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## Campus smoking ban passed

BY APRIL INGENITO

Staff Reporter

Passing a campus smoking ban, implementing the student forum website UDecide and approving laundry text alerts have been some of the Student Government Association accomplishments this year, senators said at their final general meeting last Thursday in Memorial Hall.

The tobacco-free campus proposal has been in the works since last spring semester and was officially passed at the senate meeting in November, which had representatives from all colleges included in the 31 voting member senate, according to senior and SGA president Michelle Barineau.

She said the logistics of the plan still need to be finalized. Even though the proposal is a reflection of an undergraduate student poll that showed 72 percent would approve of a tobacco-free campus, students are only the beginning.

"It will be a long process," Barineau said. "It affects everyone—students, faculty, guests, athletes. Our chunk that was passed is only a small piece of the pie."

She said one of the most successful accomplishments this year was implementing UDecide, a website designed and monitored by SGA where students can post ideas about improving the campus and vote on them.

Sophomore Danielle Imhoff, a programming senator, said the anonymity and convenience of the software makes it simple for students to reach SGA with their ideas.

"It's an easier way for students rather than them coming to our office and knocking on our door awkwardly," Imhoff said.

Senators are currently trying to make UDecide part of the UD application available for smartphones.

This year, senators also started

the Green Senate which will handle environmental issues. It is currently a temporary committee and members involved are working toward finalizing their mission statement with the intentions of becoming a permanent branch of SGA.

Sophomore Becky Bronstein, a member of the Green Senate, said the need for the committee stemmed from the lack of representation for all of the environmentally-oriented groups on campus.

"We thought that if there was a central body that could meet and discuss what's going on in their own groups as well as have a chance to collaborate on issues that it would be helpful," Bronstein said.

The Green Senate is working on a proposal which requires the university to release the names of all chemicals used to spray The Green, as part of the "Green the Green" movement happening on campus. Bronstein said she hopes the proposal will be passed at today's Senate meeting.

Barineau said another accomplishment from this semester was the approval of laundry text alerts which students in residence halls receive text messages when their laundry is finished.

Even though issues surrounding all aspects at dining halls have been posted on UDecide, they have been in contact with Dining Services but have not initiated any new proposals this semester, Barineau said.

Imhoff, who also works with Resident Student Association, said she hopes they can work on offering more variety to students' dining plans.

Barineau said this semester has been productive and she hopes there will be more participation and monthly student polls. She said she is looking forward to next semester with new ideas coming in through UDecide, which will increase the number of future proposals.



THE REVIEW/Mary-Kathryn Kotocavage

Nancy Brickhouse talked about the university's hopes for recruiting students across the country.

## Faculty talk finances, ongoing provost search

BY MATT BITTLE

Sports Editor

At last night's Faculty Senate meeting, Interim Provost Nancy Brickhouse said the administration will have to try to deal with budget issues without raising tuition. Faculty Senate members also discussed the improvement of university's image, the closed provost search and faculty handbook changes at the last meeting of the semester in Gore Hall.

Brickhouse said though questions exist regarding the state's budget for the upcoming year, university officials are hopeful they can avoid cuts in funding.

"Our overall strategy in terms of working with the state is to be a very important partner with them and to be so important economically that they continue to work with us the way that they are," Brickhouse said.

She said because of the financial situation of the federal government, the university could receive less funding from the Department of Defense.

Fundraising has grown from approximately \$26 million in the 2008 fiscal year to \$61 million in 2012, Brickhouse said, and revenue has increased from \$697 million in 2007 to \$987 million currently.

Brickhouse said the administration

is looking at ways to utilize the campus during the summer because she said the campus is the university's "greatest asset." She said the university is hoping to avoid raising its tuition much higher, as the fees are currently on the high-end for state schools in the Mid-Atlantic region.

"We're clearly facing a situation where increasing tuition and fees is probably not a solution anymore," she said. "Our increases will probably be modest in order to keep in line with what parents and families can afford."

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## DiSabatino murder investigation continues

BY DANIELLE BRODY

Managing News Editor

More than three weeks after the murder of a university sophomore, New Castle County police are still investigating the crime, officials said.

New Castle County Police Cpl. John Weglarz said solving the Nov. 12 shooting of Peter DiSabatino could take time, but police officers are working diligently on the case.

"It's an ongoing investigation, so they're trying to follow up on information received and attempting to get possible suspects," Weglarz said.

DiSabatino, who was a 20-year-old student in the university's Associate in Arts program on Wilmington campus, was shot once outside of his Studio Green Student Village apartment. Neighbors attempted to perform CPR, but he was later pronounced dead at Christiana Hospital.

Weglarz said the suspects are two black men, one who was wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt and the other a black hooded sweatshirt at the scene of the crime.

University Police Chief Patrick Ogden stated in an email message that because the crime happened outside

of Newark, university police are not directly involved in the case. However, he said they will provide assistance as needed. They are also offering to help the New Castle police department with more patrol near the scene of the crime, he said.

The department sent out a crime alert on Nov. 13 and receives updates from New Castle police, Ogden said. He said police officers are also working with management at Studio Green Apartments to plan on a safety forum meeting for students living there.

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Logistics of the plan still need to be finalized.



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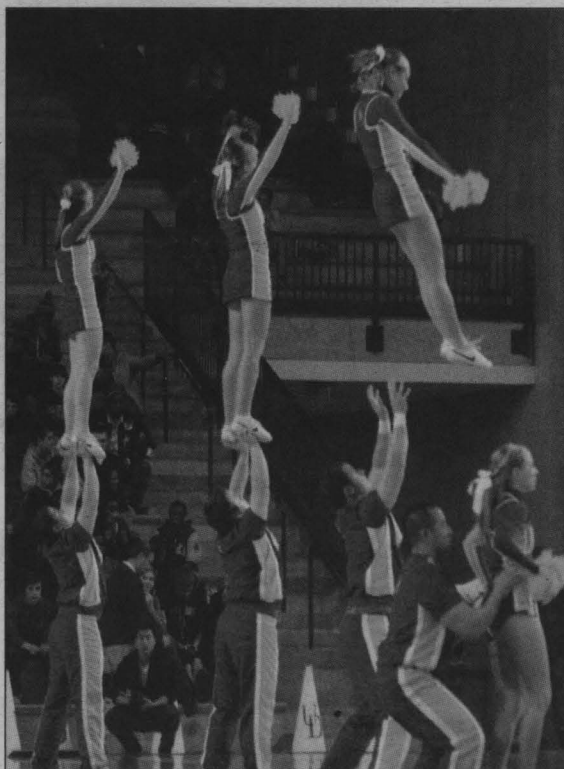
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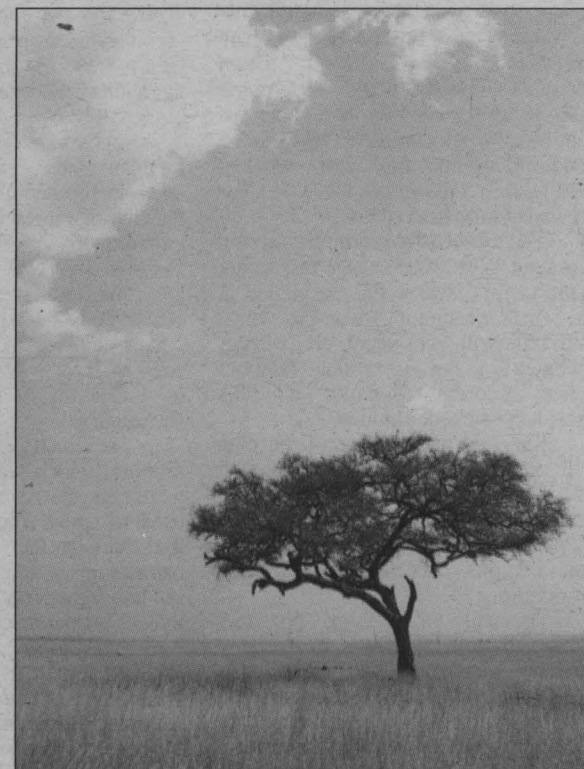
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The University of Delaware Dance Team dances for the crowd at a women's basketball game.



THE REVIEW/Emma Rando

Cheerleaders perform a stunt at the women's basketball game vs. St. Bonaventure.



THE REVIEW/Stephen Pope

This photo of a tree was taken during a study abroad trip to Tanzania.

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# Search for engineering dean begins

BY REBEKAH MARGULIS  
Staff Reporter

Now that the search for a new provost is underway, the College of Engineering can begin looking for a new dean, Interim Provost Nancy Brickhouse said.

She said engineering professor Charlie Riordan, vice provost of research, chairs the search committee which is made up of faculty both inside and outside the college and members of the Board of Trustees. Over the summer, the committee decided a dean could not be selected until a permanent provost was chosen.

The first step to find a new dean is to hire a search firm, that will help gather the prospective applicants through various connections, including references from faculty at the university. Brickhouse said they will filter through the candidates and pick out the most qualified for consideration.

"The search firm is there to do most of the heavy lifting," she said. "They will generate a pool over the next several months composed of strong and diverse candidates."

Brickhouse said at this point in the process, the list of applicants will remain completely confidential. However, after the initial candidates are selected, they will go through "airport interviews," which occur at undisclosed times and usually at places like an airport hotel, she said.

After the airport interviews, Brickhouse said the top choices will be brought to campus where they will then have the chance to meet and interact with the faculty and get a feel for the university.

"This is the process that was agreed on this summer," she said. "It fits the culture of the College of Engineering and will help in finding the best candidate."

The committee aims to complete the interview process and pick and instate a dean by April or May, according to Brickhouse. She said the committee is searching for a dean who will be a strong academic leader, in both teaching and research, and who will have a broad understanding of engineering.

"We need a dean who has a view beyond engineering," Brickhouse said. "They have to be able to implement interdisciplinary research and programs which can extend beyond engineering and engage the entire college."

The process for adjusting to the new position will be different for every candidate because both internal and external candidates are considered for the position, she said, meaning the first year could be potentially difficult for the new dean.

Freshman John Brennan said he was unaware the university was looking for a new dean and thinks student should have more of a say in the process. Implementing a new dean will cause significant changes in how the

department is run and could have a big effect on students and their day-to-day activities, he said.

He said experience in the field and leadership qualities are two of the most important characteristics the new dean should have. At the same time, the new dean needs to understand the school and how the program fits with the university.

"Depending on who is hired, they should demonstrate what the University of Delaware values in its leaders," Brennan said.

Dan Gianforte, a sophomore energy and environmental policy major within the College of Engineering, said the new dean will have a major impact on the College.

"Any big decision or change comes from the dean and it's up to he or she to better the college," Gianforte said.

Gianforte said he thinks having previous experience as a dean of a college is an important qualification for the new dean to have as well as an extensive background in the field of engineering.

He said it is difficult to schedule meetings with advisors in his program, so he hopes the new dean will focus his efforts on the advisement program, and more specifically, advisor availability. In general though, he said the most important aspect is what the new dean will be able to bring to the school.

"Whoever they are will greatly affect the image of the school," Gianforte said.



THE REVIEW/Sara Pfefer

Students involved in "Green the Green" are meeting with the SGA to discuss the proposal of trying organic lawn care today.

## Students seek organic lawn care

BY SKYLER GOLDMAN  
Staff Reporter

In November, a group of students gathered on The Green to raise awareness of a petition to persuade the university to change the treatments sprayed on the grass. Nearly a month and more than 1,000 signatures later, the university and students are still struggling to come to a compromise regarding organic lawn care methods.

Junior Kathleen Grimes, president of Students for the Environment, said she was inspired to join the "Green the Green" campaign after learning about how the university's pesticides usage was having negative effects on students.

"It's something so central to the school, and then to find out that it could be dangerous to students is frustrating," Grimes said.

Junior environmental science major Megan Mauger said many of her classes have touched on the dangers of pesticide usage. She said her knowledge of environmental science inspired her to take action, join the "Green the Green" movement and put what she has learned to good use.

Mauger said the campaign members have met with university officials, who still are not convinced the pesticides are a danger.

University spokesman John Brennan stated in an email message that Grounds Services applies an organic fertilizer called Milorganite to the lawn on The Green. In order to treat weeds, they spot spray Basagran T/O and PowerZone, both of which are registered for use with the Environmental Protection Agency.

He said employees' and students' safety is the university's top priority, so Grounds Services personnel follow safety procedures when spraying and are trained to stop if there is risk of exposure.

"Herbicides, [which are a category of pesticides], are not applied when weather conditions are unfavorable, as wind, temperature and rain are always monitored prior to application," Brennan said. "Application happens at the optimal time of day to minimize exposure to the general public while achieving optimum results."

Mauger said while she is still promoting the cause, she understands why university officials would hesitate to take drastic measures, as there has been no formal study performed on the harm of the pesticides.

University officials discussed possibly allotting a small plot of land for testing organic treatments, but according to Mauger, the campaign members are still deliberating this course of action due

to the expense.

Students involved in "Green the Green" are meeting with the Student Government Association today to discuss the proposal. Sophomore Rebecca Bronstein, an environmental science major and Sustainability Task Force member, said she helped draft the proposal and is hopeful that it will be passed in the spring so that they can decide what the next step will be.

If SGA passes the proposal, Bronstein said she thinks it will encourage the university to consider changing their lawn care methods.

"It was disturbing to find out kids were getting rashes from The Green," Bronstein said. "This is something that affects everyone whether you're a professor, a student or a dog."

According to Grimes, organic treatments would be less harmful to the environment and protect the local water supply from contamination.

Paul Tukey, founder of SafeLawns and published natural lawn care movement expert, said he has been involved with "Green the Green" campaign and has spent time blogging about the movement's progress.

"If one student gets sick, that's just one student too many," Tukey said. "The university says that these products were approved by the EPA so they're safe but that's really misguided. Any product that needs EPA approval means that it's inherently dangerous."

Mauger said the chemicals in the pesticides and herbicides are known to cause respiratory problems and skin irritations.

Tukey said even if the students are unsuccessful in the movement to switch grass treatments, they still go through an important process in which they can learn and benefit from the experience.

Other universities, such as Harvard University, the University of Colorado at Boulder and the University of Arizona, have already engaged in the organic lawn care movement, according to Tukey. He said he believes the university could only benefit from switching its lawn care practices.

While other universities have been successful, Mauger said every area of land is different. She said it's important to start off with one plot of land to see which treatments work.

Grimes said there is still more room for awareness, but as of now, the campaign's focus is on the administration.

"I'm proud of what we've done already because it's very much a grassroots movement," Grimes said. "Hopefully with passionate people we'll be able to make a difference."

## Some students use breaks to serve communities with holiday needs

BY CLAIRE DE LANNOY  
Staff Reporter

For the upcoming winter break, sophomore Schaefer Andrews said she hopes to participate in a Christmas tree activity for impoverished families. Giving back to her community in Westport, Conn. during the holidays has always been a priority for Andrews, whose mother is a youth minister.

"I think that the holidays are a time where you are reminded of how lucky you are," Andrews said. "We should all think about those who are less fortunate and don't have the things we have."

As a part of the program hosted at her local church, members of the community can take a piece of paper off the tree with a family's name and what they need, such as toys for children. Those who participate would buy the item, wrap it and give it to the family for Christmas.

Over Thanksgiving break she helped organize an annual feast at the Christ and Holy Trinity Church in her hometown. She said local businesses donated food such as turkeys and pies to the Thanksgiving morning feast.

The event was held in a large hall with decorated tables and was open to anyone who wanted to attend. Most of the people were homeless, elderly or those who did not have anyone to spend the holiday with, she said. In addition to the feast, Andrews said people

could call in and have meals delivered to them. Volunteers worked to pack up requested meals and personally bring them to those in need.

Andrews and other students volunteer while they are home during time off from school. On Thanksgiving morning, junior Andrea Bianculli helped at a soup kitchen in a local United Methodist Church in Farmingdale, N.Y.

Bianculli stated in an email message that she has been volunteering at the soup kitchen since her junior year of high school. She helps during the summer and holiday breaks.

"The homeless and impoverished need the most support during the holidays," Bianculli said. "Just because they may not have the resources available to them to celebrate, it does not mean that they should be robbed of the experience."

She said soup kitchens are important because they provide a welcoming place for community members who have nowhere else to celebrate. The people she helps are especially grateful during the holidays as opposed to other times throughout the year, Bianculli said.

One of the biggest problems is the lack of volunteers, she said, which is why she helps every year. It is likely that more people in need will come to the soup kitchen during the holidays, so the amount of volunteers needs to meet the demand of those to be served.

Andrews, who lives close to New York City, said the homeless need the most support on the holidays, especially on the East Coast. It is common to see the homeless without jackets and looking for places to keep warm, she said.

Over winter session, senior Dom Brockway said he is hoping to help with hurricane relief effort in Breezy Point, N.Y., a community which suffered flooding and extensive fires after Hurricane Sandy.

As a student from out of state, Brockway said he feels the holiday seasons are ideal for helping members of his community. He knows many people from his high school who were directly affected by the storm and lost their homes. Many survivors of Sandy are still without power and are working to rebuild homes, he said.

Brockway said it is important to him to help others during the holiday and he looks forward to volunteering with his friends later this month.

"There are a good amount of students and alumni that lost their homes, specifically the ones affected by the fire that consumed 100 homes," Brockway said. "Being at school during the storm prevented me from helping in the relief effort, so I want to use my time at home to do as much as I can to aid the people affected by the storm."



# Review This

## POLICE REPORTS

### Two cases of attempting peeping reported last week

An unknown male attempted to peep into two female students' windows Thursday morning, according to Newark Police Spokesman MCpl. Gerald Bryda. He said officers were called to the first block of Choate Street at 2:55 a.m. when a male wearing dark clothes was seen entering a 21-year-old female student's front porch and attempting to peer through the window. The suspect fled before officers arrived on scene.

Bryda said officers received a similar call later that same morning about a male attempting to look into a 22-year-old female student's window on Kells Avenue at 3:50 a.m.

Bryda said both victims gave a similar description of a white male, approximately 5 feet 10 inches to 6 feet tall with a thin build. The second victim described him as wearing blue jeans and a shiny black jacket. Although a K-9 officer was brought to both scenes, police were unable to locate the subject, he said.

The suspect has not been found, but Bryda said he will be charged with trespassing with the intent to peep or peer into the window of another.

### Video game equipment stolen from apartment

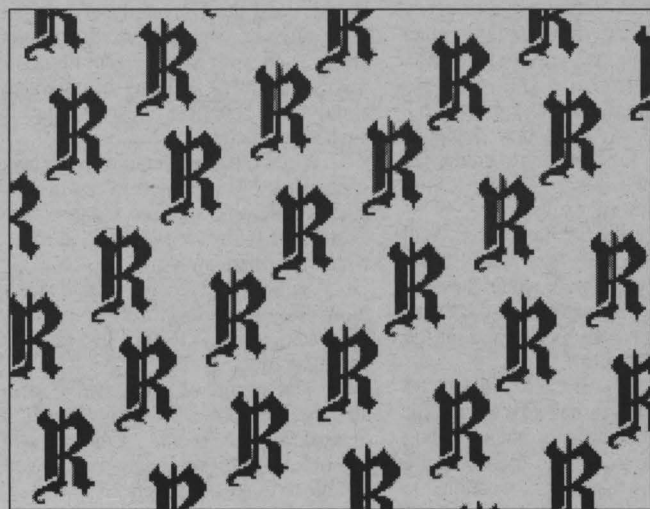
Nine boxes filled with approximately \$4,000 of Xbox systems were stolen from West Knoll Apartments on Elkton Road sometime between 7 and 10 p.m. on Nov. 26, according to Bryda. The victim, a 20-year-old female, reported she had the boxes delivered to her apartment through UPS Inc. Bryda said the delivery was made and the boxes were left stacked in the hall.

Although the victim saw the boxes, she entered her apartment at 7 p.m. and when she returned to pick them up later that evening, they were missing. There is no suspect at this time, but Bryda said the suspect, when found, will be charged with theft of \$1,500 or greater.

### Police intervene in apparent attempted break-in

Police were called at approximately 4:21 a.m. Sunday to Scholar Drive, when the residents of the apartment said two males were banging on the door and attempting to break into the apartment through the balcony, he said. Officers arrived on scene and the two men were taken into custody. However, upon questioning the men, they said they had been to the apartment earlier for a friend's party. Bryda said both the men and the friend who was a resident of the apartment vacated the residence earlier, but the men came back to stay the night yet the mutual friend was still not home. After police apprehended the men, another resident of the apartment confirmed they had been there previously. Bryda said charges against the two men have been dropped.

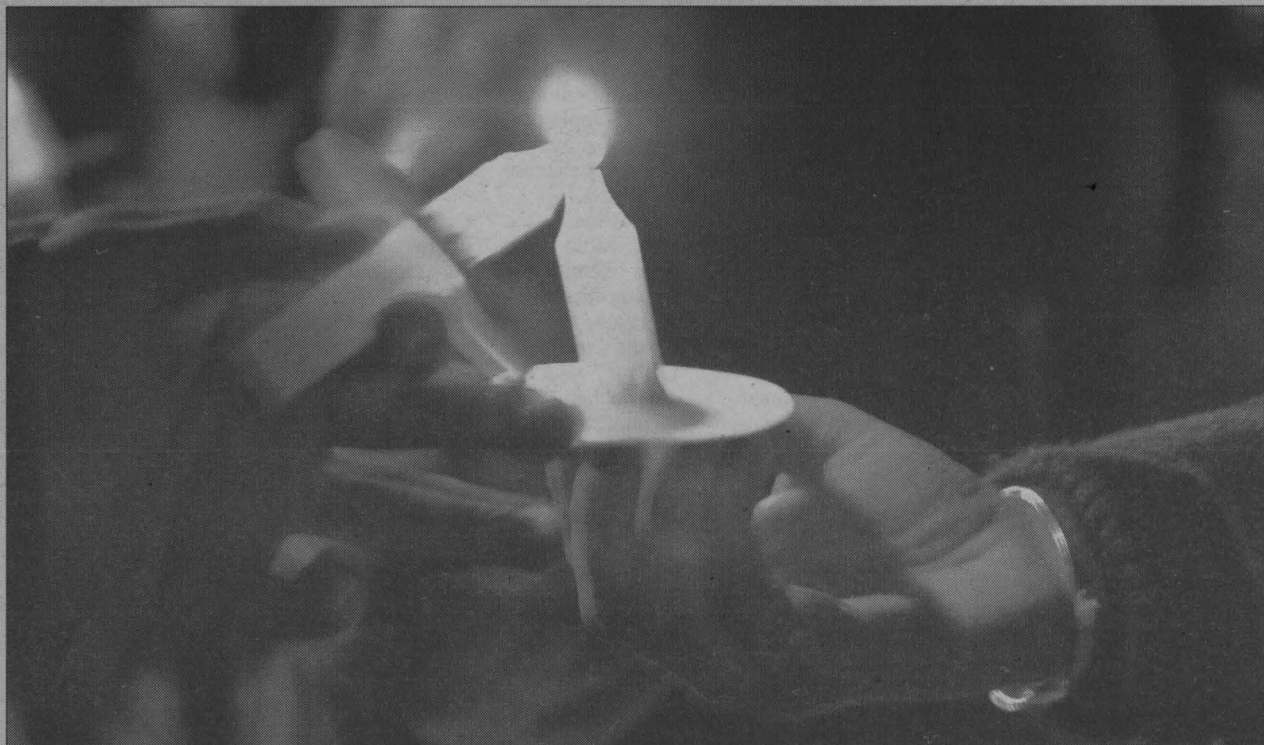
-Rachel Taylor



## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

*Dec. 6, 1968: Dean of Women Bessie B. Collins steps from a helicopter after a tour of the university for VIPs.*

## PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Candles were lit at the pro-peace rally organized by Israel U.

THE REVIEW/ Sara Pfefer

## IN BRIEF

### OISS searches for new director

Four finalists for the director of the Office of International Students and Scholars will be on campus, where they will meet with the university community. The new director will oversee the revamping of the OISS. Finalists include Ravi Ammigan, Mihaela Metianu, Sami Nassim and Thy Yang. Finalists will participate in an open meeting with university faculty, staff and students, where they will be asked to talk about their opinions on many prominent issues with international students and scholars. Scheduled times are as follows:

**Ravi Ammigan:** 2 to 3:15 p.m., Wednesday  
Gallery of the Perkins Student Center

**Thy Yang:** 2 to 3:15 p.m., Thursday  
Ewing Room of the Perkins Student Center.

**Sami Nassim:** 2 to 3:15 p.m., Friday  
Ewing Room of the Perkins Student Center.

**Mihaela Metianu:** 2 to 3:15 p.m., Monday  
Ewing Room of the Perkins Student Center.

### Master players host musical evening

The university's Master Players Concert Series will perform "Holiday Pops: A Family Concert" at 3 p.m., Saturday in Mitchell Hall. MPCS artistic director Xiang Gao created, produced and directed the series. The concert will feature musical guests James Anderson, the UD Clarinet Ensemble led by Marianne Gythfeldt, the UD Horn Ensemble led by John David Smith and others. Tickets are available at the Resident Ensemble Players box office in the Roselle Center for the Arts. Tickets can also be purchased at the door of Mitchell Hall starting at 2 p.m. Saturday.

### Student productions take to the stage

Student playwrights will perform several one-act plays on Thursday beginning at 7 p.m. in the Bacchus Theatre in Perkins Student Center. The event is free and open to the public. Students in professor Jeanne Murray Walker's script-writing workshop wrote the plays that will be performed.

## THINGS TO DO

### Tuesday, Dec. 4

Latkapoloozah 7:30 to 9 p.m.  
Trabant University Center Multipurpose Room

### Wednesday, Dec. 5

Free Tutoring For Finals 7 to 9 p.m.  
Pearson Hall Rm. 114

### Thursday, Dec. 6

Student One Act Script Reading 7 to 10 p.m.  
Perkins Student Center

### Friday, Dec. 7

CCST Seminar: Nataša Novak Tušar 10 to 11 a.m.  
Colburn Lab Rm. 366

### Saturday, Dec. 8

Holiday Pops: A Family Concert 3 p.m.  
Mitchell Hall

### Sunday, Dec. 9

REP Presents Anything to Declare 2:00 p.m.  
Center for the Arts Thompson Theatre

### Monday, Dec. 10

Casablanca Expo 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
Hugh M. Morris Library



### The instructor is knowledgeable about the course content.

- ☐ Strongly Agree  
☐ Agree  
☐ Neither  
☐ Disagree  
☐ Strongly Disagree

Professors are reviewed at the end of each semester and committees look at their evaluations for response trends.

THE REVIEW/Mary-Kathryn Kotocavage

## Value of course evals underestimated

BY MEGHAN MCDEVITT

Staff Reporter

Course evaluations have more of an impact for professors than students may know, according to Cheryl Blann, who handles them for the English department.

Professors are reviewed at the end of each semester, and committees look at their evaluations when considering professors for promotion and tenure, Blann, an administrative assistant, said. Committee members in charge of this process look for trends in evaluations and overall responses, she said.

"I think the department does look at responses and if there's something that sets off a red flag, I think they do investigate it," Blann said.

She said she emails English students the links to online course evaluations and creates reports for courses when they are completed.

Course evaluations are used as a tool to measure if a course is meeting students' needs, Blann said. Professors and administrators use the evaluations to get feedback on courses so changes can be made to better cater to students. Students have until Friday to complete them.

Evaluations are offered online or in Scantron form in some classes, but professors must remind and encourage students to fill them out, she said. There are set questions from a committee that appear on every course evaluation within a department, but professors can add questions specific to their courses to the evaluations that they present to students, Blann said.

Course evaluations also measure

the effectiveness of courses, Blann said. If a new course is introduced, the evaluations will serve as an indicator of how well the class went over with students. While the evaluations allow for positive growth within the university, they also allow for students to be honest, which can lead to unpredictable results, she said.

Sophomore Kevin Mertz said some students let their feelings get the better of them when reviewing professors and classes at the end of the year, and those evaluations should not be considered reliable.

He said he tries to be honest on all of his course evaluations, though he does not go out of his way to complete them. If his professors send reminder emails or make announcements in class, he will fill out the evaluation, he said. However, he said he thinks professors care more about class results than about evaluation responses.

"If there are a few evaluations that are clearly spiteful of the professor, I think they'd just brush it off and figure the student must have had a bad experience," Mertz said. "I think overall, they'd gather the general consensus and maybe adjust their teaching style a little bit."

He said he thinks university officials should take evaluations seriously, but should disregard responses that are "clearly emotional and not objective."

Other than emotionally-driven responses, students can also provide dishonest responses, sophomore Mark Cerrachio said. He said he thinks students base their responses on

course evaluations depending on their performance in class.

"I feel like it all depends on what grade they're likely to receive," Cerrachio said. "If it's a bad grade, they solely base that on the teacher as opposed to what they could have done themselves."

Cerrachio said because the professors make an effort to have students fill out evaluations, they are important. However, there are only a certain amount of professors teaching courses, so the evaluations cannot have too much of an impact on a professor's position. The faculty and the university only pays attention to the evaluations that aren't too outlandish, he said.

The university should only look at common trends in evaluations, Cerrachio said. Similar responses are more reliable than the extreme ones from some students, he said.

Sophomore Ryan Gardner said the university should only trust the common opinions demonstrated in evaluations, but professors and faculty should read responses for context.

Gardner said he thinks students try to be honest in their evaluations, but they also use the evaluations to retaliate against professors. The course evaluations are a useful tool, but they are not necessarily an accurate reflection of a professor or a course, he said.

"Usually if students completely loved a professor or hated a professor they will exaggerate," Gardner said. "But if the students are more indifferent they'd be more honest about the professor and the course."

# Politics Straight, No Chaser

## Nearing the Edge of The Fiscal Cliff

House Republicans scoffed the White House's offer presented last Thursday that outlined a plan to avoid the so-called fiscal cliff that is currently causing panic across the nation. Republicans flatly rejected President Barack Obama's proposal, delivered by Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner to Republican House Speaker John Boehner. They believed it to be essentially the same budget and jobs plan that he began trumpeting back in September 2011.

The plan included a mix of tax hikes and deep spending cuts, calling for \$1.6 trillion in new tax revenues over ten years as well as nearly \$400 billion in savings in popular entitlement programs such as Medicare and Medicaid. In addition, the package contained relief for Americans adversely affected by the subprime mortgage crisis along with a \$50 billion jobs plan that chiefly involves infrastructure spending.

Republicans were especially averse to the included tax increases on the richest Americans, a plan Obama has touted throughout his reelection campaign and Republicans have publicly refused to support. Speaker Boehner remarked "no substantive progress" has been made in negotiating a plan for the fiscal cliff but there have been some signs of progress. Republicans, such as Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), have distanced themselves from Grover Norquist's anti-tax pledge and have agreed to support raising taxes—a party taboo—if Obama agrees to reform entitlement spending and ease proposed tax hikes on the wealthiest Americans. Despite this hint at cooperation, however, what would happen if a compromise were not made by the cliff's Dec. 31 drop point?

For those unfamiliar, the "fiscal cliff" is an arbitrary term coined by Federal Reserve chair, Ben Bernanke, and used to describe the dilemma the U.S. government will face at the end of 2012 when the terms of the Budget Control Act of 2011 are set to go into effect. If no action is taken by that time, a series of sweeping automatic tax hikes and draconian spending cuts will go into effect which, according to most economists including the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO), will drive our economy back into recession. Further, the CBO estimates that U.S. gross domestic product (GDP) will decrease by an astounding four percentage points along with a one percent hike in unemployment, meaning about two million jobs lost.

What's more, uncertainty over the outcome of fiscal cliff negotiations is likely already causing damage to our economy. According to the New York Times, manufacturers are delaying capital improvements and postponing hiring fearing a deal will not be made in Washington. Additionally, they reported more than a third of the nation's school districts have reduced programs and hiring in

anticipation of the looming deadline.

Despite such alarming projections, however, there are many misconceptions about the fiscal cliff. To start, the widely accepted notion that new policies and their effects will be irreversible after Dec. 31 is simply wrong. Congress has the ability to act retroactively after the deadline in order to address and remedy the situation. Thus, the misleading metaphor of an imminent and irreversible fall off this fiscal cliff has led to discussions that would traditionally be politically infeasible regarding massive cuts to social programs such as Social Security and Medicaid, along with substantial cuts to government services.

However, according to Robert Borosage of the left-leaning *periodical*, The Nation, this approach to addressing the fiscal cliff is wrong and misguided. Borosage argues the U.S. is not facing a short-term deficit problem or a long-term issue of soaring debt. Instead, the lack of a sustainable foundation for growth is the main issue that must be addressed if any notable progress is to be made regarding debts and deficits. He notes that companies are sitting on trillions in profits but unemployment, which leads to stagnant wages and sluggish growth, decreases the demand for their products. Thus, in short, Borosage argues putting people back to work does more to reduce deficits than any other factor.

Despite being unpopular, this requires more federal spending albeit in a responsible way, preferably in areas vital to the economy such as modernizing infrastructure and maintaining teacher jobs. Once the economy is growing and people are back to work, he argues, the deficit will decrease. Borosage contends that tough, austerity-type cuts to spending and increases in taxes, however, destroy jobs and slow growth which leads to more unemployment, declining tax revenue, and increased demand for government services—all which add to the deficit. He likens this to Europe and the "debt trap" it experienced as harsh and premature austerity measures drove many countries into recession and worsened their debt burdens.

The fiscal cliff crisis is quite complex and presents serious consequences if a plan is not produced in Washington. However, let's hope when a plan is agreed upon, it doesn't merely worsen our nation's already fragile condition.



Matthew Garlipp

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She said while the Commitment to Delawareans plan has been successful thus far, the school needs to also continue to widen its horizons. She said officials must find interested students outside of the Mid-Atlantic, its typical hotbed.

"One of the challenges that we face is that 18-year-olds are actually dropping in the areas where we recruit from," Brickhouse said.

At the meeting, physics professor John Morgan added discussing the provost search to the agenda. In the university's closed provost search, candidates' names are kept private and the university is relying on the firm Spencer Stuart to find these candidates. A provost is expected to be announced in early February.

At the prior Faculty Senate meeting on Nov. 5, a majority of senators, with 43 members in favor out of 51, passed a resolution to recommend the university conduct the search in a "reasonably open manner."

In an interview after the meeting, Morgan said he and other professors believe the university's search for a provost is not being conducted properly.

"Most faculty at the university would appreciate it if the final stages of the search were more open with open visitors to campus by the short list of candidates," Morgan said.

Russel Jones, who was hired as the university's president in 1987 with little faculty input, was poorly received, Morgan said. Jones resigned less than two years later due to conflicts with the Board of Trustees, students and faculty.

Morgan said he believes an open search would give faculty members more confidence in the process. This search is different in nature from most previous ones the university has

conducted, according to Morgan.

At the meeting, he asked Faculty Senate President Sheldon Pollack if President Patrick Harker or George Watson, the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and the chair of the Provost Search Committee, had responded to the Senate's recommendation regarding the search. Pollack said they had not responded yet, but he will follow up with them.

The Senate also made changes to its bylaws, voting to change the number required for an amendment from two-thirds to a majority. Pollack and the senators discussed changing the designation for non-tenure-track professors.

"We do need to think, should standards be the same for teaching faculty and research faculty?" Pollack said.

The next Faculty Senate meeting is Feb. 4 in Gore Hall.





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CAP offers admission to qualified international students on the condition that they complete courses at the English Language Institute.

## ELI strives to integrate foreign exchange students

BY ANDREA DIORIO

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When Chinese international student Alex Xu came to the university to study, he expected to make some American friends. However, his limited English has led him to feel uncomfortable when approaching peers.

"I'd like to get to know them a little better," Xu said. "I like to make friends because I'm outgoing."

Alex Jones has spent this semester as a peer mentor to help foreign students. As a member of the cohort initiative in the Conditional Admissions Program, Jones works with international students from China, Saudi Arabia and Oman, she said.

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Her main responsibility is to help get them involved and feel like a part of the university, Jones said.

"They can shadow me to class and, if they're interested in any clubs, I help them research where and when and how to get involved," Jones said. "Also, we just look out for general UD activities that they might be interested in."

Students apply to CAP and then pass its requirements in order to start typical university classes, CAP academic advisor and instructor Erin Bastien said. Once they pass the program, they can enter their desired undergraduate or graduate program, she said.

As an academic advisor for CAP, Bastien assists students with not only understanding class requirements but also advising them on some of the cultural differences in the classroom.

"A lot of our students come from

academic backgrounds that don't really allow for class participation or where asking a question is frowned upon," Bastien said. "And so they don't understand that when they come here we encourage that, we encourage participation, we like group work and teamwork, and we like when students challenge the teacher and think critically."

CAP started the cohort program in March in order to integrate international students socially and academically, according to the ELI website.

Domestic students attend a training workshop and then get paid 10 dollars per hour for 10 to 15 hours per week to "mentor students in preparation for academic and social life at UD," according to the job description.

"I've definitely heard from students that they may feel a little isolated when they get to UD," Bastien said. "But that's the exact goal of the CAP Cohort Program, it's to show them how they can get engaged—how they can become a university citizen."

However, Jones said this feeling of loneliness foreign students feel is not something that will change overnight.

Bastien said she thinks it would be beneficial for American students to get to know foreign students.

"I think it's important for American students to understand that they can learn from our international students," she said. "They can learn there are other ways to do things and that's why having them on campus is so valuable."

On their way to a group dinner at Kent Dining Hall, Xu said he has enjoyed Jones' work with him in the cohort program so far. Xu, who hopes to go into international business, made a lot of friends when he joined the billiards club with his mentor's help, he said.

Not only does CAP aim to create friendships between international and domestic students, it also introduces the students to their fellow foreign classmates.

Xu said his favorite event with their cohort group was a retreat they attended together in October, where they competed in various games as part of an event called the Amazing Race.

The international students had a piece of Americana camping culture at the retreat when they tasted s'mores for the first time, Jones said.

Alien Hong, who chose an English first name when he came to the university, said he enjoyed his experience at the campsite with the rest of the CAP members.

"When we went to the retreat, we met a lot of people from different countries," Hong said. "We made a lot of friends."

Bastien said she has seen a positive change in her students since the start of the program, especially when it comes to asking her questions.

Jones said she also sees a growth in her student's abilities, particularly at a recent "Festival of Nations" event, where her cohort group and other international students had the opportunity to share information about their culture with American students.

The experience as an ELI peer mentor has opened her eyes to what these students go through, she said.

"They have a lot of courage coming because most of them just graduated high school in their home countries and they completely leave everyone behind and they come here not really knowing English very well at all," Jones said. "It's cool to see them come here and follow their dreams and what they really want to do."

## INNternationale hosts students for holidays

BY BO BARTLEY

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During Thanksgiving break when campus is mostly empty, international visitors like Kyra Vradz, from Germany, often band together to celebrate the holidays.

Vradz, who is working as an intern at the Delaware Technology Park, has been in Newark for the past two months and said she will not return home for at least four more months, she said. She lives at the INNternationale, an off-campus house for international students, and spent the holiday with them.

"We had a Thanksgiving dinner here," Vradz said. "It was organized by the chief of the international house and he bought [...] I don't know how many turkeys."

International students must decide how they will spend their time when the university closes for extended periods. Students in off-campus housing had the option to stay in Newark during Thanksgiving, while those who live in residence halls must find somewhere else to go or pay \$120 to stay, according to the Office of Residence Life website.

All students must hand in their keys when fall semester ends and they cannot return until winter session begins. The INNternationale has a 132-person capacity and, like other off-campus housing, does not follow the university's residence hall schedule.

Vradz said she has been enjoying her time away from home. So far, the people have been accommodating and nice, she said.

Junior Chengbin Lui is a Chinese international student who lives in the Foxwood apartment complex near Upper Pike Creek Road. When the university closed for Thanksgiving, Lui stayed in his apartment and was invited to attend Thanksgiving dinner at a friend's house, he said.

"[My friend] is American, so, you know, we didn't eat alone," Lui said. "It was turkey, traditional American foods."

His three roommates, also Chinese students, are his "family," Lui said. He does not worry about having relatives

he can stay with in America because of their company.

Senior Soukaina Rachidi-Alaoui, an international student from the United Arab Emirates, said when students were told to leave campus during Hurricane Sandy, she opted to stay at the INNternationale, where she lives, rather than hunker down with family in Pennsylvania. She remained in town with international students who don't have the luxury of family close by.

"We were much more comfortable sitting around with each other than we were leaving," Rachidi-Alaoui said.

Students who do not have family in the country often rely on the generosity of classmates, professors and Newark community members, Rachidi-Alaoui said. Many English Language Institute students have "host families" in the area who help them with their English and sometimes invite them over for the holidays, she said.

For foreign students who wanted to celebrate on campus, the Office for International Students and Scholars and the ELI both hosted dinners, she said.

"People go out of their way to make sure they're not excluded, which is really nice," Rachidi-Alaoui said.

A lot of people would be surprised how many international students have family somewhere in the United States, she said. Rachidi-Alaoui said she knows of foreign students traveling as far as Los Angeles and Miami to be with family during winter break.

The holidays were an issue for her when she lived on-campus freshman year, Rachidi-Alaoui said. Even though she has family "right across the border" in Landenberg, Pa., she didn't want to wear out her welcome, however, since they often invite her to their home.

Lui plans to stay in Foxwood during winter session with his roommates, but he has not made any plans about how he will spend his time. He could take some trips with his friends, but he does not know where, he said. He will not be able to return to China for six months, he said.

"I haven't planned it yet, but I'll be back next summer," Lui said. "That break is three months long so it's a good time for me to go home."

## Charges dropped against DiDonato

BY KRISTYN DALY

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Charges against Derek DiDonato, a university student charged with a hate crime in April, have been dropped, according to a spokesperson from the attorney general's office.

Jason Miller, a spokesman for the attorney general's office, said his office decided to drop the charges this semester.

"After a thorough review of the evidence, including multiple witness interviews, there was insufficient evidence to prosecute this case," said Miller. "As part of the resolution, the defendant agreed to follow the recommendations of the University, which included counseling and other services."

Shortly after midnight on April 15, freshman Zack Baum arrived at a

house party on East Cleveland Avenue. The house was rented to DiDonato and his roommates. Baum, who identifies himself as gay, said he arrived at the party wearing a pink sash with the phrase "Birthday Girl" stitched on it.

Upon entering the party, Baum said he was shoved to the ground and had beer poured on him. Baum left with his friends and enlisted the help of Newark police officers who later investigated the incident.

DiDonato denied allegations that he made derogatory statements toward Baum. DiDonato was charged with a hate crime and offensive touching by Newark police.

DiDonato and Baum both declined to comment regarding the dropped charges.



# Online course policy revised for first time in two decades

BY JACQUELINE MARTINEZ

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The faculty and administration have been in the process of revising the current faculty handbook's policy on online courses. The proposed faculty draft would implement the first major changes to the policy in 20 years, according to the CCE Open Hearing on Revising Handbook Policy on Online Courses. The Faculty Senate held an open hearing last Monday in order to discuss concerns regarding online courses.

The document proposes that online course sections have 80 percent or more content delivered online, in-person course sections have less than 30 percent of the content online and hybrid course sections have between 30 to 80 percent online.

The new document is currently being drafted and there is still much work and consideration to be done before the policy is approved, according to chair of the Senate Coordinating Committee Deni Galileo.

Some faculty and students have expressed concerns toward this new proposed policy.

"In light of the huge expansion of online education nationally, we faculty need to determine the roles of online education at UD, including its limits," Galileo said.

Currently, enrollment for online classes for full-time undergraduate students at the Newark campus is restricted to sophomores, juniors and seniors whose GPA is 2.0 or above. Eligible students can only register for one online class each semester, and the exams must be proctored at the university testing site.

A full time professor teaching his or her course online will make \$88 per credit per student, according to the Collective Bargaining Agreement. If more than 40 students register for an online class, that professor will earn \$250 per extra student.

Education professor Fred Hofstetter said online education aligns with the principles of how people learn, which is why he is interested in the revision of the university's policy on online courses.

"Online learning is a medium of instruction, and the faculty should have their choice of their medium through which they teach," Hofstetter said.

Director of the School of Education Ralph Ferretti said this policy needs more consideration because he thinks it was written out of anxiety and the changes were presented without enough consideration.

"The qualities that were described as possible talking points seem to be more concerned about constraining things than they are about the properties

of and the potentialities of online classes, both for existing programs and the programs we can create," Ferretti said.

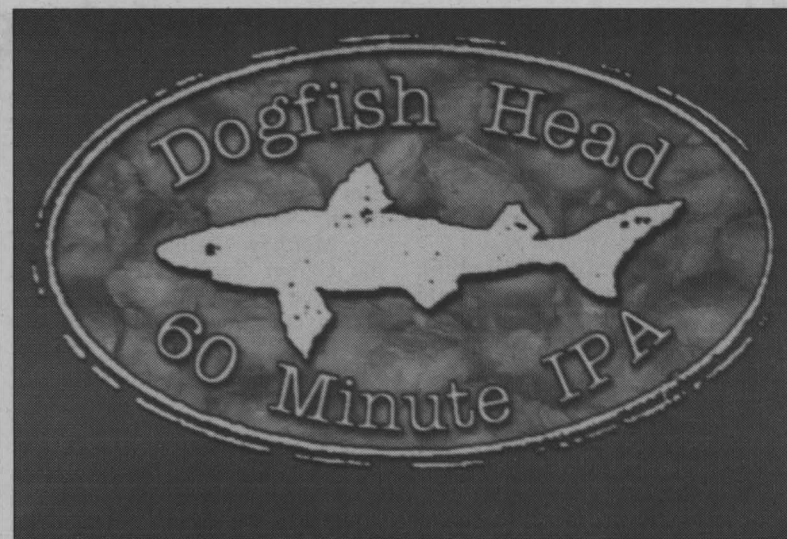
Physics and astronomy professor John Morgan said online classes are usually more suitable for full-time working professionals who want to further their education who do not have time to attend courses than it is for full-time students.

A university could acquire a negative reputation because of too many online courses being offered, Morgan said. If the online classes are promoted more strongly than traditional classes, the university could be perceived as an "online university" by some.

"I think we also should be cautious rather than aggressive in expanding our online course offerings to avoid contaminating our brand," Morgan said.

Senior Jamie Corrado said she has taken several online classes within the past two years. She said she likes the easy communication between students and the professor through online blogs or discussion forums.

"If professors want to teach their courses online and if students want to take courses online, I don't think anyone should try and stop them," Corrado said. "It's their freedom and it really isn't detrimental to anyone at all."



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Dogfish Head is a Delaware-based Craft Brewery in Milton, Del.

## Dogfish Head Brewery to expand headquarters

BY DAN GALLAGHER

Staff Reporter

Delaware-based Dogfish Head Craft Brewery recently received approval from city officials to extend their headquarters in Milton, Del. for \$52 million. The expansion includes a 26,661 square foot malt handling facility and an 80,000 square ft. warehouse. According to Adam Lambert, vice president of sales, this plan is part of a decade-long "methodical approach" to expand.

At the end of this year, the brewery will have shipped 171,000 barrels of beer and next year they expect to ship 200,000 barrels, Lambert said. The following year, he said Dogfish Head will aim to ship 250,000 barrels and their goal is to distribute 500,000 barrels of beer annually within the decade.

"With the expansion, we will no longer have to be at full throttle all the time," Lambert stated in an email message. "The 'no room for error' type of production is a thing of the past."

When micro-brewing began at Dogfish Head Brewings & Eats in 1995, the restaurant housed a 12-gallon brewery, which the company brewed three times a day, five days a week. In comparison, many Anheuser-Busch breweries in America brew in 1,000 barrel batches, with each barrel containing 31 gallons, according to the Dogfish Head website.

Senior Eric Thornburg compared Dogfish Head's expansion to "Christmas coming early." Tweakon'ale, a gluten-free variety for between seasons, is Thornburg's favorite, he said.

"It's a very fruity blend and it reminds me of summer," Thornburg said.

Thornburg said Tweakon'ale has a strawberry taste and reminds him of wine.

He said he is a fan of the brewery because of its humble beginnings.

Dogfish Head competes with century-old breweries.

"I'm a huge fan of Dogfish Head because they're a microbrewery and I always like to root for the underdog," Thornburg said.

In June 1995 New Englander Sam Calagione opened Dogfish Head Brewings & Eats in Rehoboth Beach, Del., using the name of a Maine coastland where lobstermen frequently caught small sharks (dogfish) instead of lobster as intended.

Calagione spent summers at Dogfish Head in his youth, but located his company in Milton because no breweries operated in Delaware. The Dogfish Head name is Calagione's own personal memento.

Due to their small brewery system, Dogfish Head relied on innovation to expand the company's name and highlighted this in the slogan, "Off-centered stuff for off-centered people."

One cause for the expansion is the popularity of Dogfish Head's seven Indian Pale Ales, primarily the IPA named "60 Minute."

This beer is Dogfish Head's most popular, and accounts for 46 percent of its volume of sale, Lambert said.

Senior Daniel Becht, an avid Dogfish Head consumer, said he prefers the 120 IPA.

"It has high alcohol content and is very hoppy, heavy beer," Becht said. "That's what sets it apart from the rest."

Over the past decade, Dogfish Head sold beer in over 25 states, making larger facilities necessary. Lambert estimated that Dogfish Head would be shipping 35 different brands of beer next year.

While all these additions and expansions may burden some companies, Lambert said he prefers to consider it "a chance to invest in our brand, but not take away from it."

"Never had a bad day in my life," Lambert said. "I'm in the brewery business."

## Few students order college class ring

BY ANDREA DORIO

Staff Reporter

With the semester coming to a close, many seniors are looking ahead to the spring as their last semester as undergraduate students. While senior checkouts, job searching and graduation plans are foremost on the agenda, ordering a class ring has fallen off many students' radars.

Junior Heather Hiltner said she is one of those students who does not plan on ordering a class ring when she graduates. She said while she thinks the rings are too expensive, the idea has also not even crossed her mind.

"I've never really thought about it

and it's never come up with me and my friends," Hiltner said. "I didn't get one in high school either."

Jennifer Galt, general manager of the Barnes & Noble University of Delaware Bookstore, stated in an email message that class rings are available year round for purchase, but the bulk of the orders comes later in the school year in time for spring graduation. She said there have been about 50 orders so far this school year.

Galt said the bookstore serves as the official commencement provider for the university. She said they partner with Herff Jones and Balfour, companies that specialize in graduation gear, to sell class rings.

According to Galt, the vendors set dates to come to campus, where students can meet with representatives to get fitted for a ring and order the ring of their choice. She said students can also order on the official Herff Jones and Balfour websites or over the phone. The rings, which are customizable for students, run from \$400 to \$700, averaging at \$500, she said.

Galt said she frequently sees both students and parents submitting the ring orders, but the bill is often left for the parents.

Galt said the bookstore uses a variety of marketing efforts throughout the year. She said they work alongside Herff Jones and Balfour to inform students of their options.

"Herff Jones and Balfour send mailings to parents and alumni," Galt said. "Also, it is advertised on the commencement website. We have posted dates here at the store and on our website."

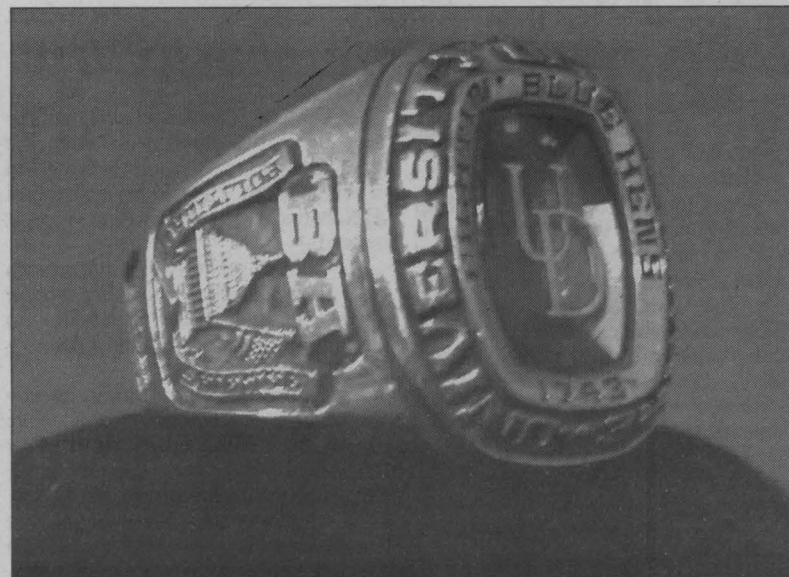
The vendors are always present at the cap and gown fair held in the bookstore at the end of the spring semester, according to Galt. This helps promote the purchasing of class rings, she said.

University alumnus Vince Jacono, who graduated last spring, said he found out about the class rings because of a stand the companies held in the Trabant University Center.

Jacono said his parents purchased the ring for him in the spring and gave it to him in a plastic Easter egg.

He said he is proud to wear his ring and does not regret getting one.

"My dad had one and I had one from high school," Jacono said. "I just thought having a degree, you can't carry a diploma around with you, but the ring is something you can wear all the time."



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Barnes & Noble University of Delaware Bookstore has had about 50 orders for class rings so far this school year.



# Sport management majors see internship difficulties

BY CHRISTIE EVANS  
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Sport management majors at the university are finding that getting internships is much harder for students in a smaller major.

Sophomore Mike Tampellini, a sport management major, said he spent a lot of time finding an internship on his own because there were very few specific to his major on the Blue Hen Careers website.

He also said because his major is so new, the university has a limited amount of contacts.

"I feel like sports management is left out towards the side," Tampellini said. "It's tough to get an internship in sports management because it's so competitive. Who doesn't want to work for the Yankees? Who doesn't want to work for the Phillies?"

Senior Samantha Santucci, a sport management and marketing major, felt similarly. She said that because sports teams have plenty of applicants, they do not need to recruit from universities.

She said she thinks the university should also contact minor league teams for any available opportunities for students.

"I would suggest that they

reach out to employers, because ultimately, we want internships too and I know that we're relatively new in the business college but I don't think we are accepted that much," Santucci said.

Matthew Brink, director of the Career Services Center said that last year more than 2,000 employers posted opportunities on Blue Hen Careers website. Those employers reviewed over 22,000 applications.

"Students at UD intern like crazy," Brink said.

He suggested that students who are looking to find an internship should make an appointment with a liaison in the career center. Their liaison is familiar with the major as well as corresponding employers.

Each counselor is in charge of specific majors so they get an idea of what general trends students are making in their choices for internships, Brink said.

He said the process of setting up a meeting with a liaison begins on the career services website, where students can see a list of all the counselors available and their schedules.

"It's worth spending a little time in there because it's set up to deliver hundreds and hundreds of internships," Brink said.

Timothy DeSchraver, an associate professor in sports management, said obtaining an internship is all about networking and connections. The competitiveness of sports management, according to DeSchraver, is just the "nature of the industry."

He said the sports management department helps students get internships by sending them an email to see who is interested. After he gets responses, he then requires those students to meet with him once a month.

In these meetings, DeSchraver said he will go over students' resumes and find out their most important preferences such as the location, type and area of the internship.

He said the department does the same things that Career Services does but within the major, and since last spring, he said every student who looked for an internship found one.

Brink said the students and the Career Services Center hold the responsibility of acquiring internships equally. The job of the university is to assist students in writing strong resumes, provide access to internship postings and reach out to employers on behalf of colleges and academic programs.

On the other hand, he said it is the student's responsibility to put in the energy, time and work to secure an internship.

He believes every student should set a goal to have at least two internship experiences before their senior year. According to Brink, this increases the student's level of marketability among employers.

"Two is like a tipping point," he said. "If you have less than two, you're competing with other students not only from UD but from other schools that the employers posts or recruit."

Brink said it is sometimes difficult to find available internships, especially recently with the current economic recession.

Often, the first things employers start to cut during a recession are non-profit centers that have to pay people for internships depending on the employer. He said even when they are unpaid internships, they still have to dedicate staff time to engaging interns in that experience.

Brink explained that when the number of internships decreases, the competitiveness to get them increases. After students hear about how challenging it is, they don't put in as much effort because

the competition is so tough, he said.

Some majors in particular have more of a direct relationship between their major and a career field, according to Brink.

"Engineers become engineers, [an] accounting [major] becomes an accountant," he said. "A history major can be a historian, but can do other things related to their career path."

Brink said those majors have a much wider field of internships that are available and there tends to be enough opportunities posted to satisfy most students' interests.

Junior Tim Sumereau, a sports management major, also said he wished the university had more sports management connections at the Career Center and more network opportunities.

"I feel like if you have sixteen thousand students, who cares about 150 or 200 of them?" Sumereau said.

As far as smaller majors, Brink said there is always room for improvement in the Career Center and they have a list of things they are currently working on to make it better.

## 'Doomsday' fears stem from flaw in understanding Mayan calendar

BY MATT BUTLER  
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Sociology and criminal justice professor Joel Best said one reason people may believe the world will end in a few weeks is due to a fundamental misunderstanding of the Mayan calendar.

According to the calendar, a cycle will end on Dec. 21, 2012, but Best said the media has hyped up the approaching date to make it seem much more than it really is.

"The Mayan calendar is divided into something called a baktun," Best said. "Each baktun is about 144,000 days, or about 400 years. In some ways, this is like a calendar ending on Dec. 31, you just have to turn the page."

He said this doomsday rumor seems to have caught some popularity because of the

sense among people that Native Americans hold some sort of spiritual connection to nature. This rumor also has been headline fodder for around 10 years now, and the specificity of the date makes it seem more real to the public, Best said.

Still, some students remain divided between what could possibly happen.

Freshman Tori McErlean said she would need some more evidence to believe fully, but that it is possible the world will end as the Mayans predicted.

"I think there's some legitimacy to it, you never really know, it could happen, there were a lot of weird things with those cultures back then," McErlean said.

She said she would only believe the Mayans because she

thinks they seem to be the most reliable.

Other students, however, are steadfast in their opposition to the theory. Freshman Jimmy Baxter said he is doubtful of the theory's truthfulness.

"It's just a stupid theory," Baxter said. "I can't see the world ending at all during our lifetime. What makes the Mayans different from that crazy religious guy last year?"

Last year there was another doomsday prediction from Harold Camping, a Christian radio broadcaster who rose to national prominence when he predicted that the world would end on May 21, 2011, followed by five months of fire on earth. The date passed without incident, and Camping was largely forgotten after his predictions were proven wrong.

Best does not think the doomsday rumors will stop any time soon because they have been around for decades. He said the culture today is very apocalyptic as a whole, and programming on the Discovery Channel like "Doomsday Preppers" feeds into the paranoia.

"There are a lot of apocalyptic theories out there," Best said. "Whether it is nuclear war, ecological calamity, global pandemic, even stretching to some sort of nanotechnology, or robot uprising."

The popularity of this end of the world rumor is slightly reminiscent of the "Y2K" scare at the turn of the century, when it was thought that the change from 1999 to 2000 would interrupt the world's information systems due to a programming issue.

Best said this rumor that the world will end in just a few weeks is different in its believability.

"Y2K had an explanation, it wasn't very likely, but it was plausible enough that people did spend real money to prepare for it," Best said. "I don't think there are any stores out there selling preparation materials for the coming of the Mayan calendar."

Best said anyone who wants to believe something has a right to believe it, but still no one can explain why or how the world will end in a few weeks.

His final words of advice to students who believe in the end of the Mayan calendar are to reexamine the reasons they have for believing it, and to "grow up."

## Ogden: 'The key is being aware that personal safety is everyone's responsibility'

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Ogden said the university police department is state-certified and internationally accredited. He said recent efforts have decreased the amount of serious crime on campus by 23 percent.

"We collaborate efficiently with police agencies throughout the state to build intelligence, which is beneficial to our intelligence-led policing model," Ogden said. "In addition, we have a robust video camera surveillance project in place that has not only deterred crime from occurring but also enhanced our crime solving capabilities."

Ogden said students can stay prepared by being aware of their surroundings, walking in groups at night or using university transportation services. Taking advantage of the police

escort system, crossing at designated areas and staying informed about crime are additional ways to remain alert, he said.

"The key is being aware that personal safety is everyone's responsibility," Ogden said. "We need students to realize that we all live in a society where serious crime can happen to anyone at any time—and a university town is no exception."

Sophomore Summer Kates said she takes the normal precautions to stay safe and the shooting has not changed her routine. She said she had already been planning to live in Studio Green, and said she will still do so despite the recent crime there.

She said her mother has expressed concern about her living there but, because the police believe the murder was not a random event, she said she does not feel directly threatened.

"I don't feel less safe because it was a planned thing," Kates said.

Freshman commuter Curtis Copeland said he lives in Oakland, a town approximately a half mile from where the shooting occurred. Because he used to live near downtown

Wilmington, he said he is used to hearing about shootings but found it shocking the murder happened close to campus.

However, he said his feelings about his safety have not changed. It seems there is a strong police presence in the area, he said.

"Newark feels like a safe community either way, bad things happen all the time," Copeland said.

Sophomore Jason Hewett, who had been friends with DiSabatino since high school, said although he does not know what the police could have done differently to prevent DiSabatino's

murder, he is disappointed there are still no results. He said he thinks the university community is somewhat apathetic about the shooting.

"It's tough to criticize [the police] but at the same time part of me is mad that my friend was murdered and nobody cares," Hewett said.

The Middletown community where DiSabatino is from is shocked and is offering support to DiSabatino's family, Hewett said. The funeral and memorial service on Nov. 19 were well attended, he said. One high school teacher said DiSabatino made her realize why her job was worthwhile, Hewett said.

"It was good to see so many people come out and say so many nice things about him," Hewett said.

DiSabatino was a "class clown," in high school, he said. DiSabatino also liked writing scripts and was interested

in business and music. Hewett said he had planned to film an action movie with him this weekend, and he had to do it without him. He said he is skeptical DiSabatino's murder will ever get solved.

Weglarz said the investigation can take time, and, like with other murder cases, the police are depending on community cooperation and following up on leads.

"We're like any other agency we're doing everything we can to solve this homicide and others we have or any other crimes that come across our departments," Weglarz said.

Anyone with information about the incident can contact the New Castle County Police Department at 302-395-8110. They can also provide a text tip at 847411 (TIP411), beginning with NCCPD, then type the message.





THE REVIEW/Stephen Pope

Engineered solutions for storm protection are costly and invasive, ornamental horticultural specialist Sue Barton said.

## Trees act as both 'worst storm problems, best storm solutions'

BY ALINA O'DONNELL  
Staff Reporter

In the wake of Hurricane Sandy, dismembered branches obstructed roads, shattered windows and pulled on power lines. While trees can become a liability during a storm, they also play a role in mitigating its impacts by controlling runoff and flooding, as well as reducing water pollution, according to a plant and soil science professor.

Sue Barton, an ornamental horticultural specialist at the university, said trees are not only one of our worst storm problems but one of our best storm solutions. She said trees, shrubs and other vegetation intercept water partly from the physical barrier they create and partly by absorbing it through their root systems.

While engineered solutions, such as storm drains, permeable pavement and sand levees also effectively manage storm damage, Barton said these solutions are costly and invasive. Trees work preemptively while engineered solutions focus on efficient rain collection, but floodwater can become dangerous once it is consolidated, she said.

"Trees can do it in a much less disruptive way, and they're just more effective at it," Barton said. "It's kind of the way nature designed it. It just makes more sense."

Floodwater travels through the tree's roots, where it is filtered and transpired into the atmosphere, according to Barton. The more quickly the water is absorbed, the

less time it has to travel and accrue sewage and other organic material that can later be dispensed into water systems, she said.

Barton said trees are especially critical in urban areas, where most surfaces are pervasive and do not absorb runoff. The capacities of underground storm water systems are often insufficient for even relatively minor storms, she said. Water then bypasses the treatment center and goes into streams, according to Barton.

Carmine Balascio, a bioresources engineering professor, said urbanization can result in flooding, stream channel erosion, and associated ecosystem damage. He said it strips away natural vegetation that is useful in intercepting rain and preventing water from reaching the ground immediately. Soil absorbs water before it can runoff, he said.

"In this region of the country, the pre-colonial state of the land would have been forest," Balascio said. "Natural landscapes aren't as vulnerable to the deleterious effects of severe rainfall and runoff events that would be experienced in urban areas."

While there are many useful engineered stormwater control practices, like curbs, gutters and storm drains, those that incorporate "natural" features, like bio-infiltration basins, rain gardens and buffer strips are most effective at slowing and filtering runoff, he said. The filtering removes contaminants picked up by runoff from urbanized areas, he said, which improves water quality.

A recent study by the Stroud

Water Research Center concluded the most effective method of cleaning storm water is planting a 30-meter forest beside a water catchment center, according to Barton. She said this allows the water to be absorbed by the trees before entering the stream and potentially contaminating it.

Junior wildlife conservation major Lily Newton said there is a need to plant large trees with full root systems in spacious areas, rather than in areas with confined root spaces, such as in between sidewalks.

"People are more interested in aesthetics than making them practical," Newton said. "Not all plants, especially decorative ones, are capable of withstanding a storm."

Contrary to what most people assume, tree root systems are actually very shallow, usually occupying the top 12 inches of soil, Barton said. When space is restricted, roots are both shallow and narrow, making them easily uprooted, she said.

Junior Kathleen Grimes, president of Students for the Environment, said planting trees not only lessens the impact of storm damage, but it also reduces the levels of carbon dioxide in the air. She said if more people knew storm damage could be lessened by planting trees, they would grab a shovel and do their part.

"Today many surfaces are covered in impermeable pavement," Grimes said. "I don't think people realize that the earth cannot properly bounce back from storms as it used to."

## Apparel company raises money for Sandy relief

BY CHARLES CHALKIN  
Staff Reporter

Two university alumni who own The Jetty Life Limited Liability Company, a surf apparel manufacturer located in Southern New Jersey, shut down regular business last month to focus on raising money for those affected by Hurricane Sandy. By selling shirts and donating all of the profits, Jetty has raised more than \$100,000, according to one of the owners, John Clifford.

Jetty currently sells apparel to approximately 75 retail stores located on the East Coast and designs, prints and assembles all of their products by hand. The company prints their shirts with eco-friendly, water-based inks that produce less harmful waste.

The hurricane relief shirts are still available and can be found on Jetty's website. They cost \$20 and the money goes directly to the victims of Sandy.

"We all knew we wanted to do something to help raise funds," Clifford said. "The obvious thing for us to do was a T-shirt."

Clifford, 28, an alumnus from Ramsey, N.J., is the creative director of Jetty and designed the shirts himself. He said the generated relief funds were targeted to reach a specific demographic.

"One of our big points in this fundraiser was making sure it went to the people who needed it the most," he said. "We went ourselves to Costco, filled up about 18 bins worth of supplies, food and clothing for kids and delivered these ourselves."

Jetty's biggest donation to hurricane relief was \$50,000 to Waves for Water, a company started by former pro surfer Jon Rose that works to increase access to clean water, and has been involved in hurricane relief. Jetty's owners also used money to purchase items and deliver them to churches, high schools, fire departments, food banks, community centers and the National Guard, according to their website. They also helped with cleanup efforts.

Although three of their workers were homeless for about three weeks, they still worked to make sure others were getting supplies they needed, Clifford said. One of Jetty's five owners, university alumnus

Jeremy DeFilippis, 33, of Ship Bottom, N.J., said he lost his vehicle and was displaced from his home for about a month due to the storm. This did not stop him from working 12 to 14 hour days, he said.

Clifford said that they were only expecting to sell between 400 and 500 shirts, however they underestimated the community's efforts.

"Wednesday morning after the storm we put it on Facebook, and it went crazy from there," Clifford said. "We sold 400 the first day then 1,000 the next."

More than 15,000 shirts have been sold and donations have reached \$100,000 mark, but none of the work would have been possible without community members volunteering to help. Jetty's efforts, DeFilippis said. People helped fold the shirts, take them out of the dryer, lay them out by size and put them in boxes to be shipped.

"People from all walks of life came to help, including fans of our company, and just those who wanted to help in the effort," DeFilippis said.

Clifford said once the efforts by Jetty quickly became so successful, they paired up with other organizations and charity groups in the area.

DeFilippis said Rose held a meeting for other surf company owners to brainstorm ways they could help out with the Sandy relief effort. After attending the meeting, DeFilippis said he used ideas he learned from Rose and held a smaller meeting with the leaders of his community.

Jetty has kept records of every penny under the community section of their website so customers can see how donations and profits from the shirts were spent on hurricane relief.

Sophomore Jessica Figueroa said she is from South Jersey and was directly affected by the storm. She set up a group with her friends to help collect food and money and said she was impressed by the amount of students that came together to help out. She said she thinks Jetty's effort to help with hurricane relief is a good idea.

"I personally would purchase a shirt or two because it's for a great cause and they are also very appealing to wear," Figueroa said.

For the past six to seven years Jetty has been involved in donating to charities, Clifford said. Jetty started as a small company in 2003 by five high school friends. Although the makeup of the company has changed their ideals remain the same, he said.

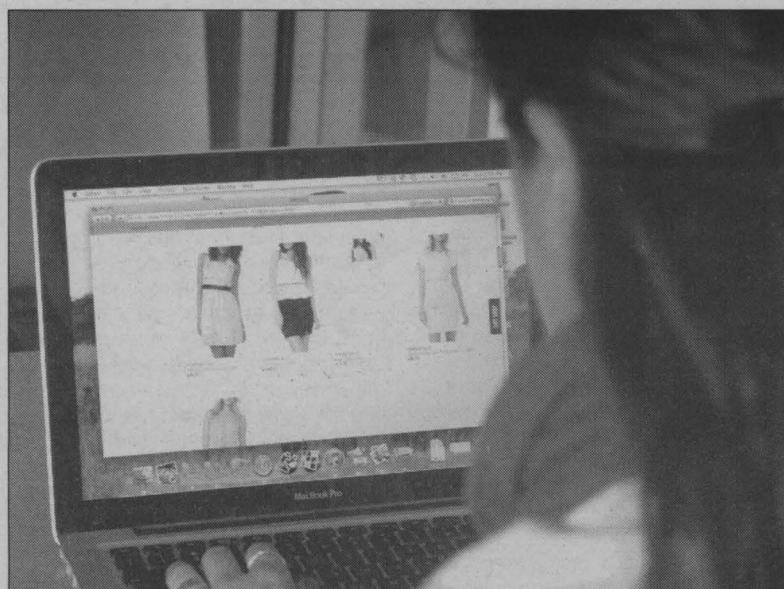
"This is really about the surf community coming together to help out the broader community," Clifford said. "It was a natural thing for us to jump in and do something after Sandy hit."



Courtesy of jettylife.com

The company was expecting to sell between 400 and 500 shirts.





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Cyber Monday sales were 17 percent higher than in 2011.

# Cyber Monday breaks online shopping records

BY BROOKE LEMUNYON

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Last Monday marked the largest grossing online shopping day in history, according to fashion and apparel studies professor Sharron Lennon.

Cyber Monday, the Monday after Thanksgiving, is a popular day for online shopping because of special holiday markdowns.

She said the Cyber Monday sales were 17 percent more than in 2011, raking in \$1.46 billion. The leading cause of people turning to online shopping was overcrowding on Black Friday shopping, Lennon said.

She said an advantage online holiday shoppers have is avoiding the chaos and potential dangerous behavior of Black Friday shoppers. Cyber Monday is a relatively new trend that only started five years ago, with the majority of early online shoppers being men because they were, for the most part, computer savvy. However, Lennon said women soon overtook the holiday.

The online shopping market is also currently dominated by younger people due to their general comfort and understanding of technology, she said, but growth has been noted in a wide variety of age ranges using online shopping.

Cyber Monday growth can be attributed to the phenomenon of "showrooming," Lennon said, where a customer is able to price a television in Best Buy and then compare prices online to find the best deal.

"Best Buy is acting basically as a showroom for all these other online merchants who can afford to sell it cheaper because they don't have to have a store," she said.

Lennon said she found most consumers who shop on Cyber Monday are brought in by the promotions. She said some companies are eliminating or reducing shipping costs if possible in order to attract more customers. Although all the promoted holiday sales may be very appealing to consumers, Lennon said companies participating in both Black Friday and Cyber Monday run the risk of selling out of merchandise.

Junior Samantha Altholtz has worked at the clothing store Arden

B. in the Bridgewater Commons Mall in Bridgewater Township, N.J. for the last two years. She said she was more familiar with Black Friday than the shopping taking place online Cyber Monday.

"The hype of Black Friday is more exciting than just sitting online Monday because I feel like you can get deals online all the time," Altholtz said.

Although she did not personally find Cyber Monday as appealing as Black Friday, she said she foresees Cyber Monday growth continuing due to laziness amongst shoppers.

Sophomore Colin Davis said he prefers online shopping due to the conveniences and the accessibility of a wide variety of options. He said he would prefer Cyber Monday sales for the holiday season; however, overall he enjoys the spontaneity of shopping in a store.

He said although shipping causes a delay in receiving merchandise, participating in Cyber Monday includes the benefit of knowing the product has not been mishandled and damaged in stores.

However, Davis said the differences between the holiday sales advertised online compared to in store sales is not much of a divide.

"The whole 50 percent deals, they're really nice, but I did see a lot of advertising year round, and overall, yes, it probably is a better deal than any other time of the year," Davis said. "But honestly I don't see too much of a difference."

Junior Claire Butkerait said in general she prefers online shopping because she enjoys the conveniences of finding different deals without having to leave home. She said she appreciates the compare-contrast deals some websites offer and finds it helpful to discover better online deals. In regard to Cyber Monday, electronics probably are most popular and have the best sales on the Internet, she said.

Butkerait said she foresees Cyber Monday trends continuing to grow on account of ever-increasing technological dependence.

"People have more access to Internet and computers," Butkerait said. "Everyone's on the iPhone now and you could find better deals easily."

## Software engineers see job growth due to increased technological demands

BY RACHEL NASS

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With many professions facing increasing layoffs and hiring freezes, software engineering is one of the few jobs that has seen signs of growth this year, according to computer science professor Kristina Winbladh.

Firms are hiring more software engineers in response to an increased demand for technology, she said.

"At this point there's still more jobs than people," Winbladh said. "More and more people are using technology throughout their daily activities. That technology needs to be developed by someone."

The appeal of software engineering goes beyond employment possibilities, she said. These jobs allow engineers to fulfill both their creative and technical sides, she said.

The range of projects that a software engineer has the option of taking part in fit a wide variety of personalities, Winbladh said. She listed creating font and interface graphics as examples of activities that may appeal more to one engineer than another.

Winbladh said software engineering is also a fun and interactive career, despite some perceptions of computer science.

"A lot of people think of the coder as this lonely person doing computer hacking," Winbladh said. "It's really a dynamic social field where you work together in teams."

Starting in traditional software

companies such as Microsoft and IBM, software engineering has expanded to fit the needs of a variety of corporations, she said.

Banks that have developed online banking and ATM systems have joined this new wave of corporations in hiring coders, Winbladh said. JPMorgan Chase, which controls CHASE Bank, is one company with a high number of software engineers on staff, she said.

"It's one of those professions where you can be hired by a lot of different types of companies and work on lots of different types of applications," Winbladh said. "That accounts for part of the growth."

Although the university does not offer an undergraduate software engineering major, Winbladh said the computer science program is a good path for students who wish to enter the field. She said the principles of software engineering are applied in almost every computer science course.

Senior London Hilprecht said he is not surprised that this profession is in such high demand.

"These days pretty much everything is run by computers," Hilprecht said. "You're going to be hard-pressed to find anything that doesn't have a base in computing technology. If we're able to put out more computer engineers, we'll have more people that can manage all that."

Tim Melville, a junior computer science major, said after starting at the university, he was surprised to find that the job

prospects for a software engineer are so positive. Melville said he thinks the flexibility of software engineering is one reason why it is a rapidly growing field.

"It's crazy how much it's taken off and I think we're still in the beginning of that," Melville said.

Software engineering is applicable in many settings, Melville said, and companies that may not be computer or technology-based still have a need for employees with software engineering backgrounds to work as programmers or consultants.

The popularity of handheld devices with mobile applications designed by software engineers has created jobs at many companies that may not have had programmers on staff in the past, Melville said.

"I think it's going to be a huge platform for a lot of companies to reach either people that they're going to advertise to or to reach their customers," Melville said.

Despite the demand for software engineers, Winbladh said the market is competitive, especially when jobs can be outsourced to countries such as India and Russia. But with the current market for engineers, she said graduating students do not have trouble finding jobs.

Winbladh said she does not foresee any changes in this pattern. Technology is still on the rise, she said, and software engineering is what will support technology into the future.

"It's very much here to stay," Winbladh said.

## Employers look at grammar, internships on resumes

BY JACKIE HEINZ

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If human resources Director Julie Hofmann sees a spelling mistake or typo on a potential employee's resume, that person's chances of getting a job plummet. Hofmann handles the interview and application process at consulting company Landor Associates and said she prefers engaged applicants.

Once the interviewees are past the resume stage, she expects them to be knowledgeable about the organization, Hofmann said.

"I'm disappointed when candidates don't show me that they've done their research on the company prior to the interview," Hofmann said.

Facing a meager job market, some students are worried about the professional application process. There are a few immediate steps interviewing students can take to make themselves more attractive in the job market, according to university and professional representatives.

Matthew Brink, director of Career Services, said 72.1 percent of students who graduated in 2011 were employed within six months after graduating. In order to maintain this rate, students need to work on their resumes and interviewing skills, he said.

The most significant mistakes students make on their resumes is the misspelling or misuse of words, Brink said.

"If [your resume] is your work product saying, 'Here is who I am and this is what I offer you,' and you are offering them mistakes, it doesn't go over well," Brink said. "I would say that that would be one of the more obvious, sometimes overlooked mistakes."

Kristi Milczarzyk, vice president and senior recruiting manager at PNC Financial Services Group, Inc, said previous internship experience with her company makes some applicants stand out from others. The corporation also takes into account aspects of an interviewee's education, she said.

"The PNC Financial Services Group seeks candidates with excellent academic records and a strong interest in pursuing a career within financial services," Milczarzyk said.

Senior Samara Ostroff said, as an accounting major, internships are most important for obtaining a job after graduation although they are not required.

Many accounting majors she knows already have jobs. She attributes their employment to the department's help, Ostroff said.

"I feel like the accounting

department prepares us very well and shows us the importance of getting an internship junior year," Ostroff said.

For students that feel they need practice interviewing or help with career advice, the center offers close to 300 workshops per year for resumes and interviews, Brink said.

Senior human services major Maya Swartz said learning about the organization before applying is the best way to not only prepare for the interview but also to decide whether or not the job would be a good fit.

Swartz recently went through the application and interview process to get a job after graduation. Asking questions in the interview is important because it can clarify any details applicants may be unclear of, she said. When she asked educated and appropriate questions, her potential employer was impressed, she said.

Beyond preparation, Swartz said going through the interview process helped her to learn more about herself.

"When I felt nervous before my interviews, I realized that I could simply only be myself and let the rest fall into place," Swartz said. "Recognizing that the organization who appreciated my strengths and character would choose me helped me to accept the process."



## Locals help nonprofit reach out to families

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As the holidays draw near, charity organizations are accepting donations to make the season a better time for families in need. Adopt-A-Family, a nonprofit organization located in Delaware, is currently looking for businesses and organizations to adopt at least 500 children this season.

Senior Brittany Drazich, president of the Student Nursing Organization which works with Adopt-A-Family, said knowing a certain company donates to Adopt-A-Family would affect where she takes her business. When a company gives back, it shows it is made up of people who care, she said.

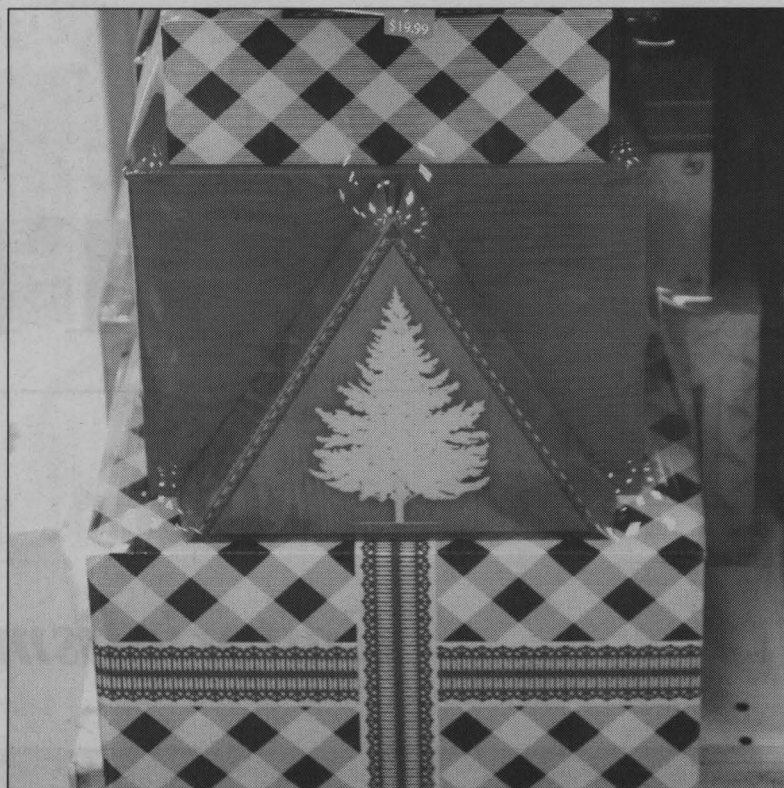
"If I knew that a bank participated in Adopt-A-Family and it was identical to another bank, I would go for the one that gives back to the community," Drazich said.

Senior Sarah McCabe, editor of the SNO newsletter, said while a company may be not involved in Adopt-A-Family, they might be involved in another charitable organization. She believes companies that give back are admirable, no matter what charitable organization they support, she said.

"I definitely would gain more respect for those companies that are involved," McCabe said. "They are actually bringing Christmas to kids who would otherwise not be able to afford it, so I would be more likely to bring my business to them."

The program's marketing and media coordinator Catherine Fox said the program started in New Castle County in 1973. She said by 1998, the program had spread throughout the state of Delaware, though the majority of the adopted families come from New Castle County.

The families are referred to the organization throughout the year by various governmental agencies, according to Fox. While the families do not necessarily qualify for food stamps or Medicaid, she said the individuals



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**Adopt-A-Family, a nonprofit organization located in Delaware, looks to businesses and organizations to adopt at least 500 children this season.**

who receive help are in desperate need of supplies.

"The program sponsors families in need or senior citizens in nursing homes," Fox said. "It provides them with a Christmas they would not be able to afford otherwise."

Fox said the families typically consist of three to four children and within the 243 families adopted by the organization, 429 children are sponsored. Although the families are in need of resources, it is rare that a parent is supported, Fox said. Most of the resources benefit the children while the parents are typically not involved, she said.

The organization's efforts are not limited to the holiday season, Fox said. It also continues to support children and families after the holidays are over and attempts to ensure they get back on their feet.

Drazich said her club has been involved with Adopt-A-Family for years. This year, she said the organization was paired with a family that includes six children, one boy and five girls.

Members of SNO ask their classmates for donations and use that money to go shopping for the items

requested by the family, Drazich said. They buy items such as clothing, shoes, DVDs, Barbie's and arts and crafts supplies, she said.

"What's really neat about this organization is that you can actually see the good we're doing," Drazich said.

She said she enjoys being able to provide gifts for families who normally only receive the necessities. She hopes the organization continues to partner with this program in the future, she said.

McCabe said Adopt-A-Family is a great opportunity for families who think they cannot afford to give their children holiday gifts. The recommended donation per child is \$100 to \$125, which she believes is a fair amount to spend, she said.

Although it may be difficult to raise the recommended amount for six children, McCabe said they could still buy gifts for \$50 per child. She said they hope to manage the budget through smart shopping efforts.

"These are poor kids," McCabe said. "To spoil them one time a year, I don't have a problem with that."

## Pro-peace rally unites Jewish, Muslim communities at UD

BY NICOLE ROMEO  
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Members of the Jewish and Muslim communities at the university came together to speak in front of a candlelit crowd Wednesday night to admonish the tragedies of war and remember the innocents lost during the recent conflicts in the Gaza Strip and Israel. The vigil and pro-peace rally was organized by Israel U.

The event took place after sunset at the Trabant University Center patio on Wednesday where several speakers representing Islam and Judaism sang and prayed and spoke about the need for peace in the region.

According to the Associated Press, a ceasefire had been signed between Hamas and Israel on Nov. 21, a week before the rally. While Israeli troops are no longer performing military exercises on the border, tensions in the area remain high, according to the Associated Press.

Political science professor Muqtedar Khan spoke at the rally and said everyone in attendance was acknowledging that there are injustices being committed in the Middle East, but they are unable to directly change them. The rally was a way for the people to reclaim their humanity, he said.

"If we show greater commitment to our cause, only then will it have a difference [in the Middle East]," Khan said.

Senior Emma Hansen said the event was touching because it brought two different communities together. It was really important for all of the organizations to partner in the event, she said.

"It shows we can all come together on one united front to resolve the conflict," Hansen said.

Founder and co-president of Israel U, Ally Becker, said the event was important because there is a need for peace in the Middle East. People need to put aside their race and religion and come to a peaceful compromise to resolve the conflict over there, she said.

"The only way to establish a better future is to work together," Becker said. "It doesn't matter which walk of life we came from. We all

want the goal."

She agreed with what the speakers said, and the candlelight vigil and the singing were her favorite parts of the rally, she said. It was wonderful to watch about 60 people sharing lighters and flames to light their candles, Becker said.

Becker said she enjoyed working with the president of the Multicultural Student Association, Mahel Hamroun, and the president of the Muslim Student Association, Madinah Wilson, who assisted her with planning the rally.

Hamroun said she is grateful so many people came to the event. She enjoyed the candlelight vigil because the sharing of the flame was symbolic of everyone from different backgrounds coming together for the same goal, she said.

She sees more partnered events occurring in the future to educate people about the issues in the Middle East, but hopes these events are not in response to tensions like those that are present now, Hamroun said. People need to disregard politics and realize the civilians in the Middle East are the ones who are suffering, she said.

"It's important to find peace with each other instead of taking sides and perpetuating hatred and anger because that won't solve anything," Hamroun said. "If we keep meeting hatred with hatred nothing will be solved. It's important to break that cycle."

Hansen was surprised by the amount of people who attended the event, she said. It is difficult for people to come out for an event like this because they may think it is too political or dangerous, Hansen said.

She wants to attend more partnered events in the future that raise awareness about the Middle East and advocate for peace, she said. She would like the peace rally to be held annually, but wishes for more peace in the region by next year, Hansen said.

Becker said she hopes the event will help students realize that their voice matters. Like Hamroun, she said nothing will get accomplished if there is hatred on both sides of the conflict.

"We genuinely have to work together to demand peace," Becker said.

## Univ. creates UD Bucket List for first time, compiles 60 student traditions

BY GILLIAN MORLEY  
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This year for the first time, the student alumni ambassadors and the Office of Alumni Relations compiled a UD Bucket List with 60 university traditions for students to experience before graduating.

An email sent to the student body last week asked for submissions of what to include on the bucket list according to Cindy Campanella, assistant vice president of Alumni Relations. Student alumni ambassadors will choose the final list in December and it will be available to the public spring semester, she said.

So far, the office has received more than 1,000 suggestions for the bucket list from students and alumni, Campanella said. They decided to compile the list to create a bond between the students and

the university.

"We are trying to find ways for the students to connect with not only each other but the university as a whole to improve their experience," Campanella said.

Campanella said she hopes the bucket list will get students involved with the Office of Alumni Relations. It will allow students to share their common traditions and show incoming students some of the most meaningful experiences at the university, Campanella said.

Sophomore Kelly Scanlan said she received the email and though she did not respond yet, she thinks it will be fun to try some of the activities on the list.

"I think a lot of people will participate as long as the activities on the list are fun and not too difficult to complete," Scanlan said.

Regina Donato, the associate director of reunions and student programs, said the list will contain things that are relevant now but alumni will still find things on it that they participated in during their time at the university.

"We are looking for suggestions that can become traditions and live through time," Donato said. "We want things that everyone can do no matter what year they are."

She said they are discouraging inappropriate activities from being included on the list but are open to a variety of suggestions.

Senior Gabrielle Buda said it is a great idea for the university to create the bucket list because when people create their own lists they often times are inappropriate. The UD Bucket List will provide things that can be done by

everyone legally, Buda said.

Students will enjoy partaking in the activities and it will be a good way to build a tradition among the university community, she said.

"I think traditions are very important in a college setting," Buda said. "It helps to connect all students and alumni to something they think is important."

Campanella said the students were the driving force behind creating the bucket list and she hopes they get involved with the university traditions on the list.

The office is looking to include attending sporting events, seeing theatre productions or kissing under the kissing arches. There are experiences at the university that are considered "rites of passage" and the list can increase awareness about them, Campanella said.

"Students are approaching this task with a level of sincerity," Campanella said. "It's not like we are getting a lot of joke submissions."

Since the university no longer has a yearbook, Campanella said the current generation of technologically-savvy students can help make the bucket list serve as a virtual yearbook to commemorate students' experiences.

Sophomore Lauren Henry said she thinks the bucket list is a good idea because it enhances the sense of community.

"I don't know how much the list will connect current students to alumni but I think it will make the UD community stronger," Henry said. "If you meet someone and they have done the things on the bucket list then it might spark conversation."



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## American, foreign students' communication goes two ways

The Conditional Admissions Program is step toward bonding American, foreign students at university

The university launched a program working in conjunction with the English Language Institute called the Conditional Admissions Program, which allows current students to act as mentors to foreign students. University students can act as mentors to foreign students getting acclimated to the university by introducing them to registered student organizations, taking them to class and sharing meals together.

Students apply to this program in order to help resolve the cultural gap between international and domestic students. There is no denying the university is beginning to accept more foreign students, coinciding with the "Path to Prominence" pledge. Students may be intimidated by communication barriers between themselves and foreign students. This communication is a two-way street, and in order for everyone to feel comfortable, both foreign and American students should approach one another. Both parties are guilty of insulating themselves from other

cultural groups, but we need to open up communication as the host country.

We live in a generation where it is normal to walk around looking down at a cell phone while texting. It is understandable that international students may feel intimidated by this gesture, as it is a demonstration of disengaged body language to others. To a foreign student anxious to start a conversation, American students may seem difficult to approach. In order to resolve this difference, students need to be more open when welcoming foreign students.

It is human nature for people to gravitate toward others they are familiar with. This CAP program is a great step for the university to integrate foreign students by assigning them mentors to explore the university with their guidance. That being said, this program will not be effective without the help from the entire university and student body. Next time, instead of checking your text messages, say hello to a foreign student.

## Students should learn more about search for new provost

Closed search for university provost frustrating to many university community members affected

The search for the new university provost will end sometime in between this winter and spring semester, as President Patrick Harker will get the ultimate say. There is no denying that the process of finding a new provost has been turbulent for those who feel strongly about the search. Because potential provosts do not want to make to their current management aware they are looking for new jobs, the search has been kept secretive. University faculty members who are affected by this decision have expressed frustration because they want to make sure the new provost will meet their professional needs. The university has also hired Spencer Stuart, a global executive search firm, to help with the process. This third party further hinders the communication between the university community and the policymakers in charge.

Many students are unaware of the number of important decisions the provost makes. Provosts of respective departments, for example, typically allot money to their

departments, set undergraduate program curriculums and handle affairs within the department.

Last month, the Faculty Senate voted in favor of "greater openness" regarding the input of faculty and staff in hiring the university provost. While university members have been pleading for more openness during this process, they cannot seem to find a medium ground.

Despite the potential impact this new provost selection has on the student body, students are not taking the extra step to learn more about the closed search and the provost election process. If students want the best person chosen for the job, it is their responsibility to become educated on the subject and speak up as members of the academic community. This will ensure standards are being upheld. Faculty Senate meetings are open to the public, as professors urge students to attend. Students fail to recognize their potential influence on the situation. In order for the right person to be selected, students need to speak their views.

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## Dining services should be more gluten-free friendly



**Jason Hewett**  
**Guest Columnist**

*University's Dining Services fails to include a variety of gluten-free options for students.*

It goes without saying that gluten-free awareness is much better now than it ever was, but I am not assuming everyone is an expert on celiac disease. In fact, it still impresses me when people tell me they have heard of it before. I am even more impressed that several chain restaurants, such as Outback Steakhouse, have taken the time and effort to make gluten-free menus and offer gluten-free alternatives. If you go on a cruise, the chefs will cater to any of your dietary restrictions and are experts in dealing with gluten-free cases. As awareness grew over the years, General Mills, which produces Chex cereal, took extra steps to replace malt flavoring (made from barley, which has gluten) in rice and corn Chex, making them

free of gluten. I was pleasantly surprised to find the University of Delaware Dining Services offers a gluten-free program. Though, there's a catch. If you want the Dining Services to provide you with a gluten-free meal, you have to coordinate your meals ahead of time.

The reason they require planning ahead makes sense as not a lot of people need a gluten-free diet, and most gluten-free substitutes for things like bread, pasta, pizza and so on are expensive, difficult to cook and usually not all that tasty. It is logical for the Dining Services to shy away from providing gluten-free substitute foods unless a special order has been placed, otherwise they would just be producing really expensive food that nobody would eat.

I have met some people who are content with planning their meals ahead of time and making sure they get a completely gluten-free meal. But with a busy schedule and very spontaneous friends, I find it impossible to be able to tell when, where and if I'm going to eat at the dining halls. It would be unfair of me to expect the dining hall staff to work around my schedule, so I do not bother with the planning ahead option. I understand that means I will not get to eat things like pasta while I'm at school unless I buy it and prepare it myself, but I'm already paying for college myself and I have already

spent a great deal of money on a meal plan. I cannot afford to spend more on expensive food, so I simply do not include such foods in my diet.

I go to the dining hall and pretend I don't have celiac disease. I avoid the foods I know have gluten in them. I also stay aware that foods like soups and gravies are typically thickened with wheat flour. Also knowing that, according to the Dining Services website, many variations of beef, pork, chicken and rice noodles are cooked with soy sauce that has wheat flour. Even the taco meat is seasoned with wheat flour. It is frustrating the cooks do not use simple alternatives to wheat flour, such as cornstarch, to thicken soups and gravies. In their defense, the soups and gravies probably come pre-manufactured with flour, and in defense of whoever selects these soups and gravies, I understand gluten-free options are scarce. But I know of plenty of soy sauces that do not use wheat flour, and since when do you need to put soy sauce in a pot roast anyway? Pad thai, and its many variations, is normally a gluten-free dish because it uses rice noodles, so why then, must the dining hall ruin it for gluten-intolerant folks with a soy sauce that has wheat flour? Cooking and seasoning ground beef for tacos does not require any sort of starch. You simply cook it, drain the fat, add garlic, chili powder and spices. Adding flour

stretches the spices and the meat, which dilutes the flavor and adds even more calories. I find it downright insulting that Dining Services does not bother changing the ingredients or finding better products to use in the food. It's as bad as using animal fat or peanut oil to cook French fries, which would make them unavailable to vegetarians or people who suffer from peanut allergies, when a simple alternative is vegetable oil, which makes the fries available to everyone.

The thing that irks me is these changes are so simple. I do not understand why someone is not making the changes, because ultimately, whoever doesn't make them will lose customers. The Dining Services is certainly going to lose me as a customer, because I didn't pay all this money just to eat white rice and salad. I am not expecting gluten-free waffle batter, gluten-free pasta bowls or gluten-free bread, but I do expect the university Dining Services to take the simple step to use better sauces that will make the food more accessible.

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## Lack of school recess concerns education majors



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**Guest Columnists**

*Recess is integral for a child to develop and grow, as 10 to 15 minutes is simply not enough time.*

Some of our fondest memories of early childhood and elementary school are from recess: chasing our peers in a game of tag, playing on the playground, swinging on the swings, sliding down the slides, racing across the monkey bars, climbing the jungle gym, playing sports and of course, playing make-believe. The opportunities for learning were endless. We were in control of our world, enjoying a break from classwork and obligations to play, explore the outdoors, discover, have fun, socialize, organize our own games and grow. However, you may be surprised to hear that many children have lost this valuable piece of the school day schedule.

The demise of recess in many elementary schools is an issue of great concern to child health and well-being advocates. Children are lucky if they have 10 to 15 minutes of outdoor playtime during school. In the late 1980s, some school systems began cutting back on recess in

favor of more instructional time. The trend accelerated with the passage of No Child Left Behind in 2001. Since then, 20 percent of school systems have decreased time for recess. Arguments against recess involve both academic and safety issues. Some administrators believe their school's test scores will improve if children spend more time on schoolwork, and some fear lawsuits from playground injuries. Teachers,

however, are becoming concerned about a generation of children who are less creative, unable to entertain themselves and who exhibit social difficulties and positive-attention behaviors. In addition, when children cannot go out for recess (due to weather conditions or other issues), they have limited options to play inside. During indoor recess, many children engage in board games, read books or participate in other sedentary activities. These do not promote the physical movement children need from recess.

We heard about these changes, and, as Early Childhood Education majors, took them very

seriously. In researching the issue, we discovered even the schools we attended as children had cut back on recess. At our placements, we have witnessed practices that truly shock and sadden us. Marissa Ranauto sees this first hand.

"As a senior in Early Childhood Education I have been to various placements and schools in the area. Last semester was particularly shocking for me. I was in a first grade classroom that I absolutely fell in love with. The teacher was great and the kids were full of energy—they were basically forced to keep inside themselves. It came as such a surprise

to me when I found that the children were allotted a mere 10-minute recess. The ECE program at the university stresses the importance of play to children's development. Hearing that children were being deprived of valuable playtime devastated me. Recess is crucial for a variety of reasons. It is important for social-

ization, gross motor development and simple stress relief. True, the children we work with are young, but that does not mean they do not long for a way to release their jitters. Pure evidence in that placement demonstrated the children were in need of quality playtime. They found it difficult to sit still and struggled to focus. Frankly, I could not blame them. My way of easing the situation was to incorporate as much movement as possible within my lessons. Still, I knew that it was not enough."

Having studied the benefits of free play on the development of young children, we are advocating for recess because we believe it is a child's right to play—not a privilege; play is a crucial factor in their overall well-being. Reducing or removing recess from the school routine is detrimental; youngsters who play are healthier, do better in school and have more advanced social skills. We all need to stand up for recess. We know that this is not a quick fix. Schools are striving for academic excellence and feel cutting recess is a solution. We have made it a professional goal to prove otherwise. Think to the future; a few years from now, when your own children are in school, will you be OK with educational policy that deprives them of recess?

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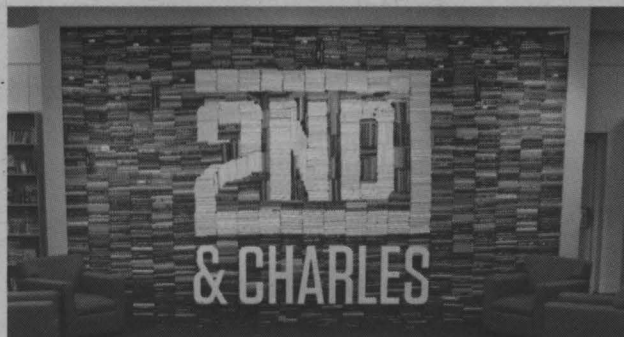
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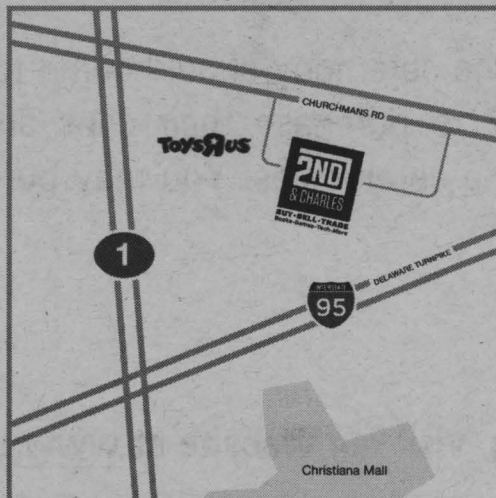
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## January

The Costa Concordia cruise ship ran aground in Italy after hitting a reef, killing 30 and injuring dozens.

## February

The Diamond Jubilee of Elizabeth II marked the 60th anniversary of the accession of Queen Elizabeth II to the throne of the United Kingdom.

## March

In Brazzaville, Republic of the Congo, a series of blasts occurred at an arms dump, caused by an accidental fire. Explosions continued for 24 hours and killed 250.

## April

Dick Clark, a TV host and producer, known especially for Dick Clark's Rockin' New Years Eve, died at age 82.

## May

President Obama became the first sitting U.S. President to publicly support the legalization of same-sex marriage.

When Facebook went public, its initial public offering was the largest in Internet history. Prices eventually sank and investors lost millions of dollars.

## June

Egypt dissolved parliament and elected Mohamed Morsi, the first civilian president and first chosen in a contested election with universal suffrage.

## July

The 2012 summer Olympic games in London were the first time women participated from every country with new additions from Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Brunei.

A mass shooting occurred in an Aurora, Colo. movie theatre during the premier of "The Dark Knight Rises" taking the lives of 12 and injuring almost 60.

## August

Curiosity, a Mars rover, successfully landed on Gale Crater on Mars to investigate the planet's habitability, climate and geology.

A mass shooting took place at a Wisconsin Sikh temple when a gunman, a white supremacist, killed six and injured four.

## September

In Benghazi, Libya, a heavily armed group attacked the U.S. diplomatic compound for the consulate, killing the American ambassador and three other members of the diplomatic mission.

## October

Malala Yousafzai, a 15-year-old education and women's rights activist in Pakistan, was shot in the neck and head in an assassination attempt by Taliban.

Hurricane Sandy killed over 200 people in the Caribbean, Bahamas, U.S and Canada and caused significant damage to the eastern seaboard.

The Syrian civil war escalated between Ba'ath party loyalists and rebels. Bashar al-Assad remains in power. 28,000 people are missing and 1.2 million are displaced.

## November

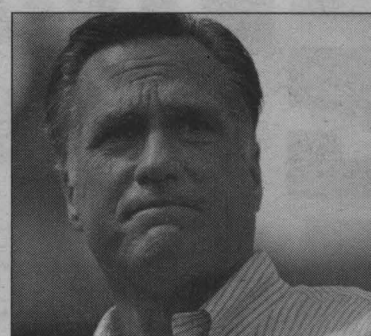
Israel launched Operation Pillar of Defense on the Gaza Strip, killing Hamas military leader Ahmed Jabari. In the rocket attacks, 133 Palestinians and five Israelis were killed. After a week, a ceasefire was negotiated.

The United Nations General Assembly granted Palestine non-member observer state status.

Obama was re-elected to a second term as president, defeating Republican Mitt Romney with a majority of the popular vote and 332 electoral votes.

## December

The Royal Family announced that the Duchess of Cambridge is expecting her firstborn. The child will be the heir to the throne.



## Political scandals of 2012

## "the 47 percent"

Former Republican Presidential Candidate Mitt Romney's off-the-cuff statement about "the 47 percent" is undoubtedly this year's top political scandal. In a world where citizens see presidential candidates in exclusively scripted settings, Romney's comments proved too harsh for the American ear. Off-the-record politicians often lack the kind of verbal polish voters expect. His remarks helped the Obama administration effectively characterize him as out-of-touch with the struggles of average citizens. The Romney camp was unable to overcome this black mark on the candidate's record.



## Attacks in Benghazi

All the implications of the Benghazi debacle in Libya have not yet been revealed, but even without every detail, it takes its place among the year's most infamous scandals. When citizens were first told of the deadly attack on the American Embassy in Libya, a YouTube video was cited as the instigator. It was quickly discovered that this attack was not due to a video, but rather a planned terrorist operation. American officials knowingly lied to citizens about the realities of the attack. It was also discovered that calls for increased security were ignored. The results of this inaction are clear—the death of Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other members of the Foreign Service. These revelations and the questions that still linger in the minds of the American people are a reminder of just how much citizens don't know. The intelligence community and U.S. operations abroad are not held to the same degree of accountability that Americans expect domestically. Benghazi stands as a deadly reminder to the American people of that discrepancy.



## General Petraeus' Affair

The personal life of CIA Director General David Petraeus gives us this year's most absurd political scandal. The leader of the world's most powerful intelligence agency acted unprofessionally by revealing an extramarital affair just at the height of questioning regarding the Benghazi attack embarrassing himself and the American people. This brings to mind a plethora of questions—did Petraeus endanger American interests with his intimate relationship with his biographer? Is his sudden resignation a convenient way for him to escape questions regarding his role in the attack on the Benghazi consulate? These questions among others remain unanswered. What has become clear is that a man entrusted to protect and serve the interests of U.S. citizens displayed a serious lack of self-control. In his lust, he lost the respect of a nation.

—Elizabeth Catt, ecatt@udel.edu



# #Trending Topics

## #HurricaneSandy

Hurricane Sandy developed near the Caribbean, hit in late October and reached a category two storm as it approached Jamaica on Oct. 24. It made landfall in Southern New Jersey on Oct. 29 and caused a storm surge in New York City on the same day. Sandy caused widespread damage and power outages in 24 states. Some homes were without power for weeks after the storm. According to the Wall Street Journal, the hurricane caused \$20 billion in damages, making it the second costliest storm behind Hurricane Katrina. The super storm did not directly hit Newark, but it did cause classes to be cancelled for three days so students could travel back and forth from their hometowns. Some towns in Delaware reported seven inches of rain and houses near campus had power outages. On Twitter, multiple Sandy accounts were created, making jokes about the strength of the storm in some cities. As Sandy passed, tweets took a positive turn and promoted American Red Cross aid to certain cities, donations to those in need and the creation of volunteer groups that helped restore the damaged towns. At the university, many students organized T-shirt sales and volunteer groups to aid those in need.

—Lauren Cappelloni  
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## #Obama2012

## #Romney2012

This year's election inspired Democrats, Republicans and everyone in between to take to social networking sites, such as Twitter, to express their political opinions. Citizens voiced their concerns about the debt, national security, healthcare and civil rights as a means of declaring who they supported throughout the year. The day after President Barack Obama was re-elected, it was announced there were over 20 million tweets about the election, making it the most tweeted-about U.S. political event. Many celebrities also joined the discussion to promote Obama, Romney and other candidates such as Jill Stein and Ron Paul. Donald Trump tweeted, "This election is a total sham and a travesty. This is not a democracy!" while other celebrities tried to lighten the mood. "The Daily Show," hosted by Jon Stewart tweeted "#TDSBreakingNews New York goes for the Democrat! (Save this tweet for use in 2016, 2020, etc.)." "The Office" star Rainn Wilson tweeted "SITCOM IDEA: 'Whitehouse Mates'. Mitt and Obama TIE & have to share the Whitehouse & govern together. Also, one is gay."

—L.C.

## #Aurora

## #DarkKnightRises

As the final film in the most recent Batman trilogy, "The Dark Knight Rises" was one of the most highly anticipated movies of 2012. It featured Christian Bale as Batman, Anne Hathaway as cat woman and Tom Hardy as bad-guy Bane. However, the opening weekend took a tragic turn as a man opened fire on a theater during a midnight showing of the film in Aurora, Colo. on July 20. Twelve people died and 58 others were wounded. Strangers throughout the Internet world tweeted and posted statuses about the fatalities and the accused shooter, 24-year-old James Holmes, a former University of Colorado student. Users posted hashtags such as #prayforaurora. Throughout the day, news coverage included interviews with victims and segments of a SWAT team trying to invade Holmes' booby-trapped apartment. Photos of Holmes circulated quickly, as did information about his past. Pictures of Holmes with orange-died hair led people to create Tumblr pages and gifs called "Holmies," that featured Holmes with captions of jokes. That week, director Christopher Nolan issued a statement offering condolences to the victims. Bale went to visit the hospital in Colorado where the victims were staying days later. Holmes is currently in Arapahoe County Detention Center awaiting trial.

—L.C.

## #47percent

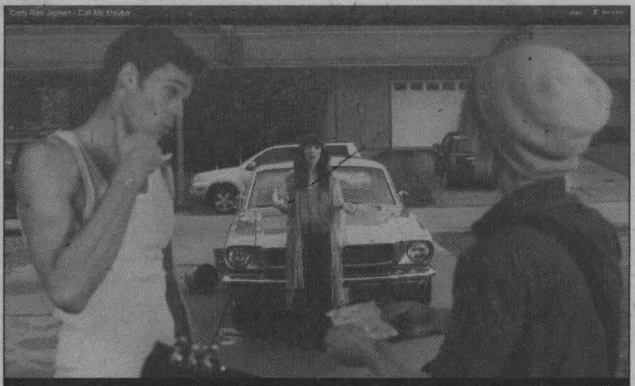
On Sept. 18 a video from a private fundraiser in May for former Republican Presidential Candidate Mitt Romney was released. In the video, Romney says 47 percent of U.S. citizens will vote for President Barack Obama no matter what, and he is not going to concern himself with trying to sway "that" group. He also says those people do not pay income taxes and rely on the government to help them get by. Romney also joked saying that he would get more votes if his father had been born in Mexico, making him Latino. People were taken aback by his comments and offended by his opinions that he made in private. On Twitter, people posted sarcastic comments about being part of the 47 percent with the #47percent. Comedian Jon Stewart highlighted the issue on "The Daily Show," pointing out that Romney's father was actually on welfare when he first came to America and part of the 47 percent are the elderly and people living in poverty and a large portion of the group does pay federal taxes. The video is one example of Romney's blunders during elections, as others include his Big Bird comment about taking funding from PBS and remarks on his "binder full of women."

—L.C.

# 2012's most Viral Songs



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## "Gangnam Style"

South Korean artist PSY released "Gangnam Style" as the single from his sixth album in July of 2012 and skyrocketed into fame as rapper Flo Rida and other celebrities tweeted about it. Time Magazine defines the phrase as a manner associated with lavish lifestyles in Seoul's Gangnam district. In September, the music video became the most "liked" video on YouTube, according to the Guinness Book of World Records, and has 7.8 million views. The music video features PSY dancing around the city performing funny dance moves, watching some aerobics and popping out from under a friend's legs in an elevator. On YouTube, there are parodies,

covers and countless videos of people trying to perform the signature dance moves. Most of the song is in Korean except for the chorus, which repeats the phrase "Hey, sexy lady." There are some electronic dance music influences in the song, which is part of the reason it became popular in the United States. PSY is known for wearing a suit and sunglasses and his quote, "Dress classy, dance cheesy," became popular after his interview on "The Ellen Degeneres Show" in September.

## "Call Me Maybe"

Canadian artist Carly Rae Jepsen's debut song was released in Canada in September 2011, but did not gain much popularity in the United States until March 2012 after the song debuted on the Billboard Hot 100. The song had 80,000 downloads during the week of its release. It reached the top spot on the Billboard Hot 100 at the end of June and stayed at No. 1 for nine weeks. The music video was nominated for three awards at the MuchMusic Awards and has 339,878,814 views on YouTube. While some may not love the song, it was played on the radio nonstop during the summer causing most people to recognize the opening phrases. The simple, upbeat tune with rhythmic lyrics makes the song insanely catchy and possibly annoying. It was a crowd-pleaser at bars that caused the girls to get up and dance. Despite how over-played it was, some people still love it. Jepsen's second album "Kiss," came out in June and she was featured in a single with the band Owl City called "Good Time." She placed third in the fifth season of Canadian Idol in 2007.

## "Some Nights"

The second single from Fun.'s second album "Some Nights" was released in February 2012. Although the album did not obtain record sales, the second single reached No. 3 on the Billboard Hot 100 in September after being on the chart for eight weeks. The song has been featured in a Chevy commercial and was recently performed on the Thanksgiving episode of "Glee." Fun. is led by singer Nate Ruess, who sang for the band The Format, which broke up in 2008. The power-pop song begins with Ruess singing a capella and then is filled in with booming drums and electric guitars. By the end of the tune, it is filled with a choir of "oohs." The band performed at the university on Nov. 5 and appeared on "Saturday Night Live" the preceding weekend. The music video for "Some Nights" features a re-enactment of the Civil War, with Ruess playing a commander. It was released in June and now has 4.3 million views, which is roughly the same as Taylor Swift's video for "Mean," which was released two years ago. Their first single off the album, "We Are Young," was released last September.

## "Somebody That I Used to Know"

Belgian-Australian singer-songwriter Wally de Backer, better known as Gotye, paired up with New Zealand artist Kimbra to write and record the hit "Somebody That I Used to Know," the single off his third album, "Making Mirrors." The song was released in Australia in 2011 and reached the United States in January 2012. The minimalist style allowed many covers of the song to circle YouTube, increasing the song's popularity. The Canadian band Walk Off the Earth covered the song by having all five members play one guitar and sing the song. Singers such as Ingrid Michaelson also put their versions of the song online. The tune was also performed on the hit TV show "Glee" in April by Darren Criss and Matt Bomer. These videos promoted Gotye's original song. By June, the song had been at No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100 for eight weeks. The music video, which came out in July, now has 247,890,518 views. The song can now be declared the breakup anthem of 2012. Gotye has two other albums, "Boardface" and "Drawing Blood" and was nominated for Best New Artist and Favorite Alternative Rock Artist at this year's American Music Awards.

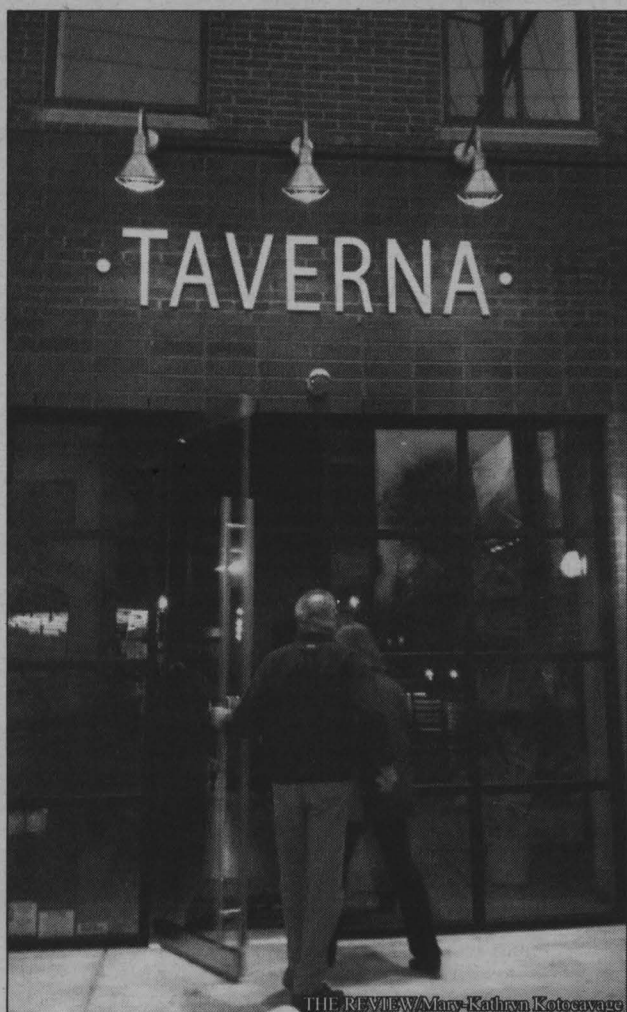
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THE REVIEW Rachel White

# Best new additions to Main Street



THE REVIEW Mary Kathryn Kotocavage

## Alex and Ani

Alex and Ani, the latest fashion and accessories store to open on Main Street, is a refreshing store that offers eco-friendly and positive-energy jewelry. The store is known for their bracelets, most of which have a charm. The products, designed by Carolyn Rafaelian, are made in America with the idea of powerful individual expression woven into each and every piece. Rafaelian believes that every person has a positive message to share with the world, and her products are designed to encourage the utmost individual expression in a personalized and authentic way. The company is all about positive energy, or (+). The sales staff is there to sell you an experience

rather than just a piece of jewelry and since its opening this fall, it has certainly added a more upbeat vibe to Main Street. With its varied selection, the store is sure to become a favorite among students who may have otherwise had to travel to Christiana Mall to find a similar selection. With the holiday season in full swing, Alex and Ani is a good place for boyfriends to find the perfect present for their special someone or for girls to treat themselves to something different this year.

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## Taverna

Taverna opened on East Main Street next to D.P. Dough at the end of September. Taverna's trademarks are its coal-fired pizza and a wide variety of wines, including white and red wines on tap. The restaurant is larger than it looks on the outside as seating expands out to the back. The low-lighting and brick walls make the restaurant feel like an Italian pizza place. They have an open kitchen space where diners can see the pizza cooked in the coal-burning ovens. The thin-crust pizzas range from traditional margherita to chicken with chili sauce and come with flavorful spices and sauces. The prices go from \$13 to \$17 and pizzas are large enough to split with six pieces. Taverna also serves pasta and meat dishes including a macaroni and cheese with prosciutto entrée. Entrees range from \$16 to \$30. Meals are filling without being so large that you need to be rolled back home. The backside of the menu has a large

assortment of red, white and rosé wines, specialty wines from Italy, their wines on tap and a collection of beers, so there is something for everyone. The price of most glasses of wine is \$6 or \$7, while a bottle of wine is around \$25. The wait for a table can last up to an hour depending on the day, but at the right time a group is seated within 10 minutes. The food comes out unexpectedly quickly for the quality, as the wait was only about 15 minutes. The wait staff is friendly, prompt and ready with towels when someone at a table spills a drink. Even though the atmosphere exudes Italian sophistication, the attire is casual and the food can appeal to children. President Patrick Harker and his wife have also been spotted dining at the best new restaurant on Main Street.

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# Fashion Forward: Five Stylish Gifts in Menswear

with Megan Soria

'Tis the season of gifts and giving, and the question I've been asked a lot lately is, "What's the perfect gift to get my boyfriend this holiday?" Well, I've heard your cries and I'm here with the answer: I don't know. The truth is, I can't answer that because you know your guy better than anyone. We'd have bigger problems if I knew him that well.

Obviously, the best gifts involve thought and cater to individual taste, and that's more than I could ever provide. But fear not! What I can do is suggest five fashionable staples of the season that guarantee efficiency and the gift of style.

### 1. richer-poorer.com "Underdog" blue socks. \$12

They say you can tell a lot about person by the shoes they wear. That being said, if leather Sperry's, brown desert boots or dress shoes are accompanied with some kind of white gym sock, those awesome shoes lose all their dignity. It may be a small detail, but believe it or not socks can do wonders for an outfit. Even a simple, casual look can go a long way when someone sits down and the hem of the pants raises up even an inch. Utilize that gap with stripes, argyle or a solid pop of color. You can't go wrong with Richer Poorer's amazing collection of quality, stylish socks.

### 2. Touchtec Gloves, [jcrew.com](http://jcrew.com) \$85

It's his turn to say, "I love you more" for the fifth time on iMessage and suddenly he hasn't responded for a whole three minutes. Don't worry, he still loves you. Blame the excruciating pause on the weather. He's just stepped outside into the cold, frigid air and now he can't text with his gloves on. Thankfully, JCrew offers a great pair of Touchtec gloves that allows him to text at the same time. Go for the olive pair for a hint of color that matches everything.

### 3. Nike HBR Track Jacket, [nike.com](http://nike.com), \$65

A sleek track jacket is not only versatile, but it can also be stylish and cool. The Nike HBR jacket is an iconic staple dating back in the '70s. It's a classic and sleek way to dress up or down—whether around the house, at the gym, under a pea-coat or a night out on the town.

### 4. New Balance 501, [newbalance.com](http://newbalance.com), \$54.99

There aren't many combinations more frustrating in menswear than "sneakers and jeans." I'm talking about the chunky rubber sneakers with ill-fitted mom jeans. It's just not a good look for anyone. For those guys who just can't seem to let go of this combo, a classic sneaker, such as the New Balance 501s, are cool and flattering. This iconic style comes in awesome colors from maroon to raven. They look great with jeans, chinos, cords and have even been paired with suits in GQ magazine.

### 5. Printed wool tie, [zara.com](http://zara.com), \$39.90

One of the most common "go-to" gifts in menswear has always been a great tie. Though that hasn't changed—style, however, has. Leave the wide, thick ties and huge-knot styles for congressman and ESPN hosts. Opt for narrow ties in different fabrics for a modern take. Tweed or wool ties are all the rage for the season and add character to a look.

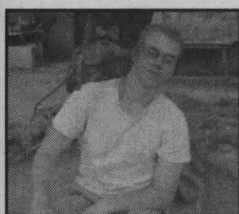
A couple added accessories? If your boyfriend's not one to be on time, I suggest you get him a chic watch, or if he spends more time with his iPad than with you, give him a stylish Moleskine case.

Merry Shopping!

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# The Weekly Beaker

## The Importance of Holistic Health and Integrative Medicine

with Jock Gilchrist

The Enlightenment philosopher, René Descartes, institutionalized the idea that the mind and body are two separate entities. This dualistic thinking, a dominant way of thinking in the Western hemisphere, is problematic because he was a bit off the mark, as we now know mind heavily influences the body and vice versa.

Take, for example, the stress response. Normally, the stress response is very useful for short stretches of time, say, if you have to escape a hungry tiger. In humans, stressors can be perceived in the world, but they can also be created psychologically. When this happens, the stress response is active even if a stressor isn't real—worrying that you may have failed a test or forgotten to turn off the stove could trigger it. When in a state of prolonged worry, the body remains actively ready long enough that it damages the organism because energy supplies are mobilized. When one is on the lookout for danger (real or imagined) the body ages, the immune system is suppressed, and feelings of agitation and unhappiness emerge. The mind and body are clearly very interrelated.

The argument for holistic health stems from this realization. Western medicine is often characterized as giving a quick fix, treating the symptoms and not the patient and ignoring factors beyond physical ones in diagnosis and treatment. Holistic health on the other hand accepts that there can be material causes for a disease, but also

immaterial ones. It emphasizes a state of complete health, where a positive balance is struck between the environment, mind, body and other entities which may be present in a human (emotion, soul, what have you). Integrative medicine combines conventional Western medicine with alternative medical techniques like meditation, exercise, acupuncture, massage therapy and nutritional supplements—strategies emphasizing the holistic side of health.

A growing number of physicians incorporate alternative techniques into their practices, and a 2004 National Institutes of Health study indicated that 62 percent of adults used an alternative healing approach in the preceding 12 months.

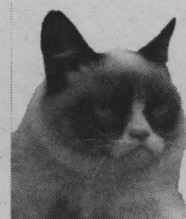
Before I go further, it is important to note the volume of criticism, some which may be legitimate, leveled against alternative medicine. Just using the phrase invites the taboo of pseudoscience; it's garnered nickname "Quackademic Medicine." Some say it lends the veil of validity to medical techniques that are unproven, which can even mislead the public and have dangerous effects.

That being said, some "alternative" approaches are now understood to have tremendous medical and personal value. Exercise, meditation and a vegan diet are amongst this group. The importance of integrative medicine is that it retains the rigidly scientific medical practice of the West but also accepts complementary methods which

focus on the emotional, personal or spiritual aspect that Western medicine usually completely overlooks. It is the treatment of the whole person. Concentrating solely on Western techniques or solely on alternative techniques are two opposite sides of the same spectrum—integrating them can take the best from each, an approach Buddhists call the Middle Way.

Critics of alternative medicine say there's no plausible mechanism of action demonstrating how certain treatments work. They blame many cases of success on the Placebo Effect, which is when a fake treatment (like a sugar pill) is given instead of the real thing, and yet perceived or actual improvements in a medical condition occur. But even if holistic medicine could be completely explained by the Placebo Effect (which it cannot), does that diminish its value? The Placebo Effect is a real effect, it's completely noninvasive, and it makes people feel better. Dismissing it is hasty and short-sighted.

As in any argument, there is value in both sides of the story. The medical community, and more importantly, patients who receive their care, will benefit most from tolerance and an open mind. A human, viewed as a balanced mesh of interacting systems, cannot be reduced to just one of its parts. Any treatment that focuses on one aspect of health to the neglect of another can never truly get at the root of the issue and accomplish medicine's goal—healing.



## Best Memes

Since the dawn of the Internet, memes have allowed users to make instantaneous and quick-witted commentary on anything current. Defined by the Merriam-Webster dictionary as "an idea, behavior, style or usage that spreads from person to person," Internet memes have become a much-cherished procrastination tool and part of our culture.

### McKayla is not impressed

For most of us, competing in the Olympics would be enough of an achievement in itself. However, for 16-year-old McKayla Maroney, earning a silver medal in the individual vault competition at the 2012 Olympics was not enough. Displaying an indisputably disappointed face, Maroney soon became a sensation on Tumblr with the site "McKayla is not impressed." With Photoshop as their tool, Internet users began crafting together images of Maroney's disappointed face Photoshopped with iPhone ads, movie posters and screenshots, typically highlighting something which was actually quite impressive. The meme's infamy became most evident when the White House posted on its Twitter a picture last month of President Barack Obama posing with Maroney, both with their arms crossed and displaying their best disappointed faces.

### Binders Full of Women

The presidential debates between former Republican Presidential Nominee Mitt Romney and President Barack Obama brought us endless memes, but none quite as memorable as "binders full of women." On Oct. 16 during the town-hall affair at Hofstra University, Romney uttered the phrase "binders full of women" in reference to his attempt to hire more women in his cabinet as a former governor of Massachusetts. With this line, Romney satiated the Internet's ferocious hunger for more political memes, and just in time for Halloween. Along with endless Photoshopped movie stills, such as one from the movie "Dirty Dancing" of Patrick Swayze with the caption "Nobody puts baby in a binder," the concept was also utilized as a popular Halloween costume. In addition, Amazon users jokingly posted reviews for binders on the site. One user wrote, "While these binders are well made, attractive and reasonably priced, and while I'm sure they would make an excellent choice for those wishing to store written or printed documentation in a secure and easily accessible manner, they are unfortunately too small to put women in."

### Grumpy Cat

Just as "binders full of women" was embraced during Halloween, another meme is being embraced during the holidays. One of the newest memes to emerge is "Grumpy Cat," who joins the endless list of cats that are now famous on the Internet. "Grumpy Cat," a picture of a seemingly upset cat with a stark frown is spreading throughout Reddit and Tumblr, oftentimes with captions such as "I had fun once—it was horrible" and "Deck the halls with nothing." The cat, whose name is Tard, also has a Facebook, Tumblr, Twitter and website with more than 60,000 "likes" on the Facebook page.

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## How To: KEEP YOUR NEW YEARS RESOLUTION

Dear "I cannot keep a New Year's resolution to save my life..."

with Samantha Toscano

It's that time of year again—Christmas lights are popping up, Starbucks goers are donning festive red cups and resolution makers are dreading the fast-approaching start date of Jan. 1. But instead of dreading the New Year, why not be happy you survived the whole "2012 thing" and make some resolutions worth keeping? I personally love the New Year, as it provides a chance to don a ridiculous hat and still look awesome the night before and a chance to start over the morning after. It has a nice way of making you feel like those Christmas cookies you have been sneaking from the kitchen to go with the peppermint mocha lattes are in the past and a healthier lifestyle is in the future. But no matter what your resolution might be, resolutions are not easy to keep up with and more than one third of people who make them give up after two months. So whether you are vowing to exercise more or resolving to party less, here are some tips to keep those promises for the long 12-month haul of the year 2013.

Sincerely,  
Samantha

**P.S.** My resolution is to keep bringing you awesome "How To" columns next year so please send any questions, comments or suggestions to [stosciano@udel.edu](mailto:stosciano@udel.edu). Happy New Year!

**Be realistic:** Resolutions should be made to last and that fact is often forgotten. Do not aim too high or create unrealistic goals that set you up for failure. So instead of saying you want to exercise every single day and cut out sugar from your diet, why not start with exercising two or three days a week and cutting out dessert? Remember, you can always add more to your resolution, but you will feel guilty if you fail because you set your expectations way beyond reality.

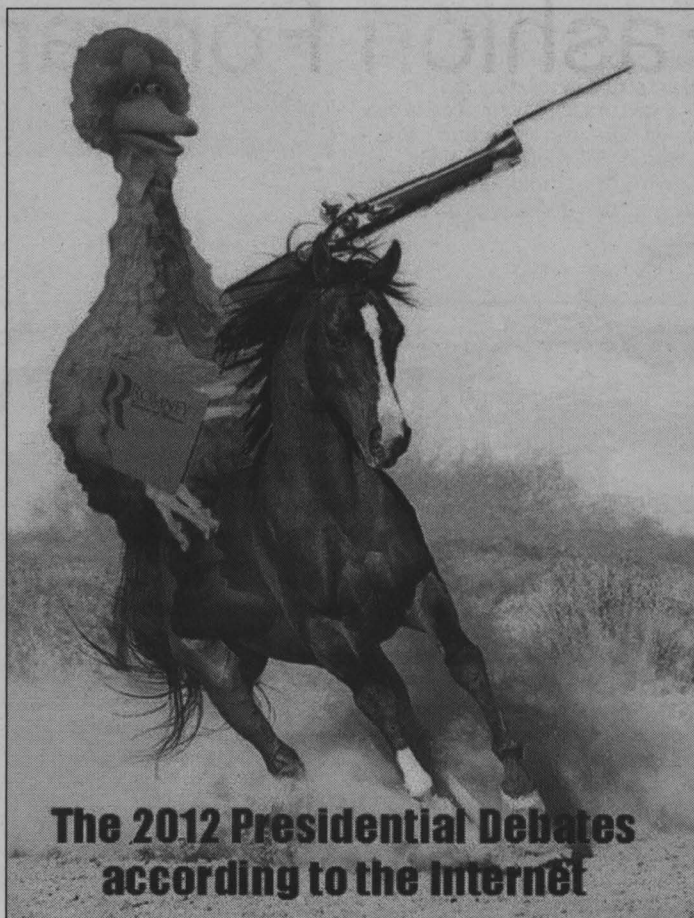
**Schedule wisely:** Again, resolutions are made to last and not just for the month of January. So when thinking of resolutions, think of goals you are comfortable pursuing for a 12-month period. If you want to lose 30 pounds by the end of the year, remind yourself that means you should plan on losing five pounds every two months. Breaking down your resolution will make it seem more achievable, and if it still does not seem achievable after you

schedule it out, look into other goals.

**Develop a habit:** Experts say it often takes 21 days to develop a habit, so work hard during those critical three weeks. Remind yourself that if your resolution can become second nature by the end of January, the rest of the year will be much easier.

**Remember quality, not quantity:** More than two thirds of people who make resolutions make three or more. This is fine if the resolutions are somewhat related (such as eating healthy, exercising and losing weight), but if they are not related you are simply overwhelming yourself. Making one resolution and sticking to it is an accomplishment in itself so be proud and do not saddle yourself with too much.

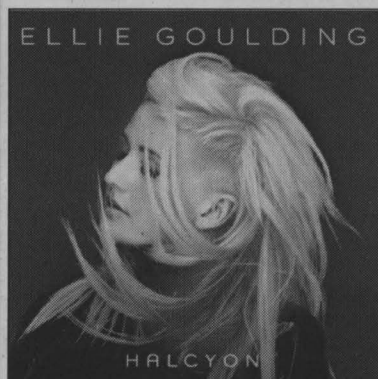
**Try and try again:** Twelve months is a long time so be sure to reward yourself each month and more importantly, do not obsess over a slip. If you have an occasional day where you eat a piece of bread despite swearing off carbs on Jan. 1, just be proud of what you have accomplished thus far and take the next day as a new day and a new start.



The 2012 Presidential Debates  
according to the Internet



# Best new albums



## Halcyon

Ellie Goulding

So, how does a girl from a small village in Herefordshire, England find herself singing at Buckingham Palace for the royal wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton in 2011? And then release a second record, pushing her to international fame? Well, Ellie Goulding is a rock star—Ellie functions like any other artist that is passionate about her work. She goes through phases, balances trial and error and returns to her roots for a fresh beginning.

According to Billboard Magazine, Ellie wanted to regroup herself after her debut record "Lights." She recorded her sophomore album, "Halcyon," amid peace and quiet that enabled her to step out of the glow of fame to connect with herself again. Taking a deep breath and distancing herself from the insanity of life—something we all need to do every now and again—allowed her to dig even deeper into her craft and to come back stronger. The record reached the ninth spot on Billboard's top 200 albums of 2012.

Her distinctive voice swoops and soars across each track, but she sounds far more mature now. She continues to manipulate her voice on the record, especially on "Only You." Ellie pulls a "Sleepyhead" in this song, sounding quite like Michael Angelakos of Passion Pit. She experiments with her voice again on her cover of Active Child's "Holding On." Can you say falsetto heaven? Ellie Goulding proves on "Halcyon" that it's okay to take risks.

—S.B.

## Babel

Mumford & Sons

Ah, Mumford & Sons, my main music men. I know they chant, "I will wait for you," but I had a tough time waiting for "Babel" to be released. The band announced "Babel's" release date mid-July, and as a self-proclaimed "Lover of the Light," I kept my eyes and ears peeled for any hint of new Mumford music over the summer.

By some miracle, I snagged tickets to see the band in Hoboken, N.J. on Aug. 1; tickets sold out on the same day they went on sale. On the night of the concert I literally kept pinching myself to make sure I wasn't dreaming. I had kept "Sigh No More," their debut album, on constant rotation in my car, computer, and iPod for the last few years. Yes, years. I know every song, every lyric and every solo—even the trumpet on "Winter Winds." I cherish "Sigh No More" like it's my child. How could another album possibly compare?

I was pleasantly surprised when the band broke out a few new tunes during the show. They sounded very similar to their older songs; I was coming to terms with the "Gentlemen of the Road" moving on. Once "Babel" dropped I gave the album a thorough listen, and I started connecting to the music and lyrics. Of course, the fact that it is Billboard's best-selling album of 2012 doesn't hurt its credibility. "Babel" is now nestled in my heart with his older brother, but for different reasons. This second album demonstrates maturity, a "coming of age" of the band and of myself—but I stand by the fact that I cried when I saw Mumford & Sons live.

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Halcyon courtesy of Polydor Records  
Babel courtesy of Glassnote Records  
Handwritten courtesy of Mercury Records  
Dark Roots of the Earth courtesy of Nuclear Blast

## Dark Roots of the Earth

Testament

Testament is arguably the largest 80s thrash metal band after the big four (Metallica, Megadeth, Slayer and Anthrax). Into the 90s, they faced a problem all too common in bands who have been around so long—a lack of solid new material. Turns out "Dark Roots of the Earth" was the solution, and it sounds like their best album since the 1987 debut. Alex Skolnick and Eric Peterson's guitar chemistry is better than ever, providing dual leads for the first time, and Chuck Billy's vocals are excellent and unique as always. Outstanding drumming from the legendary Gene Hoglan (Dethklok, Strapping Young Lad) joining the band provided the extra kick the band needed to get out of their slump. It's only a shame that Hoglan's contribution was due to previous drummer Paul Bostaph's recent serious injury.

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## Overkill

The Electric Age

Similarly to Testament, Overkill had trouble getting out of their "modern" music slump after releasing several 80s metal masterpieces. Their break, however, came with the 2010 album, "Ironbound." They now show with "The Electric Age" that their previous album was not just a lucky break—they are back to stay. This most recent release continues in the vein of delivering modern-sounding thrash that still managed to hold on to the classic 80s feel. The production is crisp and clear, the riffs are heavy and galloping, and Bobby "Blitz" Ellsworth's vocals are outstanding—and it truly is extraordinary when a 53-year-old can sing as if he were in his prime.

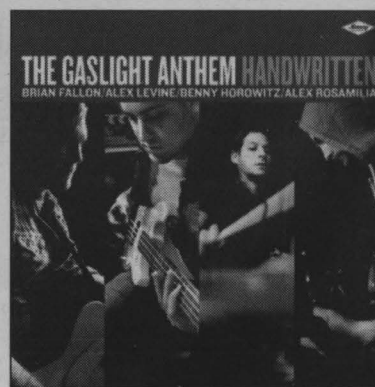
—M.C.

## Handwritten

The Gaslight Anthem

The Gaslight Anthem makes a smart move with their fourth full-length release, "Handwritten," and return to the style of "The '59 Sound," the second album that has largely contributed to their commercial success. While "Handwritten" is their first album released on a major label (Mercury Records), Gaslight nevertheless managed to hold on to their signature sound of Bruce Springsteen mixed with some punk. The songs are just as emotional as ever and, more importantly, they are just as meaningful. These are not songs with feelings for the sake of selling sappy albums—they are songs with genuine soul.

—M.C.



# Best TV seasons



## Modern Family

While always an excellent show, "Modern Family" took a slight dip during its third season. Luckily, the current fourth season is arguably better than ever, providing witty situational comedy for virtually any audience. The entire set of characters is evolving steadily as the show progresses, and the fourth season depicts them being as lovable as ever.

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## Homeland

Homeland returned in September for its second season, filled with the same excellent drama we have come to expect. Acting by Claire Danes and Damian Lewis is especially noteworthy in this solid yet underappreciated series about a U.S. Marine who returns home after being held by al-Qaeda for eight years.

—M.C.

Game of Thrones courtesy of HBO  
Homeland courtesy of Showtime  
Modern Family courtesy of ABC  
Breaking Bad courtesy of AMC  
House, M.D. courtesy of Fox



# Best new movies



The Avengers courtesy of Walt Disney Pictures

The Dark Knight Rises  
Moonrise Kingdom  
The Avengers  
Looper  
Lincoln



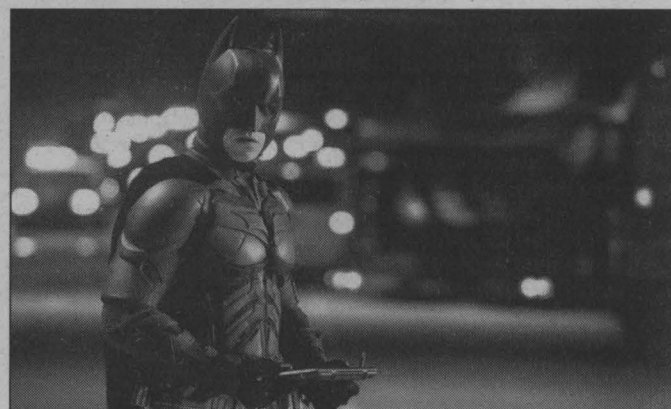
Courtesy of Dreamworks Pictures/20th Century Fox



Courtesy of Focus Features



Courtesy of Tri Star Pictures



Courtesy of Warner Brothers Pictures

## The Avengers

The summer's largest blockbuster, Joss Whedon's "The Avengers" is an amazing assortment of talent coming together for a fun, action-packed film. Featuring Robert Downey Jr. as Iron Man, Chris Hemsworth as Thor, Samuel L. Jackson as Nick Fury, Mark Ruffalo as the Hulk, Chris Evans as Captain America, Scarlett Johansson as Black Widow, Jeremy Renner as Hawkeye and Tom Hiddleston as Loki, it is easy to see how this movie could have been a mess. Instead, Whedon managed to write and direct a story that did not take itself too seriously while incorporating the huge list of characters in a clean fashion, creating a perfect formula for nonstop entertainment.

—M.C.

## The Dark Knight Rises

Christopher Nolan's finale to the "Dark Knight" trilogy takes a much different approach to the genre than "The Avengers" by presenting a dark, somewhat cynical look at a society faced with chaos. The cast includes Christian Bale as Batman, Tom Hardy as the villain Bane and Anne Hathaway as Catwoman, supported by the equally impressive talents of Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Gary Oldman, Morgan Freeman, Michael Caine and Marion Cotillard. The action-packed entertainment of "The Avengers" is here, but the comic relief is replaced by an excellent dark and philosophical theme, which is truly impressive for the genre.

—M.C.

## Looper

Rian Johnson's "Looper" stands out in the time-travel genre by avoiding the mistake made by too many science fiction films—trying to explain how it works. The metaphysical problems of time travel are not relevant because the director seems to acknowledge that time travel is just a plot device used to drive the actual focus of the film, which is self-discovery and morality in a seemingly ethics-free world. The angle is seemingly simple, yet profound—an assassin (Joseph Gordon-Levitt) gets ready to kill his next mark when he realizes the target is himself, sent from the future (Bruce Willis).

—M.C.

## Lincoln

In "Lincoln," Steven Spielberg ("Saving Private Ryan") manages to present a genuine look at the last four months of Lincoln's life as he fought to pass the 13th Amendment. The movie shines in its ability to portray Lincoln as a human being and not as a faultless American icon. The genius of the film is in its ability to remain interesting and entertaining without resorting to unnecessary action or comedic scenes. In fact, the appeal is based on an excellent, clever script and outstanding acting. The impressive cast includes Daniel Day-Lewis as Abraham Lincoln, alongside Tommy Lee Jones, Jackie Earle Haley, Sally Field and Joseph Gordon-Levitt.

—M.C.

## Moonrise Kingdom

Wes Anderson's "Moonrise Kingdom" is arguably his best effort yet. It tells the story of Suzy and Sam—two social outcasts who run away and hide together on a small island, in an attempt to explore the fairytale-like feeling of childhood romance. Meanwhile, a group of characters try to find the young couple before the island is hit by a hurricane. Cast includes surprisingly excellent newcomers Kara Hayward and Jared Gilman playing Suzy and Sam alongside veterans Edward Norton, Bruce Willis, Bill Murray, Tilda Swinton, Harvey Keitel and Jason Schwartzman.

—M.C.



## Breaking Bad

Just when it seemed that "Breaking Bad" couldn't get any better, season five came along. Delivering everything that was expected and more, the current-running season does an excellent job looking at the philosophical and ethical issues that keep growing between Walt (Bryan Cranston) and Jesse (Aaron Paul).

—M.C.



## Game of Thrones

"Game of Thrones" finished its second season with a gripping cliffhanger in June and the next season is not airing until March of 2013. Regardless of the near yearlong hiatus, fans are hardly likely to forget the show given the outstanding quality of the second season. Engaging story, beautiful visuals and an ever-expanding set of intriguing characters give the show a solid place among this year's best seasons.

—M.C.



## House, M.D.

The year 2012 marked the end of the "House, M.D." series after eight solid years. While not quite at the very peak of its quality, "House" nevertheless finished with a bang unlike "The Office," currently finishing its last, weak season. The writers of "House" managed to achieve a surprising ending while staying loyal to their fanbase.

—M.C.



# Best video games



## Guild Wars 2

ArenaNet's "Guild Wars" series stands out by being a massive multiplayer online role-playing game without a monthly service charge. Furthermore, the game stands out by featuring a storyline with an event system that changes the story based on player responses virtually unheard of in a multiplayer game. It excels in offering hours of gameplay with minimal repetitiveness, which is all too common in games of this genre. Intelligent game design allows the game to be interesting and engaging right from the start rather than having to "grind" to be competitive. "Guild Wars 2" no doubt gives Blizzard's "World of Warcraft" a run for its money, and it does so in a wonderfully-crafted world on a stable server and without monthly fees.

## Borderlands 2

The sequel to the 2009 hit, "Borderlands 2" returns with many of the same concepts that made the original such a success. A first-person shooter with role-playing elements, "Borderlands 2" takes place five years after the previous game left off. Randomly generated gear and weapons and a variety of optional side-quests provide for a fairly unique experience for every player, and give the game a good bit of replay value. The gameplay in itself is incredibly engaging, with notably improved enemy artificial intelligence from "Borderlands," emphasizing some strategy and thought into weapon creation rather than a simple "run-in-and-shoot" mentality. Graphics are likewise worth mentioning for their style, which had previously been established by the predecessor. Instead of attempting super-realistic visuals, the game creates a comic-like look that is refreshing and interesting to look at.

## Dishonored

The only non-sequel on this year's list, "Dishonored" is a first-person stealth-based game developed by Arkane Studios. While the storyline is somewhat predictable, "Dishonored" more than makes up for it by offering an engaging experience that allows the player to choose from a multitude of solutions to given problems. Running on the Unreal Engine 3, the graphics are outstanding, portraying a setting resembling early 20th century London. A weak narrative aside, "Dishonored" proves to be a refreshing addition to an over-saturated genre of recent role-playing games.

## Assassin's Creed III

The main gameplay during Ubisoft's fifth major release to the "Assassin's Creed" franchise takes place around the American Revolution, which is rather a large jump from the 12th to 16th century European settings established in the previous installments. Like its predecessors, "Assassin's Creed III" focuses on the open world format that the series is known for. Main additions to the game include an incorporation of weather and a better free-running system, both are excellent alongside the outstanding setting designed by Ubisoft. The combat system also had an overhaul, adding some slow-motion and the ability to use other characters as shields. The quest system is as good as always, offering a variety of mission types requiring different modes of play, stealth, exploration, combat and more. The final product is a game different enough from the rest of its franchise to be fun and original, while maintaining enough elements to keep fans happy.

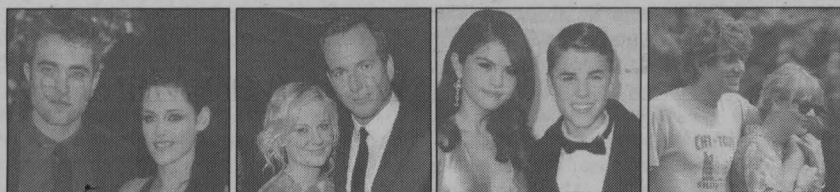
## Diablo III

Blizzard's third installment to its "Diablo" franchise, "Diablo III" was released more than a decade after the debut of the classic "Diablo II" game and its equally successful expansion, "Lord of Destruction." The third title had a rocky start the gameplay was unbalanced and Battle.net (the online platform on which the game is played) was down to due to server stress and thousands of eager fans could not even play the game they had preordered years prior. Several server upgrades and game patches later, Blizzard managed to address most of the issues customers have been having. It's this developer response that truly gives "Diablo III" a place in the best games of 2012. The current product offers challenging gameplay, balanced character classes, and enough loot to keep the top-down dungeon-crawling style interesting. Constant patches keep addressing gamer complaints and wishes on an already outstanding game, promising a product that keeps evolving for the better.

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(Above): Borderlands courtesy of 2K Games  
(Left): Guild Wars 2 courtesy of NCSoft



## Justin Bieber & Selena Gomez

After dating for a year and a half, Justin Bieber, 18, and Selena Gomez, 20, broke up in early November. The pair went public with their romantic relationship in March 2011, but rumors that they were dating started in late 2010. Rumors of the split circulated during the first week of November and were confirmed shortly after. The couple says the distance caused problems in the relationship. However, tabloids highlight tweets from Victoria's Secret Supermodel Barbara Palvin, which link Bieber and Palvin, 19, as the cause of the split. Palvin has denied that she and Bieber are in a relationship. In the past few weeks, some sources say the couple is back together, while others say they are still separated. Some say people care too much about the lives of celebrities, while others are giving their advice. One commenter on MTV's report says, "Justin and Selena aren't a good couple. Not trying to hate but he's too good for her." They were seen

together at the American Music Awards on Nov. 18, and websites like TMZ and E! have reported on many pictures of the two together since the drama began.

## Will Arnett & Amy Poehler

Will Arnett, 42 (Arrested Development), and Amy Poehler, 40 (Parks and Rec), announced their divorce in September after nine years of marriage. The two comedic actors have worked together in "Arrested Development," "Blades of Glory" and "Horton Hears a Who." They began dating in 2000 and married in August 2003 and have two sons, Archie, 3, and Abel, 2. Arnett was married once before, but this was Poehler's first marriage. Sources say that Arnett and Poehler are still friendly and that the divorce was a mutual agreement. One commenter on Gawker says, "We should have seen the signs when they tried to divorce on Arrested Development. Curse that show and it's evil divorce predicting ways." They were both nominated for

Emmy's in September, but neither won. Arnett is known for his guest appearances on "30 Rock," and his character Gob Bluth on "Arrested Development," which he will be resuming in the movie version. He currently plays Chris Brinkley on the NBC sitcom "Up All Night." Poehler, a former writer and cast member on "Saturday Night Live" will continue her role as Leslie Knope on NBC's comedy "Parks and Recreation."

## Taylor Swift & Conor Kennedy

Country-pop singer Taylor Swift, 22, had and broke up with yet another beau this year. Over the fourth of July weekend, Swift spent the holiday at the Cape Cod Kennedy compound in Hyannis Port, Mass. Later in July, she visited the Cape again and this time, tabloids caught pictures of her with Conor Kennedy, 18, and it appeared they were dating. Conor is Robert Kennedy's grandson. In August, she bought a house in Hyannis Port for \$4.9 million and more romantic

pictures of the couple surfaced. Conor's grandmother, Ethel Kennedy was also reported saying, "We should be so lucky," on Swift possibly joining the family. Swift also says that she is fascinated with Kennedy's and read a 900-page book called "The Kennedy Women." Then, rumors popped up that she crashed a Kennedy family wedding and that she was "kidnapping" her new boyfriend. The romance was short-lived when Swift said they broke up in October because of the distance after three months of dating. There was not much drama around the split due to its brevity and Swift's reputation for going through boyfriends. Fans meanwhile are contemplating whether this will give the singer more fuel for tunes and another hit album.

## Kristen Stewart & Robert Pattinson (sort of)

Kristen Stewart, 22, and Robert Pattinson, 26, star as star-crossed lovers Bella Swan and

Edward Cullen in the "Twilight" saga. The two have been in a real-life relationship since 2010. They were a rumored couple in 2009, but Pattinson confirmed their relationship in March 2010 on "The Oprah Winfrey Show." This July, Us Weekly discovered that Stewart was having an affair with Rupert Sanders, 41, the British director of "Snow White and the Huntsman," which Stewart starred in, and released pictures of two kissing and hugging. After the affair was revealed, Pattinson and Stewart were rumored to have broken up over the summer. However, recently, there have been pictures and reports that they are trying to work things out and remain together. Sanders, who was married with two children is not officially divorced from his wife but they are separated. "Twilight: Breaking Dawn, Part 2," came out Nov. 16 and made \$2.5 billion during the opening weekend.

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# Celebrity Heartbreak



@MyLifeisUD

@MyLifeisUD manages to sum up the quintessential aspects of university life. Counting the ways to identify freshman and transcribing every frustration that can be associated with finals week in less than 140 characters, the anonymous tweeter has 1,505 followers and countless retweets. Recently, the woes of registration and rainy days have induced the following tweets: "There are two kinds of evil in the world: Nickelback albums, and class registration" and "I would like to meet the guy who decided to build all of the campus sidewalks out of slippery red bricks and kick him in the shin." Even from distant locations and over school breaks, this account demonstrates the joy of attending the university: "Oookay, the initial charm of a real bed and real food has worn off. Fall semester, where you at?" Regardless of who is behind the composition of such social media expression, @MyLifeisUD tweets both the best and the worst aspects of the university, while still maintaining some element of school spirit.

@FakePrezHarker

Much to the dismay of social media addicted students, the real President Patrick Harker doesn't have a Twitter account. Enter POTUD, otherwise known as the parody account for the President of the University of Delaware, a play on the term POTUS to describe President Barack Obama. The account is characterized by a bio that reads: "20,000 UD students. One Prez to govern them all. My greatest weaknesses are Pepsi slogans and tuition increases." The fake president entertains each of his 2,648 followers with tweets about his friendship with Vice President Joe Biden, his horse Jiden, his song requests for various Main Street Bars and most recently, his family's Thanksgiving traditions. With a current 1,044 tweets, it's hard not to laugh at things like "The back of the Declaration of Independence told me there is a treasure buried beneath the green" and "To reduce tuition costs, I'm only serving chicken nuggets at the D-Hall for every meal for the rest of the semester. #YoureWelcome."

**P.O.T.U.D.**

@FakePrezHarker

*President of that college your cool cousin attends. Fearless owner of an iPod Mini. Prince of Delaware. King of Newark. (Parody Account)*

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Newark

**UDon'tEvenGoHere**@UDontevengohere FOLLOWS YOU

*What's wrong with you? Do you even go to UD? Probably not, and we're calling you out! This is a parody account.*

**UD Gossip Squirrel**@xoxoUDSquirrel FOLLOWS YOU

*Gossip Squirrel here, your one and only source into the scandalous lives of Newark's undergrads...as I perch in my trash can*

@UDontevengohere

An account that seeks to legitimize the most "Delaware" of Delaware students, @UDon'tEvenGoHere is a parody account aimed at calling out each and every person who doesn't live up to the Blue Hen name. Their first tweet from Sept. 7 expressed this motive best: "Are you suuure you go to UD? Most Blue Hens know how things work here, but others do things so odd we start to think #UDontevengohere." Ending most tweets with a question mark, the administrator of the account describes situations that only real students would understand, such as "Laurel Hall hasn't incorrectly diagnosed your illness? #UDontevengohere #TheyWillSoon #IHadPneumonia" and "'Interest meeting' isn't synonymous with 'free food' in your mind? #UDontevengohere #NoFoodNoShow." Critical of anything and everything straying from the university norm, the account has gained 1,992 followers, who probably do in fact go here.

@xoxoUDSquirrel

Taking cues from the popular CW show "Gossip Girl," UD Gossip Squirrel combines two prevalent aspects of college life into a single twitter account: gossip and squirrels. After only three months of tweets, this account has gained 733 followers attracted to the ideas expressed in the squirrel's bio: "Gossip Squirrel here, your one and only source into the scandalous lives of Newark's undergrads... as I perch in my trash can." This woodland creature pokes fun at Kirkbride Jesus, parties hard and manages to live what can only be assumed to be a more posh life than those of her squirrel counterparts. Tweets featuring pictures of squirrels only add to the comedic value, and followers seem to appreciate the biting humor of the trash diver and tree climber. The account's most popular tweet, "Sorry Kirkbride Jesus, even the rainiest of days couldn't even begin to wash away our sins #xoxoGossipSquirrel" scored 22 retweets and eight favorites. With the hashtag #xoxoGossipSquirrel, tweets become mysterious compositions from an unidentified outdoor observer of the university.

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# Best UD Twitter Accounts

## Marshall's Mugs: Best of Winter Beers

with Ryan Marshall

There is no exact science for choosing the best Christmas beer, and it is nearly impossible to narrow it down to four. After mulling my decision all of Thanksgiving break here is my selection of the best winter beers to enjoy over the holidays. Cheers.

### Anchor Brewing Christmas Ale

Brewing began in 1975 and there has not been an exact recipe since then. Anchor Brewing makes their Christmas Ale different every year. Along with the secret ingredients that change year to year, the label has a new Christmas tree each year. On the very first bottle in 1975, owner Fritz Maytag and his family signed the label, "Merry Christmas, from the Maytags."

I have not been able to get my hands on this year's special recipe, but last Christmas it did not disappoint. The brown ale based body combined with all sorts of spices is a true treat. The malt may change, the hops may change and the alcohol percentage may change, but the quality never does. Every year all the beer experts try and guess what spices are used, but every year there is always a varying of an opinion and only Anchor really knows. The mystery behind what is inside makes it all so intriguing, and that is why it is my No. 1 holiday beer.

### Delirium Noël

What says Christmas more than Pink Elephants pulling Santa's sleigh? This Belgium brew comes from the Huyghe family as a Belgian Dark Strong Ale. At 10 percent alcohol the word, "strong" might be a little misleading.

It pours a dark mahogany color and hints of fruit,

figs and raisins all mixed in with a creamy toasty malt. Like Anchor Christmas Ale, Noël is one of those must try Christmas ales. There is no website to look up the malts or hops, which sometimes is all the more enjoyable. Share it with friends and family as you clean up the wrapping paper around the Christmas tree and prepare for dinner.



### Pyramid Snow Cap Winter Warmer

This spot could go to so many different beers, but I decided to go with something new I tried this year. Pyramid Snow Cap really surprised me. They brew it in spirit of a British winter ale with a twist of chocolate and caramel malts.

A mix of Nugget, Willamette and East Kent Goldings hops gives it a spicy character that is truly warming. Seven percent alcohol meets the characteristic of most winter beers and makes this an enjoyable drinkable beer. I know my family has a bonfire each year, and I will have this winter warmer by the fire to spread the cheer of the holidays.

### Sam Adams Winter Classics- Old Fezziwig Ale

You have to buy the seasonal sampler to get two of these but it is worth it. Old Fezziwig is the best Christmas beer in the whole batch. Chocolate, cinnamon, ginger and orange peel combine to make this a cookie of a beer as Sam Adams likes to say. Blends of Sam Adams own malts and yeast adds an original touch to this beer.

Not only do you get Old Fezziwig Ale in the winter classics pack, you get their Holiday Porter, which is my second favorite, Boston Lager, Winter Lager, Chocolate Bock and their newest creation, White Christmas. Even if you think Old Fezziwig does not live up to my expectations, you have five other Sam Adams classics to enjoy.

Thank you to all my readers for a fun semester. I cannot wait to come back from break in the springtime with new beers, ideas and columns to share, happy holidays and Merry Christmas.

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**UD Students:** Need a late-night place to study for Fall 2012 final exams?**Before Exams**

| Location               | Friday<br>November 30 | Saturday<br>December 1 | Sunday<br>December 2 | Monday<br>December 3 | Tuesday<br>December 4 | Wednesday<br>December 5 |
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| Location                         | Tuesday<br>December 11<br><i>Exams</i>         | Wednesday<br>December 12<br><i>Exams</i> | Thursday<br>December 13<br><i>Exams</i> | Friday<br>December 14<br><i>Last Day of Exams</i> |
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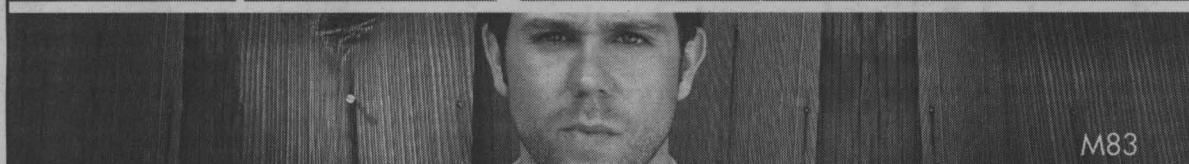
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# Sports

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## Hens head into winter offseason to learn, regroup

*Hurley: 'I think I grew a lot, it's the first year I've started since high school'*

BY MATT BITTLE  
Sports Editor

The Delaware football team finished the 2012 season with a 5-6 mark, its first losing season since 2008 and the third in head coach K.C. Keeler's 11 year career. Despite the losing record, the Hens outscored their opponents, averaging 26.6 points per game while surrendering 24.7.

Senior linebacker Paul Worrirow said the season was disappointing.

"I think we had more talent than a 5-6 team," Worrirow said. "We couldn't close out games, which is pretty frustrating."

The Hens started the season off with four-straight wins before suffering a loss to New Hampshire, ending a seven-game winning streak for Delaware. Up 7-0 at halftime, the Hens were outscored 34-7 in the second period. The following week, Delaware lost 26-3 to Maine, failing to score a touchdown for the first

time since 2009.

The Hens rebounded to beat Rhode Island the next game, but then lost their final four games to miss the postseason for the second straight year. Three of the team's final four losses were by seven points or less.

Keeler said the players fought every game but were unable to pick up more wins, partly due to bad breaks and injuries.

"Of our six losses, five times we've had that opportunity in the fourth quarter to win ballgames, and we haven't gotten it done," Keeler said.

The Hens suffered a number of injuries during the year. Junior running back Andrew Pierce missed two games and large parts of two others with knee and hamstring injuries and senior wide receiver Rob Jones played only two games because of a broken ankle. Sophomore quarterback Trent Hurley also missed a start due to a foot injury, and Keeler said he was



File Photo

Sophomore wide receiver Stephen Clark gets ready for a play. Clark had 232 receiving yards this season.

limited during much of the season.

"I felt that he was the future so strongly that maybe I put him in harm's way a few times," he said.

Hurley said the Hens understand injuries are a part of sports and the team must play on without key players at times. He said his Lisfranc sprain is largely the same as it was during the season, and he will meet with a foot specialist and likely rest.

In his first season as the Hens' starting quarterback after transferring from Bowling Green State University, Hurley threw for 1,964 yards with 10 touchdowns and 14 interceptions. He said he progressed and learned more as the season went on.

"I think I grew a lot," Hurley said. "It's the first year I've started since high school. It's a big jump

from high school, faster, hit harder, you have to prepare a lot more."

The Hens ranked ninth in the 11-team CAA in total offense and seventh in scoring. The defense finished sixth in both yards and scoring. Delaware was seventh in offense and fifth in scoring in 2011, with the defense ranking second in yards and points then.

Pierce finished with 703 yards rushing, down from 2011's 1,279 yards. Hurley was fourth in the CAA in yards passing per game and senior receiver Nihja White, who had a team-high 57 catches, averaged 6.33 a game, good for third in the CAA.

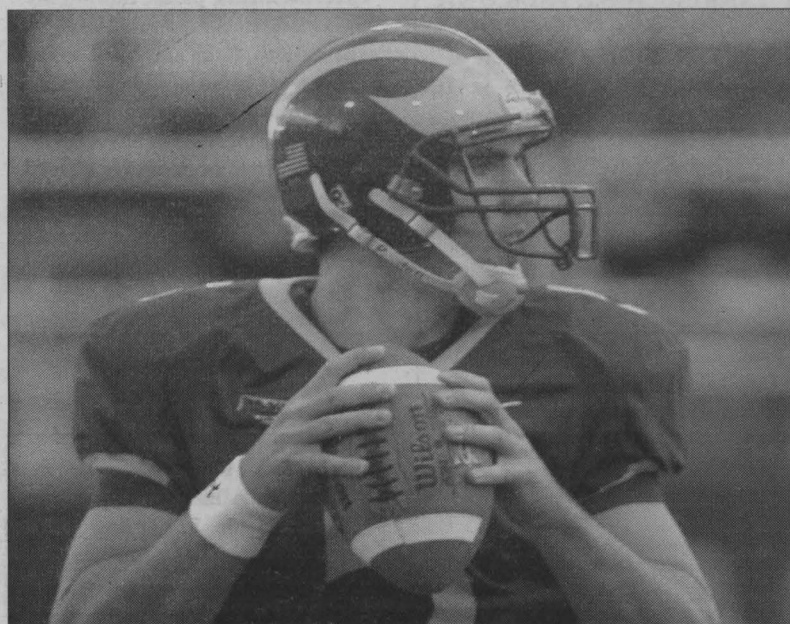
Worrirow had 107 tackles, leading the conference in tackles per game. Freshman linebacker Jeff Williams had 6.5 sacks and 13.5 tackles for loss, leading the CAA in

both sacks and tackles for loss per game. Junior kicker Sean Baner was 18 for 23 on field goals and 33 for 33 on extra points, finishing second in the CAA in scoring among kickers.

Keeler said the team has a number of young players that were forced to step up this season. However, he also said the team cannot become complacent with the knowledge that many starters return.

"The biggest mistake we can do is just stand around here and say look at all the kids we have coming back, that'd be a huge mistake on our part," he said. "What we need to do is we need to get back to work, and we need to continue to get bigger, stronger, faster."

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File Photo

Joe Flacco has led the Baltimore Ravens to a 9-3 record this year, which is first in the AFC East.

## Flacco five years after Delaware

DANIEL MCINERNEY  
Sports Editor

As part of a tradition that began in college, Baltimore Ravens quarterback Joe Flacco and his family go out to dinner after each home game and unwind. During the season, Flacco's main focus is his next opponent, but said he enjoys the time he can spend relaxing with his family and teammates.

"You couldn't want a better role model for your child," Delaware head coach K.C. Keeler said. "You couldn't want a better face of the franchise. You couldn't want a better teammate."

Neither Keeler nor Flacco could have known he would be drafted 18th overall by the Baltimore Ravens or he would set numerous records during his first season. He became the first rookie quarterback to start all 16 games and

make the playoffs and also the first rookie quarterback to win two playoff games. Flacco is also the Ravens franchise leader in passing yards, touchdowns, consecutive starts and playoff wins.

Despite his on-field success Flacco said his favorite part of being in the NFL is being able to do something he loves.

"I am still playing a kids' game," Flacco said. "I don't have to go sit at a desk, which I never wanted to do anyway."

Those who know Flacco would say he has not changed since being drafted. In fact he showed up to his first minicamp in his grandmother's car. He opts for family vacations on the Jersey Shore instead of going to an exotic island and gives back when he can.

During his rookie year, Keeler

asked Flacco to sign autographs for a store owner in exchange for a tent the alumni association needed for an event. Flacco did not hesitate to help his former coach out and went a step further when he took the storeowner out to dinner.

In 2011 Flacco married his high school sweetheart, Dana, and they had their first child, Stephen, last June. At home Flacco avoids watching ESPN but loves to talk about football, even fantasy football. Although he does not play himself, he said he likes how it draws in new fans that may not have been interested in football without it.

"There's a point where you want to get away from it," Flacco said. "You are around it all day, it's nonstop so when you go home there's an element of wanting to leave it behind you."

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# Chicken Scratch



## Weekly Calendar

### Wednesday, Dec. 5

Women's Basketball at Rhode Island  
7:30 p.m.

### Thursday, Dec. 6

Men's Club Ice Hockey at Drexel  
9:30 p.m.

### Saturday, Dec. 8

Men's Basketball vs Delaware State  
(Rt. 1 Rivalry)  
2 p.m.  
Bob Carpenter Sports Center

Men's Club Ice Hockey vs. Drexel  
5:15 p.m.  
Fred Rust Ice Arena

### Sunday, Dec. 9

Women's Basketball vs. Princeton  
2 p.m.  
Bob Carpenter Sports Center

## Henpeckings

**Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving:** The Delaware men's and women's swimming and diving teams had four members compete in the final day's preliminaries of the AT&T U.S. Swimming Winter National Championships at the Lee & Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center at the University of Texas from Thursday to Saturday. Senior freestyle and backstroke swimmer Ryan Roberts finished 32nd in the 200-meter backstroke and junior sprint freestyle swimmer Paul Gallagher finished 63rd in the 200 freestyle for the men's team. Sophomore backstroke Tim Ware rounded out the men's team by finishing 53rd in the 200-meter backstroke. On the women's side, senior Courtney Raw finished 41st in the 200 backstroke. The Hens' record is now 3-3 (0-3 CAA) for the men and 5-2 (2-2 CAA) for the women.

**Men's Club Ice Hockey:** The Delaware men's club ice hockey team won both games against Syracuse University on Friday and Saturday at the Fred Rust Ice Arena. On Friday, the Hens won, 6-1. Senior forward Connor Moore opened the scoring at 7:17 of the first period. He was assisted by junior forward Michael Piet and freshman defender Alex Guerere. On Saturday, the Hens shut out the Orange, 7-0. Piet scored a hat trick, with his last goal coming on a power play with 4:24 remaining in the third period. The Hens' record is now 10-6 in the Eastern States Collegiate Hockey League.

**CAA News:** The CAA welcomed the College of Charleston as a member on Friday. The move will be made effective July 1, 2013. The College of Charleston fields 21 varsity teams.

## Commentary



### "TCHAU TO F1" BY JACK COBOURN

With winter break on its way, I can now catch up on the sleep I have missed. But I am not tired because of my classes, I'm tired because of all the Formula One racing I have watched this year.

Sebastian Vettel of Red Bull won his third-straight Formula One World Championship from Ferrari's Fernando Alonso in a soggy Brazilian Grand Prix at Interlagos on Nov. 25. Though neither of those two drivers were my family's favorite, we still enjoyed the hectic battle as McLaren's Jenson Button bookended a wild season, having won the first race in Australia in March.

I cannot believe it has been eight months since I wrote my first commentary on Formula One "F1 says 'G'day, mate,'" (March 19). In it, I explained what Formula One is and my thoughts on the season ahead.

First of all, there are some things that I must apologize for. I called Pastor

Maldonaldo a "Moneyball" driver, hired by Williams-Renault because of his \$44 million given to the team from the Venezuelan government. In fact, he won a race this year, leading almost every lap in Spain.

Also, I must apologize to Bernie Ecclestone, head of Formula One. I said when a race doesn't pay his exorbitant amounts to host the best racing series on Earth, he'll most likely send it to the Middle East. Well, in the case of the Grand Prix that was supposed to be held next year in New Jersey, the rumor is the slot will go to France, who invented the sport of Grand Prix racing in 1906.

Finally, I must apologize to NBC Sports Network for in my column "The Sacred World of Speed" (Oct. 22), I suggested that they would make a mess of Formula One coverage in America. They have, however, made a step in the right direction by hiring Speed Channel announcers David Hobbs, Steve Matchett and Will Buxton for their 2013 commentary team. The only loss is Bob Varsha, but hopefully he will join them again in the future.

Now, with the apologies out of the way, it is time to talk about the season that was the best I have ever seen. Seven different drivers won the first seven races of the year and eight different drivers would wind up winning races, including Lotus' Kimi Raikkonen winning in Abu Dhabi in October. On his way to victory, the Finn, who is not known for his scintillating conversation, said to his team 'Leave me alone, I know what I'm doing.' This has created a memorable line for any Formula One fan to use when people are yelling at them to do something.

Throughout the year, I felt the racing quality would lessen as repeat winners came along. In fact, the battling even at the front of the pack stayed consistent. Even

though Vettel streaked off into the distance sometimes, it was nice to see that the fight for second and third continued.

The United States hosted its first Grand Prix event in seven years when the Formula One circus came to the Circuit of the Americas in Austin, Texas. The magnificent 3.8-mile course had nearly 120,000 fans witness McLaren's Lewis Hamilton beat Vettel in a challenging battle. The memory I will take away the most from Austin is the sight of Hamilton, Vettel and Alonso wearing cowboy hats instead of baseball ones on the podium during the prize giving ceremony.

The win in Austin proved to be Hamilton's last in a McLaren, as he switches to Mercedes next year, replacing the retiring seven-time World Champion, Michael Schumacher, whose comeback hasn't given him much in the way of success. Perhaps Hamilton's replacement, Mexico's Sergio Perez, will dazzle me enough with his driving to become my new favorite.

There were many great memories this year, from Sauber's Kamui Kobayashi finishing third in his home race in Japan to Vettel and his teammate Mark Webber dancing to "Gangnam Style" with PSY before the Korean Grand Prix. I hope next year will be just as good for the fans because nothing will top this season. Now, as the sports world turns its attention towards the NFL playoff race, I'll be resting, hibernating for the start of the season next March.

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## About the teams:

**About Delaware:** The Hens are 2-6, with five straight losses. Delaware has not yet played a home game this season. The team was picked to finish seventh in the conference in the preseason coaches' poll. Junior guard Devon Saddler is averaging a CAA-high 21.6 points per game. Senior forward Jamelle Hagins leads the conference in rebounding, with 12.5 per game.

**About Radford:** The Highlanders are 5-3 and are on a three-game winning streak. Radford was picked to finish 10th in the 12-team Big South before the year. Guard Javonte Green leads the team with 15.3 points per game and 7.8 boards a game. Radford beat Delaware, 58-54, last year, in the only previous meeting between the two.

## Under Preview

### Delaware vs. Radford University



#### Men's basketball

**Time: Tuesday at 7 p.m.**

**Location: Bob Carpenter Sports Center**

### Why the Hens can win:

Delaware has struggled so far this year, but has played tough competition. Going against teams like the University of Pittsburgh and Duke University has likely toughened the Hens up. Delaware was 11-3 at home last season, compared with 7-11 elsewhere. Saddler looks like a star and has improved his scoring every season thus far. With him and Hagins, the Hens can match up with most teams.

### Why the Hens could lose:

Radford has a decent record this year, and Green is a talented player. He's bolstered by guard R. J. Price, who is averaging 14.0 points per game. Price has 22 threes, and if he goes off against the Hens, Delaware could be in trouble.

### The numbers:

**12.1:** The number of points per game that Hagins has this season.

**3.4:** Delaware's rebounding margin per game, better than Radford's 2.0.

**100:** The number of rebounds Hagins has grabbed after eight games. Only one player in the country has more total boards.

### The prediction:

Delaware will be anxious to get a win. Playing on their home court against a team that went 6-26 last year, I think the Hens will do that. Saddler and Hagins will continue their stellar play.

**Delaware: 70  
Radford: 61**

*Matt Bittle  
Sports Editor*





THE REVIEW/Emma Rando

Junior guard Lauren Carra drives the ball into the paint Wednesday against St. Bonaventure.

## Strong performance from Carra leads Hens

*Leads team with 20 points, 13 rebounds*

BY DEREK COLEMAN  
Staff Reporter

The Delaware women's basketball team rode a hot second half, which included a season high 20 points from senior guard Lauren Carra and a 68-58 win over St. Bonaventure Wednesday. The Hens outscored the Bonnies, 43-28, in the second half en route to the win.

"We came out a little slow tonight, but our defense—our defense does everything for us," Carra said. "We feed off of our defense and in the first half we gave them too many easy shots."

Before the half, the Hens allowed St. Bonaventure to jump out to a 29-15 lead behind three 3-pointers by guard CeCe Dixon. Dixon, who led St. Bonaventure in scoring with 14 points, would not hit another three for the rest of the night as the Hens rallied to cut the lead to five on a layup by Carra with three seconds remaining in the half.

"I thought that the second half we did a much better job of executing what we needed to do to beat St. Bonaventure," head coach Tina Martin said. "St Bonaventure's a really good team, well coached, he wins a lot of games, and they play that style grind it out."

Martin said the Hens stepped up the defense in the second half. Leading the defensive stand was junior forward Kelsey Buchanan who tallied eight points and seven rebounds in 19 minutes of play, all personal season highs. Martin said Buchanan stepped up and helped the team with her play.

The Hens tied the game at 32 just two minutes into the second half on a 3-pointer by Carra. She followed the long jumper with a foul shot two minutes later to

give the Hens a lead they never relinquished.

"We played harder on defense, so then that brought our offense and we just played harder all around in the second half," senior guard Jaquetta May said.

May, who finished the game with 12 points, four rebounds and two blocks in 32 minutes, was one of several players to see an increase in minutes while the Hens were without senior All-American Elena Della Donne who missed her fourth game of the season.

"When Elena steps out, all five people need to put the ball in the basket," Carra said.

Junior guard Akeema Richards rose to the occasion scoring a season-high 10 points. The Hens shot 42 percent from the field in the second half after shooting only 29 percent in the first. They used a 10-2 second half run to grab a 49-38 lead.

Delaware shot 30 free throws in the second half, including 14 in the final two minutes to pull to their 68-58 margin of victory. Carra also added a career-high 13 rebounds to go along with her team leading 20 points.

"Those rebounds are huge for a [5-foot-9] guard," Martin said. "I have two [5 foot 9 inch] kids playing the three and four spots and they're killing."

The Hens will have a week off until they face Atlantic 10 foe Rhode Island in Kingston on Wednesday, they are not done working yet.

"We've been thrown a little bit a of a loop this year and we're grinding it out right now," Martin said. "We're trying to find ourselves and getting wins are a good way to find yourself."

## Flacco: 'You think I am going to be a draft choice?'

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As NFL teams were scouting Flacco there was concern, especially among the Ravens' front office, that Flacco was not a captain. Flacco called Keeler to express his concern and they both agreed that the "C" was not needed. It was his team. Keeler said that Flacco's personality was taken on by the team and that he didn't panic.

Growing up in Audubon, N.J., Flacco was encouraged by his parents Steve and Karen to play sports and dreamed of becoming a professional athlete. The oldest of six kids, there was no lack of competition for Flacco.

Following his senior year, Flacco received a scholarship to

play at the University of Pittsburgh. During his two years at Pittsburgh, he saw limited playing time and decided to transfer to Delaware.

After he was forced to sit out for a year when Pittsburgh did not release him from his scholarship, he became the starter for the Hens in 2006. He threw for 37 touchdowns and just three interceptions but failed to make the playoffs. The following year Flacco led Delaware to the FCS Championship game where they lost to Appalachian State University. Flacco would set 20 records while at Delaware and became the highest drafted Hen ever.

Flacco has been criticized for saying he is an elite quarterback and in the same category as Tom Brady and Peyton Manning, but there was a time when he was not sure if he

would make it to the NFL.

"I remember it like it was yesterday," Keeler said. "He said 'you think I am going to be a draft choice?'"

During the spring semester of his junior year, Flacco entered Keeler's office and told him that he would like to play baseball. Keeler, who thought Flacco was joking at first, began to explain to Flacco that he was talented enough to be drafted to the NFL.

Looking back Keeler said that he remembers Flacco as someone not afraid to speak his mind but also a humble person.

"That was Joe," Keeler said. "Not that he didn't have supreme confidence in himself, he just didn't know people thought of him the way we thought of him."

## Delle Donne talks WNBA, Olympic future

BY JACK COBOURN  
Managing Sports Editor

In November 2009, forward Elena Delle Donne started her first game as a Delaware women's basketball player. Taking her freshman year off because she did not want to play, she returned, thanks to head coach Tina Martin not pressuring her to play again. Delle Donne and the Hens would get to the CAA Tournament semifinals that year.

Now, Delaware reached its first NCAA Tournament last year at the end of an undefeated season in CAA play, Delle Donne is currently a senior. Delle Donne will be looking toward her future in basketball at the end of this season. She said her and the team's biggest impact at Delaware was helping get the sport of women's basketball more recognition.

"It's definitely not just me, it's been myself and my teammates," Delle Donne said. "Really getting women's basketball into the national spotlight has been a big achievement, especially last year."

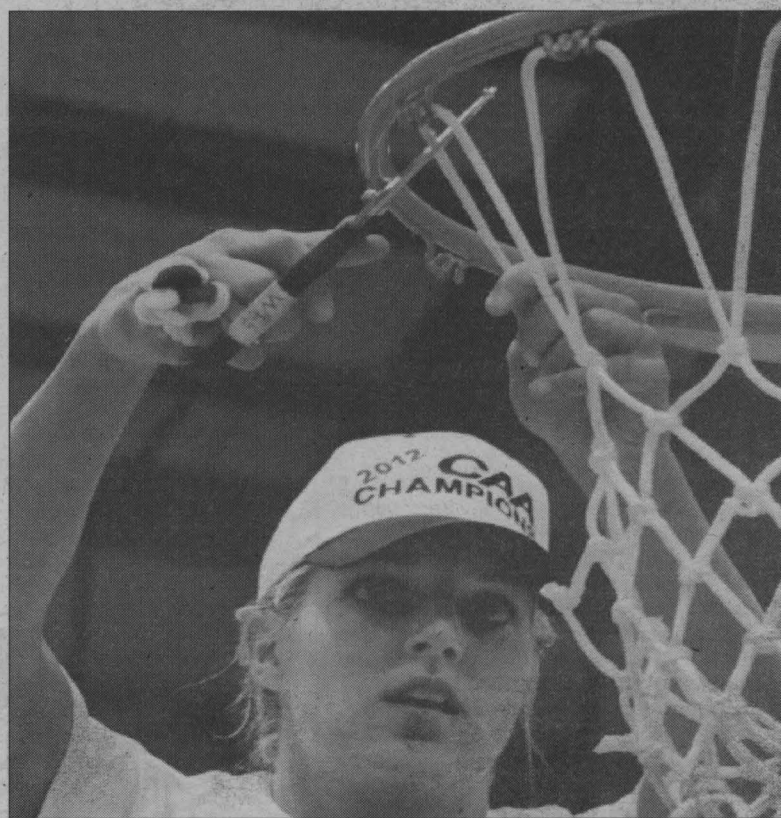
Delle Donne is looking to play in the WNBA. Martin said the level of play in the WNBA is strong but Delle Donne's versatility on the court will make her an asset to any team in the league.

The All-American said she is hoping to go to Rio de Janeiro for the 2016 Olympics with the United States National Team, after helping the U.S. team go 6-0 to win the gold medal in the 2011 World University Games. She said the WNBA is first on her to-do list.

"First thing is the WNBA draft and see where I go there," she said. "If I do well in that career, then the USA basketball would fall into place, but I would have to take care of business in the WNBA first."

The senior forward is a human services major, and wants to combine her playing career with her major. She said she wants to give back to her community by helping children and individuals with special needs.

It is no secret that Delle Donne is close to her family. However, the closest WNBA teams to Delaware are the Washington Mystics and the New York Liberty, which are not advantageous to staying in the Delaware area. Delle Donne said due to the season being played in the



File Photo

Senior forward Elena Delle Donne helped Delaware to a 31-2 season last year.

summer, getting to see her family will not be as difficult.

"The season's in the summer, which gives my family a lot of time to travel and be able to come to some of my games," she said. "It's a little more flexible where I won't be having class—all I am doing really is playing basketball and playing games with my team and stuff."

This season has not been easy for Delle Donne, because she is currently battling Lyme disease. Delaware's record is 3-2 (0-0 CAA) and Delle Donne has played in only one game, a 64-46 win over Providence College at home on Nov. 20.

Martin said Lyme disease is an energy issue for Delle Donne, and making sure she is at her best is the only way for her to be in top shape. Martin said the disease is a day-to-day process, and each day is different.

"Managing it throughout the year is something that we did before and now obviously we'll try to do again, but it really comes down to Elena and what's she feeling that

day, and as I said, she goes through swings where she feels good for a couple of days and then she may feel bad for a couple of days," she said.

One of Delle Donne's oldest teammates is senior point guard Kayla Miller, who has played with her since the eighth grade. Miller was also a transfer to Delaware, having left George Washington University after the fall semester of her freshman year. Miller called Delle Donne and told her she had left and Delle Donne told Miller she was coming back to play again.

Playing with her since middle school, Miller said every year Delle Donne plays, she gets better. Miller said most people get to see the on-court side of Delle Donne, but that Elena has a different personality off the court.

"It's crazy because most people don't get to see like the warm side of Elena, because all they know is Elena the basketball player," Miller said. "However, Elena has an awesome sense of humor and is a very fun person."



# R Blue Devils blow out Hens

BY PAUL TIERNEY  
Assistant Sports Editor

DURHAM, N.C. — Fourteen years ago, the Delaware men's basketball team lost, 95-56, in the first round of the NCAA Tournament to Purdue University. It was the Hens' worst loss until they visited Cameron Indoor Stadium Saturday to take on Duke.

The Hens lost to the Blue Devils 88-50, making for five-straight losses and falling to 2-6 on the season. The team is now 0-28 all-time against ranked opponents.

The Hens played without sophomore guard Jarvis Threatt for the third-straight game. Threatt did not

make the trip to North Carolina due to an abdominal injury. Duke was also missing a starter, as guard Seth Curry was sidelined with a left ankle injury.

The game began with four points from Blue Devils forward Ryan Kelly within the first minute of play. Delaware senior forward Jamelle Hagins promptly answered with a jump shot of his own, and that was as close as the Hens would get to Duke throughout the rest of the game.

Blue Devils head coach Mike Krzyzewski said he was proud of how his team came out in the first half. He said junior guard Devon Saddler and Hagins were high-quality players and could have upset Duke.

"I thought we played terrific,"

Krzyzewski said. "Sometimes in these situations, [when] it was our fifth game in seven days and there was a chance for a letdown. We didn't have it. Our guys played hard and well the whole way."

Delaware cut an early Duke lead down to 10-7, with just under 16 minutes remaining in the first half, but in the next 6:41, Duke scored 15 unanswered points to extend the lead 25-7.

All-American forward Mason Plumlee, who had seven points, six rebounds and two blocks during that time span, led Duke's run. Hagins said Plumlee had a significant impact on the game.

"He's good," Hagins said. "I think the team finds him in spots where he can score the ball. But I think he got some calls because of the name he has on him."

Hens senior forward Josh Brinkley ended Duke's run with a corner jump shot with just under nine minutes remaining. The Blue Devils continued to widen the margin throughout the rest of the half and took a 42-19 lead into halftime.

In the locker room, head coach Monté Ross told his team they still had an opportunity to win the game. He said they had to chip away at the lead little by little in the second half.

"At that point we just wanted to chop the game up," Ross said. "By the first media timeout, we wanted to get it to 18. By the second media timeout, we wanted to get it to a certain number."

Duke opened its lead up to 28 points by the first media timeout of the second half. The Blue Devils piled



Contributed by Tara Tresolini

**Junior guard Devon Saddler defends a Duke University guard Saturday.**

onto their lead and went on a 16-5 run following the timeout, bringing the score to 67-29 with 11 minutes remaining in the game.

Both teams emptied their benches in the final minutes of play. Delaware played 11 players in the game, but managed just eight points off the bench. Krzyzewski put nine players in the game, as Duke benefitted from 27 points off the bench.

Saddler scored 15 points in the second half to bring his total to 23 points for the game. However, he shot 8 of 22 from the field, which contributed to the Hens' 27.7 percent shooting for the game. Saddler said the team put on a poor shooting performance.

"It was real frustrating because usually we're knocking down shots," Saddler said. "Today, it was real frustrating because all of our shots weren't falling. Everybody was

shooting their regular shots and they just weren't falling today."

Delaware also turned the ball over 15 times in the game, while only recording three assists. The Hens gave up 40 points in the paint and had five shots blocked.

Though the Hens lost by 38, Ross said his team will benefit from having played a nationally-ranked opponent in front of their home crowd. He said the Hens will be better off in the long run for having played a difficult early-season schedule. He said there was no crazier environment to experiment in than Cameron Indoor Stadium.

"One of the things I wanted to do was put ourselves in a position so when we go play at Old Dominion, when we go play at George Mason, when we play at Drexel our guys will not be intimidated by the environment," he said.



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**Senior forward Jamelle Hagins (left) and sophomore guard Kyle Anderson (13) fight for a rebound against Duke forward Mason Plumlee.**

## Offseason: Delaware look forward to key players returning in spring



File Photo

**Sophomore quarterback Trent Hurley scrambles away from pressure.**

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Hurley said he feels the team got better as the season progressed, and that the Hens played best against Towson, a game the Tigers won, 34-27 in overtime.

Worrilow said the toughest loss for the team was the 31-26 defeat against Old Dominion.

"So much was invested in practice," he said. "It was the first game where we knew we had to win to make a playoff push. We were emotionally invested and had a chance to win."

Williams was named the conference's Defensive Rookie of the Year. Worrilow was the only Hen to be named to the All-CAA First Team, while three Hens made the second team and three were awarded with third-team honors.

Delaware's CAA schedule has not been set for 2013, according to

Keeler. The Hens play Jacksonville University, Delaware State, Navy, and Wagner College as part of their non-conference schedule next season.

According to the Wilmington News Journal, the Hens had an average home attendance of 18,542, seventh in the Football Championship Subdivision but the team's lowest since 1997.

Keeler said he hopes the team develops a more deceptive and creative offense for 2013. It is rumored that offensive coordinator Jim Hofher will not return to the team.

Through all the turmoil of a losing season, Hurley said the team's goals have not changed—they still aim to win a title.

"Coach preaches to us all the time—we're Delaware, we win championships anything less than that is a disappointment—so our goal is definitely to win the CAA and the National Championship," he said.

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