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Hate crimes on the rise

BY DEVIN VARSALONA
Managing News Editor

Two months into the semester, with eight hate crimes on the record, came one resounding response from University President David P. Roselle: Stop the hate.

Last week, Roselle issued a letter to the campus community instituting a "zero-tolerance" policy for acts of hatred and hate crimes. The letter, sent Thursday through e-mail, came as both surprise and success for campus activists and administrators who have long been campaigning to eliminate hatred on campus.

"There is no place at the University of Delaware for those whose credo is meanness and whose method is intimidation," Roselle's letter stated. "Those who engage in acts of hatred and bias-motivated threats and behavior will be confronted, prosecuted and expelled from our community."

Roselle cited recent hate crimes and incidents of hatred as threatening to the purposes and security of the entire university community. He said education must not be the only means to eliminate hateful behavior and called upon the community to report acts of hatred. Roselle also pledged to investigate all reported incidents and prosecute those guilty to the "full extent of the law."

Although Roselle did not detail the hate crimes to which he referred, Public Safety reports there have been eight hate crimes on campus since the beginning of the semester, five of which were committed in freshman residence halls.

According to Lt. Thomas Rahmer, most of the crimes included acts of vandalism, such as swastikas drawn on walls and elevators, an incident in which a person wrote "You suck cock, fag" on a victim's message board in Dickinson Hall A and another in which a person wrote the victim's name and "She is a gay nigga" on a female's message board in George Read Hall.

One student has already admitted that his visiting friends were responsible for swastikas drawn in George Read and is now in the process of being held responsible by Judicial Affairs, Rahmer said.

The last time The Review looked into hate crimes on campus, in May, there were nine reported hate crimes in all of 2004 and three since the beginning of 2005. There were also 45 reported acts of hatred in the residence halls. Those incidents are not criminal activities but are still in violation of the Student Code of Conduct, and, like this year's reported crimes, mainly targeted black, Jewish, gay and lesbian people.



'Things are getting really tense'

Perhaps what is most terrifying to some students is the knowledge that who they are automatically makes them more susceptible to hate crimes. That is precisely what minority students have been dealing with, and it has recently gotten worse, according to Craig de Mariana Aleman, graduate student and executive advisor of Campus Alliance de la Raza.

"It's been boiling for a while," Aleman said. "On the morning we organized 100 students to arrive at the Christiana Commons for the Millions More March, one of our executive members was jumped before he got there. The people who did it said racial epithets to him and he came to the meeting a little bloody. Things are getting really tense."

Prior to that incident, Aleman said, the Black

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Police crack down on parties to curb assaults

BY CAITLIN GINLEY AND
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As a result of a considerable increase in alcohol-related assaults throughout the city during the past few weekends, Newark Police revealed a plan Thursday to lower the number of physical attacks by implementing a zero-tolerance policy on noisy and disruptive student parties.

According to the policy, both Newark and University Police officers will collaborate to enforce loud party and noise violations and in turn reduce the number of assaults, a Newark Police press release

stated. Newark Police Capt. William Nefosky said the department's goal is to help end the relationship between violence and drinking.

"It is the overall atmosphere of parties that are causing assaults," he said. "We are taking a hard line on this because people have a right to live their lives in peace."

If police observe a party, officers will shut it down, perform any necessary arrests and immediately refer students to the Office of Judicial Affairs, even if a complaint has not been made regarding the party, Nefosky said.

Compared to this time last year, reported aggravated assaults resulting in serious injury have increased from 23 to 34, Nefosky said. Such serious recent assaults include a student being hit over the head with a mug and a fight that occurred last weekend that left a

student in a coma.

The streets that have generated the greatest amount of problems in the past have been Academy Street, Kells Avenue, Cleveland Avenue and Wilbur Street, Nefosky said. However, he said, police intend to concentrate on all areas in which students live. Police have also asked Newark residents to notify them of addresses that have been a problem in the past so frequent checks can be made of these locations.

"I hope to bring peace and tranquility to neighborhoods where hosting parties have become a problem," Nefosky said. "It not only affects the students, it affects the neighbors who live around the area."

Lt. Thomas Rahmer, administrative officer for Public Safety, said the department plans to provide Newark Police with two officers from approximately 11 p.m. to 2 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays to aid them in preventing more assaults.

The presence of University Police officers is primarily to ensure violators are brought before the Office of Judicial Affairs, he said.

Rahmer said the Newark Police will take criminal action against hosts of noisy parties, especially those in which underage drinking has occurred, in addition to students who have been drinking and acting disorderly.

University Police officers will be reimbursed for their overtime hours through an Office of Highway Safety grant intended to curb underage drinking, Rahmer said.

City manager Carl Luft said the number of alcohol violations at off-campus residences is higher than previous years. The city is reacting to this trend, taking a public safety approach, he said.

"I've talked to other city man-

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Prof. creates nano bomb

BY GREG SLATER

Staff Reporter

A university professor has developed a new weapon in the fight against cancer using nanotechnology to create nanobombs for the diagnosis and treatment of cancerous cells.

Balaji Panchapakesan, assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering, said the nanotubes were originally going to be used as a cancer treatment delivery method.

Dr. Eric Wickstrom, Panchapakesan's collaborator and a biochemistry professor at Thomas Jefferson University, said the pair found the nanotubes would explode under the right conditions during preliminary tests, killing cancerous cells.

"We made two sheets of nanotubes," he said. "Then we placed cancer cells on the sheets one millimeter apart. We shined a low-frequency laser on one of the two cancerous cells and it completely disappeared."

The nanotubes absorb energy until they cannot hold any more and then they explode, Wickstrom said.

If used for the detection and diagnosis of cancer, the nanotubes can be encoded with antibodies that are attracted to the proteins found in cancer cells. The nanotubes are injected into the bloodstream or placed in the affected area by noninvasive microsurgery and attach to the cancer cells, Panchapakesan said.

A laser is shined on the affected area, and the cancer cells are destroyed within one millimeter.

"It's like a precision-guided missile," he said. Panchapakesan said he believes nanotechnology is the future of cancer treatment because it is noninvasive and does not damage healthy cells like chemotherapy. The "explosion" of the nanobombs would feel no worse than a pin prick.

He said nanotechnology will improve the quality of life for people suffering from cancer by helping with pain management. He also envisions patients able to receive the treatment and go home the same day.

In addition to providing a promising outlook for

treating cancer, he said, the nanotechnology has other advantages.

Because of their precision, the nanobombs can be used to attack tumors that are inoperable or tightly constricted by blood vessels.

They can also be used to clear arteries and veins which will help combat heart problems and strokes, Panchapakesan said.

He and his team of researchers have been working on the project nonstop since summer, including weekends, he said.

"My cousin died of throat cancer," he said. "I'm not a biologist, but I found I can use engineering principles to solve biological problems."

Because he is not a biologist, Panchapakesan said he enlisted the help of Wickstrom and Dr. Nick Petrelli, a surgical oncologist and medical director of the Helen F. Graham Cancer Center at Christiana Care.

The nanobomb project is multidisciplinary, he said. It involves engineering, biology, chemistry, oncology and physics, among other fields of study.

"It's the fusion of different principles and applying them to different problems to solve biological problems," he said.

Petrelli said Panchapakesan contacted him to set up future clinical trials, which could be several years away.

"It makes sense on paper that you can use nanobombs to treat tumors, but it's still in an investigational stage," he said. "It makes sense to hook up the cancer center with scientists."

Panchapakesan has published his current findings in journals such as "Nanobiotechnology" and "Oncology Issues."

With the publication of his work, the nanobomb project has received attention from venture capital firms interested in marketing the technology, but it is still too early to commit to anything, he said.

"I never expected this would have such an impact in terms of media," Panchapakesan said.

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UD responds to alcohol awareness week

Students flock to sober events

BY MEGHAN VANDEVENTER

Staff Reporter

National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week was held last week aiding the university.

The week's events were supported by various university organizations working to make students more aware of the noxious impact of irresponsible drinking.

Nancy Nutt, program director for Wellspring, said the university has always had high binge and problematic drinking rates.

"As far as college campuses go, the Northeast corridor seems to have higher rates compared to the rest of the country, but Delaware seems to have had in the past a particularly high binge drinking rate amongst its student population," Nutt said.

Rates decreased after the nine-year Robert Wood Johnson grant's attempt to curb the number, she said.

"We always need to be pretty vigilant about making sure that our students know about the risks of drinking too much and what can happen to them," she said.

The kickoff: A sobering event

Alcohol Awareness Week kicked off with a speech for the Greek community and university athletes in the Bob Carpenter Center Oct. 16 and concluded with the annual "Get Wacky, Not Wasted" event Friday night in Perkins Student Center.

The somber speech was given by Mark Sterner, a convicted drunk driver who killed three of his best friends while vacationing in Florida.

"Who here has been on Spring Break?" Sterner asked the audience as hundreds of students raised their hands.

"Who here has ever had too much to drink and regretted something they did in the morning?" he asked.

Audience members again raised their hands, chuckling.

"Now, who here has driven drunk and killed a best friend in your car?" he said. The audience was silenced.

Sterner raised his hand and told the audience the story of his senior-year Spring Break when he crashed a rented Lincoln Town Car.

He spent three years in a Florida state prison but said no amount of legal punishment could compare to the guilt he will live with for the remainder of his life.

"If I could spend the rest of my life in jail so that my friends could have 10 minutes to say goodbye to their family and girlfriends, I would do it in a second," he said.

Sophomore Tyler Kupper, president of the Student Athlete Advisory Council, said the crowd of more than 1,000 was teary-eyed and obviously touched by the speech.

"It definitely gave me more appreciation for family and friends," he said. "And for him to stand up there and relive that every time he makes a speech is really impressive."

Kupper said Sterner was chosen to affect the harmful decisions college students sometimes make when drinking.

"Sure you could see some tears but we hope it's not just one week when they might think twice," he said. "We hope it can have more of a long-term effect."

SAAC, Interfraternity and Panhellenic Council leaders combined efforts to bring athletes and Greeks together to inform students on binge drinking and driving, Kupper said.

"Love Your Body" Day

Linda Santoro, a psychologist at the Brandywine Center, spoke at a panel discussion in Trabant University Center Wednesday



THE REVIEW/Amanda Ayers

A student has her portrait drawn at 'Get Wacky, Not Wasted' Friday.

during "Love Your Body" day to discuss the relation between body image and drug and alcohol use.

"Women's bodies are built differently than men," she said. "We have more fat and less water, so if a woman drinks the same amount [as a man], she is going to reach a higher alcohol level."

She said linking body and alcohol awareness is important to inform students of alcohol's bodily effects.

"It's important for all students, but women are more vulnerable to the effects of alcohol so we really need to be mindful of how much we're drinking," she said.

"We really need to be responsible and take care of ourselves. You know there's been more sexual violence on campus, women are more likely to be victimized if they've been drinking," Santoro said.

Love Your Body Day, sponsored by Wellspring and the Office of Women's Affairs, hosted a lecture series and self-care workshops. Students were invited to learn belly-dancing, yoga and massage therapy.

Graduate student Kelly Ferguson worked at a kiosk in Trabant and distributed different pamphlets on alcohol and body-awareness information.

"We are trying to help people to understand how drugs and alcohol affect your body and how to take care of yourself better," she said. "We are trying to let people know about the activities going on and provide resources so that they know there is a place for them to go."

Other activities

Harrington D/E lounge hosted an alcohol-free "mocktail" party. "Fight for your

right to party responsibly" on Wednesday night Students stopped in to learn more about alcohol use and have a few treats with friends.

Friday night's "Get Wacky, Not Wasted" party began at 9 p.m. and lasted until 1 a.m. providing students with entertainment that does not revolve around alcohol.

"It is basically us just hosting a big on-campus party," Nutt said. "It's a place for the students to come free and not have to look for the campus party or the place to go drinking that night."

Sophomore Emilio Mendelsohn, resident assistant in Harrington D, said the purpose of the alcohol-free parties is to educate people about drinking responsibly and teach students that being drunk can be embarrassing.

"We passed out statistics about people that die or get into accidents," he said. "There is an increased risk of pregnancy because you get drunk and you don't know what you're doing or waking up in the morning with drawings on your face because you passed out and your friends had a blast with you."

Mendelsohn said when underage students insist on drinking, they should do so responsibly.

He attended last year's event to enjoy some entertainment but ended up learning information that he had never known before, he said.

"Most of the students are from out of state and they come here and it's like they're free and they have too much freedom, and they don't realize the consequences of what can happen at a party," he said. "Parties like this educate people that there are things that can happen and do happen."

Overdoses on the rise this year

BY SUSAN RINKUNAS

Administrative News Editor

Lt. Thomas Rahmer said the 2005 academic year looks like it will be a record breaker — but he's not talking about the average GPA of the incoming freshman class.

"As of Monday, Oct. 17, 2005," he said, "we've had 40 alcohol overdoses."

From July 2004 to July 2005, there were more than 90 reported cases of alcohol overdoses by university students, according to Rahmer, a Public Safety officer.

Public Safety has made 162 referrals to the Office of Judicial Affairs so far, 131 of which, or 81 percent, were for alcohol-related violations, he said.

Last week marked National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week, which the university supported with free lectures, self-assessment clinics, informational fairs and alcohol-free parties. Awareness, however, is on the minds of university administrators all year.

Tracy Downs, senior health educator for Wellspring, stated in an e-mail message that alcohol abuse deserves year-long attention.

"Alcohol abuse is the number one health problem on college campuses," she said. "Students need to constantly be reminded to drink responsibly and effective policies and enforcement needs to be in place."

A national student grassroots group, Boosting Alcohol Consciousness Concerning the Health of University Students, is in charge of marketing NCAAW each year, according to its vice president of chief operations.

Janet Cox, the vice president, said NCAAW was initiated in 1983 by the Inter-Association Task Force, a group of higher education professional associations, of which BACCHUS is a member.

"The observance of a week brings it to a national attention," she said. "We certainly want campuses to address alcohol awareness throughout the year."

Cox cited a 2002 study by the Task Force on College Drinking of the National Advisory Council on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism as a reason why colleges should address this issue year round.

The study found drinking by college students ages 18-24 contributes to an estimated 1,400 student deaths, 500,000 injuries, and 70,000 cases of sexual assault or date rape each year.

Downs is the chairwoman of the newly-formed Alcohol/Drug Policy and Education Council. APEC replaces the expired Building Responsibility Coalition, of which she was a project director.

Downs says APEC will follow the goals of the BRC but it is not a true replacement.

"What's missing is the collaboration between the campus and the community that was such a vital part of the BRC," she said.

Nancy Nutt, program director for Wellspring, previously told *The Review* that the university is involved in a project to combat alcohol abuse with intervention by substance abuse counselors. Wellspring received a grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration in July to create MOSAIC, or Making Over Substance Abuse Intervention on Campus.

Lt. Rahmer said students with a problem are an overwhelming force.

"It's never-ending," he said. "I spent 13 years on the midnight shift. I would say at least 70 percent of our problems are related to alcohol."

IN THE NEWS

Va. senator thinks Bush officials will step down if indicted

Sen. George Allen, R-Va., said Sunday that he expects White House officials will step down if they are indicted this week for leaks related to "Plamegate." However, he stressed that speculation should cease until special counsel Patrick Fitzgerald announces the results of his investigation into the leak of the identity of CIA operative Valerie Plame.

Asked Sunday about two figures who are considered central to Fitzgerald's inquiry, Karl Rove, White House deputy chief of staff, and I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, Vice President Dick Cheney's chief of staff, Allen said, "I think they will step down if they're indicted."

The investigation was triggered by a Robert Novak syndicated column on July 14, 2003, in which he identified Plame's CIA employment and linked her to her husband, former ambassador Joseph C. Wilson IV. Wilson at that time was a vocal critic of the Bush administration's Iraq policy who had been sent by the CIA to Niger in 2002 to check on allegations that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein had been seeking to buy uranium.

Rove, who recently appeared for the fourth time before the grand jury, is said to have been asked to explain new information about a conversation he had in July 2003 about Plame with Time magazine correspondent Matthew Cooper.

Records reveal illegal FBI surveillance

The FBI has conducted clandestine surveillance on some U.S. residents for as long as 18 months at a time without proper paperwork or oversight, according to previously classified documents to be released Monday.

Records turned over as part of a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit also indicate the FBI has investigated hundreds of potential violations related to its use of secret surveillance operations, which have been stepped up dramatically in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks but are largely hidden from public view.

The records were provided to The Washington Post by the Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC), an advocacy group that has sued the Justice Department for records relating to the Patriot Act.

David Sobel, EPIC's general counsel, said the new documents raise questions about the extent of possible misconduct in counterintelligence investigations and underscore the need for greater congressional oversight of clandestine surveillance within the United States.

Floridians, Mexicans cope with Hurricane Wilma

As Florida braced for a strike early Monday morning by a strengthening Hurricane Wilma, Mexico's Yucatan peninsula remained staggered and chaotic, an estimated 15,000 people left homeless in the storm's wake.

The hurricane was expected to punch ashore in southwest Florida around dawn, bringing 115-mph winds, a powerful surge of seawater as high as 17 feet along portions of the coast and possibly tornadoes.

Though Wilma claimed at least seven lives in Mexico and more than a dozen in the Caribbean, authorities in the Florida Keys estimated that about 80 percent of the island chain's year-round population had not heeded an official order to evacuate for the fourth time this hurricane season.

Mexican President Vicente Fox, touring the region Sunday with his wife, said he would ask Mexico's Congress for an additional \$280 million for the nation's disaster relief fund.

Wilma struck hardest along the 14 miles of high rise hotels that span Cancun's south coast, where the storm damage could run to tens of millions of dollars.

Tropical Depression Alpha became the year's 22nd named storm for the Atlantic season when it formed Saturday off the Dominican Republic. It was the first time the hurricane center exhausted the regular list of names and had to turn to the Greek alphabet.

— compiled from L.A. Times and Washington Post News wires

POLICE REPORTS

Police arrest man in relation to student burglary

Newark Police charged Darren L. Hayman, 38, of Newark with second-degree burglary and three counts of theft, criminal mischief and criminal impersonation after his arrest for a burglary that occurred Friday night at a New London Road residence, Lt. Thomas Le Min stated in a press release.

Police officers responded to a call from a 21-year-old female student at approximately 7:10 p.m., who upon returning to her home, saw an unknown male inside, Le Min said.

Le Min said the suspect fled the scene before police arrived. The residents found personal property missing. It was determined that the man gained entrance into the house through a rear bedroom window by throwing a brick through the glass, Le Min said.

Later that night, a Newark officer located a man on Terrace Drive who matched the description the university gave to police, Le Min said.

When the man was initially questioned, he gave the officer a false name, but he was identified as Hayman, who had an outstanding warrant filed by the Justice of the Peace Court 11 for failure to appear for a work referral.

Police arrested Hayman for failure to appear for work referral in addition to criminal impersonation, Le Min said. A following search by police found Hayman in possession of property taken from the New London Road residence.

Le Min said Hayman was charged and arraigned in the Justice of the Peace Court and transported to Gander Hill in lieu of a \$2,500 secured bond.

— Emily Picillo



THE REVIEW/Amanda Ayers

How rude! Talking on a cell phone in restaurants is considered impolite by some people.

Mind your manners

BY JULIA PARMLEY

Staff Reporter

Senior Don Ayotte grew up without a cell phone or a personal computer, but growing up in the 1950's, Ayotte had something that these technological breakthroughs cannot provide - manners.

"There was a respect for others," Ayotte, a continuing education student, said. "The people next door weren't Jim and Sue, they were Mr. and Mrs. Brown."

Ayotte is not alone in this sentiment. A recent Rudeness Study by the Associated Press and Ipsos News Center determined that 69 percent of those polled believed people are ruder today than 20 or 30 years ago.

Gail Madison, owner of the Madison School of Etiquette and Protocol in Pennsylvania, said general behavior has declined since the 1960s.

"There has been a loss of human interest in kindness and the value of relationships," Madison said. "Everyone's in a hurry and manners have gone to the wayside."

The dot-com boom changed the way people interact, she said.

"With cell phones and technology, people are becoming more isolated from each other," Madison said. "People work from home and use the Internet, so they don't have human contact."

Now a common accessory, cell phones are seen and heard almost everywhere. Sometimes they ring in the most inappropriate places.

Margaret Donlan, mathematical sciences professor, said phone use has come a long way from when she was a student in the late 1960s.

"There was only one phone in the hallway," Donlan said. "When it rang, someone would take a message and left a message on your door."

She implemented a cell phone policy last year after repeated lecture and exam interruptions.

"When they go off during class, I confiscate them for a day, and when they go off during a quiz or test, I give the student a zero," she said. "I don't think anyone should be using a cell phone in an academic building."

Brian Lookup, director of operations at Deer Park Tavern, said he was surprised to see a person on their cell phone in church.

"The person walked out of the service talking on the cell phone," Lookup said. "I thought that was a bit over the top."

Bryan Johnson, manager of Regal Cinemas in Newark, said there is always the occasional cell phone conversation during movies.

"Once in a while we have someone on their cell

phone that doesn't want to leave and rambles on in the theater," he said. "If we get complaints about it, we ask them to leave."

Ninety-three percent of those polled by the AP felt parents were to blame for not imparting good behavior on their kids.

Michael Gross, senior research manager for Ipsos public affairs, said the poll shows how strongly people feel about bad manners.

"People have gotten to the point where they are sick of it," Gross said, "and the people they hold accountable are the parents."

Junior Erin Edenfield said her parents insisted she practice certain manners.

"I always had to say sir and ma'am to any adult or someone that deserved that type of formal respect," Edenfield said. "If I didn't say it, my dad would correct me and I would have to say it again."

Edenfield tries to uphold these lessons by holding open doors and thanking university bus drivers.

As Americans clamor for faster cars and faster service, the standards of conduct could be disappearing. The consequences can be both dangerous and discourteous.

Lookup said customers are often rude because they are in a hurry.

"We've had people get upset and walk out without paying," he said. "There will always be people for whom service won't be fast enough and it gets tense from time to time."

Ayotte said he is surprised at how many students are in a hurry to leave a classroom.

He said this is a sign of disrespect toward teachers. "When I was 20 we never thought of doing that," he said. "Kids should consider professors' words as golden."

"If you are feeling tired because you partied and are hungover, that's too bad," Ayotte said. "You should sit and listen."

Madison said people of all ages are beginning to show a real interest in learning manners and, as a result, her business tripled in the last year.

"I think people are getting tired of rudeness," she said. "Manners are universal and if people follow them, they will have a much more pleasant experience."

Donlan said students' lack of involvement with each other affects their manners.

"I sense a lot of students sit in their rooms and face their computer and don't go down the hall," she said. "Good manners are developed through social interaction. That's what makes us a civil society."

Soy beans take root at Delaware marina

BY PAT WALTERS

Administrative News Editor

Two grand fills a Hummer H2 with regular unleaded gasoline 25 times.

It gets Tom Gessler just one tank.

Gessler drives a 3-year-old, 50-foot Buddy Davis named Boy's Toy, a yacht which would fetch up to \$1.5 million on the market. The fine sheen of abundant and tediously well-kept teak suggests the craft is something other than a typical fishing boat.

"I go out for marlin . . . tuna and dolphin fish. I get out about one-and-a-half times a week," Gessler said, matter-of-factly. "That's an average."

Big fish thrive in big water. Cruising at 30 knots, the Boy's Toy chugs 72 gallons each hour.

Slip 876 at the Indian River Marina, home to the 50-foot craft, is flanked by a stationary houseboat and a similarly grandiose 41-foot vessel. What sets Gessler's craft apart from most of his neighbors', aside from its uncharacteristic shine, is the vegetable-based fuel burned through its 500-plus horsepower diesel engines.

At the beginning of the summer boating season, with a sunny burst of fanfare, the Indian River Marina began to sell soy biodiesel at one of several pumps lining its fuel dock, making it the first marina in the mid-Atlantic region to do so.

The up-and-coming alternative to standard petroleum diesel is produced from oils extracted from soybean. Although 100 percent biodiesel, labeled B100, can run through any standard diesel engine, the fuel is commonly mixed with standard diesel to reduce costs.

At the marina, located on the grounds of the Delaware Seashore State Park north of Rehoboth, any captain of a diesel-burning vessel can fill his or her tank with a biodiesel blend at the same price as standard diesel.

On May 9, beneath a bright coastal sun, Gov. Ruth Ann Minner addressed an unusual congregation who gathered to welcome the new fuel to the marina — power boaters discussed fisheries with wildlife biologists, farmers talked about tax incentives with environmentalists.

That day, the marina began selling a watered-down blend of soy biodiesel, B2, or 2 percent biodiesel mixed with 98 percent standard diesel.

Despite the almost imperceptible change, the new fuel is having trouble getting off the dock.

Delawareans slow to switch to soy

Standing on the fuel dock on a placid September morning, Gary King, park superintendent for the marina, expresses frustration in his failure to hit his first season sales goal of 25,000 to 50,000 gallons. The dock pumped more than 500,000 gallons of standard diesel this summer.

"We're chipping away at it," King said, casting a downward glance toward the green water lapping against the fuel dock. "We're not going to change the world overnight here at the Indian River Marina."

King said he wishes he could mirror some marinas in the California-bay area that sell B100 biodiesel. John Hughes, secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, delights in explaining that his agency's vehicles all burn B20 biodiesel. DelDOT, Connectiv and the Delaware Electric Cooperative all burn a measure of B20 biodiesel.

Their shared hope is that a homegrown, renewable fuel like biodiesel presents a path to energy independence.

But Fred Mayes, an official at the Energy Information Institute, is quick to point out the absurdity of this expectation.

"We simply could not do a wholesale change-out from petroleum to biofuels," he



THE REVIEW/Pat Walters

The Indian River Marina is pioneering the use of biodiesel fuel, which is made from soy beans and is an economically beneficial alternative to petroleum diesel.

A CLOSER LOOK

- The soybean is the No. 1 crop in Delaware.
- Currently, 2,200 farmers cultivate soybeans on 48,000 acres of Delaware farmland.
- Five bushels of soybeans produce one gallon of biodiesel. One acre of farmland produces, on average, 40 bushels of soybeans, or eight gallons of biodiesel fuel.
- No Delaware soybeans are used in the production of biodiesel fuel due to the lack of a crushing plant in the region.
- The U.S. consumed 36 million gallons of biodiesel fuel in 2004, in comparison to 40 billion gallons of standard diesel in the same year.



said. "There just isn't enough land."

To wholly replace standard diesel with B100, soybean farmers would have to plough over every single patch of U.S. land area — twice.

With 5 billion acres devoted exclusively to soybean, the industry would grow to 70 times its current size.

Advantage docked by scale

Proponents of the fuel argue that biodiesel offers sizeable benefits to both the agricultural economy and the environment.

Jeff Allen, president of the Delaware Soybean Board and a soybean grower, said Delaware soybean farmers see biodiesel as an exciting new market for their product.

Real estate costs are pressuring many Delaware farmers to sell their land, and a domestic soybean market is struggling to stave off foreign competition, Allen said. Many soybean farmers see biodiesel as a golden opportunity to increase demand and keep afloat.

The potential advantages to the environment are similarly stimulating. According to an Environmental Protection Agency report released in 2002, B20 biodiesel shows significantly reduced emissions of nearly all major pollutants. Particulate matter, one of

the more harmful ingredients of the thick black soot belched into the air with tractor-trailer exhaust, decreases 10 percent. Carbon oxide and Hydro-carbons, carbon-based particles which contribute to the degradation of the ozone layer, also appear in lower concentrations at 11 and 21 percent.

Some environmentalists tout that B100 biodiesel reduces carbon dioxide emissions up to 100 percent.

Jim Werner, director of the Division of Air and Waste Management for DNREC, said the elimination of Carbon dioxide emissions from biodiesel is a chemical impossibility. But because biodiesel is produced from living plants, which consume Carbon dioxide, the net gain of the pollutant when B100 biodiesel is burned is technically zero.

These arguments refer exclusively to B20 and B100. The Indian River Marina sells B2, a blend incorporating a comparatively meager percentage of biodiesel.

Leon Schumacher, agricultural systems management professor at the University of Missouri, said that in addition to reducing sulfates, particulates and hydrocarbons, biodiesel simply burns more efficiently.

King claimed he can see a noticeable reduction in soot with the B2 biodiesel.

Schumacher, who has researched alter-

native fuels for decades, is an avid proponent of the fuel. Still, he pointed out that the differences in the emissions profiles of B2 biodiesel and standard diesel are almost negligible. The tiny numbers are so small that they fall within the imperceptibly thin margin of error cited by his equipment.

Despite the insignificant differences between B2 and standard biodiesel, boaters at the Indian River Marina are resistant to experimenting with biodiesel.

"People are skeptical," Allen said disappointedly. "Why try something new when the old thing is working? So they pretty much stick with the sulfur diesel."

Their concerns are not unwarranted. Although nearly all diesel engines are capable of burning B100 without modification, use of high percentage biodiesel fuels like B100 and B20 may require that drivers keep a closer eye on their engines.

Standard diesel is dirty, packed with sulfur and particulates, so residues accumulate in the bottom of the fuel tank like grounds in a coffee mug. Biodiesel, however, is very clean, lacking both sulfur and high concentrations of particulates. As the biodiesel snakes its way through the fuel system, it flushes the thick residues out of the tank and lodges them in the fuel filter.

With a couple of routine changes of the fuel filter, any diesel engine can become a fully functioning biodiesel engine.

"You've just got to be on the safe side the first few times you use it," King said. "Replacing a filter will only cost you five to 10 bucks."

It appears that boaters either fail to realize the simplicity of the modification or simply do not believe the conversion is worth \$10 and a few extra hours of maintenance.

Veggie fuel enters the mainstream

When Gessler is not hauling Atlantic marlin and tuna onto the teak deck of Boy's Toy, he runs a construction company in Philadelphia.

Gessler works primarily in asphalt, paving running tracks and tennis courts in New Castle County. The company's fleet, composed of paving machines, dump trucks, rollers and other heavy equipment, burns through approximately 5,000 gallons of standard diesel each month. Within the year, Gessler hopes to have all of his equipment burning the same B2 biodiesel as his boat.

For Gessler, the fuel's advantages are obvious.

"It's clean. It burns clean. It's good for the engine. And it's good for the economy," he said. "I would even use B20. I've had no problems."

Few boaters see biodiesel as a cut-and-dry solution, King said. The advantages of using B2 biodiesel are questionable. It does not appear that the fuel will carry the United States to energy independence. And low concentration mixes like B2 afford minimal advantages to the economy and environment.

Although the most hardcore environmentalists wish Americans would trade in their SUVs for Volvos that run on recycled french fry grease, most of these people operate on the fringes of society.

The Indian River Marina has brought biodiesel, a renewable and environmentally friendly fuel, to the mainstream.

Consumption and concentration are still low at the marina, but Dave Wazowski, who mans the fuel dock, believes biodiesel will take hold gradually.

"People are pretty conservative when it comes to their engines and trying something new," he said. "I think once people start to see some reviews from people who have used it for a season, sales will pick up."

Slowly, biodiesel is taking root at the Indian River Marina.

Skidfest shines in rain

BY MEGHAN VANDEVENTER

Staff Reporter

Despite postponement and rain, more than 600 people continued a time-honored tradition of partying and listening to live music Saturday on Skid Row at the biannual Skidfest.

Senior Alyse Squillace, a Skid Row resident, organized the event for the second consecutive year and said she had to deal with new city regulations. The \$30,000 event needed to be insured and patrolled by three Newark police officers, she said.

"Skidfest is about people getting together in a fun and positive atmosphere to listen to music and have a good time," she said. "This year really proved that it's really about that because, even in the rain, everyone was having a great time."

Squillace said that in past years approximately 2,000 people attended the event.

"With the rain and not advertising until yesterday, we really weren't sure how it was going to go," she said.

"For the most part it was either a mist or a drizzle," Squillace said. "About a half hour before we closed up it poured, which helped get people to leave."

She said there were issues with price increases and the new rules enforced by the city, like not being able to sit on the wall bordering the Skid Row.

"It was also the first year we had to get insurance and they weren't very specific about what they wanted so they were like 'No, not so much,' when we tried to have it last Saturday," she said.

Various expenses included police patrol, T-shirts, decorations and hand stamps, she said.

"Two years ago there was a fight and some girl fell off the wall," she said. "Last year they could sit on the wall because they were able to sweet talk the cops but this year they aren't having any of it."

Squillace said the police were cooperative with the event and just made sure that nothing got out of hand.

"When they first arrived, they parked their cars in front of our entrance which seemed to make people not come in because they thought the fest was being broken up," she said. "I asked them if they could move their cars, not expecting them to actually do it, and their reply was 'Absolutely, anything you want.'"

Senior Andrew Coccia said he did not want to get out of bed early for the noon event, but carried on the tradition of going to Skidfest with his friends.

"All my friends woke me up early this morning, I didn't even get a chance to change," he said. "It was straight to the liquor store."

Coccia said the new regulations did not prevent him from having a good time at the party.

"There were a couple of coppers outside, just outside keeping an eye on everything and hopefully there was no trouble," he said.

Squillace said that, when looking for bands, she was not looking for music that would get people too riled up, in an attempt to keep the party tame.

"Lower Case Blues was amazing, Charles Knott of Lefty Groove played a set with them and I was very impressed," she said. "All of the performers did really well, they're all top-notch bands and they all came through for us today, especially considering we had to push everything back a week."

Other bands included Impulse, Fat Daddy Has Been, Mad Sweet Pangs, the Sofa Kings and the Scenic Route.

Newark resident and university alumnus Dave Muddiman said he has been the soundman at Skidfest for 12 years and has come to carry on the tradition that has been on campus since the early 1990s.

"The bands were all really well played and, despite the weather, we had a nice turnout," he said.

Senior Grey Elam said the profits will be donated to the Children of the Gothic, an organization her roommate was involved in while working in Africa.

"It would mean twice as much and the money will double there. I'm really excited about it because I can look at the pictures of those we get to help," she said. "It doesn't go through some organization where we don't really know where all the money is going to."

Elam said the event is about having fun for a good cause, without creating too much commotion in the neighborhood.

"I mean, your house is going to get destroyed," Elam said. "People are going to eat your food, they are going to break your toilet. It's a big clean up, but it's worth it."



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Multiple bands performed at Skidfest Saturday, which raised money for charity.



Beer companies seek to promote beer pong

BY KATE DIEFFENBACH

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It is 85 degrees inside and you are packed like a sardine in a basement with 100 other partygoers, causing beads of sweat to continuously roll down your face.

The hour you spent getting ready, picking out the perfect outfit and gelling your hair has suddenly gone to waste. Within 10 minutes of arriving, all you want is a shower — and a cold beer.

For \$3 a cup, you're willing to brave the amazon-like conditions to enjoy all the beer you can drink and a chance to be crowned master of the beer pong table.

Beer pong has become such a phenomenon across the nation that bars are now holding tournaments sponsored by brewing companies such as Anheuser-Busch.

The makers of Budweiser recently started their "Bud Pong" campaign before discontinuing the promotion a few weeks later.

Francine Katz, vice president of communications and consumer affairs for Anheuser-Busch, stated in a press release that the Bud Pong promotion was not carried out the way the company mandated.

"The promotion guidelines specified the use of water in the cups, not beer," she said, "so as not to encourage irresponsible consumption."

Some students perceive drinking games as a way to socialize and meet people, but for some reason, a dog-eat-dog nature always seems to take over.

"When I see a table, my competitive side kicks in and I just wanna run it," sophomore Keith Bielory said. "I'll show everyone who's boss for an hour and then I'll retire my jersey."

In the binge-drinking atmosphere of games such as beer pong, many students claim they are not forced to drink if they cannot or do not want to.

Brian Borsari, a psychologist at the Center of Alcohol and Addiction Studies at Brown University, does not believe that is the case.

"Depending on the situation, there can be considerable pressure," he said. "If you lose and then refuse to drink, especially among males, you will get some ribbing and being made fun of."

Getting ridiculed by your peers is one thing, Borsari said. There are far more serious consequences of drinking irresponsibly.

Drinking a large amount of alcohol in a short amount of time leads to increased potential for sexual assault, blackouts, injuries and unprotected sex, he said. He also mentioned health risks, such as weight gain, as long-term consequences of heavy alcohol use.

As university administrators across the country make attempts to reduce or stop drinking games all together, there is little chance students are going to follow course.

"Getting hammered and winning," Bielory said. "There isn't much that can beat that."



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The makers of Budweiser beer recently began a beer pong promotional campaign.

Conservatives against American Girl

BY SARAH COCHRAN

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The American Girl doll company has recently come under fire from activist groups over a new affiliation with Girls Inc., an organization that supports Roe v. Wade and homosexuality.

The "I CAN" program is a partnership between American Girl and Girls Inc. to sell a bracelet highlighting the "I CAN" in American Girl. Seventy percent of the funds raised supports Girls Inc.

In a released statement, American Girl said the funds support programs for girls to develop leadership skills, build skills in science and math and enhance athletic skills.

Julie Parks, spokeswoman for American Girl, said Girls Inc. is their 2005 benefit partner, and the program will run through the end of the calendar year.

The Pro-Life Action League and the American Family Association have both issued press releases asking consumers to contact the company and state their concern over this affiliation.

Ann Scheidler, spokeswoman for the Pro-Life Action League, said the hope is that American Girl will disaffiliate from Girls Inc. within the next two weeks.

Currently there is no date set to begin protests, she said, but if American Girl does not disaffiliate with Girls Inc., the League will begin boycotting the merchandise and protesting the stores in New York and Chicago, asking people not to purchase American Girl products.

The Pro-Life Action League usually reserves its graphic photos of aborted fetuses for a more adult scenario. However, she said, they feel the situation warrants their use.

"If it came down to it," Scheidler said. "We would bring our graphic signs to the stores."

Parks said American Girl has plans in place to deal with protests at its stores.

"There's not much you can do to control or stop it," she said. "You just have to be prepared for it."

Randy Sharp, director of special projects for the American Family Association, said it has no plans for an official boycott, but contin-

ues asking concerned citizens and parents to contact the company.

"What we hope will happen as a result," he said, "is that American Girl will receive enough phone calls, e-mail and correspondence that they will consider our concerns before partnering with another political action group."

Sharp said the American Family Association takes issue with two specific areas Girls Inc. supports.

Girls Inc. publicly supports abortion rights and offers many programs educating young girls that the homosexual lifestyle is acceptable, he said.

Both the American Family Association and the Pro-Life Action League said their campaigns seem to be working.

"On the first day of our campaign no designation was made to where the money was going," Sharp said. "Within hours they had changed it on their Web site."

Scheidler said the American Girl Web site had featured a link to the Girls Inc. Web site and to the bracelet, but days after the campaign began that link was removed.

However, designating funds to specific areas would mean money already set aside for those programs could be used to support others, Sharp said.

"All the money goes to one account," he said. "Even if the money is designated for good areas it frees up money for something else."

Although the American Family Association and the Pro-Life Action League are not working in conjunction, both said the pairing of American Girl and Girls Inc. was not a good match.

"Girls Inc. looks like they target girls aged eight to 18, probably older than American Girl," Scheidler said. "It doesn't seem like a good match."

Sharp said the consumer basis for American Girl is primarily conservative, while Girls Inc. is more liberal.

"American Girl is a wonderful company that made an error in judgment," he said. "The company has always had a very wholesome image."

UD selects spirit ambassadors for 2005

BY JULIA PARMLEY

Staff Reporter

Dressed in their finest blue and gold attire and hoarse from screaming cheers at the football game, many students might feel they are the epitome of school spirit. But there are nine students who may be stricken with actual blue hen fever.

These nine students were selected as the new Spirit Ambassadors for the school year. The ambassadors have many responsibilities including serving as a liaison between alumni and students, working with the Office of Alumni Relations and encouraging school spirit in various activities and events. Once selected, ambassadors meet once a month and participate in community service activities such as the Ronald McDonald House and Relay for Life. Ambassadors also gather concerns from students and present the major issues to President Roselle.

Lauren Simione, assistant director of Alumni Relations, helped select the new members and said she feels the Spirit Ambassador program is the best way to represent the university's student body.

"We thought 20 students of diverse colleges, genders and backgrounds would best suit the university," she said. "They serve our office and encourage spirit and do a good job of representing the school."

Senior Amanda Crouse has been a Spirit Ambassador since her sophomore year. She said she is excited for the upcoming year and the ambassadors plan to increase awareness about the program and their efforts.

"We are a new organization so we want to try and get our name out there," she said. "We want to give out free stuff and more advantages to increase attendance at different events."

The search for new ambassadors began in September. Twenty-five students applied, 17 were selected to attend a finalist dinner and nine were picked by a selection committee made up of staff from the Alumni Relations Office.

Simione said the selection committee considered many qualifications including GPA, disciplinary standing and involvement in student organizations or community service. Although not part of the formal selection process, current student ambassadors recommended certain nominees to the selection committee.

Simione said choosing the nine ambassadors was a difficult decision. "There was a high caliber of students and we were very pleased," she said. "All seem to have spirit and enthusiasm for the university."

Senior Ming-Jay Shiao applied for the position after encouragement from friends. Involved in many campus activities including Blue Hen Ambassadors, Writing Fellows and the Allocations Board, Shiao said he is excited to provide feedback on a student level and to see the changes implemented.

"I think this campus is really awesome but there are always ways to improve," he said. "The university has provided so many opportunities to me, so it's only right I give something back."

Shiao said he thought the dinner went well and did not feel too formal. "I told some cheesy jokes but I didn't feel like I had to schmooze the entire time," he said. "I sat at the table with Mrs. Roselle who was very nice and interested in what we were doing as individuals."

Shiao said Mrs. Roselle was surprised and excited at how many of the candidates had studied abroad.

Shiao has done his share of traveling. He joined the Alpha Lambda Delta service trip to South Africa and worked with HIV and AIDS inflicted children. Last semester, Shiao independently traveled to Thailand where he joined a group researching renewable energy resources.

An electrical engineering major, Shiao said the experience not only changed his career path, but also his life. He said his experience in South Africa made him realize how privileged university students were.

"We always joke about being poor college students and we don't grasp what poverty real-



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Senior Ming-Jay Shiao and junior Laura Milazzo were two of nine students chosen as the new Spirit Ambassadors for the 2005-2006 school year.

ly is," he said. "Seeing kids possibly inflicted with HIV and AIDS and how happy they still were has fundamentally changed how I view life."

Shiao said the university has room for improvement, such as an increased focus on global issues and service abroad trips.

"We need to strive more to be part of a global community," he said. "We need to be more aware of what we as students can do to not just help but to understand these problems."

Junior Laura Milazzo is also a new Spirit Ambassador. She first heard of the program after an announcement during a Blue Hen Ambassador meeting. She said she had nothing else to do, so she picked up an application.

"I felt pretty qualified when I read it because I love this school," she said. "It was a last minute thing but it didn't make sense not to try."

Milazzo is involved in many activities including the marching band; basketball pep band; Best Buddies, a mentoring program; and is a thrower for the track and field team.

"When I came here, I knew I couldn't do it all but there are still so many things I want to try," she said. "I'm too short, but it would be amazing to be the mascot."

In one of her application essays, Milazzo wrote about the need for increased spirit on campus. She said she wants to use her connections to increase interest in various activities.

"There is spirit here, but at certain moments like at football games and not at basketball games," she said. "There is potential there but it is concentrated in certain places and I hope to make it larger through networking."

Milazzo said she enjoyed the finalist dinner but said it was nerve-racking at times. "The first person I sat next to was President Roselle. He was my warm-up," she said.

Although Milazzo said she loves the university, there are some things she wants to be changed. Milazzo said she is frustrated that she sometimes hears about activities after they happen.

"Sometimes I feel like, geez, kids are lazy and don't want to do anything but I think they do, they just don't know about it," she said. "We need to consolidate SCPAB and UDaily and other Web sites in one place."

Milazzo said she is confident she will perform her best as a Spirit Ambassador. "I'm part of a lot of different things that I'm very proud of and will be reflected in how I represent the school," she said. "I don't have to get psyched, I am a part of these things because I want to be. When I talk or work with someone, I assume it'll shine through."

Seniors dedicated to school

BY PETER HINCKLEY

Staff Reporter

Going to class is a little different for Judith Harper. She makes a daily journey across the Green like the rest of the student body and at the end of each day she retires to her home to complete her assignments, but things get slightly strange when she sees students at the front door of Memorial Hall.

"I feel kind of funny when they hold the door," she said. "It makes you feel old."

Harper is part of a select group on campus, one that is not a fraternity, sorority or sports team.

She is one of 10 senior citizens enrolled in the university who have either decided to end their retirements or split time between work and school.

"All my life I've thought of going to college," Harper, an English major, said. "It was my dream after I retired."

Harper belongs to the university's Division of Professional and Continuing Studies, which offers free tuition to Delaware residents who are at least 60 years old.

While these seniors have encountered marriages, taxes and grandchildren, sitting in a class filled with 18 to 22 year olds is an experience all in itself.

"It's wonderful, the young people are

great," Harper said. "They treat me just like one of them."

Each senior has come to the university with a different goal in mind — some take one class per semester while others are enrolled full time.

John Nielsen takes one class a semester while working full-time for SEPTA. Nielson, who has a degree in business administration from Drexel University, said he returned to the university to earn an economics degree so he could become a substitute teacher.

"I was trying to recalibrate my life," he said.

Both Nielsen's children graduated from the university, so the decision to enroll was simple.

"I'm trying to follow in my children's footsteps," he said.

Lou Hirsh, director of Admissions, said returning adult students are a valuable asset in the classroom.

"These are people who bring to class a whole lifetime of experiences," he said.

Nielson said coming back to school has encouraged him to investigate his interests further.

"Every time I get a course I end up with more questions to answer on my own," he said.

Other universities nationwide have

programs similar to the continuing education program offered at the university.

One such program is at the University of Alaska in Anchorage. Brian Rogers, chairman of the University of Alaska Board of Regents, said senior citizens there are offered free tuition if they meet certain criteria. Recently, the standards were changed, causing an outcry from the senior citizen community at the University of Alaska.

The proposed change in policy involves changing the minimum age of seniors to 65 and increasing tuition from being free to a 50 percent reduction.

"We have more public comment on the proposal to eliminate the waiver than any other issue in the past decade," he said. "People value seniors in the university."

Harper said if such a change were implemented at the university, it would affect her decision to attend.

"I wouldn't be able to afford to come to school," she said.

But fortunately for the 10 seniors at the university, Hirsh said, the school has no plans to change its policy any time soon.

Harper said she is grateful for the university's senior citizen tuition policy.

"It's a testament to [the university] that it cares for its education and its seniors," she said.

DSU prof dismissed for grade forgery

BY KELLY PERKINS

Staff Reporter

Delaware State University recently dismissed a tenured professor for altering the grades of approximately 40 students, many of whom were athletes.

Carlos Holmes, spokesman for DSU, would not release the name of the faculty member who was discharged.

The faculty member in question not only changed the grades of the students in his classes, but also forged grades for students in classes taught by other faculty members, Holmes said.

"It is not illegal to change grades, but there's a process one must go through and this faculty member in question did not follow the procedure," he said.

This was the first incident of grade alteration at DSU, Holmes said.

Holmes stressed that the incident did not take place under DSU's current president, but would not comment on whether the last president was aware of the problem and chose to ignore it.

Dan Rich, provost at the University of Delaware, stated in an e-mail message that he does not know of any incidents of faculty at the university who are inappropriately changing grades.

Maxine Colm, vice president for administration at the University of Delaware, said the university tightly monitors the faculty so that an event such as altering a student's grades does not occur.

"We closely guard against such happenings," she said. "It's never happened in my 16 years here."

Colm said it is hard to determine hypothetical proceedings if a professor were caught changing grades because it would be case specific and because there has never been an incident of grade alteration at the university.

However, Colm said there are detailed procedures in the faculty handbook, so if an illegal grade operation were to occur, administrators and the faculty member in question would know in advance for handling the problem.

The faculty handbook not only explains how a faculty member is reprimanded in certain situations, but also states how the faculty should behave while employed by the university.

"We have a very strong code of ethics," she said. "They have to be civil to each other and respectful to students in the classroom and outside the classroom."

Joe DiMartile, university registrar, stated in an e-mail message that grade alteration would be a ground for dismissal.

There has been one instance of a student altering her own grades at the university, DiMartile said. She was expelled and charged criminally.

However, no known cases of grade alteration by a professor at the University of Delaware have occurred.

Edgar Johnson, athletic director at the University of Delaware, said if an athlete was involved in grade alteration in any way, his or her athletic eligibility could be jeopardized.

Schools partner with Napster for music

BY LAURA LOPEZ

Staff Reporter

Like popped collars and low-carb diets, music downloading is a popular trend and universities know it. Music services such as Napster are cashing in on the demand for downloading on college campuses by offering discounts on its services.

To stay up to date on the latest technology, universities are subscribing to these services, allowing students to download music legally and for free.

Beginning with Pennsylvania State University in November 2003, Napster has expanded its services to 20 universities.

Avery Kotler, Napster's senior director of business and legal affairs, said Napster's Universities Program has been successful. Every school that partnered with Napster last year renewed the program.

Students of universities in the program download an average of 10 songs each day, Kotler said, and use Napster more than other services provided by their universities.

"We tell administrators, 'We get used more than your dining hall,'" he said.

The greatest benefit of the program is the discount, Kotler said. Regular Napster customers pay a monthly fee of \$9.95, but universities pay a discounted membership rate for each student. Another advantage of the service is its appeal to tech-savvy students, he said.

"Schools want to do things to keep them in the limelight," he said. "This program helps them to be a cutting-edge school."

Jean Neff, information resource consultant at IT-User Services, said the university is considering a partnership with a music service.

"We are looking into a variety of programs," Neff said, although she did not mention specific companies.

Currently the university has a partnership with iTunes, Neff said. Students can receive discounts on Apple products and listen to other university students' playlists.

Mike Fernbacher, Judicial Affairs coordinator, said students can also visit www.udel.edu/help for a list of sites that provide legal music and movie downloading.

Even with sources to download music legally, music piracy is a problem on campus, he said. On average, Judicial Affairs sees five to 10 students each week for copyright violations. Students found guilty are required to pay \$75 to have their computers cleaned, erasing the downloading software and all music files, he said.

Students do not realize the effect of their actions, he said. When students illegally download music, they do not hurt the big-name stars, they hurt the people who work behind the scenes.

Fernbacher said people working in the lower ranks of the entertainment business are affected more than the stars themselves.

"There is a trickle-down effect," he said.

To join Napster, Kotler said universities contact the company through administrators or student government. However, Kotler prefers that students contact Napster because then he knows they are interested in the program.

"I want to go to places where schools are really excited about



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Napster has expanded its downloading service to more than 20 universities since November.

it," he said.

Senior Michelle Krumenaker said people will download music illegally because it is free. If the university could provide students with free music to download legally, students would be more likely to follow the rules.

"I know a lot of people who get in trouble for downloading. This would stop it," Krumenaker said. "Kids are going to download either way; this could be a way for the university to protect its students."

Calliope X captivates

BY AMY BUGNO

Staff Reporter

More than 1,200 people flooded the Bob Carpenter Center Saturday night for Calliope X, the music department's 10th annual concert featuring nine university ensembles.

Proceeds from the concert benefit the music department's scholarship fund, which enables the department to recruit talented musicians from around the world.

Tamara Smith, music events coordinator, said Calliope X is the music department's largest event of the year as far as audience size and participating student musicians. More than 500 students performed for their family, friends, neighbors and fellow students.

"This is a neat program for parents to come to because they are able to see all the programs and opportunities available to the students," Smith said.

Delaware Steel, the university's Caribbean steel drum band, greeted the incoming audience with island music in the lobby. The group also provided entertainment during inter-

mission.

The university's Wind Ensemble opened the show with a lively tune, which quickly caught the audience's attention. They were followed by the University Singers, an all-female choral group, which soothed the audience with soft harmonies and exotic languages, such as Korean, Spanish and French.

Lynn Izzo, a 1989 alumna, said she enjoyed the University Singers because they were different from the run-of-the-mill music she usually hears.

Izzo said she and her sister brought their young children to the event for a change of pace.

"We thought it would be really good for the kids to come and see all the programs," she said.

The children danced in their seats to the two jazz ensemble performances. Both groups energized the crowd with smooth rhythms and soulful sounds, eliciting whistles and loud cheers from audience members.

The university Chorale's performance awed the audience with passionate vocal harmonies.

Sophomore Jeff Eames, Chorale member, said he was pleased with the Chorale's performance despite shaky rehearsals.

"We had a rough night last night, but this group really pulls together and performs well when we need to," he said. "It's a lot of fun, and this is an awesome event."

The UD Fightin' Blue Hen Marching Band entered from all corners of the gymnasium, ending the show with familiar tunes from the 2005 football season. Band members danced along to well-known songs, including the "James Bond Theme" and "Mr. Roboto."

The UDMB closed its performance with the university fight song, sparking a sense of pride in the hearts of audience members, who clapped in time with the beat.

Freshman Kelly Tierney, a member of the marching band and one of the jazz ensembles and the Symphonic Band, said she was excited about the crowd participation.

"They were really into it," she said. "And the good energy really helped us."



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Calliope X is the music department's largest event of the year.

Funk fights fire with 'Wake Up Delaware'

BY PETER HINCKLEY

Staff Writer

Senior Mary Stech walked into her apartment at the University Courtyards to a pulsing beep. Not sure what the noise was, she first checked the microwave, only to discover remnants of old TV dinners. She scavenged through her bedroom and closet, but came up empty. Finally, she stumbled upon the source of the beep — the smoke detector.

The beep became so unbearable that her roommate's boyfriend came over and ripped the device from its mounting, leaving behind only white paint chips dangling from the ceiling. The problem was solved.

"So right now we have one smoke detector," Stech said. "But I'm not sure about the fire alarm. I know I haven't changed the batteries for it."

Newark residents and university students may not be aware of the danger they are putting themselves in by letting batteries expire in their fire alarms and tampering with the smoke detector.

To combat this, Newark's fire and building departments have teamed up to run the "Wake Up Delaware" campaign.

The program is designed to encourage businesses and apartments to comply with both health and safety codes. Aided by the fire department, the program is run once a year and is responsible for handing out new fire alarms and batteries during October.

Bruce Harvey, president of the Newark Landlord Association, said he thinks running the program once a year is not enough.

"You should change your battery once a year and test your alarm once a month," Harvey said.

John Farrell IV, public information officer for the Aetna Volunteer Fire House, said the Wake Up Delaware program is not just an annual event, but an ongoing process throughout the year.

"We participate like the rest of the departments," he said. "The way I feel we do it differently is our program is year round. We

work with the community all the time."

Farrell said whenever the firefighters are dispatched to a house, they always make sure to note if a fire alarm is present and if it needs new batteries. Hopefully a fire disaster never occurs because the purpose of the program is to eliminate the danger, he said.

"If we can be proactive and we don't get to the last stage where we physically have to save a life, then we have done our job," he said. "Our focus is to eliminate all those other steps."

But compared to the rest of the country, Farrell said, Newark is in good shape.

"It is my personal opinion that the city of Newark is better suited and more aligned with fire regulations than any other area in the state," he said. "All of the life safety codes that we have in Newark far surpasses other areas of the country."

While every landlord is required to do some basic maintenance on their houses, ultimately the responsibility rests with the tenants, Harvey said.

"I've seen some people who really ought to know better than to take batteries out of smoke detectors when they needed one for their electronic device," he said.

Students might not be as aware of their fire alarm and smoke detectors because they do not perform annual maintenance rituals like many house owners do, Farrell said.

Junior Jackie Alongi said she hopes her fire alarm works.

"I don't think anyone knows how to use a fire extinguisher," she said.

Students who ignore the basic fire alarm and smoke detector maintenance can be putting themselves in a worst-case scenario, Harvey said.

"Imagine all your things gone, all your books, your computer, all the work you've done in the last year, your furniture, your bedding — virtually everything you have," he said. "And that's if you're lucky, if there are no injuries."

Groups support abstinence

BY DEEPA RAO

Staff Reporter

Almost every child dreads having that "birds and bees" talk while growing up. However in college, where the threat of diseases and unwanted pregnancies come into play, sex-related talks have become essential.

Many times, while trying to promote sexual safety, the advice to steer clear from sex until marriage is ignored. But at the university, pro-abstinence support can be found in the form of groups, presentations and health centers that show students who plan to wait that they are not alone.

Bruce Cooke, staffmember for the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, said his group provides and encourages support for those who choose to wait to have sex until after marriage.

"There are small groups that people can belong to which will encourage people to remain abstinent," Cooke said. "There will also be a group that meets weekly to specifically address issues of sexuality, and to hold each other accountable."

Cooke also said students can find one-on-one support in talking to peers and faculty about their sexual decisions.

Michael Birenbaum, a member of InterVarsity, says the best form of encouragement and abstinence support comes from peers.

"I think that in terms of support, the greatest asset is each other," Birenbaum said. "There are also full time staff workers that are available to help students in areas in which they struggle, whatever the issue may be."

Cooke said the pro-abstinence support given through InterVarsity occurs within the broader goal of helping students grow in their faith.

"Obviously with being on campus, and at this age, sexuality is a significant issue in the lives of students, and so it does remain a significant focus," he said. "It is not a dominant issue, but one of many issues that students seek to deal with."

Angela Seguin, Wellspring behavioral health specialist, said her organization lists

abstinence as one of several educational options available to students.

"There is no organization on campus to my knowledge that formally advocates abstinence," Seguin said. "While we don't advertise it, we do educate students who are making the choice whether to stay abstinent or not with information about sexual transmitted diseases, unwanted pregnancies, and other risks involved."

Seguin said Wellspring can also schedule to meet with students when they need someone to talk to about the issue.

"While we may not endorse it, abstinence is a topic that Wellspring faculty can formally talk about and provide support for one-on-one with a student if they need it."

Seguin said the Counseling Center also provides support for students about their sexual choices and decisions.

"Like us, the Counseling Center doesn't so much promote or endorse either side, but are more of educators and give students information to make their own decisions on sex."

Cooke said InterVarsity provides assistance for non-Christian students by providing information to the public. InterVarsity has scheduled a speaker to come on Wednesday to talk about sex through a viewing of "American Beauty." The presentation will be open to the public.

"We do hope to present an alternative sexual ethic than what most college students may normally experience on the campus," he said.

Cooke said that he hopes to spread the word across campus that students have a choice and can talk about these decisions with other peers who share similar beliefs.

"This is not a topic that I can recall ever receiving a lot of attention on the campus," he said. "Contrary to popular opinion, I believe that true sexual freedom is only found in experiencing sexual relations within a marital context where there is the trust fitting such an intimate act. God has made us, including our bodies, too valuable to share with more than one person on such a deep and profound level."

'We just want to take care of each other'

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Student Union and the university chapter of the NAACP sent Roselle a letter, supported by La Raza, expressing outrage over recent campus hate crimes that specifically targeted African-American students.

NAACP and the BSU also held a forum where students shared their concerns and discussed proactive measures to address the issue, he said. The group's leaders have been encouraging members not to walk anywhere alone and to use Public Safety's services, he said.

But the issue has an even newer dimension — members started noticing racist groups on thefacebook.com, which the university cannot control.

"Racism is everywhere, masquerading as something else," Aleman said. "People didn't know whether the university was doing anything, so [the letter] was a call to the university to step up and do something."

Although the groups were pleased with Roselle's letter, Aleman said, they, too, question what many other students have been wondering: what exactly is a zero-tolerance policy? Roselle did not detail its provisions in his letter.

Yet Aleman said the policy is better than nothing, although it may be a double-edged sword: on one hand, it could open doors to classifying more incidents as hate crimes. But on the other hand, he said, without a clear definition, crimes could be downgraded, as the Newark Police did for a recent off-campus assault Oct. 1.

In that incident, a university student saw a group of white men burning a piece of clothing in the street and shouting remarks to the effect of not wanting a black person's blood on the shirt.

The student confronted the group, thinking a black person had been a victim of a hate crime, and was subsequently assaulted.

After he reported the incident, Newark Police began searching for the victim of the suspected hate crime. By Oct. 18, the police said they ruled out the possibility that such a crime was committed, angering some minority students.

The student who was jumped before heading to the Millions More Movement did not report the incident to Public Safety, concerned that the police would not classify it as a hate crime, Aleman said.

"We were all upset," he said, referring to the declassification of the Oct. 1 assault. "It upset a lot of people and it discouraged them from reporting incidents."

"We just want to take care of each other," he said. "We want to create an establishment con-

ducive to learning and safety, not just for blacks and Latinos but for all students. We thought people had progressed beyond that point."

Lt. Thomas LeMin of the Newark Police said the reason the Oct. 1 incident was not labeled a hate crime is because police tracked down the victim, who told them he got into a "simple fight" not instigated by his race. The man who was yelling racial epithets did not commit a hate crime by burning the piece of clothing, LeMin said.

'We don't try to hide any of these things'

While some students believe the university has not been addressing hate crimes, and many others did not know hate crimes existed on campus until they read Roselle's letter, university administrators say they have made extended efforts to address hatred and diversity.

Last year, Cathy Skelley, an assistant director for Residence Life, helped form Student Advocating for Freedom and Equality, which responds to hatred.

The SAFE team mobilizes in the lobbies of residence halls where incidents have occurred, hold "STOP HATE" signs and hand out fliers to passersby about the incident. Tuesday, the SAFE team will be present from 8-9 p.m. in the lobby of Sypherd residence hall, where swastikas were found drawn on the elevator walls and scratched into the elevator frame.

"We certainly don't try to hide any of these things," Skelley said. "And I certainly don't believe we don't have students that are hateful. [Roselle's letter] doesn't surprise me — he is certainly committed to the issue as well."

Critics also argue that the university has not taken enough proactive measures, but Residence Life succeeded in implementing a diversity education program for freshmen at Fall Delaworld. The program was attended by more than 2,000 freshmen, approximately half the freshman class, Skelley said.

The training's effectiveness has been brought into question, though, since five of the eight hate crimes reported this year occurred in freshman residence halls.

However, Aleman said he has faith in freshman education. It's best to educate new students because education probably prevents crimes.

This is the beginning of the university's multi-faceted approach to addressing hate crimes, Skelley said, and hopefully, it will be the last.

"Even if it changes the behavior of one person, it's effective," Skelley said. "If that's how we're going to start, that's how we're going to start."

'Zero tolerance means no second chances'

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agers in other college towns, and they are experiencing similar problems," Luft said, naming Lehigh University and Pennsylvania State University among the schools with higher underage drinking rates.

The city's primary concern is personal safety, he said. Many injuries and assaults occur when students are walking back from parties late at night.

"It's been clear so far that these types of assaults have been related to alcohol," he said.

Luft said university students are acting as aggressors rather than victims of assaults more this year, which poses a concern.

"In past years, many assaults were instigated by non-students, people coming to Newark for the weekend," he said. "It concerns me that these are university students starting problems."

Luft said he was at a loss for explaining this trend in underage drinking and assaults, but said the city has pledged its support to solve the problem.

"Zero tolerance means no second chances," he said. "We want that message to get out to the community."

Mark Sisk, a Newark attorney and former city prosecutor, said he is unsure whether the Newark Police Department is within legal rights to adopt the policy and would have to read the entire policy in writing.

Sisk is concerned, however, any time a policy is enacted that consists of heavy enforcement on one particular part of a code, in this case noise violations and disorderly conduct.

"When you are telling people not to drink in Newark, they're going to drink anyway," he said. "They'll go outside the city and maybe will be on the road, where maybe they wouldn't have before."

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The University of Delaware is committed to being a diverse community that provides a safe and hospitable environment for all students, faculty and staff, irrespective of racial and ethnic background, religious beliefs or sexual orientation. Many persons of good will have worked diligently to break down the barriers that separate people and create a living and learning environment where differences are celebrated, not feared.

However, recent events make it clear that not all share the commitment to diversity. Our community has been the site of hate crimes and bias-motivated threats and acts. Such behavior not only victimizes individuals, it also threatens the purposes and security of our entire community. Eliminating such behavior requires more than educational programs.

The University of Delaware must and will have a zero tolerance for hate. There is no place at the University of Delaware for those whose credo is meanness and whose method is intimidation. Those who engage in acts of hatred and bias-motivated threats and behavior will be confronted, prosecuted and expelled from our community.

I urge all members of the student body, faculty, staff and professionals to join me in implementing a zero tolerance for hate. My request of you is that every incident be reported. In turn, my pledge to you is that every reported incident will be investigated, and all guilty parties will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law and, when applicable, through the University's judicial systems.

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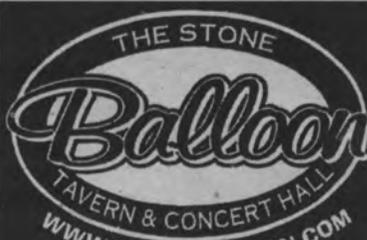
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OUR SAY

City and university react with "zero-tolerance"

After eight reported hate crimes on campus in only the first two months of the semester, University President David P. Roselle decided it was time to send a message.

Roselle issued a "zero-tolerance" policy last week for acts of hatred and hate crimes. The number has almost surpassed last year's total amount of reported hate crimes, which was nine.

Newark Police issued a similar policy this weekend in an attempt to lower the number of physical attacks in the city. Assaults have been on the rise, and thus university police will be collaborating with the city on this policy. Now, police will be able to enter parties without a prior complaint, perform necessary arrests and shut them down.

The Review is both saddened and disgusted with both the acts of hatred and amount of assaults on students. Both are unacceptable, and need to end now.

With regard to hate crimes, it is upsetting that students often do not report them because of doubts the university will take action. Students also fear crimes will be declassified as something other than hatred. Roselle must be praised for issuing such a stern message, which will hopefully encourage students to report acts against them.

But, what does this really change?

The "zero-tolerance policy" resonates like a slick politician's empty promise, and maybe that is what it is. The Review hopes not, but more needs to be done than making a state

ment.

A tangible definition of hate crimes is still needed, along with a tangible way to combat them. Students want to hear how the problem will be solved, and maybe a little information on why there is an increase in these crimes, not just a statement reiterated.

Furthermore, as students who walk on campus and Newark at night, both on the weekends and going to and from class, The Review believes the city and university do not take our safety seriously enough.

In typical fashion, the rise in assaults has been linked to alcohol, like everything else.

But students are not always jumped and assaulted at parties. City police reports tell us a majority of these occur on the street, as students are walking in Newark. There is no evidence these assaults are occurring because of parties.

If Newark can have a task force on litter, The Review believes it might be time for one on assaults as well. Students have been drinking on this campus and in Newark for a long time — alcohol cannot be the only reason for an increase in assaults.

After the murder of sophomore Lindsey Bonistall the community went on a safety kick for a short time, and now we are back to square one.

This begs the question, do the university and city really care about students' safety?

Ask yourselves, and if the answer is "no" — as students we must act, to protect ourselves.

Pro-life group's potential actions too extreme

The American Girl doll company is in trouble, and so are parents who take their kids to its stores.

The Pro-Life Action League and American Family Association is upset with the company's affiliation with Girls Inc., an organization which publicly supports abortion rights and offers programs educating young girls that a lesbian lifestyle is acceptable.

The Pro-Life Action League is threatening to boycott American Girl stores, using graphic photos of aborted fetuses.

The Review hopes the league does not take such an extreme action. Subjecting little girls to graphic images that will most likely frighten them is wrong. These children might not even be aware of the practice of abortion.

They will leave the store confused and disturbed, leaving parents to deal with the protest's effects.

This action infringes on parents authority and family privacy. It is also likely to cause disturbances in stores, possibly violent ones, that children should not witness.

The Review does not believe this type of protest will have the impact the league desires.

Instead, it should be protesting Girls Inc. if anything, not a company that has a minor affiliation with them.

But the goal of Girls, Inc. is not to promote or encourage abortions and lesbianism. It simply educates girls on the issues and gives them information.

Protesting the American Girl stores with images of aborted fetuses is a rash decision, and hopefully the Pro-Life Action League will seriously consider the consequences of the potential action and choose a different method.



THE REVIEW/Dan Lisowski

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Recycling story lacks all sides

We were disappointed in The Review's Oct. 18 article on recycling.

People who have followed this issue know that the Delaware Solid Waste Authority (we call it the "Dirty Authority") is the chief reason for Delaware's low recycling rates.

Believe it or not, the Authority has had the same managers since it was set up in 1975. During that time, they have run some of the most toxic, badly-designed dumps and incinerators found anywhere in the world.

The "Dirty Authority" is really only good at three things: (1) pretending to promote recycling while actually doing the opposite (2) buying political influence and (3) buying off and fooling the media.

I am sure The Review does not really want to diss all those people in Delaware who are working to make this bad situation bet-

ter. I hope you will revisit the matter and report the other side of the story.

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Review misses key argument

The Review did a disservice to students by publishing the article "Nurse links cancer, abortion," in the Oct. 11 issue, without providing any accurate medical information to counterbalance the biased claims presented by speaker Bess McAneny.

Extensive research has shown that abortion is not associated with a risk of developing breast cancer.

In 2003, the National Cancer Institute brought together experts in the field to examine relevant research about links between abortion and breast cancer. Their conclusion was that induced abortion is not associated with an increase in breast cancer risk."

Likewise, the American

College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists stated that the available evidence demonstrates no link between a woman having an abortion and the development of breast cancer.

McAneny's information regarding supposed links between birth control pills and emergency contraception was also misleading. For more accurate information on this topic, students can go to the Web site of the National Cancer Institute.

Breast cancer is a complex disease with many risk factors. Rigorous studies have shown that abortion is not one of them.

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Bush makes weak choice with hog

THE PAT CAME BACK



Pat Walters

It appears that the president has finally realized we are pushing the limits of our world energy supply. President George W. Bush has asked that Americans conserve energy; turn the lights off when you leave a room, keep the heater at the lowest setting and carpool with friends to work in the morning. He even took his own advice to heart, cutting a Chevrolet Suburban from his motorcade. Environmentalists are raving, praising the president as a born-again environmentalist.

But wait. They are not. In fact, few have let down the defenses they have struggled to uphold against an administration which has made revolutionary strides in the reversal of environmental policy. Most have doubled their critiques of the president.

A few weeks ago, President Bush decided that his own pleas, regardless of his efforts at sincerity, just were not going to be enough to convince the American public to stop chomping down so much energy. Bush recruited a sidekick.

And so a pig became the Bush administration's spokesman for energy conservation.

Energy Hog, an animated, anthropomorphic pig, stars in a radio announcement distributed to nearly 5,000 stations. He also recently launched a Web site.

But wait, why a hog? For some reason, it just does not make sense. Has the hog, long known for his greedy over-consumptive lifestyle, been converted to a responsible environmentally conscious citizen? Another born-again environmentalist? It makes me wonder if Billy Graham has taken a turn for the green.

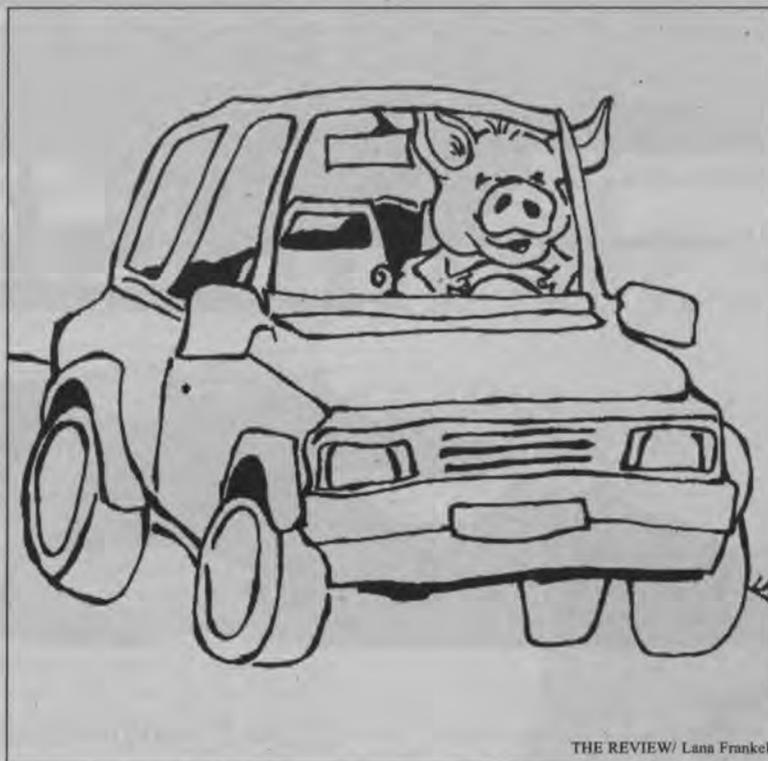
Not quite. The fat hungry hog is the enemy we would expect him to be. But as our country enters what some have called an energy crisis, my hope and expectation would be that the administration might enlist the help of a hero, not a villain.

Several times in the past the federal government turned to the drawing board. Each time, though, it created a charismatic and likeable hero. Smoky the Bear has been crusading against forest fires for more than 60 years. Scruff McGruff regularly appeared between television segments in the early 1990s telling us "to take a bite out of crime." These are personalities we can admire and strive to emulate.

He was never easy to pin down anyways. But when trouble struck, he was never out of earshot.

Today, the United States consumes nearly 200 billion gallons of fossil fuels a year to power its vehicles. Heating oil prices are slated to increase 34 percent this winter and electricity bills are expected to jump 11 percent. I would say trouble has struck pretty hard.

Earth. Wind. Air. Water. Fire. Heart. By your powers combined, he



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is ... Energy Hog?

I don't think so. Try Captain Planet.

A creation of big-business environmentalist Ted Turner, this metallic-blue-skinned crusader enthralled American youth with his heroic crusades against villainous polluters for half a decade.

In a style 10 times more exciting than Smoky and Scruff, Captain Planet showed us how to take care of the earth.

But Captain Planet has not been summoned. His crew remains dispersed across the globe, their rings

tucked safely away in top-closet-shelf shoeboxes, if not forgotten or lost altogether. Gaia is old and dying.

The Bush Administration has repeatedly snubbed viable alternatives to unchecked fossil fuel use, most notably the establishment of federal vehicle mileage standards. As the country nears an energy crisis, Bush has sent us a hog. Not a hero, but a hog.

Maybe Bush just likes to attack things. Though Energy Hog is not quite an invented enemy (he is an illustration of a very real problem), he is at least a custom-made adver-

sary. And while he may be new to the Bush Administration's so-called campaign against energy consumption, the hog is not without its precursors. In fact, one such character squared off regularly against Captain Planet.

Hoggish Greedly was a mining baron. He wore a mechanics jump suit and scoured the Earth's crust for precious resources. He was, of course, a pig. Energy Hog is the cartoon manifestation of an American energy crisis. He wears a leather jacket, tight jeans, and brown leather work boots. He, too, is a pig.

The first of these villains is long gone, having fallen victim years ago to a matchless environmental hero. The second stands strong, fueled by a stubbornly energy hungry American public. Captain Planet may have vanquished Greedly, but he did not outlast him by long, caving to failing ratings in 1996.

Today, America faces a crisis more pervasive than anything the captain encountered.

On the weekends, Bush often visits his ranch in Crawford, Texas. In a set of cowboy boots and a crisp pair of Levis, the president peruses the rolling contours of a state over which he once presided as governor.

Almost one-quarter of U.S. oil reserves live there with him. When he is home at the ranch, Bush drives a pick-up truck. Sitting in the cab, with a grin on his face, the president reveals a disturbing resemblance to the bad guy.

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What ever happened to office hours?

GETTIN' IT DONE



Kyle Siskey

As I moved into the middle of Fall Semester last week I found myself looking for internships at various companies across the country. Almost every application I sorted through required multiple recommendations.

While the applications stated that these recommendations can come from anywhere, I find myself looking to my professors. The problem came when I found only one professor I would trust for a recommendation.

In two years at this university, I had only one professor that I could look to for guidance in a time of need.

Being a History major with a journalism concentration, I wondered if this experience was unique to me, so I asked my roommates, one is a biology major and the other an engineering major. The engineering major said "no," and the biology major said he could squeeze one recommendation out of a professor if he needed it but that two would be impossible.

How can this be? How can students study all hours of the night for a test, listen to someone talk for three hours each week and not have had a conversation of significance with this person during an entire semester?

I feel this is a bigger trend in a university that suffers from a lack of student-teacher relationships. With a school that prides itself on the 14-1 student and faculty ratio, according to one Blue Hen Ambassador, why are students like myself afraid to ask former professors for letters of recommendation in their third year of college? Furthermore, why do underclassmen seem to ignore office hours?

This semester, I am enrolled in a psychology course in which the professor barely read over the office

hours on the first day even though freshmen are the majority in the class. This year, I also have two classes in which the professors do not have office hours at all. Instead, I am expected to contact my professors through e-mail or AOL Instant Messenger only.

In the past I have taken classes in which professors refuse to discuss office hours of their own. Rather, they instruct the students to visit the teaching assistant during his or her office hours. How can a student thrive in a classroom with more than 200 students when they are unable to get answers from professors directly?

The e-mail process is just one way professors have unknowingly de-personalized the classroom. It sometimes seems that teachers on the other side of a computer are not human, showing no concern for students. The one-sentence replies students receive from teachers or teaching assistants are unacceptable and often confusing.

In my freshmen year, one of my classes had a mandatory office hour visit built into the syllabus to help not only the professor, but also the student in building a relation-

ship of confidence. The professor told everyone the first day of classes that he did not care if you came in and stared at him for five minutes, you had to make an appointment to see him. He did this to understand what problems we had in the class and, for some of us, he did this to associate our names with faces when he graded papers.

Some students might not like the idea of mandatory office hours and will undoubtedly complain that they have better things to do with their time. I do not agree that we should have mandatory office hours for every class, but classes within our major and with less than 30 people should definitely require students to have a conversation with the professor during an allotted time.

Students could learn about their professors and allow professors to hear their problems, which could prove useful when they get to the point where I was last week. I could not apply for an internship because I did not know three of my professors well enough. At a university that prides itself on exposing students to all aspects of life, it seems hypocritical that it does not

require them to have conversations with their professors.

I understand some of the blame should be placed on students, but professors need to stress the importance of office hours to incoming freshmen and in-major students. Most underclassmen do not realize how important it is to get to know professors on a personal level. Professors also have to create a comfortable environment for students to ensure they are able to discuss problems they might have. Professors will be the most important connection that most of us have for now, and very few of us, if any, will take advantage of the time they give us if we do not feel comfortable or welcome in speaking with them.

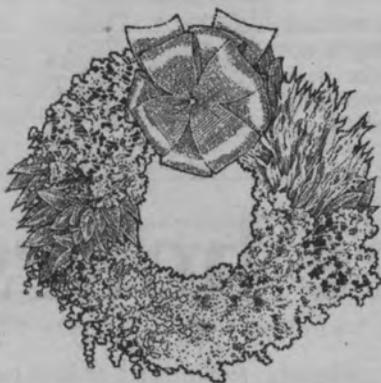
Professors are be proactive when it comes to developing these relationships. Right now, they seem to be reactive to students and that is just not acceptable for this university.

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Mosaic



Dazzling denim designs

Local artist utilizes a different palette

BY MELANIE MACKO

Staff Reporter

Cartoon sweetheart Betty Boop has one hand on her hip and the other stretched outward as she blows a kiss. Adorning a short, red dress, one knee is slightly bent lifting her heel off the ground to display a lacy, black garter wrapped around her upper thigh.

No, the charming image is not on a television screen or comic book page — it's on the back of a pair of size-seven jeans.

Not many people find a passion for art as the result of a drug addiction. After picking up his first paint brush in a rehabilitation center four years ago, Greg Fischer discovered he had not only found a different kind of high, but an undeniable gift.

Originally from Brick, N.J., Fischer has never taken an art class. However, his designs make this hard to believe. His works are manifestations of his experiences made tangible through expression,

imagination and a growing amount of art supplies.

The eye-catching pants cannot be found at Saks or Hollister, but more conveniently at Echo on Main Street. The Betty Boop design was chosen by a customer who discussed the look with Fischer. The jeans are also not an Abercrombie-like price of \$150, but range anywhere from \$25 to \$60, depending on the size of the design.

Fischer is thin with short, tousled light-brown hair. He appears from behind the screen door of his townhouse inviting me in. The sleeves of his white, button-up shirt have been rolled up. He sports a hemp choker with a tiny, silver hoop earring in each ear. As he opens the door, my eyes are immediately drawn to the masterpiece on the front of his cropped, khaki shorts. They are covered in splashes of paint, looking as though they belong on a modern art museum's wall.

"You remembered the pants, right?" he asks as he leads me downstairs to his studio adjacent to his bedroom.

Almost all of his furniture bears some kind of crazy, bright artwork. The bureaus and shelves have sharper-than-sharp contrasts and radical graphics, much like his work.

The plainly-framed, black-and-white photos on his nightstand of his daughter, Kerri Lynn, and his younger brother Bryan stand out distinctly against the chaos of his room. Everything on the wall is something Fischer has made. His shelves consist of clay sculptures and an endless collection of CDs that come in handy when he paints.

From the bedroom we enter a studio surrounded by gray cinder block walls. A cherrywood desk sits against one wall and a long rack of clothes against another. In the far corner an easel holds a work in progress, Fischer's favorite piece since learning of his artistic abilities. This particular canvas sums up Fischer's potential, because it is hard to stop looking at it — his artwork has so much going on in one frame.

"I like to paint what people are afraid to say," he says.

The piece will be featured in a February show at Central Perk on Main Street.

"It's a Valentine's Day theme — hearts and stuff," he says.

Sitting on his stool, he leans over a thick marble board that lays between a pile of jeans and an assortment of acrylic tubes. He begins tightly duct taping the edges of my jeans to the board.

In 2002, Fischer helped revitalize 4W5 Café in Wilmington. He built the intricate sign that hangs above its door and explained that much of his growth as an artist took place there. A hot spot for local artists, its inner walls are filled with Fischer's murals.

"My name's all over the place in there," he says as he dips a nylon brush into a cup of water.

Taking long, fluid strokes, he spreads patina, a light blue acrylic paint, diagonally across the ankle area of my jean leg.

"I like acrylics the best, oils dry too slow for me, I try to finish in one session," he says.

Last month, Fischer's jeans first appeared in a fashion show held by Echo at the Methodist



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church on Main Street.

"He got the most talk, everybody loved his stuff," Echo co-owner Deniz Tezcan says. "We have about 40 artists who contribute to the shop and he's not only one of the most talented, but his personality is outstanding as well."

Tezcan's attitude toward Fischer's fashion becomes clear when he brings out a canvas piece by Fischer he has been keeping for himself behind the counter.

"Greg's style has a definite edge, one that's totally different," he says.

Tezcan seems the most impressed with Fischer's prices.

"He'll sell a pair of completely customized jeans for 40 bucks. You're not only getting a pair of jeans but your own personal

design. That says a lot about the kind of person Greg is," Tezcan says.

In terms of affordability, Fischer says people hear of starving artists because they tend to overprice their work. He would see a piece that was hundreds or thousands of dollars and think, "I could do that."

"That's why they sell," Fischer says. "I think it's better to sell six pieces cheap and have inspired six different people instead of selling one piece for a huge price."

Fischer now adds two layers of acrylic to the base patina, one white and the other a darker blue. Downward dark blue lines shape the crest of a wave and the white



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Greg Fischer works on a pair jeans in his home studio.

The Mosaic Interview: Greg Sweeney

Student named ABC 'Person of the Week' for his community service

BY MEGHAN VANDEVENTER

Staff Reporter

Greg Sweeney has had a busy month. He returned Tuesday night from an island with no flushing toilets, and on Friday morning participated in a teleconference from Florida to speak live on the KSCO national AM radio show, "Doug Stephan's Good Day."

On Oct. 14 he was broadcast nationally on ABC, receiving a distinction as "Person of the Week."

Last week he left for a long weekend in Washington, D.C., including a few days on a secluded island off the coast of Maryland named Port Isabel with 10 recipients of the \$5,000 Yoshiyama Award.

Provided by the Hitachi Foundation, the Yoshiyama Award is given to high school seniors for outstanding volunteer service and support for social change within the community.

And, Sweeney also found out he is one of five young adults chosen each year to receive the National Caring Award, earning a spot in the Caring Institute record books alongside past recipients like Mother Theresa and former President Jimmy Carter.

But Sweeney is also a student, balancing his life and studies.

"I'm just trying to be a regular college student," he says of his life as a freshman living in Russell Hall. "The people are really nice here and it's not hard to make friends at Delaware."

The work Sweeney has done to receive this collection of prestigious awards began at a young age.

When he was 12 years old, Sweeney started a mission to bring the national Cub Scouts organization to the underprivileged, often fatherless, young boys living in Wilmington's homeless shelters.

Sweeney worked with the director of the Ministry of Caring, Ronald Giannone, to begin Pack 506 and provide an opportunity for the boys to interact with male role models as well as experience the great outdoors.

When asked how many hours he spent volunteering in the years since he began the pack, Sweeney says he has no idea. Since the eighth grade he consistently pursued the plan and pushed for the Cub Scouts in homeless shelters.

"Sometimes it was difficult to want to continue because at some meetings there would be no scouts and other volunteers got discouraged and quit," he says.

But when faced with such problems, Sweeney never gave up and recruited new volunteers to lead the scouts and help with field trips or meetings.

When the boys had trouble holding on to their Cub Scout uniforms and adjusting the sizes, he persuaded a camp to donate their T-shirts to the troops.

When troops were not able to get to meetings because they could not find transportation, Sweeney mobilized them with a troop van.

And when they could not go to summer camp, Sweeney helped them apply for scholarships.

Sweeney's mother, Kathy Canavan, says she is overwhelmingly proud of the work he has done and the persistence of the whole effort because there were times when she didn't think it was working out.

"It was sort of like trying to hold Jell-O with no bowl," Canavan says.

"He was very young when he started but it has been a learning experience," she says. "He's never been homeless, dealt with shelter directors or ordered T-shirts before."

The phone tree would change every

week and Greg would have to learn how to network on his own, Canavan says.

"Greg altered the program to fit the needs," she says. "He kept all the basics like safety and instruction and all that but he had to be flexible."

Because the troops move frequently in shelters, the living situation of the scouts was only temporary and mothers had prepaid cell phones, it was nearly impossible to make sure the boys would make it to the meetings, Sweeney says.

"The number of Cub Scouts at each meeting would change drastically from week to week," he says. "One meeting there could be 20 boys and the next, there might be none."

The purpose of the Cub Scouts is to become Boy Scouts and have the opportunity to go camping and participate in activities like making fires and pitching tents, Canavan says. So far, two have made it, but

with the consistent effort of volunteers and local Boy Scouts, more will be able to advance.

Now that Pack 506 has lost its Den leader to the university, 14-year-old Jake Williams is one of two Boy Scout running the troop for the cubs.

"It's a lot easier now because Greg set it up so that there are adults doing the preparing," Williams says. "Greg used to plan everything and bring everything to the meetings."

Sweeney says he hopes the program will continue and for the cubs to make it to Boy Scouts.

"It really gives the kids a good feeling when they have the troop to go to," he says, "but I think I got a lot more out of it than I ever thought."

Sweeney tells a story of one boy who made the effort all worth it.

"There was this one kid who acted all

tough and used to act like he wasn't afraid of anything," he says. "I knew him well and he would sleep on the bottom bunk with his brother to avoid getting shot in the neighborhood where he was living."

Sweeney says when the boy came on a camping trip and saw the woods, he would not go in because he had never seen a forest before.

"You certainly run into a lot of problems," Greg's father, John Sweeney says. "But I think it was a great experience for him and what great talent Greg has seen in those great kids."

Sweeney's father says he learned from his son and the young volunteers who would offer assistance when help was sparse.

"Life is long and I think everybody has to extend themselves," he says. "We tend to forget that all of us have it easy compared to the rest of the world."

Sweeney explains he was motivated by the boys he had helped. He says his family and the Ministry of Caring were the reasons he received any recognition at all.

"He probably didn't tell you about his academics," Canavan says about her son's achievements.

"He was an AP Scholar with Distinction and a National Merit Commended Student. He also is attending UD partly on a Harold Lighthipe scholarship for History and political science majors. He was one of the six Delaware runnersup for White House Presidential Scholar, based on his SAT scores," she says proudly.

Because Sweeney has extended himself beyond the normal realm of volunteer service, he plans to wait for the right opportunity to help out.

Canavan says Sweeney recently applied to spend Winter Session as a volunteer with AmeriCorps, helping clean and recover New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina.

"There are a number of organizations here but when you see a cause that you want to help," he says. "That's when I plan to spend time working on it."



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Above: Cub Scouts work to become Boy Scouts.

Right: Greg Sweeney mentors youth when he is not in class at the university.

The Barbie clothing line



BY MEGHAN LOBDELL

Staff Reporter

Malibu Barbie. Sun Beach Barbie. Ballerina Barbie. These are the role models of young girls worldwide — and grownups, too. That's right. Anybody who says dolls and dress-up are just for kids is mistaken.

Women can now relive their childhood memories by dolling up as their treasured Barbies.

The Mattel Toy Company launched a new clothing line, the Barbie Luxe Collection, in a Santa Monica, Calif. boutique last Thursday.

Mattel spokeswoman Lauren Bruksch says the line includes casual shirts, jeans, accessories, jewelry and handbags.

"It's really upscale, unique and very high-end," she says. "Many items are exclusive limited-editions."

The least expensive product is a pink hoodie priced at \$140, and the most expensive, a handbag, sells for \$2,150. Jeans are \$179.

The signature products are by eight designers from Los Angeles, New York and London, including Anna Sui, Anya Hindmarch, Citizens of Humanity, Judith Leiber, Nickel, Not Rational, Paper Denim & Cloth and Tarina Tarantino.

"Barbie has a fashion heritage and so designers have used her as a muse for their work," she says. "They have taken different aspects of the dolls' outfits and added designer specific touches, such as pink stitching on jeans."

Mattel's target audience is women ages 20-45, Bruksch says.

Although only available at the Fred Segal Flair Boutique now, if the line is successful, Mattel plans to expand to other locations across the country over the next year, she says.

Americans are not the first to have access to human-size Barbie clothes — a similar line, Barbie Couture, is already a major hit overseas. There are currently 25 Barbie shops in Japan, which sprung from the success of one, Bruksch says.

The American Barbie Luxe line is part of a three-year strategy to up sales in Mattel, she says.

"The first year was Japan," Bruksch says. "Now we decided to expand the strategy into the U.S. with an American flavor — this is chapter two. Stay tuned for chapter three."

Jaehee Jung, fashion and apparel studies professor, says the line may be successful because of its potential to trigger nostalgic feelings.

"Perhaps young girls would be interested in this line of products since the clothes will remind

them of dressing their Barbie," Jung says.

The items can be hot sellers if Mattel uses the right marketing strategies, she says.

"If they successfully market their products to young girls and teenagers, they will be," Jung says, "but I hope the clothes don't focus on sexual appeal."

She says she feels the line may be targeting the wrong age group.

"I doubt it can appeal to college-aged women since there are a number of other brands targeting this age group," Jung says. "The market's saturating with products catering to college students."

Junior Tracy Dolan, 20, is also skeptical about the intended audience.

"I think it's stupid to target that age group," she says. "They should make it for little kids."

Dolan says she is apprehensive about the line in general.

"I think it's creepy," she says. "As Americans, we already have a ton of fashion role-models. I really think one being a Barbie doll is kinda weird."

Junior Alena Warner is open-minded about the line, but acknowledges it may have negative connotations.

"It does have a stigmatism to it, 'Oh, she's wearing Barbie clothes,'" she says. "But I guess I can't form an opinion until I see what the clothes look like."

Freshman Claire O'Byrne, 19, thinks the line is a good concept.

"I think it's a fun idea if the clothes are nice," she says. "I bet people would be interested in buying them if they take the right approach, and I could see it being very popular and really trendy."

O'Byrne says she thinks there is one problem for college students interested in the line.

"I don't think a lot of girls would purchase them for that much," she says.

Freshman Jason Day, 18, thinks it will not be much of a change from what he sees on a daily basis.

"Other clothing lines have tried to adopt that style, so I don't think it's going to be much different than what girls are already wearing around campus," he says.

Only time will tell whether the Barbie Luxe line will be a hit in America, but if its popularity in Japan is any indication of how it will be received, Americans may find themselves living the reality of the world depicted in Aqua's infamous song, "Barbie Girl" — "Life in plastic / It's fantastic."



'Not all masterpieces happen on purpose'

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adds depth to the foaming water building atop the denim fabric. Sliding his thumb and index finger down the brush he squeezes off any excess paint and wipes it directly onto his shorts. Not all masterpieces happen on purpose.

When Fischer is not working on customers' designs, he is busy preparing for art shows. He says he is looking forward to one in November at Zonk's Gallery in Philadelphia and what promises to be a more expansive show by Echo in February.

While digging through the binders that lay beside his coffee maker, a stack of art books and scattered toothbrushes, used for splatting colors, another side to Fischer unfolds. Slogans for T-shirts he has done, pages of poems

and simple sketches make up his collection. A Marlboro cigarette in his right hand and a cell phone tucked under his chin he begins ordering Chinese food, using his free hand to make tan-colored lines. His stroke remains steady the entire time.

"Having the experiences I've had over the past 20 years fuels my art. It's my outlet, something to fill the void I once was feeling," he says.

Since Fischer's jeans have appeared in Echo, customers have been seeking him out.

"People can't just like the design, the jeans have to fit, so it's easier if they contact me," he says.

He says he is willing to do anything. Requests range from drawings people find on the internet, ones they do themselves and

others that merely reflect popular trends.

"Drying my hair is probably the only thing I don't use this for," Fischer says, moving a blowdryer back and forth above my jeans, drying the acrylic. An hour and a half, two cups of coffee, four shrimp rolls and a pint of pork to mein later, my jeans are finished.

Looking down at the scene of a blonde-haired, pink bikini-bearing surfer on a wave at the bottom of my pant leg, I am amazed. Like Fischer's art, my jeans now express my passion.

Whether it is initials on a back pocket or some graffiti sprawled up and down the sides, the investment is worth it. And if you don't wear jeans — just hang them on the wall.



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Echo on Main Street is exclusively selling Greg Fischer's work.

'North' delivers

"North Country"
Warner Brothers. Pictures
Rating: ☆☆☆☆

Imagine going to work and finding a dildo in your lunchbox; or being trapped in a Porta-Pottie while your co-workers tip it over, covering you in feces. Every day when you come to work there is new graffiti on the walls, sexually offensive phrases to put you down. Imagine working in an environment where there is the constant fear of being sexually harassed or worse.

Today, these situations seem virtually unheard of. But in a small Minnesota town in 1989, they were part of the everyday lives of women working in the coal mines, controversial because a majority of the community members thought they shouldn't be.

Based on a real legal case, "North Country" brings to film the first class-action sexual harassment lawsuit in the United States.

Charlize Theron's character, Josey Aimes, represents Lois Jenson, a down-on-her-luck woman in northern Minnesota who goes to work in the coal mines after leaving her abusive marriage and moves her two children in with a friend.

In the film, Josey is a soft-hearted woman with good intentions. She is sensitive and emotional, but also strong-willed. Josey has to live a life of shame in the eyes of her parents. Having her first child as a teenager and her second with a different man, Josey loses the support of her family at.

She moves in with her parents for a short time after leaving her abusive husband but receives little sympathy from her father Hank (Richard Jenkins). Josey's relationship with her father represents her struggle for acceptance.

Eager to leave her parents' home and provide for her children, Josey stumbles upon an old friend, Glory (Frances McDormand), who is the first woman to work in the coal mines after the government forced the mines to meet a quota for female employees. A woman working in a coal mine is socially unacceptable, but the salary of a mine worker is more than Josey has ever made. In Glory's shadow, Josey goes to work at the mine, despite her knowledge that her father, a mine worker himself, may never speak to her again.

The mine is a dark, industrial maze of machinery and rock. Aerial shots and scene's blue shading give the scenes a gloomy, sinister feel. The female workers are juxtaposed against the good-old-boy system of management, where the higher-ups turn their heads at sexual harassment

and abuse. In passing, men whisper "bitch" and "whore" and other profanity to women, constantly harassing them about their bodies and their sexuality. The small-town society sees the women as either lesbians or sluts in pursuit of the men of the mine. Josey is the first to speak out against the abuse, and becomes the first woman in American history to initiate a class-action suit against sexual harassment.

Theron, in another role where she has to de-glamorize herself, balances Josey's soft side with her courage to stand up for herself in a way that viewers lose sight of the actresses beauty and gets completely wrapped up in the character. A-list actors or actresses sometimes have so much of their personal presence on screen that it is hard to see the character for itself, but Theron's talent keeps this from happening in a performance that will probably earn her an Oscar nod.

Director Niki Caro skillfully presents the case of the female mine workers in an honest way, maybe over embellishing only once in a dramatic court scene near the end of the film. She also balances Josey's struggle in the mine with her struggle in her personal life. Josey is in constant battle with her teenage son Sammy, who gets discriminated against because Josey works at the mine and is looked down upon by other women in the community for her early pregnancies and failed marriage.

An unexpected appearance of Woody Harrelson in the middle of the film adds to an already strong list of supporting cast including Sissy Spacek and Sean Bean. Harrelson plays Bill White, a former hockey star turned lawyer who returns to Minnesota after a failed relationship in New York. White agrees to be Josey's lawyer and helps her fight her cause, while slowly attempting to win her over.

One of the best aspects of this film is there is no love story. Caro has a chance to make one out of White's fondness of Josey, but the film would've lost some of its punch if the two formed a romantic relationship.

Overall, "North Country," in "Erin Brockovich" style, lets a beautiful, brilliant lead-actress relate the story of a simple woman and their fight for justice, without coming off like a box-office slam-dunk. It is honest and relatable, and perhaps serves the women of the mine better than a film with all of Hollywood's glamorous trimmings.

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Simpson returns with weak effort

"I Am Me"
Ashlee Simpson
Geffen Records
Rating: ☆

One good thing about purchasing the new Ashlee Simpson album, "I Am Me": you are promised an eclectic sound encompassing many genres of music. Think of it as putting your iPod on shuffle. The reason for this? Ashlee Simpson took on the task of co-writing all the songs on the CD.

The album starts with "Boyfriend," in which Simpson continuously tells a rival female that she did not steal her boyfriend. "Boyfriend" incorporates the sound of her debut album, "Autobiography," with the addition of a heavier pop-production.

However, by the fourth track, Simpson tends to forget who "me" actually is and takes an unexpected turn with the Spice Girls-sounding "L.O.V.E." With the addition of a noticeable, fake British accent during the chorus, it may be hard to tell if Simpson is expanding new horizons or if it is appropriate to giggle. She sings, "Oh hold off I need another one / I think you, you do too / Grab my bag, got my own money / Don't need any man in this room."

Later in the album, Simpson explores the late '90s sound of Britney Spears in the song "Burnin' Up." The groovin' disco beat and wah-wah guitar are not enough to cover up her childish lyrics.

"We got an instant history / Some supernatural chemistry / Can't you feel it, feel it, oh / But I'm giving you my number now before this goes too far."

The next song on the album may show the most talent. Even with her airy vocals, Simpson is able to pull off a slower piano ballad in "Catch Me When I Fall." The light orchestration in the background and the rarely appropriate use of a drum machine creates a decent track.

This is the peak of Simpson's grassy knoll. The title track of the album, "I Am Me," falls even further from originality than her overdone image. The Bon Jovi-esque chorus would be much more appropriate for Jon, Richie and the gang from New Jersey.

When the organ starts to pump and a familiar guitar riff comes to the foreground in the track "Eyes Wide Open," the only thing keeping you from thinking you bought a one track, Coldplay B-side, is Simpson's vocals. The song itself is rocking and produced with a great feel for pop-rock music. It's a shame this has been done before, three times actually, by Chris Martin and his band.

The album ends with the appropriate title of "Say Goodbye," in which you are taken on a joy ride back to the '80s. If you don't listen too closely, and are heavily medicated, you may think you are listening to Simpson's big sister, Jessica.

In this sappy, eighth-grade dance material, she proclaims, "But it's hard for you to pull me from the ground / So I scream, scream cause it hurts / Your every word / Cuts me inside and leaves me worse."

If Simpson was attempting to make meaningless pop music to put her on the charts, it appears she has succeeded. This album does get the job done for the brief 40 minutes it rotates in a CD player.

However, the overall lack of musical talent makes you feel apathetic toward Simpson's pain and suffering. With its copycat nature and lack of a theme, "I Am Me" makes you wonder; is Ashlee Simpson capable of sarcasm?

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MOVIES					
	TITLE	Kids in America	Kiss Kiss, Bang Bang	Protocols of Zion	Stay
	DETAILS	Starring Nicole Richie, Gregory Smith and Stephanie Sherrin, this smart teenage comedy is about a group of high school students who rebel against their overly-strict principal (Julie Bowen). In the film, the characters tackle racism, sexuality and discipline.	Robert Downey Jr. narrates this murder mystery film as unsuccessful actor Harry Lockhart. He receives lessons in detective work from detective Gay Perry (Val Kilmer) and investigates several murders to impress actress Harmony Faith Lane (Michelle Monaghan).	Directed by Marc Levin, this documentary explores his research of the controversial book, "Protocols of the Elders of Zion" and elements of racism that continue to thrive in this country. "Protocols of Zion" premiered at The Sundance Film Festival.	Ewan McGregor, Naomi Watts and Ryan Gosling star in this psychological thriller about a university therapist (McGregor) who tries to save a student (Gosling) from committing suicide. The film has the psychological effect of "The Sixth Sense" and the style of "A Beautiful Mind."
	BOTTOM LINE	Nicole Richie's film debut.	Girls and Guns	Fascinating.	Stay at home for this one.

MUSIC					
	WHO	"Distortion" Rev Run	"Timeless" Martina McBride	"Vheissu" Thrice	"Thanks for the Memories" Rod Stewart
	DETAILS	Rev Run's solo debut is short but tightly-produced, bringing catchy loops along with the trademark Run D.M.C. assaulting rap-style.	Country vocalist showcases her range and talent by covering mostly recognizable country classics. She also adds in her own layers to the mix.	On its newest release, Thrice has a more intimate focus on the band members but doesn't neglect what earned it fans: an enticing mix of hardcore rock and emo.	Stewart recycles the same method used in all his latest CDs, increasing the number of duets but not creating anything novel in the process.
	THE GIST	Don't run, but walk and get it.	An admirable new turn on old favorites.	Thrice the fan idols as before.	If you have any of his others, don't bother.

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Bigfoot goes mainstream

BY PHILIP WAYNE

Staff Reporter

The late comedian Mitch Hedberg used to joke about the difficulty of spotting Bigfoot, "I think Bigfoot is blurry, that's the problem. It's not the photographer's fault. Bigfoot is blurry. And that's extra scary to me, because there's a large, out-of-focus monster roaming the countryside — run."

However, for a group in Texas, and thousands more nationwide, the existence of Bigfoot is no laughing matter.

The Texas Bigfoot Research Center, based in Dallas, is attempting to bring the Bigfoot phenomenon to the realm of mainstream science. Serving as a base where all Bigfoot sightings can be reported, the center hopes to validate the species as a legitimate creature and not something seen only in supermarket tabloids.

The research center hosted the fifth annual Texas Bigfoot Conference Oct. 15 and 16. Approximately 400 believers made the trek to Jefferson, Texas, to meet with other enthusiasts and hear from expert speakers on the existence of an animal many refer to as Bigfoot or Sasquatch.

Jeff Meldrum, associate professor of anthropology at Idaho State University and a speaker at the conference, says the Texas Bigfoot Convention included speakers from several fields, including anatomy, anthropology, archaeology, forensics as talented and objective amateur investigators.

"The conference provides a valuable opportunity for those doing research to confer with one another and discuss their ideas and evidence and approaches to the investigation," he says.

Meldrum says the conference presents the media with an opportunity to view the Bigfoot phenomenon objectively. "It also affords the presenters a chance to dispel some of the distortion and bias often reported in the media, which adds to the unfortunate tabloid stigma that this topic often labors under," he says.

Experts on both sides of the argument have long debated whether a Bigfoot-like creature roamed the earth. In defense of Bigfoot's existence, Meldrum points to eyewitness accounts, often by experienced observers in broad daylight.

His research has also addressed evidence of a more scientific form.

"Trace evidence in the form of footprints, knuckle prints, even body imprints such as the Skookum cast that indicate the anatomy of an ape well-adapted to a rugged forested environment," he says.

Not all in the anthropologic field agree with the claims made by Professor Meldrum, however.

Marc Meyer says there is no current evidence

of Bigfoot, and all the films have been disproved. In fact, one guy recanted his story on his death-bed and said he made up the whole thing.

Scientifically speaking, Meyer has theories which help explain why many people are such staunch believers in Bigfoot.

"The idea of Bigfoot came out of mythology. There was no way to explain certain fossils," he says. "There was an extinct primate who was huge, called the Gigantopithecus, which left Mighty Joe Young-like-sized fossils. These fossils are found scattered in the Himalayas."

The confusion with Gigantopithecus, a 9'-10" foot tall prehistoric ape, is one theory behind the idea of Bigfoot.

Staunch believers are often looked at by the public as insane, and their encounters viewed as hoaxes.

Public humiliation generally occurs for those who claim to have seen Bigfoot. Nonetheless, the Texas Bigfoot Research Center views this as evidence Bigfoot exists, as those who claim sightings rarely have anything to gain.

Meyer views those who claim to have seen Bigfoot as creative, but not scientifically accurate.

"They are very interesting and colorful, however they are intellectually lazy. They should probably take my intro class," he says.

However, Meldrum looks at the situation from the opposite spectrum, immediately dismissing those skeptics who offhandedly reject the possible existence of Bigfoot.

"I usually find that those who hold the most dismissive opinions are those with the least amount of information on the subject," he says. "Among my professional colleagues, reactions span the spectrum from irrational visceral rejection, to enthusiastic objective interest in the evidence and support of the pursuit of the question."

Sophomore Glen O'Neil, 19, calls into question the sightings and beliefs of those who represent the minority of individuals who hold strongly to the existence of Bigfoot.

"To suggest that a mythical creature such as Bigfoot, the Yeti, Sasquatch or whatever you may call it actually walks the earth, is simply absurd," O'Neil says. "Honestly, the closest I have ever come to witnessing this beast was while watching Harry and the Hendersons."

The mystery of whether Bigfoot is alive is still up in the air, but those who hold the belief, they will continually push for Bigfoot to move from a cartoon like figure to something science can view as real.

"It is precisely the evidence that attests to the probable existence of a North American ape," Meldrum says. "It justifies our attention to the matter, which is simply, does an unrecognized species of great ape inhabit the North American continent?"



Possible planet revises science

BY NICOLE SQUITTIERE

Staff Reporter

For the past 75 years, children have been taught there are nine planets. Recently, astronomers found this to be untrue.

Brian Marsden, director of the Central Bureau for Astronomical Telegrams at the International Astronomical Union, says the recent discovery of a 10th planet has created a lot of controversy.

"The biggest debate right now is trying to resolve the question, 'what is a planet?'"

Michael Brown, researcher at the California Institute of Technology, discovered the tenth planet. Afterward, he nicknamed it Xena.

Brown started searching past Neptune for solar objects, including planets, seven years ago.

"We certainly hoped we would find a planet or two," he says. "We have to define the term planet before we start looking for planets."

John Gizis, professor of physics and astronomy at the university, says most people define a planet as a round heavenly body with at least one moon and an atmosphere. To most people, Mercury and Venus are major planets even though they do not have moons.

"There is a historical attachment to the term 'planet,'" he says.

Pluto is the smallest planet — less than one-fifth of the size of Earth. Brown says anything larger than Pluto must be a planet.

Although people do not question the first eight planets, Brown says the last two are debatable. The first eight planets are not part of the Kuiper belt, located beyond Neptune. Pluto and Xena are found in the Kuiper Belt.

The debate about Pluto's planet-hood began when it was discovered in 1930, Brown says. No one knew what to call it, so it was categorized as a planet.

Pluto has such a tilted orbit that it crosses Neptune's orbit every couple-hundred years, Marsden says. No planet crosses another planet's orbit. And five years ago, Pluto was demoted from planet to "the Kuiper Belt object."

But some scientists feel planets should be larger than 2,000 kilometers, or 1,250 miles, in diameter. Pluto's diameter is approximately 1,500 miles.

Xena is larger than Pluto and is the largest sun-orbiting object discovered since Neptune, Marsden says.

If we consider Pluto and Xena planets, we need to extend the title to

certain other objects, he says.

"It is not useful to say Pluto is the ninth planet and Xena is the 10th because then we need to add some more," he says.

He does not consider Pluto and Xena planets.

"I would not like to see a 10th planet any more than I would like to see a ninth planet," he says.

Thousands of asteroid-like objects, both small and large, have been found, Marsden says. There are 100,000 or more minor planets, some of which are irregular in shape.

Gizis also says he does not label Xena a planet.

"I lean toward not considering it a planet," he says. "There are bigger and smaller ones. There is no distinction between the two. We just call the larger ones planets."

The International Astronomical Union proposes replacing 'planet' with more specific terms. Such labels include terrestrial planets, trans-Neptunian planets, and Jovians.

James MacDonald, professor of physics and astronomy at the university, says other objects — planetoids and asteroids, for example — are ignored because they are so small.

"I think there will be more objects like Xena found," MacDonald says. "They're not easy to find."

Marsden says Xena is not bright enough to have been seen before technological advances were made.

"Most people doing survey work are looking for things moving relatively fast, and Xena is moving slowly," he says. "They also look for things close to Earth, and Xena is not close. There is a lot of research going on in this department, so there is no definite answer."

Technology has helped researchers find new objects. Marsden says larger objects are easier to discover.

"The bigger they are, the easier they are to see with telescopes," he says. "Now we have telescopes that run robotically and all of the data collected comes in over the Internet. Ten years ago, we didn't have this technology and our computers weren't fast enough."

Since 1992, scientists thought there was nothing beyond Pluto, Marsden says.

Brown says he feels the scientific community needs to come to a consensus.

"I think that we need to make the decision on what a planet is so the next time we find anything we will be able to categorize them as planets," he says.

Fashion mag tailor-made for students

BY ANNA DOCTORS

Staff Reporter

Michelle Lapidos dresses her best, wearing black-denim Bermuda shorts and a black-and-white, tweed, cropped blazer. Walking into her fashion magazine release party Oct. 17, Lapidos is glowing, proud to present UDress, the newest addition to the university's literary world.

The Fashion Merchandising Club puts on an impressive show Monday night, with approximately 125 people showing up at Pat's Family Restaurant and MVP Sports Lounge in support of UDress and everything founder and editor in chief Lapidos and her staff have accomplished.

Free pizza, salad and Diet Coke are served to the guests, making for a relaxing evening. The masses mingle throughout the bar and deck, while Kanye West plays in the background and flat screen TVs are tuned to "Monday Night Football."

Wynn Greenberg, owner of "Jewel Tones," a Long Island accessory store, displays jewelry, purses and belts, and hands out free jewelry to the first 50 people to arrive.

Lapidos grew up in Montvale, N.J. A junior majoring in fashion merchandising, she knows the do's and don'ts of the latest fashion trends on campus.

Initially, Lapidos majored in early education. She continued with it until the winter of her sophomore year, when she realized teaching wasn't her passion anymore.

"All of a sudden I realized I didn't want to be confined to the walls of a classroom," Lapidos says. "It's so not me."

"I'd get jealous of people when they told me they were fashion majors."

She quickly changed to fashion merchandising and started taking the required courses last spring. But,

because she came into the major behind in credits and a stranger to her professors, Lapidos knew she had to do something special to be recognized.

Last spring, Lapidos decided she would run for vice president of the Fashion Merchandising Club. While writing her speech, she thought of the idea for a fashion newsletter to distribute on campus. After she won the election, the club decided to continue with her initial idea and the newsletter evolved into a fashion magazine.

All summer, while Lapidos worked as a group leader at Camp Towanda in Homestead, Pa., she couldn't get her mind off the magazine. Eager to begin, the Fashion Merchandising Club held its first meeting on Sept. 7.

Since then, the students have been working to put out the first issue.

UDress is a seasonal magazine, expected to come out two times each semester. The first issue, which debuted Oct. 17, previews fall fashions and upcoming fall events. The next issue is expected to be out by Dec. 1, including winter fashions and holiday-related stories.

Lapidos says she has high hopes for UDress. The fall issue was eight black-and-white pages, but December's issue is expected to be 12-16 colored pages, with more pictures, stories and upcoming events than the last.

"I want to see more than just a magazine," Lapidos says. "[The club] wants to do fashion shows, model searches and make it just as fun and exciting as possible."

Lapidos says she would have never been able to create the magazine without the assistance of other members of the Fashion Merchandising Club. She had help with all aspects of UDress, specifi-

cally advertisement, promotion and graphic design.

Sophomore Helena Cignarale, a fashion merchandising major, helped Lapidos the most with advertising. To receive the sponsors needed to fund UDress, Cignarale often accompanied Lapidos on Main Street, visit-

Gerber, majoring in communication and visual communication, respectively, each contribute a creative layer to UDress. Gallo handles distribution and promotion, while Gerber focuses on layout and the overall visual style of the magazine.

"[UDress] will not only be a



THE REVIEW/Erica Rohl-Hill

Students gather at the release party for UDress, a fashion magazine.

ing stores and asked for help.

Cignarale is also the one who went to Pat's, explaining their situation, and motivating the restaurant to assist, not only by sponsoring the magazine, but by holding UDress' release party.

"Pat's was really excited to help us, because at the same time, they are trying to attract a younger crowd," Lapidos says.

MVP Lounge Manager, Nick Papanicolas, had the idea of a launch party at the restaurant and assisted Lapidos with the planning.

"The next two days I didn't sleep," Lapidos says. "I had a lot of work to do, but it was exciting."

Juniors Chloe Gallo and Nikki

magazine, but a work of art," Lapidos says. "It will be awesome to look at."

Fashion professor Karen Schaeffer oversees the development of each issue. Lapidos says she helps with the final editing and approvals.

Funding for UDress came from various businesses, but at this stage, the university is not assisting financially. Many stores and restaurants in Newark, however, have decided to support the magazine by paying for advertisement or coupon space.

Lapidos recently won an \$2500 Alumni Enrichment Award for the Fashion Merchandising Club to produce UDress.

"I plan on using this money

throughout the rest of the year," she says. "This grant will definitely help us get bigger and better quicker."

Students on campus are reacting to the magazine in many different ways.

Junior apparel design major Katie Vermeylen says she thinks UDress is a good idea.

"I feel like fashion majors don't get much credit and this way we can be more outspoken and recognized for our talents," she says.

However, other students say the publication looks unprofessional, like a brochure rather than a magazine.

Senior Gregory Good says he believes the magazine won't be a hit.

"It's only geared toward the six or seven girls out there that wear weird clothes," Good says.

As for future plans, Lapidos is thinking of ways to make UDress an "all encompassing" magazine. She wants to attract people other than just the fashion fabulous.

"Eventually, I'm hoping that nutrition majors will get involved for their expertise about diets and exercise," she says. "Psychology majors could write stories on love — the possibilities are really endless."

Lapidos says she expects this magazine will last, but knows she has a lot of work cut out for her throughout the next two years.

"I'm totally optimistic," she says. "I'm sure that no matter what has to be done, I'm going to do it, I'm going to make it happen."

She is already thinking about the magazine's future. Her sister, Jessica, is currently applying to the university and is interested in getting involved with UDress if she is accepted.

"It will be nice keeping it in the family," she says.

The Mosaic List: Top five albums you'll need to own



Neil Diamond
November 8
"12 Songs"

With the help of Rick Rubin, who produced Johnny Cash's "American Recordings Series," Diamond returns to the style of his earlier days.



50 Cent
November 8
"Get Rich or Die Tryin' "
Soundtrack

Music from and recorded for 50's first feature film, with songs from Dr. Dre and Hi-Tek.



Madonna
November 15
"Confessions on a Dancefloor"

Madonna makes her return as the queen of pop with her new dance-album sure to make fans go wild.



Pharrell
November 15
"In My Mind"

As one half of the untouchable Neptunes, Pharrell Williams makes a promising disc divided between slow jams and hip-hop hits.



Jamie Foxx
November 22
"Unpredictable"

Foxx works with Kanye West, Pharrell Williams, Busta Rhymes and others finding the middle ground between rap, gospel and soul.

PRICE OF FAME

The *superficial.com* reports **Paris Hilton** is up to more of her usual antics. Hilton, who surprisingly has a record deal, is unleashing her latest quip against **Nicole Richie** via song. Using a track from her up-coming album as the medium for attack. Hilton belts out something that alludes to Richie not being famous without her. Insiders say the song may perhaps use the adjective 'bitch' to describe Richie. Ouch, that's harsh.

Madonna has told the *Telegraph Online* regarding the way people react to her being a Kabbalist, "I may as well have announced that I've joined the Nazi party."

Kiss, but don't tell. **Ashlee Simpson** was spotted kissing two different people on Tuesday during the launch of her new album "I Am Me." Where was the pseudo-singer spotted locking lips? Where else but the PM Lounge in New York.

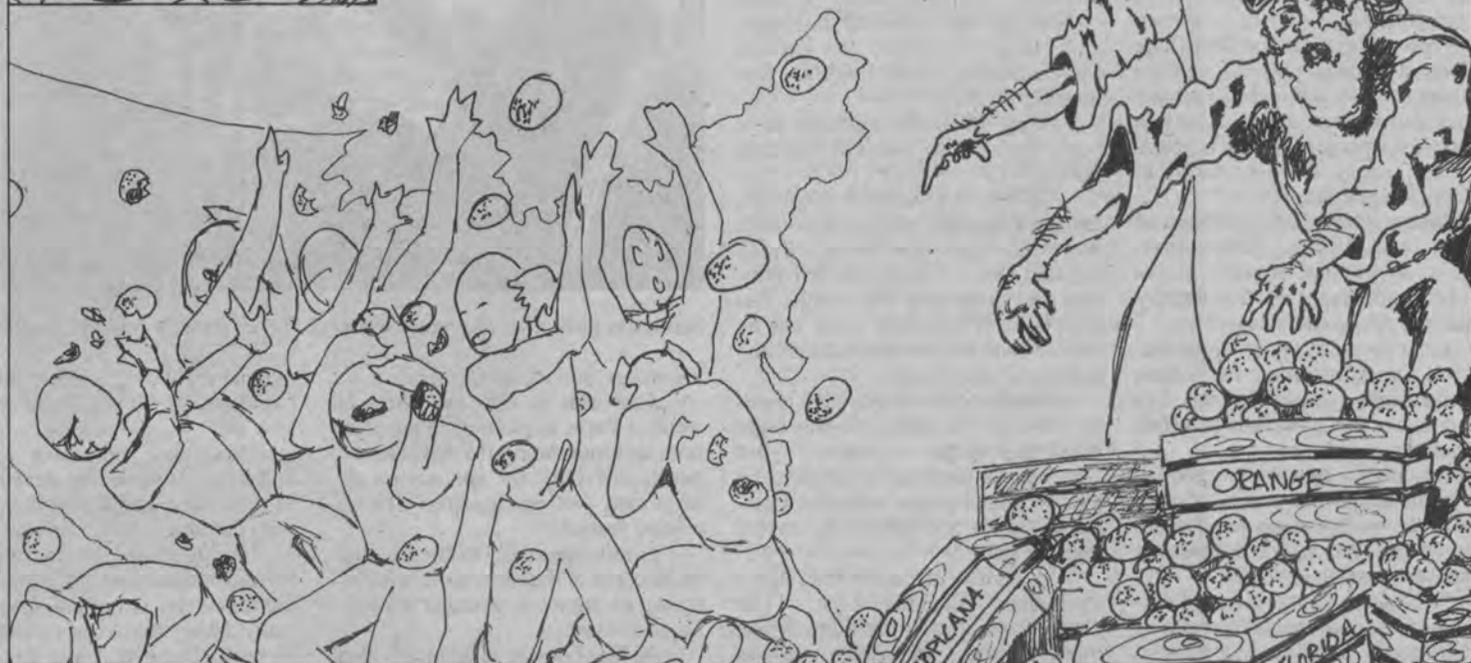
The *New York Post* reports **Lindsay Lohan** is sure getting her fair share of nicotine these days. The sultry Lohan was spotted at the Chateau Marmont stepping outside every few minutes to smoke. Lohan took in some of the elements also, however. The actress/singer got her fair share of rain with each puff, managing to be completely soaked at the end of her smoke.

Claire Danes told the *Sun UK* that she "struggled to act in a sex scene with co-star **Steve Martin** for their new film *Shopgirl*." Danes, 24, was nervous about the scene with 60-year-old Martin, until she realized the anxiety she was feeling personally was exactly what her character would be feeling, reports *wttdd.com*. "The age difference seemed a little awkward, but the movie is about that. I didn't want to be coy about their relationship. It ultimately evolved into something more complex, but initially he wanted to have sex with her, and she wanted to have sex with him," Danes said describing the movie.

There's another sex tape scandal in the world of the young and beautiful. The latest celebrity is *Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Issue* cover girl **Carolyn Murphy**. The tape was apparently stolen from her ex-husband, *The New York Post* reported. The video is supposedly two hours long, and culminates a beautiful Barbados vacation from when the couple was on their honeymoon. The tape is basically a video montage of the late evening bedroom sessions shared by Murphy and husband.

"Extreme Makeovers" gone wrong, reports *wttdd.com*. **Ty Pennington**, the host of "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition," fixed-up a felon's home recently for free. Half a million dollars for a derelicts dream home? Sure. The *Portland Press Herald* reports the recipient of the house was arrested in 1982 a day after "a fast-food restaurant was robbed of \$300 and its employees were forced into a walk-in cooler." Sounds like he deserves a new home. The penitentiary.

—Carter Perry



HOROSCOPES

Libra (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

Highlighters come in a multitude of colors: green, orange, yellow, pink and purple. You always choose the traditional and standard yellow. Why? How about adding variety to your life this month? Next time you have a choice, go for the neon-blue highlighter that shoots out pink swirls and all that jazz. At least your textbook will look more colorful.

Scorpio (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

I think I hear something. Oh yeah, it's your alarm clock. You have missed one too many classes. Clean the gunk from under your eyes, take your pajamas off and go to class. When you get back, dust the cobwebs from your science book and start reading.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)

The light-bulbs are out. The milk is sour. Your toilet is still clogged. It is time that you either make a to-do list, or stop complaining. You need to fix things. Start small, and eventually things will organize themselves. Just remember, light bulbs do not change themselves.

Capricorn (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)

Skipping out on the bill at the Chinese restaurant isn't cool. You can't make April's fools jokes in October. Stop cutting corners. Remember, shortcuts are often long-cuts. Take the time to do things right the first time. "A stitch of time saves nine."

Aquarius (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

As the leaves change, so will your personality. Autumn will bring solitude for you. Don't get depressed, however. You will find comfort in the simple things, such as hot cocoa and roasted marshmallows. Friends are waiting with graham crackers and Hershey's bars to make S'mores. Take them up on the invitation. It certainly will make you feel better!

Pisces (Feb. 20 - March 20)

Close the blinds. Turn off your cell phone. Lastly, don't forget to unplug your alarm clock. Take time to recharge your batteries. You have been running on empty for too long now. A good rest will bring rejuvenation, giving you inner peace and a better immune system.

Aries (March 21 - April 20)

All your exasperating efforts paid off. You deserve a break now. Go to Pathmark and buy two cans of whipped cream, a box of blueberry Eggo waffles and a gallon of milk. Toast the waffles and use the whip cream as syrup. Finally, top it off with numerous tall glasses of milk. Your senses will be engulfed in an array of unadulterated flavors.

Taurus (April 21 - May 21)

Words can not describe you. You could win the Nobel Prize, if you actually achieved something. Otherwise, you are simply amazing. Take some time to help others, since your life is on track. Donate your time to a local soup kitchen and help an old lady cross the street. The good karma will pay off later.

Gemini (May 22 - June 21)

Every day you miss the bus by one minute. Just think about this. If you sat in your bed for one minute less, you wouldn't miss the bus. The same theory applies to life. You keep coming up slightly short of achieving your fullest potential. Hard work yields positive results. Put the time in now, so you can be the one on the bus waving to your friend who just missed it.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22)

Your life is like Pez. You love all the flavors, yet can not decide upon which one will stay in your dispenser. You need to start making decisions and have the confidence to stick with them. If not, you will end up with grape, cherry and lemon Pez all mashed inside a Batman dispenser.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 21)

You're not getting any younger. Stop playing hackey-sack behind Grotto Pizza and get some aspirations. School is a start. You should probably start looking into the future, however, since you haven't done so in quite a while. Have confidence in yourself, and you will be fine. If not, you will always have the prize inside a Cracker Jack box to look forward to.

Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 23)

What did you say? Turning your stereo down will help you concentrate better. It will also stop those annoying 3 a.m. police visits and noise violations, especially while you're trying to have a party. Becoming cognoscente of the distractions in your life will suit you well.



International film series

BY PAT SHIELDS

Staff Reporter

The lights dim in the Trabant theater. Images of cowboys and indians, Nazis and Roman soldiers, tanks and nuclear explosions all blaze across the screen, accompanied by the word "Hell."

With this introduction, "Notre Musique," the fourth film in the English department's International Films Series, begins. This French film, directed by Jean-Luc Goddard in 2004, examines a world split into three parts, "Heaven," "Hell" and "Purgatory."

"Notre Musique" is one of nine films in the series, and one that Meghann Matwichuk, assistant librarian in the instructional media department of Morris Library, thinks will draw a large crowd.

"Goddard is a very popular, well known name in film," she says. "The name alone should draw a nice crowd."

The films in the series are chosen by a committee, including Matwichuk and several faculty and staff members from the English department, as well as the international studies and film departments. The hope is that these foreign films that are not regularly available to students and community members would be shown in their original 35mm form.

"If Blockbuster has any of these movies it's likely to be that one copy buried way in the back of the shelf," Matwichuk says.

For many of these films, students or faculty members would have to travel to Philadelphia, or farther, to see them in their original medium, Matwichuk says. Part of the difficulty of bringing the films to campus is finding them and paying to play them.

"I think a lot of what the audience doesn't know is that most of the time it's not easy to get the actual films because we don't want to show them digitally," she says. "We also have to pay rights to show them in a non-classroom setting and a lot of that can be very difficult."

These foreign films draw a fairly regular crowd of faculty and community members, but the number of students attending the series is always been minimal, she says.

Much of this can be attributed to the fact that the loyal foreign film enthusiasts are constantly in the area, whereas there is a turnover in students every four years. Matwichuk says she

believes with better advertisement in the form of flyers and word-of-mouth, more students would attend the series and enjoy the films.

The idea of a foreign film may intimidate some students, but there is always a loyal group who attend the lectures every week, regardless of what film is being shown, Matwichuk says. This could be attributed to the fact that the movies are shown in their original format. Matwichuk believes that a switch to a digital format would damage the attraction of the series.

"Personally, I think we'd lose a lot of people if you showed the movies on DVD," she says. "A lot of people come because it has that film quality."

The effects of seeing a film in its original format brings a certain quality to the screen that a DVD lacks, she says.

"To me, it's the aesthetic quality, a lot of the lighting is different," she says. "It's like if you view a photograph on a slide and then hold it up to one that you printed out with your digital camera, the difference is going to be huge."

Matwichuk also says the committee attempts to give a cross-section of many different nationalities and themes in the series.

"We try to represent different themes and genres, but a lot of times a theme will just show up unintentionally," she says.

This year the series contains three films by French directors, two by Iranian directors, and several others including Russian and British films. However, many of the films are made by a director from one country about a situation plaguing another. "ABC Africa," which will be shown on Nov. 20, is a documentary made by an Iranian director about the AIDS epidemic in Africa.

The next film in the series, "Turtles Can Fly," is an Iranian movie set on the eve of an American invasion. Many of these films are interesting because they give so many different perspectives and the committee works together to bring these different ideas into one series, Matwichuk says.

"We all bring different ideas to the table," she says. "We try to do recent films and get a cross-section of genres and countries. We also do surveys in the audience after each showing to get ideas for the next year."

The series continues every Sunday until the end of

November. Following "Turtles Can Fly" is "Born Into Brothels," an Academy Award winning Indian documentary about the plight of children in Sonagachi, India.

Matwichuk says she expects a large crowd at the conclusion of the series, "Intermission," a British film about a group of delinquents in Dublin starring Cillian Murphy and Colin Farrell. The series has five films remaining, beginning Oct. 30 and continuing every Sunday at 7:30 p.m. in the Trabant University Center Theater. The shows are free and admission is open to the public.

"Personally, I'd love to see more students," Matwichuk says. "It's a great opportunity to see these films the way they were made and the way they were meant to be seen."



THE REVIEW/File Photo

Peer ministers offer students guidance

BY LAURA BETH DLUGATCH

Staff Reporter

Whether stressing out during midterm week, having roommate trouble or just looking for something to do on a Friday night, look no further than the campus religious groups.

Jeana Beano, staffmember of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, says one of their primary focuses are student leaders who act like peer mentors.

"These leaders have dealt with similar issues that students deal with," she says. "They can guide students in the right direction."

There are different types of leaders within the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Beano says.

"There are small group leaders who lead a Bible discussion in a dorm room, which is convenient for students to attend," she says.

Small group leaders also put together service projects like going to a food bank on a Friday night.

"There are also activities in large groups," Beano says, "for example, there was recently a retreat of 82 students."

She says student leaders live as an example by living out their faith on campus.

"We want our student leaders not to be Christians in hiding, but fully participate on campus and let people see their love for Jesus," Beano says. "We want people to live out who they are in this place and be a whole person."

Small groups offer a chance for students to learn and follow the ways of Jesus because they are more intimate, she says.

Student leaders live according to the Bible and have their own personal faith, she says. A good student leader has love for other students. To become a student leader one must be involved at a certain level and become recognized in the organization.

"Being new, it's hard to be a leader because people in the organization don't know your character and how you are in life," Beano says. "It's best to get your face out there so you can be

known around."

An executive board of four members decides who will be a student leader by praying, Beano says. There is also an interview process, observing a candidates activities and how they are as a mentor.

Programs for incoming freshmen are an important part of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship.

"It's important to connect in the first months of college," Beano says. "Loneliness is a big problem and friendship building is key. Freshmen enjoy when they get to know other freshman."

Sometimes, if a resident assistant is not around or if they are not familiar with issues of faith, a student leader can be the right person to turn to, she says.

Student leaders can guide others because they know the life of the typical student, but unlike the average student, they have shared their life with Christ and have hope. They are ahead in the journey of life and want to help with issues like drinking or relationships. InterVarsity is composed of approximately 50 small groups and five larger groups on campus.

"Knowing Jesus and what he's done gives people freedom, purpose for life and gives you freedom from the burden of uncertainty," Beano says.

Susan Detwiler, executive director for the Kristol Center for Jewish Life, a Hillel Foundation, says the organization has done great things in organizing and helping freshman.

Judaism is both culture and faith, she says. Culture is being part of the community — hanging out with others, but not necessarily being religious. The faith aspect involves coming to weekly spiritual workshops. Hillel has student leaders for both parts.

Student leaders take ownership of religion, Detwiler says. Student groups elect their own leaders and the staff mentors them.

An important feature of Hillel is Freshman Fest, she says. Here, self-identified Jewish students come together for approximately 30 hours and get to know each other. This past year, there was a turnout of 153 freshmen who were guided by 30 upperclass-

man.

"It's an amazing program," she says. "It's great all the freshmen get to know each other and get to know Jewish life on campus. We try to get all the freshmen integrated into our programs and the community."

An important aspect of Hillel is that it is secular, she says. The Kristol Center even has a lounge where students are encouraged to stop between class and eat with their friends.

"Our group is like a home away from home," Detwiler says.

She said she believes that although affiliation with religion hasn't increased, spirituality has. Organized religion is sometimes hard to get involved in but spiritually easier to participate in.

"We try to provide students with a home away from home, especially during the high holidays," she says. "Were not mom but we try to be as much of a family as possible."

At the Baptist Student Ministry, sophomore Donna Kellerman says student leaders are there to help students with anything they need.

Student leaders are based on peer-to-peer relationships mentored by the campus minister, Blake Hardcastle, she says. It's important to have these leaders because they have already experienced things others have not.

In the Baptist Student Ministry, there are different groups such as social, freshman coordinator and others involved in Bible study.

"We try to encourage students to really hang out at our house on Amstel Avenue," Kellerman says.

Tuesday nights, Bible study is held and topics change each semester. Baptist Student Ministry also has doughnut Fridays where they hand out doughnuts to students as they pass the house.

Kellerman says leaders are open, easy to approach and love to welcome new people.

"Everyone makes mistakes and we are not going to judge you for those mistakes," she says. "We welcome everyone into our community."

CAMPUS & COMMUNITY

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10/29 Saturday

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Hens K.O. champion JMU *RB Cuff jukes the Dukes*

BY TIM PARSONS

Senior Sports Editor

Head coach K.C. Keeler brought a pair of boxing gloves to his team's pre-game meal Saturday morning.

"It went with the whole 'we're going to fight every snap of the field' idea," he said.

And fight they did.

Sophomore running back Omar Cuff racked up 236 yards rushing on 39 attempts and four touchdowns as the Hens were able to knock off defending Div. I-AA National Champion James Madison 34-28 Saturday at a rainy and partially torn up Delaware Stadium.

"There is no better way to get on track and reclaiming the season than beating JMU," Keeler said.

The victory improved the Hens' record to 4-3 overall and 1-3 in the Atlantic 10 and kept the team's distant playoff hopes alive. The team would most likely have win its four remaining games to have any chance of making the postseason.

This was Delaware's first home game since the Oct. 8 "Mud Bowl" against Hofstra, which tore up most of the playing surface at Tubby Raymond Field. Last week's scheduled home game versus Richmond was moved to the Spiders' home field as the conditions would not allow for a game in Newark.

But after two weeks and more than \$100,000, the university was able to put down enough new sod on the field surface to make the game playable.

"You have to give our administration credit for making a major commitment," Keeler said. "It was pretty impressive that we made the

financial commitment to make this field playable for the way this game is supposed to be played."

Cuff also agreed the field conditions had improved since the last game at home.

"Two weeks ago, the field was, well, terrible," Cuff said. "Today's field was pretty good all the way down."

Playing conditions aside, the Hens were finally able to get things to fall their way and avoid losing four-straight games for the first time since 1967.

"I'm as proud of this performance as any game I've coached," Keeler said.

It was also a quirky game for the Hens that included a botched fake field goal attempt, one missed extra point and four 2-point conversion attempts (two were successful).

Freshman kicker Zach Hobby was absent. He was benched for the game by Keeler after being late for the team's pre-game meal.

The teams traded off a pair of touchdowns in the first half, and both of Delaware's were scored by Cuff.

The Hens were able to pull away in the second half, scoring the first two touchdowns of the second half on another run by Cuff and a 2-yard pass from senior quarterback Sonny Riccio to senior tight end Justin LaForgia.

But the Dukes would not go away that easily as they quickly moved the ball down the field, scoring on a pass from quarterback Justin Rascati to wide receiver L.C. Baker.

With a 28-21 lead, Cuff broke a 60-yard run for his fourth touchdown of the day to seal the win. He now has 15 total touchdowns on the sea-



THE REVIEW/Dan Egan

Delaware senior tight end Justin LaForgia pulls in a touchdown at the Hens' first A-10 victory of the season over James Madison Saturday.

son and is No. 1 in Div. I-AA.

James Madison head coach Mickey Matthews was quick to praise Delaware after the game.

"It was Delaware's day today, they played a perfect game," he said.

The Hens were able to put 334 yards rushing on the No. 2 ranked defense in all of the Div. I-AA. The

Dukes had been allowing just 57 yards per game on the ground before Saturday.

Delaware gained 414 yards while James Madison could only manage 338. The Hens also played a relatively mistake-free game, allowing zero turnovers and committing only four penalties.

BY STEVE RUSSOLILLO

Sports Editor

It had the makings of a tremendous battle.

One of the best running backs in the nation going up against a vaunted and feared rushing defense. Delaware's sophomore running back and Walter Payton Award candidate Omar Cuff faced off against defending champion James Madison and its No. 2 ranked rushing defense. The stage was set, yet reality proved otherwise as the Hens' rushing attack looked more like an NFL team beating up on a pee-wee league football squad.

Cuff continued his prolific season with one of the best all-around efforts in Delaware history.

The running machine finished with career highs across the board. He carried the ball 39 times, rushed for an astounding 236 yards and scampered into the end zone four times to lead the Hens to a 34-28 victory over James Madison Saturday.

"He is a special player," Delaware head coach K.C. Keeler said. "I think he's the best back in this league, and that says a lot, this is a pretty good league."

Cuff's play of the game was his fourth and final touchdown.

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GAME REWIND

NO. 17 JAMES MADISON — 28
DELAWARE — 34

Attendance: 22,059

Hens' Stat Leaders:

Passing - Riccio: 9-18-0 80
Rushing - Cuff: 39-236
Receiving - LaForgia: 4-44

Dukes' Stat Leaders:

Rascati - 20-31-1 213
Banks - 10-62
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LAST MEETING: The Hens downed the Black Bears in a 44-38 shootout at Delaware Stadium last season. Delaware took an early 27-7 lead but Maine clawed back to take a 38-37 with more than seven minutes to play. Delaware came back and scored the game-winning touchdown with just 45 seconds left to seal the win.

Volleyball spikes one for La.

BY ASHLEY SINGER

Staff Reporter

As student groups and organizations continue to relieve the victims of Hurricane Katrina, the volleyball team has started a fundraiser that is inexpensive, fun and highly dependent on each team player and their supporters.

The fundraiser, initiated on Sept. 6 by head coach Bonnie Kenny, seeks students and faculty members to sponsor a player for each match until their last game on Nov. 12.

Each time the team scores a point during both home and away games, costs a sponsor 10 cents, a fee benefiting a cause most college students can afford. However, sponsorships are not limited to students, as administration, family and friends can participate in the fundraising.

Junior Claire McCormack lobbied in her home town of Downers Grove, Ill. and has had great success in the effort.

"I got lots of family and friends from home to sponsor me, and so far I've been able to contribute \$300," McCormack said. "It's great to know that we're helping the cause."

Kenny said she started the fundraiser to make the

team aware that the hurricane was a devastating and catastrophic event.

She also remembered freshman outside hitter Molly Rand, whose family was finally able to return home to Metairie, La. last week. She knew she had to do something since the effect on both the team and the university was immediately brought even closer to home.

A suburb of New Orleans, Metairie is approximately 15 miles from the city. Some houses endured severe damage while others, like that of Rand were spared from extensive wreckage.

"We had some roof damage, and lots of trees were down, but overall the house was okay," Rand said. "Luckily my parents were up here for the weekend."

Although it may seem as if a dime is nothing, a winning game amounts to at least 30 points. That means if each player on the 18-woman roster has five sponsors, the team can donate \$270 for each win. And it must be noted that it takes three wins to claim a match victorious.

"Most matches are going to cost you \$15," Kenny said. "So it doesn't take a lot of money to sponsor a

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Son tries to keep par with famous father

UD golfer learns from dad, Senior PGA champ

BY KYLE DOLAN
Staff Reporter

The midday sun is right above the tenth hole at Hayfields Country Club, a par-4 with a hard dogleg right. It is the last day of tournament play in the Constellation Energy Classic, a tournament on the Champions Tour circuit of the Senior PGA Tour, featuring the world's best golfers of 50-and-older.

Spectators sit on dark green, wooden bleachers behind the tee-box, resting their tired legs and fanning themselves with hats and magazines attempting to beat the humidity.

Senior, J.J. Oakley, is the only person standing amidst the bleacher crowd. His focus is on the tee-box, where a skinny, middle-aged man, standing five-foot-seven is taking a few practice swings with his driver.

J.J. carefully observes the golfer's every movement. The man adjusts his glasses before stepping up to his ball, which rests on a white tee stuck in the short cut grass. He rocks back and forth on his heels and shakes his arms as if trying to exorcise a demon from his body. After one deep breath, he brings the club back and through, a smooth swing that sends the little white ball down the center of the fairway.

Before leaving the tee, the gray-haired golfer snags a bottle of water, a banana, an apple and some peanut butter crackers from

a vending cart and motions for JJ to meet him along the fairway. An exchange is made between the two over a stretched out piece of rope separating the crowd from the players. J.J. takes the man's offering of food and drink.

"Thanks," J.J. says, "Go get 'em Dad." Hanging on the wall of J.J. (Jeremy Joseph) Oakley's room, is a white caddy's smock with the name "OAKLEY" written in big, blue block letters across the front.

"I wore that when I caddied for my dad during the British Open at St. Andrews this year," J.J. says proudly, pointing at the mounted souvenir.

His father, Pete Oakley, is a professional golfer on the Senior PGA Tour. His most notable accomplishment is winning the 2004 Senior British Open, one of the big money, major championships on the tour.

J.J.'s clubs are nestled next to the door of his room in a blue golf bag that has "DELAWARE" written along the side in yellow. Along with his brother Zac, who was a three-time All-American golfer at Wesley College, J.J. has been playing since he was young.

"My uncle plays on the European

Senior Tour too," J.J. says. "So it's in the family."

So far Pete has had the most golf success out of all the Oakley boys. These last few years he has amassed a sum of over \$550,000 in career winnings playing at the professional level. For his boys, following in Dad's footsteps will be like following him straight up Mt. Everest.



Senior golfer J.J. Oakley (left) and his father Pete. courtesy of JJ Oakley

J.J. walked on to the golf team his sophomore year. Now working on his fifth year at the university, he wonders if he will have a future in golf like his father.

"I'd still like to become a professional," J.J. says expressing some disappointment with the way he has played in college. "Looking at the record books my play here is not that astounding at all, but it's a lot easier to play when you have nothing else to worry about."

One of the hardest things for a son to do is where his father has already succeeded. J.J. says his

father's name has followed him for most of his golf career. Oakley went to a private school from sixth grade until his freshman year in high school to play golf.

"They were happy I was coming, just because of my dad," he said. "My last name really gets me anywhere in golf with the people that know anything, especially now."

J.J. said he never felt too much pressure to live up to his father's name until he came to college.

"Because of my last name, people assume that I'm supposed to be really outstanding, even though that might not be the case."

Mike Keogh, Delaware's golf coach, says J.J. has one of the best tempos on the team and pushes the rest of the players to do their best. Oakley shot two solid rounds at Navy after his sophomore year. He sustained an injury to his ankle shortly after his record round at Navy, which affected his play according to Keogh. In addition to the injury, Keogh said playing can be harder on J.J. at times because of his father.

"I think he puts some undue pressure on himself to perform at a high level because of his name," Keogh said.

J.J. does share something in common with his father other than the last name Oakley; both are well recognized golfers from Delaware. No golfer from Delaware has ever won a senior major championship or even come close to Pete Oakley's success with the game. As for J.J., despite his self-admitted inconsistent play at the college level, he did have one incredible weekend with the team.

"I haven't really done as well as I'd hoped to playing at this school," he says, "but I had one good tournament. I shot 68 one round and it was the lowest score by a Delaware player in 20 years." That record was recently beaten this year by Joe McLister who shot a 67, the second best score in school history.

Education has been the other area J.J. has devoted a lot of his time to aside from golf. He is currently applying to dental school. Pete Oakley says he would love to see J.J. pursue a career in professional golf, but he could not be more proud of his son in school.

"He's doing real well in school, we're all very proud of him," he said laughing. "It's a good thing brains skip a generation."

WEEKLY CALENDAR

	Tues. 10/25	Wed. 10/26	Thurs. 10/27	Fri. 10/28	Sat. 10/29	Sun. 10/30	Mon. 10/31
Football					@ Maine Noon		
Field Hockey				vs. Drexel 7 p.m.		vs. La Salle 1:30 p.m.	
Volleyball	@ Villanova 7 p.m.				vs. Towson 7 p.m.		
Women's Soccer			vs. UNC- Wilmington 7 p.m.		vs. Georgia State 1 p.m.		
Men's Soccer				@ UNC- Wilmington 7 p.m.		@ Georgia State 1 p.m.	
Cross Country					@ UNC- Wilmington 10 a.m.		
Golf							@ Old Dominion
Women's Tennis			@ LaSalle 2:30 p.m.				
Men's Tennis			@ LaSalle 2:30 p.m.				
Swimming					vs. Georgetown 1 p.m.		

Rally for a cause

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match. At the end, each player will hand in all of their dimes."

The money will be donated to The American Red Cross Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund at the end of the season.

For Rand, the effort is even more touching, and the success thus far has been very encouraging.

"I consider myself and my family lucky, but we have lots of friends who were effected much worse," Rand said. "Just talking to friends from home and hearing their stories and the stories of those less fortunate really makes what we're doing feel worthy."

Karen Spry, office supervisor for the Center for Historic Architecture and Design on campus, says even though she had already donated to another charity immediately after the hurricane, she wanted to help the team's cause.

"I get to enjoy watching the team practice almost daily and I feel I owe it to them to help with their efforts for such a worthy cause," Spry stated in an e-mail.

As a member of the Employee Fitness Center, Spry says she feels lucky to be able to watch the team practice almost every day, but says



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The volleyball team embracing.

she only knows the team members by their faces.

"I hope to connect the face with the individual that came from La., Molly Rand," she said. But it wouldn't have mattered if any player on the team was affected personally by the disaster. I would have helped anyway."

— additional reporting by Ravi Gupta

HEN PECKINGS

- The women's soccer team (8-5-3, 5-3-1 CAA) pulled out a 1-0 victory Friday at George Mason. Sophomore forward Emily Sammis scored her first career goal with 1:24 remaining to give the Hens their eighth win of the year. The Hens traveled to Towson Sunday and battled the Tigers to a 1-1 tie. Senior goalkeeper Lindsey Shover recorded a season-high 10 saves and sophomore forward Alli D'Amico scored the team's only goal in the draw. Delaware returns to Delaware Mini-Stadium on Thursday to faceoff against UNC Wilmington. Game time is set for 7 p.m.
- The men's soccer team (1-10-4, 0-6-2 CAA) scored a season high three goals Sunday, but could only pull out a 3-3 tie against Towson at Delaware Mini-Stadium. Sophomore midfielder Drew Majerick scored his first goal of the season and recorded an assist in the draw. The Hens were shut out for the 11th time this season as they lost 1-0 to George Mason on Friday. They travel Friday to face UNC Wilmington. Game time is set for 7 p.m.
- The field hockey team (6-11, 1-6 CAA) lost a pair of 3-2 games this weekend against Towson on Friday and No. 19 James Madison on Sunday. Sophomore forward Molly Burke scored two second half goals on Friday to lead a valiant comeback that came up just short. Melissa Stefanik scored a hat trick for the Dukes to lead them past the Hens. Delaware will look to snap a six-game losing streak on Friday when they host Drexel. Game time is set for 7 p.m.
- The volleyball team (9-16, 5-8 CAA) lost two five-game heart breakers this weekend against Virginia Commonwealth on Friday and William and Mary on Saturday. Freshman outside hitter Kelly Gibson, named CAA Rookie of the Week, recorded a team-high 19 kills on Friday and led the Hens with 19 kills and 10 digs Saturday. Junior Heather Ranck had a career-high 34 digs against Virginia Commonwealth and sophomore Allison Lutz had a career-high 24 digs and 58 assists against William and Mary. Delaware will look to get back on track today at Villanova. Game time is set for 7 p.m.

— Compiled by Steve Russolillo

ATHLETES OF THE ISSUE



OMAR CUFF

Sophomore running back Omar Cuff helped halt the football team's three-game losing streak by leading the Hens to a 34-28 victory over James Madison on Saturday at Delaware Stadium.

Cuff recorded a career high 39 carries and 236 rushing yards, both of which were second best in school history. He added four rushing touchdowns for 15 on the season, including the game-winning 60-yard scamper with 2:45 remaining in the fourth quarter.

He dominated the James Madison run defense that previously allowed only 57.3 rushing yards per game.



LINDSEY SHOVER

Senior goalkeeper Lindsey Shover had a tremendous week for the women's soccer team, registering 18 saves and a shutout to keep the Hens in third place in the Colonial Athletic Association.

The tri-captain netminder recorded eight saves and a shutout Friday in a 1-0 win at George Mason and added a career-high 10 saves in a 1-1 draw against rival Towson on Sunday.

Shover now has 19 shutouts for her career and is only one shy of Sheena Hunter for second place on the Delaware all-time shutout list.

— photos courtesy of UD Athletics Media relations

COMMENTARY



RAVI GUPTA

Wanted: True Fans

The stakes were set high. The struggling 2003 national champs versus the heavily favored 2004 national champs. Facing off against the most feared team in the conference, a win for Delaware would cause slim play-off hopes to gain some life. A loss, and the season would be over with not a glimmer of hope. In other words, it was a must-win game.

The stands erupted as Omar Cuff exploded down the field for the game sealing 60-yard touchdown. Fans were shrieking in pure joy. If I'm not mistaken, the super-fan in shoulder pads with the intricately painted face was tearing up. The student section was in mayhem.

There was only one problem. The student section consisted of maybe 200 students at best.

Now, I know it was parents weekend, and there were maybe a couple hundred students in the stands with their parents, but that still accumulates to less than 500 Delaware students who were at the game. And no more than 50 students were there to witness Cuff's final touchdown.

Of course, the excuse Rolodex is chock full. The aforementioned parents weekend, the bad weather, the early start time and even Skidfest played a part in the lack of student attendance. But that doesn't justify the absence of school spirit; The same school spirit which has been acclaimed for being immeasurable and ubiquitous.

Recent debate about the student section implies that we are so gung-

ho about the football team that we reserve the right to kick out the *student* band from the section to open up more seating for fans.

But ask this question: Who has been to every game this season, no matter the weather, no matter the occasion, no matter the time? Among a dwindling number of truly hardcore fans, it's the marching band. They deserve to keep those seats.

True fans endure the rain and cold. They take it easier on a Friday night knowing that an early wakeup is imperative to making it to the noon game.

The fact is, there are few real fans who come out and support the football team no matter the circumstances. When the conditions are right and the section is filled to capacity, our fans are downright crazy and intimidating. But those conditions are evidently met in the beginning of the season, when the games are at night and the weather is beautiful.

I don't question our spirit for UD Football when the fans actually come out to the game, but getting students to come is the questionable phenomenon.

All this brou-haha about having to accommodate more students is ludicrous. The problem exists for at most three games of the season. Apparently the allure of going to a Hens football game disappears with the good weather. But that's football; You gotta brave the elements. It's cold, it's rainy, you can't feel your legs, but team is battling, pulling out all the stops to upset the reigning national champions.

The whole issue brought about by the Delaware Undergraduate Student Congress is off-kilter. It takes roughly 3,000 students, dedicated for an entire season, to cause a real seating dilemma. We simply don't have that right now.

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Omar helps snap skid

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He flew past defenders for a 60 yard sprint with 2:45 remaining for the game-winner.

"During the 60 yarder, Sonny made a good read and the hole opened up," Cuff said. "Next thing I know, I'm just taking off. That's how things happen."

James Madison entered Saturday's game with some fascinating defensive statistics, which proved Delaware's performance to be even more spectacular. The Dukes allowed an average of only 57.3 rushing yards and yielded a miniscule 10 points per game. Only one team achieved more than 100 total rushing yards this season and three of James Madison's six opponents have been held to single digits in scoring.

Delaware trounced those numbers by a landslide. Not only did Cuff dominate the ground game, but with the combination of senior quarterback Sonny Riccio and freshman wide receiver Aaron Love running at will, the entire Hens offense combined for a total of 334 rushing yards on the day.

334 yards, take a moment to let that sink in. That is almost six times more than the Dukes' average. Cuff's four rushing touchdowns outnumbered the combined total of rushing touchdowns James Madison allowed this season. Overall, the 34 points Delaware scored were the most James Madison has allowed this season.

"We just couldn't tackle Omar," James Madison head coach Mickey Matthews said. "I

think he's the best back in the league and you have to give him a lot of credit. I thought it was a devastating game because of our inability to tackle him."

Cuff's 39 carries and 236 rushing yards proved to be the second highest totals in Delaware history. He has accumulated 851 yards on the ground this season and is averaging an Atlantic-10 leading 121.6 rushing yards per game.

Keeler described the extra versatility Cuff has brought to the table this year by becoming a better receiver out of the backfield.

"This kid can do it all," Keeler said. "He's self made, which is why I respect him so much."

Keeler said the offense did not have any pass routes involving Cuff last year because he had trouble catching the ball, but his work ethic helped him add that extra dimension to his game.

"Now, we do things with him catching the football and taking direct snaps," Keeler said. "Who would have ever thought that?"

Cuff has become Riccio's favorite receiving target this season. He leads the Hens with 30 receptions and 330 receiving yards to go along with four receiving touchdowns.

Cuff, overall, is leading the A-10 in all-purpose yards with 1,181 yards from scrimmage this season. After seven games, the "Cuff count" has reached 15 touchdowns, good for tops in all of Division I-AA. The man is an unstoppable offensive powerhouse, and after 39 carries and three receptions, he seemed ready for more.

"It didn't really feel like 39 times, I thought it was more like 15 or 20," Cuff said. "My main focus is to do my responsibility on the field and just go with it. I don't really think about it."



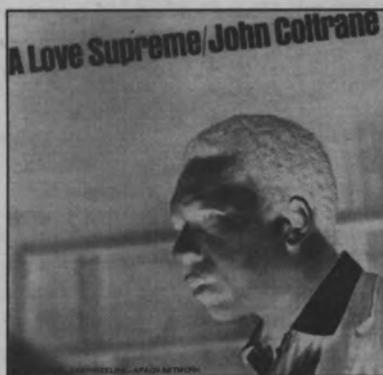
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Sophomore running back Omar Cuff (left) tied his own record of four touchdowns in a game Saturday.

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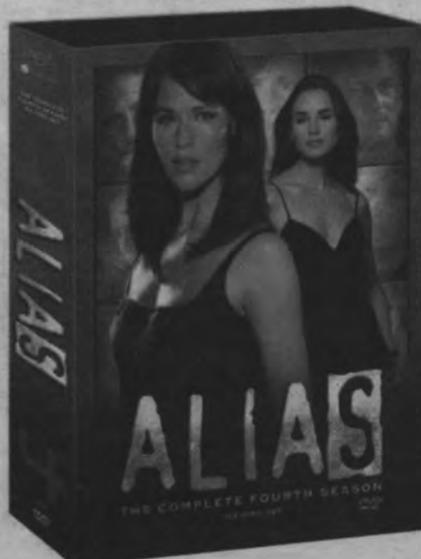


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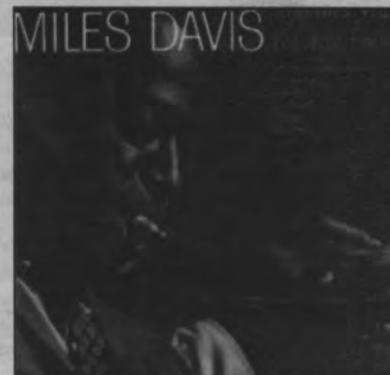
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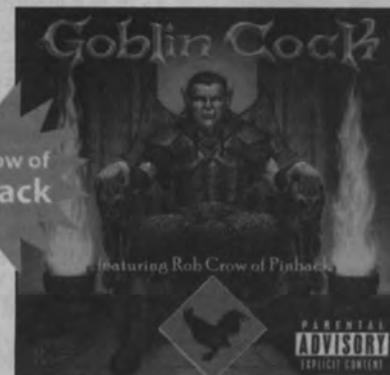


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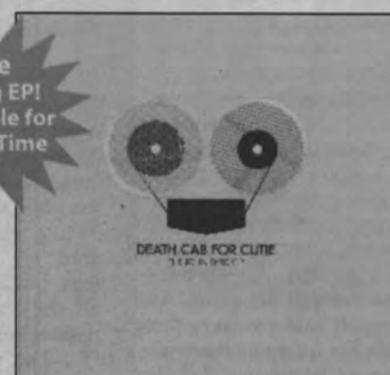
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