niecy Taylor also contributed with 108 blocks.

The Hens will face tough competition from sophomore middle-blocker Elizabeth Curley and freshman setter and libero Shellane Ogoshi. Curley leads the team with 305 kills, 126 blocks and 50 aces. Ogoshi notched 1,218 assists and 366 digs during the regular season.

With a victory the Hens would be matched against either Towson or George Mason Sunday evening.

Delaware is coming into the tournament after



The Delaware volleyball team takes on Hofstra tomorrow night in the semi-finals of the CAA Tournament.

a two-game losing streak in which it dropped its last two regular season games 3-1 to both the Tigers and the Patriots.

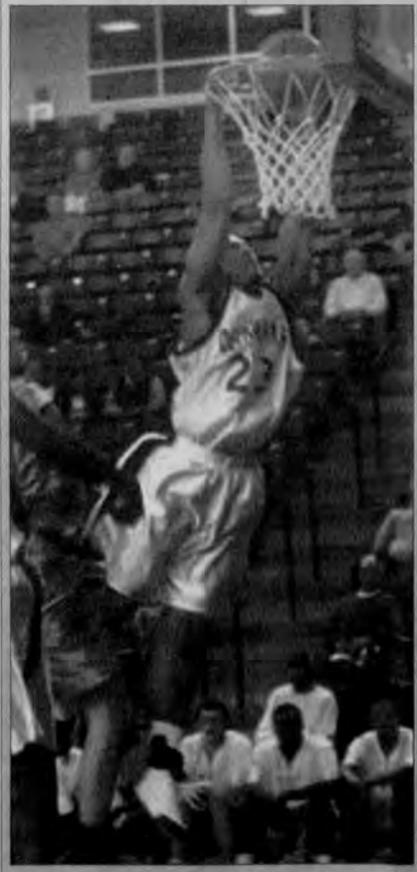
The Hens fell to Towson both times during the regular season, but split with George Mason. Coach Kenny said she wouldn't mind facing either one in the final — even though they have lost to the Tigers twice this season, she knows that it is hard to beat a team three times in one season. And as for George Mason, Kenny feels that as long as they pick up the offense, it is anyone's game.

"Whoever plays the best is the one who is going to win, so we need to be ready," Kenny said. With high aspirations the Hens are preparing for this weekend and looking to follow in the footsteps of the field hockey team and bring home the first CAA title for the volleyball program.

"Any time you win the conference championship and get an automatic bid into the NCAA tournament, it's the ultimate," Kenny said. "When you are known as the champion it is a humbling experience," Kenny said. "With our preparation hopefully we can do it. It is not an easy task. If we play like we are capable of, we can win it."

The Delaware women's basketball team opens its season Sunday at 1 p.m. against Loyola in the Bob Carpenter Center. Check out Tuesday's issue (11/23) of The Review for coverage of the opener and of the 2004-2005 women's basketball season.

2004-2005 Men's Basketball Season Preview



THE REVIEW/Derrick Calhoun

Junior transfer Andrew Washington (above) and the Delaware men's basketball team open their season tonight at Ohio State. See Page B5 for a preview of the Hens' 2004-2005 season.