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## Dennis Assanis named university president



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Dennis Assanis will take over as university president July 1.

MATT BUTLER & KEN CHANG  
Editor in Chief & Senior Reporter

At a special meeting on Wednesday, the Board of Trustees voted to approve Dennis Assanis as the new president of the university. Assanis will assume his role July 1, and will become the 27th president of the school.

Prior to the announcement, Assanis had been serving as the vice provost and senior vice president for academic affairs at Stony Brook University, where he also served as a mechanical engineering professor. Assanis held this position since October 2011, after he left his post as an engineering professor and leader of the Michigan Memorial Phoenix Energy Institute at the University

of Michigan.

Assanis completed his Bachelor's degree at Newcastle University in England, and has three master's degrees and a doctorate in power and propulsion, all from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He began his career in 1986.

"He is a natural leader and an outstanding scholar. Dennis Assanis walks the walk," Don Puglisi, head of the presidential search committee, said.

The Board of Trustees voted unanimously to approve Assanis as president, who takes over for Nancy Targett, the acting president. Targett had stepped in on a temporary basis in July after former president Patrick Harker left his post to take a prominent job at the Federal Reserve in

Philadelphia. The announcement ends any speculation of current Vice President and Delaware alumnus Joe Biden being selected for the position.

Assanis leaves behind a post at Stony Brook that saw him build a reputation as a fair, deliberate decision maker who was more interested in accuracy than expedience. Stella Tsirka, who served as deputy provost under Assanis for the last year at Stony Brook, said he made the office a warm, comfortable place and that Assanis himself is smart and empathetic.

"He cares," Tsirka said. "He collects all the information before making a decision, and when he does it is an informed decision. He wants to get it right."

Assanis has an extensive background in the energy and sustainability field. He is the founding director of the U.S.-China Clean Energy Research Center for Clean Vehicles, a joint initiative between both countries to conduct research into clean energy innovation as part of larger clean energy initiatives. According to his employee page at Stony Brook, Assanis oversaw almost all academic programs at the university, and worked with coordinating education among them. He was also primarily charged with pursuing the academic mission of the school.

When he was hired at Stony Brook, Assanis was praised for his dedication to undergraduate education. According to an article in The Statesman, Stony Brook's student newspaper, members of the search committee were won over particularly by that aspect of his character, including search committee member Alexandra Dimitriyadi in a quote given to The Statesman in 2011.

"There were many great candidates but what really stood out about Dr. Assanis was the passion he had for teaching and its importance, particularly in undergraduate education," Dimitriyadi said at the time of his hiring. "I think at a major research university that point is sometimes forgotten, but he truly gets it."

Assanis is married to Helen Assanis, has two boys and will live on campus.

## Future President Assanis plans to uphold student engagement

ALISON WILSON  
Managing News Editor

Dennis Assanis is eager to continue Acting President Nancy Targett's level of engagement with students, he said, when he assumes his role as university president effective July 1.

"I really look forward to walking the campus, and listening to your voice," Assanis said. "Understanding what motivates you, understanding your problems and trying to find some solutions."

Assanis said he believes in "active dialogue" between the president and the student body and is committed to initiating connections with student representatives of multicultural groups on campus. In keeping with this statement, after the announcement of his nomination, Assanis met with leaders of resident student organizations.

He spoke with undergraduate and graduate students, faculty and administrators at celebrations around campus.

In terms of diversity, Assanis said he wants to foster inclusivity, and with the help of the university community, create a welcoming campus climate. He will continue to work with the task force initiated by Targett to address issues of race on campus.

Assanis stressed the importance of arts and humanities within the genetic makeup of a student, especially for those in sciences and engineering.

"It's what basically develops creative individuals to enter society," he said. "It is what leads to great entrepreneurs, it's what's making responsible citizens to enter the world."

The individual success of students is very important to him, he said.

Among other subjects that Assanis is looking to tackle as president are rising tuition costs, a strategy that will extend benefits of the Science, Technology and Advanced Research (STAR) campus beyond health sciences students and strengthening the university's relationship with the City of Newark.

Assanis comes to the state of Delaware from Stony Brook University on Long Island where he currently serves as provost and senior vice president for academic affairs. He said he believes his professional background has prepared him for the presidency.

Assanis has been an educator all his life. He has been a researcher and scholar in various disciplines and has worked in the administrative side of higher education for approximately 15 years.

"I've led diverse groups," Assanis said. "I've built centers and institutes, I've chaired academic departments."

Before serving at Stony Brook, he worked at the University of Michigan for 17 years as an engineering professor and director of numerous academic programs. He received his bachelor's degree from Newcastle University in England and later earned four degrees from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, including three masters and one doctorate.

Although Assanis emphasized his intention to work with the community to continue the recent progress Targett made concerning campus inclusivity, he does not have specific strategies in mind as of yet to accomplish this task.

"I want to listen to the voice of the community first," he said.



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## Students, dean weigh in on new president

MARGARET MCNAMARA  
Associate News Editor

Following former President Patrick Harker's controversial tenure, students insist their voices remain heard as Dennis Assanis steps into Acting President Nancy Targett's "big shoes."

Senior Pernilla Mpasi said she expects the president actually listen to students, not just say he's listening.

"You want to see that he understands where we're coming from on certain issues and that

he responds in a way that's right," Mpasi said.

Senior Jessica Franzetti said Targett's communication and presence around campus set a precedent for administrative transparency.

Keenan Faison, a junior, said he looks forward to working with the new president, although he's disappointed in the search committee for choosing "yet again, another older, white, straight, cisgender man running our school."

Faison said he hasn't made

any assumptions about Assanis' stances but as a black student, he said he's a little tired of the same face on the president portraits.

Both Mpasi and Faison said that diversity should be prioritized in Assanis' agenda. As a member of the committee, José-Luis Riera said during the search Assanis talked about students and issues of diversity unprompted, and was sincerely interested in getting to know the community. Riera described Assanis' demeanor as genuine and warm. His love for the academic environment made him

stick out among other candidates, Riera said.

Assanis will take over as president on July 1. Riera said the upcoming months will give Assanis an opportunity to study the university and start learning about what's happened over the last year as well as during President Harker's term. He said he imagines Targett will be heavily involved in his orientation.

Riera said Targett "raised the bar" and he thinks the transition will be Assanis' biggest challenge. He said he hopes for a student-centered president who values inclusion. He acknowledged that it's complex, but it starts with a leader that knows how to operationalize a personal connection with the student body and make it sustainable.

"Targett has left some big shoes to fill," senior Melissa Kelley said.

Senior Georgina Class-Peters, the student representative on the search committee, described Assanis as a welcoming family man. She said she sees him building staff morale and working through the "negative perceptions that Harker left here."

Assanis previously served as the vice president of academic affairs at Stony Brook University. His background is in mechanical engineering and higher education administration and he has a strong focus in building STEM programs, while also committing to arts, humanities and social sciences. Assanis was the presidential search committee's unanimous recommendation.

"I see him building Blue Hen spirit again," Class-Peters said.

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Pre-Kwanzaa Celebration featuring Dr. Robin, 6 p.m., Trabant Multipurpose Room  
Reindeer Run & Romp 5K, 7 p.m., Corner of Academy Street and Delaware Avenue  
Choral Concert, 8 p.m., Amy du Pont Music Building, Loudis Recital Hall

TUESDAY, DEC. 1

- Alice in Wonderland lecture, 4:30 – 5 p.m., Morris Library, Class of 1941 Lecture Room  
- Haven World Aids Day Program, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Trabant Lounge  
- USC Quizzo, 7 – 8 p.m., Perkins West Lounge

SATURDAY, DEC. 5

- Master Players Holiday Pops, 3 p.m., Mitchell Hall  
- Vocal Point Fall Concert, 7 p.m., Pearson Hall  
- MelUDees Fall Concert, 8 p.m., Amy du Pont Music Building, Loudis Recital Hall  
- SCPAB Film: "Straight Outta Compton," 8 p.m., Trabant Theatre

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 2

- "Yuletide" at Winterthur for university students, 4:30 - 8:30 p.m., Winterthur Museum  
- Latkepalooza, 6 p.m., Trabant Multipurpose Rooms  
- REP presents, "Heartbreak House," 7:30 p.m., Center for the Arts, Thompson Theater

SUNDAY, DEC. 6

- Inter-Fraternity Council's Best Buddies Day, 12 – 2 p.m., Carpenter Sports Building, Gym 2  
- String Chamber Ensemble, 3 p.m., Center for the Arts, Gore Recital Hall  
- 8-Bit Orchestra Fall Concert, 3 p.m., Amy du Pont Music Building, Loudis Recital Hall

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- Making the Most of Your Winter Break Workshop, 2:15 – 3:15 p.m., Townsend Hall, The Commons  
- Preparing for Finals Workshop, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Colburn Lab, Room 102  
- The Enlightened Monarchy: The Habsburg Empire and the European Restoration lecture, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Memorial Hall, Room 117  
- Men's Basketball vs. South Florida, 7 p.m., Bob Carpenter Center

MONDAY, DEC. 7

- Faculty Jazz, 8 p.m., Center for the Arts, Gore Recital Hall  
- Last issue of The Review for this semester comes out this week! Be sure to grab one!

#TBT



Dec. 6, 2011

As the holiday season commences, we glance back at past traditions and events that remain staples of the local community. Newark's Reindeer Run 5K, held annually by the Delaware Special Olympics, often features Santa Claus parked in his sleigh on Main Street, socializing and posing with children and participants of the race. In 2011, the festival, held in conjunction with Newark's annual "Winterfest," raised more than \$38,000 for the Delaware Special Olympics, and attracted 1,061 participants—the highest totals ever recorded for the event. Complete with beautifully-lit trees, chestnut-roasting stations and ice sculptors, the festival was a sight to behold—look out for this year's event, which will be held on Friday, Dec. 4.

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Black Student Union organizes walkout

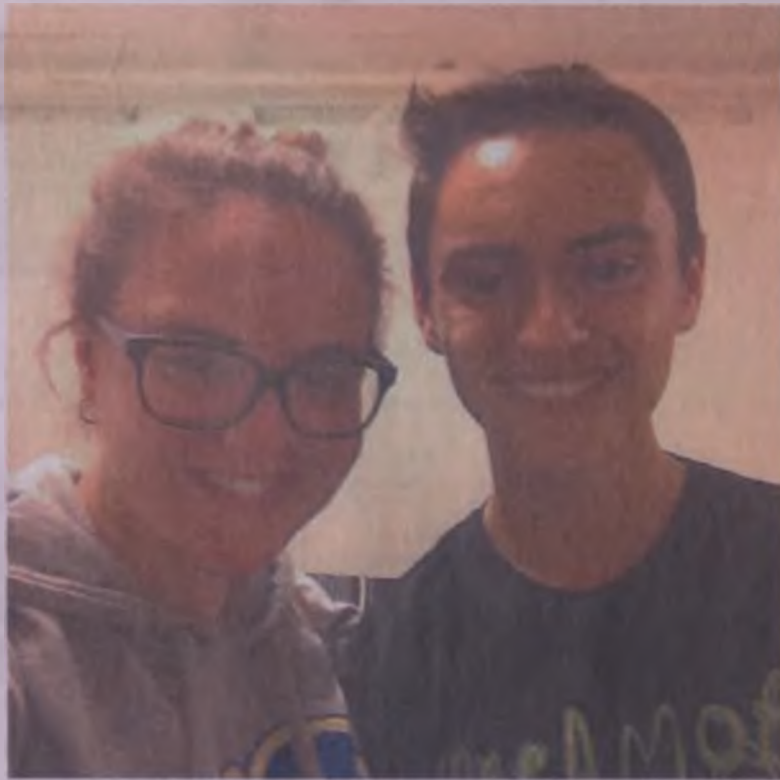
The Black Student Union (BSU) staged a walkout and forum outside of the Center for Black Culture (CBC) on Nov. 18. The action was part of a Nov. 18 national collegiate blackout where students all wore black clothing to class or staged walkouts.

The national blackout was designed to show solidarity with the #ConcernedStudent1950 movement at the University of Missouri, which has had a rash of highly-publicized racial problems on campus this semester.

The walkout was organized by BSU member, Jeremy Mathis. Mathis encouraged the crowd to engage with black students and to visit the CBC and gather more information on the history of black students on the university's campus.

"Too long; didn't read" gives you weekly news summaries in 200 words or less."

Rosin still comatose one month after injury



COURTESY OF HALLI ROSIN

Rosin has since been transferred to Mount Sinai Hospital in New York—closer to his Long Island home—for rehabilitation.

ALISON WILSON

Managing News Editor

Following the cycling collision in October that left sophomore Matt Rosin in critical condition, he remains in a coma more than a month later.

Initially treated at Christiana Hospital, Rosin has since been transferred to Mount Sinai Hospital in New York—closer to his Long Island home—for rehabilitation.

According to Halli Rosin's Facebook page where she continually posts updates about her brother, Rosin is still considered to be in a coma, but his eyes are open, he is responsive to yes/no questions and he undergoes hours of physical, occupational and speech therapy daily, she said. The staples have been removed from his head and abdomen and he is no longer breathing through a ventilator.

She described an instance where he put his thumb up in response to a question asking if his sister's name was Halli. Rosin said she talks to her brother and says his name aloud to him and while the interactions are mostly one-sided, there was one instance where Matt raised his eyebrows and smiled faintly. While this is proof that her brother is there, she said it is frustrating to know she cannot do anything else to help him.

"It actually brought tears to my eyes when he would do this because for a brief moment, he wasn't a zombie, he was just my little brother looking at me," she said in the Facebook update. "That's the most frustrating part about all of this. To think that he's trapped in there screaming for help."

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# Timeline: Targett’s transparent moments

MARGARET MCNAMARA  
Associate News Editor

As Dennis Assanis prepares to take over Acting President Nancy Targett's role as Patrick Harker's predecessor, members of the university community say they hope her example echos into future leadership.

Since stepping into her role as acting president, Targett and her administration have championed transparency and communication and in turn have been well received by students, faculty and staff alike.

Senior Jessica Franzetti said she notices Targett actively participating in student issues. She said in the last six months she has interacted with Targett and has seen her at more events than she had ever seen Harker. She said she hopes that kind of presence continues with the next president.

"I noticed a lot of positives about her and a lot of other students felt similarly," Franzetti said.

Senior Melissa Kelley said Targett's engagement makes students feel like their voices are heard.

"She was really hands-on and seemed to be in touch with the

student body and very receptive to what people had to say," Kelley said. "I think that will be really important to maintain as the new president."

**March 24:** Targett sits down with The Review after being appointed acting president to talk about the university's biggest challenges, national issues and bridging the transparency gap between mistrusting faculty, students and university administrators. She also shares her perspective as someone who has served many different roles around campus and what she will bring with her from those experiences to her new position.

**July 1:** Targett takes a selfie with the class of 2019 at New Student Orientation on her first day as acting president.

**Aug. 29:** On freshman move-in day, Targett and Acting Vice President Frank Newton walk around campus high-fiving the incoming class of 2019 to personally welcome them to the university.

**Sept. 22:** Targett joins a group of student activists at the Center for Black Culture after a peaceful #BlackLivesMatter protest demonstrating opposition

to the Students for the Second Amendment's keynote speaker, Katie Pavlich, a controversial Fox News commentator.

"I'm telling you, I care about this university. I care about your community and other communities within this university," Targett said to the students. "We are one university, and we've got to get this figured out. You're going to see me again."

**Sept. 23:** After the #BlackLivesMatter protest, a student reported noose-like objects hanging from a tree outside of Mitchell Hall, where the protest took place. Although an investigation by UDPD found the objects to be remnants from paper lanterns, Targett embraces the scare as an opportunity for a campus-wide conversation. She joins students on The Green at a rally where members of the university speak candidly about their encounters with racism on campus.

**Oct. 26:** Targett notifies the entire university community via email that a student, sophomore Matthew Rosin, was critically injured on campus in a bike accident.



EMILY MOORE/ THE REVIEW  
Targett's involvement in student life and issues on campus has been praised by many. After meeting with #BlackLives-Matter protestors on campus, she reaffirmed her dedication to the student body, saying, "I'm telling you, I care about this university. I care about your community and other communities within this university."

# Students displeased with omission of Reading Days

KEN CHANG  
Senior Reporter

As students continue to return to campus following the newfangled week-long Thanksgiving holiday, anticipation for the winter recess meets concern for the impending finals week.

In contrast to previous years, however, the university calendar has removed the Reading Days from the week, instead naming the Saturday and Sunday in between the last week of classes and finals week.

Traditionally, days without classes or exams have been set aside during the week to give students ample time to review subject material and manage scheduling conflicts before final examinations begin.

"Speaking from personal experience, students really take advantage of Reading Days," senior Matt Lopiano said. "Sometimes that extra day or two can really make the difference you need to bring a grade up."

Nevertheless, despite the value placed on Reading Days by students and the fact that their existence is an established university policy, the administration has elected to remove them from the academic calendar.

According to the Office of the University Registrar, "There

shall be a break of at least 24 hours, designated Reading Days, at the beginning of finals week. No required examinations, tests or quizzes may be given on Reading Days to allow students to review for upcoming finals."

The omission of designated Reading Days from the final exam Week schedule has been met with outrage from the students.

"According to my psych professor, students are currently in their third stage of stress, exhaustion, because we've gone 12 whole weeks without a single break," sophomore Sara Downie said prior to being dismissed for the Thanksgiving holiday.

While the extended Thanksgiving break has generally been well-received, having two shorter breaks during the fall semester would be a more ideal situation, Downie said.

In conjunction with the high levels of stress that inevitably precede finals week, the effects of the changes to the academic calendar can already be felt by certain members of the student body.

"I really liked how we had the Reading Day the Thursday before finals started last year," sophomore Tyler Walters said. "It made up for the time we spent not thinking about schoolwork while on holiday. But because I knew that

we weren't going to have a Reading Day this time around, it just occupied my mind even when I sat down for Thanksgiving dinner."

Walters said Reading Day served as a saving grace for returning to school for finals—an insurance for time spent thinking about other things over break.

Additionally, changes to the academic calendar also pushed back the beginning of winter recess one whole week from Dec. 12 of last year to Dec. 19, which marks the end of this year's finals week.

"Because of these changes to the calendar, kids who do winter sessions only have two weeks off before they have to come back to school," Downie said.

Students who choose to participate in winter session, a term where students can take either five-week long or four-week long classes over the winter recess, will have a significantly shorter break than students who have participated in winter sessions in the past.

While the university has long championed its winter term, the abbreviated holiday break has deterred some students from registering.

"After seeing that I'd only be off from Dec. 19 to Jan. 4, the winter session just didn't seem very attractive," freshman Grant Otto said.

# Documents reveal former professor’s sexual misconduct

MATT BUTLER  
Editor in Chief

Recently released arbitration documents show that Vincent Martin, a former professor at the university, "resigned his previous post at the University of Delaware after he was accused of sexually harassing a female student."

In August 2011, Martin obtained a job at San Diego State University (SDSU), where he was suspended for 30 days this year for repeated inappropriate conduct with at least four female students there. Martin left SDSU at some point this year, though it is unclear if he was terminated or if he resigned, according to NBC San Diego.

Martin worked at the university from 2001 to 2010 as a Spanish professor before leaving without public explanation. In 2007 he was given an excellence-in-teaching award by the university. Prior to working at the university, Martin was employed as a professor by University of North Florida and Utah State University.

The University of Delaware declined to comment on the situation.

The reason for Martin's departure from the university had not previously been known, and further details of his conduct here are unclear. He left the school in 2010 shortly after leading a study abroad trip to Madrid, Spain during the summer.

The university has rejected The Review's Freedom of Information Act request for the student roster of that trip, as well as several documents requested by the investigative team at NBC San Diego. Under Delaware law, the school is not required to release any information pertaining to anything outside the use of public funds.

It would not be the first time



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# Econ professor arrested for felony stalking



COURTESY OF UD POLICE  
Harris was affectionately nicknamed "Crazy Willie" by his students for his classroom teaching style.

**MATT BUTLER**  
Editor in Chief

One of the school's most popular professors was arrested for attempting to slash the tires of a fellow faculty member.

William Harris, an associate professor of economics and the associate chair for undergraduate studies in the Lerner College of Business and Economics, was charged with felony stalking and five counts of misdemeanor criminal mischief. The arrest concludes a two-month investigation into Harris' actions

by University of Delaware Police Department (UDPD).

When contacted, Harris said his attorney had advised him to not comment on the case.

According to a UDPD press release, the victim does not work in the same department as Harris, who is 66 years old and lives in Churchville, Md.

Harris repeatedly attempted to puncture the tires of the victim's car while it was in a university parking garage, according to police. He was also affectionately nicknamed "Crazy Willie" by his students for his classroom teaching style.

Harris spoke earlier to The News Journal about his arrest, and said his actions were an ill-advised retaliation for the victim scratching his car and puncturing his tires around two years ago. He said he acted out of frustration with the situation.

As a result of the ongoing legal proceedings, Harris has been placed on administrative leave and will not be permitted on campus for the foreseeable future, the release said. His name and account have been removed from the school's email address database.

# Black Student Union organizes walkout



KIRK SMITH/ THE REVIEW  
Participants were instructed to wear black clothing, creating a sea of black as dozens of students gathered outside the CBC.

# Freshmen reflect on a cramped first semester



COURTESY OF JEN TORMAN  
At the beginning of the school year, first-year students were required to fill out a housing questionnaire to match students with similar interests.

**MICHAEL HENRETTY**  
Staff Reporter

After 4,098 students accepted their offer for admittance to the university's class of 2019, the Department of Residence Life and Housing encountered a now familiar problem: fitting the class into the residence halls.

Despite having nine residence hall complexes allocated for freshmen, 50 percent of freshmen found themselves forced to share a dorm room with two roommates at the start of the semester, New Student Orientation coordinator Sydney Scheiner said in a Sept. interview. Students placed in a triple are given a discount on housing and pay \$6,740 per year instead of \$7,488 like their counterparts who live in doubles.

For freshman James Barnett, the size of his room has been a

cause for concern. Barnett does not think the discounted housing rate is worth it. It is unhealthy and uncomfortable living in the small cramped spaces, he said.

"It's hard to keep any kind of personal space at all," Barnett said. "I am not satisfied with my living situation at all because of that."

Freshman Daisy Hoffman said

*"I don't believe that the few hundred dollars I got discounted is worth it for the detrimental loss of living space I have for the year."*

another problem students living in triples run into is figuring out who gets to sleep where.

"The bedding situation can be tricky to figure out," Hoffman said. "But if you're willing to compromise, then it won't be too bad."

Hoffman said she spoke with her housing coordinator because she and her roommates all wanted the single bed. The roommates resolved the issue by lofting two of the beds as a way to create more room for storage, she said.

At the beginning of the school year, first-year students are required to fill out a housing questionnaire to match students with similar interests.

Freshman Ali Mahdi has seen some issues arise because of the faults in this pairing system.

"I think the random pairing system is flawed," Mahdi said. "There are many differences between the lifestyles of my roommates and I when it comes to living standards. I don't believe that the few hundred dollars I got discounted is worth it for the detrimental loss of living space I have for the year."

**MATT BUTLER**  
Editor in Chief

In response to events happening on campuses nationwide, the Black Student Union (BSU) staged a walkout and open forum outside of the Center for Black Culture (CBC).

The action was part of a Nov. 18 national collegiate blackout where students all wore black clothing to class or staged walkouts. It was designed to show solidarity with the #ConcernedStudent1950 movement at the University of Missouri, which has had a rash of highly-publicized racial problems on campus this semester, as well as other schools that have been experiencing similar incidents.

Participants were instructed to wear black clothing, creating a sea of black as dozens of students gathered outside the CBC. Joining students were several members of the faculty, including Nancy Targett, acting president of the university.

BSU member Jeremy Mathis addressed the crowd, saying there are untapped resources on campus that can help community members better understand the plight of the modern black student. He also discussed how people can get involved with working to better the campus racial situation.

Specifically, he encouraged the crowd to engage with black students and to visit the CBC and gather more information on the history of black students on the university's campus.

"This is by no means the end of the conversation," Mathis said. "Really talk about issues facing black students across the nation, and really think about the ways that we all can better our university and other universities across the country as activists, as black folks, as allies and all those wonderful things."

Junior Branham Menard, who helped organize the walkout, said there was a pull among the organizers to show kinship with students at Missouri along with those at Georgetown, Yale and other schools that had seen protests recently.

"We have people here who understand that sense of injustice," Menard said. "We definitely wanted an opportunity to come together and stand in solidarity, especially when everything, in light of Mizzou, was amplified last week."

Menard said he was not sure if the influence of black students has necessarily become stronger in recent years at the university, because the voices for change had always been there. He did say, however, that the people who are actually listening to those voices have begun to change and draw in more supporters, and that in his time on campus the university has slowly started to listen closer to the issues black students face.

He said it is important to note that it sometimes seems as if it takes a story of injustice to garner an audience for the black community, such as the Mizzou saga. However, these are not the only things black students on campus are interested in talking about.

"When the black community speaks, we don't always want to talk about injustices, or the 'bad'," he said. "We have culture, we want to be recognized, we want to be seen as students on this campus."

As Targett's term as acting president comes to an end with the announcement of new president Dennis Assanis, Menard said she has done a great job supporting their efforts. He said she has also been more consciously communicative than the prior administration. The progress that has been made will not revert despite the presidential change, he said.

Mathis told the crowd to give feedback and get involved with each other and the rest of the black community on campus in order to form a stronger union that is more capable of creating change at the university.

"It's only nine of us involved in this," he said, motioning to the organizers. "The black community is much larger than just us."

# ‘Delaware in D.C.’ allows students to explore careers at American University

LARISSA KUBITZ  
Senior Reporter

When this year's fall semester began, 49 students from the Class of 2019 were nowhere to be found in Newark.

This select group of first-year students are participants in a landmark program called “Delaware in D.C.,” and they are studying at American University for the semester.

Christopher Lucier, vice president for enrollment management, said the program is open to first-year students who were waitlisted for the fall with an offer of spring admission. For the fall semester, students in select majors were offered to enroll in the Delaware in D.C. program, which had a capacity of 50 students.

Delaware in D.C. Program Assistant Alicia Fretz said the

program gives first-year students admitted to the University of Delaware a unique opportunity to study for the fall semester at American University before attending the Newark campus come the spring.

“I like to think of it as a domestic study ‘abroad’ because they are Blue Hens who are studying in a new place, getting to know a different culture and way of life in D.C. before returning to Delaware after the semester,” Fretz said.

Fretz said students in the program enjoy a modified curriculum that includes two courses designed and taught by University of Delaware faculty, as well as a variety of choice in American University courses selected to correspond with the students’ majors.

Lucier described the program

as a focused educational initiative.

“The partnership provides first-year students an opportunity to earn credits that will count toward their UD degree while also gaining outstanding experience through a mentored internship in Washington, D.C.,” Lucier said.

Lucier said the program received an impressive number of applications. The 50 allotted spaces were filled within 10 days of when information was distributed last March. He said there were more than 100 students on the waitlist.

Fretz said the internship opportunities is the most dynamic feature of the program.

“It is not often that a first-semester, first-year college student has the opportunity to get real-world professional experience, not to mention the skills they gained through the internship search and interviewing process,” she said.

Adam Cige, a student enrolled in the Delaware in D.C. program, has found his internship experience to be invaluable. He said most of the students in the program get excited about the career experience, as they are getting real-world experience in a field they are interested in.

Cige currently has an internship with a start-up marketing company. He said his workplace is always an interesting place to be.

“It’s a community workspace, so there’s always something new going on—I’ve seen people on hoverboards, dog running around, virtual reality simulators—I got the coolest internship,” he said.

Though it was new this academic year, Fretz said plans are already being made for the program to continue. She said the outcome of the trial run has been

very positive and that the program will become better with feedback from the pioneer students.

Lucier said he is optimistic that the students have benefited from this year’s program.

“I believe they are proud to be Blue Hens and proud to have been the trailblazers, the first cohort of Delaware in D.C.,” Lucier said.

Cige said he was intrigued by the opportunity when he applied, and after discussing it with University of Delaware faculty, he decided to enroll.

He said the program is particularly helpful to students undecided in a career choice, as the program encourages an exploration of professions.

“It’s a group of kids that are open to trying new things,” Cige said.

## #NotInMyName campaign aims to end ignorance about Islam



KIRK SMITH/ THE REVIEW

In response to the widespread prejudice, many Muslim organizations have spoken out against the acts of ISIS, emphasizing societal ignorance about Islam and the Muslim community.

ALEX STUBBOLO  
Staff Reporter

In the wake of the tragic bombings of Beirut and Paris, members of the global Muslim community have united to denounce these acts of violence.

Earlier this month, coordinated terror attacks by the extremist organization known as ISIS terrified the world and killed many people, leading to an outbreak of anti-Islamic sentiment and xenophobia across the United States. In a recent interview, presidential candidate Donald Trump said that he would “strongly consider” shutting down mosques in the US if he were to become president.

In response to the widespread prejudice, many Muslim organizations have spoken out against the acts of ISIS, hoping to disassociate themselves and their faith from the terrorist group.

Based out of East London, the Active Change Foundation began the #NotInMyName social media campaign for young British Muslims to unite against ISIS and its actions. The campaign swept across the United Kingdom, as well as the rest of Europe and the United States, quickly gaining traction as more young Muslims condemned acts of terrorism.

Many centers for local Muslim communities have spoken out against ISIS as well. The Islamic Society of Delaware (ISD) recently released a statement about the attacks.

“The Islamic Society of Delaware unequivocally condemns the terror attacks that happened

in Paris and Beirut that took the lives of more than 150 innocent people and injured even more,” their statement said. “We offer our sincere condolences and sympathies to all those affected by these tragedies, and pray for the patience and courage of both the French and Lebanese nations to handle this difficult time.”

Members of the Muslim community, such as sophomore Nasser Alghamdi, said the ideological basis of ISIS’s doctrine is so far from their interpretation of Islam that they are insulted when associated with it.

“My part and any Muslim’s part in such situations should be as any human being regardless of religious background or ethnicity,” Alghamdi, a member of the university’s Muslims Student Association (MSA), said. “However, the very fact of asking Muslims to speak out against this is humiliating—as if we were part of it. I want the university to realize that it’s time to put our hands together and fight that evil.”

Hibatullah Wilson, co-president of MSA, stated that while she condemns the acts of ISIS, she also believes that it is unfair to expect Muslim people to prove that they do not sympathize with terrorist organizations.

“The perpetrators are criminals who in no way represent Islam even if they say they are doing all of these acts in the name of Islam,” Wilson said. “I despise them because they killed so many innocent people, so it’s a natural reaction to be angry. I personally

think it’s unfair that people expect apologies and statements from Muslims denouncing the actions of ISIS. It makes it seem as if the other 1.6 billion Muslims are somehow responsible to the acts this terrorist organization.”

Wilson also said she had mixed feelings regarding the #NotInMyName campaign. Although it shows solidarity with the Paris victims, she said it forces Muslim people to use the hashtag as a way to show that they don’t condone the acts of ISIS and extremists.

“I identify with their message as a Muslim person but I did not use the hashtag because I did not feel comfortable doing so,” she said. “I can show the world that I don’t support terrorists by just being myself.”

“We aren’t terrorists, we won’t let others actions define us and we have our support. ISIS, your attacks are #NotInMyName,” Twitter user Akib Soheli said.

The campaign has also garnered significant attention—it was mentioned by President Obama during a recent speech at the UN General Assembly, where he called out to all Muslim youth, asking for help in uniting against the threat of ISIS.

Wilson emphasized that widespread ignorance about Islam and the Muslim community need to be reversed by listening to what people have to say, and by learning about the history of the culture.

“Ignorance stems from the fear of the unknown and that is what needs to change,” Wilson said.

## STAR Campus lawsuit saga continues

MATT BUTLER  
Editor in Chief

The university will have to face the majority of The Data Centers’ (TDC) legal claims in court, a judge ruled this month, keeping alive the lawsuit stemming from Delaware’s refusal to complete the STAR Campus power plant project in summer 2014.

The lawsuit contains four counts, after Delaware Superior Court Judge Eric M. Davis ruled one of TDC’s initial five claims was not sufficiently presented. The lawsuit spawned because the university pulled out of the project after widespread Newark community backlash to the proposal began to boil over into protests and petitions, leading TDC to claim the university violated the previously-signed 75-year lease agreement.

The power plant was supposed to be a 279-megawatt, 43-acre construction project that would have resided on part of the STAR Campus land, where TDC would produce power and sell excess energy back to the university and local agencies.

In its complaint, TDC claims to have lost \$200 million as a result of the power plant construction’s cancellation. The university sought to have TDC’s target number lowered under a certain Delaware statute, the Limited Liability Provision, but the judge ruled against that argument.

In Davis’ opinion document, he stated that TDC had proven claims for “breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing

against [1743] Holdings, breach of the contractual duty to negotiate in good faith against the university, and tortious interference with prospective advantage against the defendants.”

That ruling will allow TDC to continue on with its litigation against the university, striking down the university’s motion to dismiss the lawsuit entirely. 1743 Holdings refers to the university’s subsidiary, who was in charge of helping oversee the power plant project.

Davis also stated that TDC has alleged two specific acts of interference on the part of the university, the first being a collaboration between the school and Newark Residents Against the Power Plant (NRAPP) to undermine the Power Purchase Agreement that TDC had agreed to with Delaware Municipal Electric Corporation (DEMEC).

A joint effort between NRAPP and the school would be a surprising revelation, as NRAPP were the loudest voices challenging the power plant, staging protests and publicly chastising the university constantly in the months leading up to the cancellation of the project.

TDC’s complaint also alleges that the university allowed Bloom Energy to dump construction waste where TDC was supposed to be constructing their power plant. The university then named TDC’s failure to meet construction time goals as one of the major reasons for its decision to cancel the project’s completion.



KIRK SMITH/ THE REVIEW

Residents Against the Power Plant outside Old College show support for the university’s decision to terminate the Data Center project last year.

# Physics professor conducts research near home of Galileo

BRIANNA CIOCCA  
Staff Reporter

Professor and physicist William Matthaeus is currently in Italy conducting research on astrophysics in close proximity to where astronomer Galileo Galilei lived during the 1600s.

The general topic Matthaeus addresses with his research group at the university and other international collaborators is the study of the nonlinear dynamics and “turbulent” motions of plasmas, as well as the electromagnetic fields embedded in them.

Matthaeus’ specialty is the solar atmosphere—the corona and the interplanetary medium (solar wind), including the Earth’s neighborhood (known as the Geospace environment), the solar energetic particles and cosmic rays found in these regions.

“[Italy] is a great place to study turbulent plasmas because spacecraft missions have onboard sophisticated instruments that directly measure the properties of these dynamically evolving plasmas,” Matthaeus said. “Such studies are very international and at the moment I am involved in the ongoing Cluster and Magnetosphere Multiscale (MMS) missions and the upcoming Solar Probe Plus and Solar Orbiter missions.”

During his stay in Italy, Matthaeus has attended a conference on Solar Probe science in Artimino, carried out collaboratives on plasma turbulence in Calabria and given a series of graduate lectures in L’Aquila. He also recently took a trip to Ecole Polytechnique in Paris, where he was on a PhD thesis defense committee.

Upon returning to Italy, most of Matthaeus’ ongoing research has been on plasma dissipation and the heating and acceleration of charged particles by turbulent electromagnetic fields, he said.

The main goal of his research project, Matthaeus said, is to understand how a low density, high-temperature plasma dissipates waves and fluctuations to elevate its

temperature. Whatever causes this, the net effect is to create and accelerate the solar wind, which blows out a huge bubble in the interstellar medium, creating the plasma and radiation environment of which we refer to as the solar system.

“It’s interesting that working in Arcetri, a few kilometers outside the center of Florence, I have the opportunity to work with both space plasma physicists, who study plasma in the heliosphere, and with high energy astrophysicists, who study plasmas in the galaxy, such as in accretion disks and supernova shocks,” he said.

Matthaeus currently works in the Garbasso building, which is where nobel laureate Enrico Fermi had his first teaching job. It is just across an olive field from Gioiella, where Galileo lived his last 11 years or so under house imprisonment.

Outside of his research domain, Matthaeus said his entire Italy experience has been very inspiring. He said there is lots of history and culture surrounding him in Florence, as it was the home of the Renaissance, Leonardo, Michelangelo, Galileo, Brunelleschi, Machiavelli, Dante, and many others. On his way walking to the office every day, he said he passes by a workshop and the past homes of Galileo and Tchaikovsky.

“When I get to work I look over to the olive field at Gioiella and I often think of the fact that Galileo roamed these very Tuscan hills at night making some of the very first astrophysical observations using the newly invented telescope,” Matthaeus said. “What better place to study the physics of space?”

He is currently finishing a three-month stay in Italy and will return to the United States by Dec. 4, just in time to meet three visitors from China, New Zealand and Argentina for a week of collaboration on research.

“We are very international even when we’re in Delaware,” Matthaeus said.

He said he hopes to return to Italy for teaching and more research in 2016.

CHERIE LARKIN  
Staff Reporter

Sex trafficking survivor Shamere McKenzie came to speak at the Perkins Student Center Wednesday Nov. 18 to spread awareness of human sex trafficking in the United States.

“I was simply crossing the street, 21 years old, and I saw a car coming down that looked like a friend of mine,” McKenzie said. “My pimp stopped the car and introduced himself.”

McKenzie was a junior attending St. John’s University in New York on an athletic scholarship until she tore her hamstring. After feuding with her track coach, she gave up her scholarship and found herself short on tuition funds.

She said she had been conversing with the man who would become her pimp for several weeks, unaware of his true identity but never questioning his integrity. The day came when she turned to this man, who she thought she could trust, and asked for help.

“I want you guys to understand that while ‘throwaway kids’ and runaways are targets, traffickers don’t have a cookie-cutter approach to recruiting,” McKenzie said. “Pimps will recruit on Facebook nowadays. I even had a friend who was recruited at the mall.”

McKenzie recounted the details of the first of many nights during the 18-month period of her sex trafficking.

Thinking that she was being taken somewhere to “dance,” McKenzie said her pimp drove her to a house, paid the bouncers at the door and ushered her inside. After there were no takers for a lap dance, she said a man approached her for fellatio.

Once McKenzie refused, she realized her life was in danger.

McKenzie said the pimp grabbed her by the throat and asked her, “You think you’re going to make it out of here alive?”

He beat her to the point of unconsciousness when they returned home—once she woke up, he apologized profusely and she believed his ploy, she said.

“When you are trafficked, you develop a compliant behavior,” McKenzie said. “Fear is what kept me enslaved for 18 months.”

She said studies have shown that the human brain doesn’t finish growing until around age 24 or 25, and therefore young people are prone to make irrational or dangerous decisions which legislators need to acknowledge.

Federal law recognized human trafficking as a problem in the year 2000, McKenzie said, and they also authorized the Trafficking Victims Protection Act, which must be reauthorized every two years.

McKenzie was charged with prostitution and was held for three weeks in a federal prison, awaiting the allowance of help from her attorney. She is considered a felon and has to register as a sex offender considering the nature of her charges. Despite the extreme coercion she suffered at the hands of her pimp, McKenzie said the laws remain “black and white” on the matter.

Senior health behavioral science major Kayla Redmon said sex trafficking is not given the attention it should because it’s considered “taboo.”

“It’s something we don’t openly talk about enough,” Redmon said. “After I graduate

I’d like to become a politician and change the laws behind the treatment of victims forced into sex trafficking.”

McKenzie has been working with legislators about reforming the laws regarding sex trafficking victims since recently graduating with her degree in criminal justice.

“There’s a missing piece to the anti-sex trafficking movement,” McKenzie said. “The gap that’s missing is the access to education and employment. What’s next for survivors? To prevent re-trafficking.”

Junior Taylor Maurer, president of International Justice Mission at UD (IJM), said they were actively looking for a sex trafficking survivor when they found Shamere.

“We saw that Shamere was a college student, so we thought [her presentation] would be the most applicable to students,” Maurer said.

The event was largely successful, senior Jack McMahon, vice president of IJM, said.

“I think the event was great,” McMahon said. “We had more people than we thought. We were at 124 people after pulling out additional seats.”

McKenzie expressed her desire to help other people and students who are either currently in similar situations as hers and or to prevent others from being in her situation.

“You have the privilege and the opportunity to make changes in your community,” she said. “There is power in your voice, and you have to know that.”

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# EDITORIAL

## Editorial: Dennis Assanis has to listen

Set to begin his tenure as university president July 1, Dennis Assanis has some big shoes to fill. If the past several months with Nancy Targett as acting president have taught the university community one thing, it is this: communication between students and the administration is possible. The Patrick Harker era left undergraduates disillusioned and detached. The student body was apathetic because they were never given the chance to speak up. No one asked them what they thought. Targett changed the morale of the university, and it is now up to Assanis to continue the dialogue that she has sparked. The new president should not only look to the most recent leadership here, but also at the work ethic of Jonathan Holloway at Yale University. Racial tensions recently flared on Yale's campus similar to the outcries at Princeton

University and University of Missouri. Holloway, the first black dean of Yale College, has been making headlines after campus demonstrations against racial discrimination reached a boiling point on the New Haven campus. At a recent protest, nearly 200 black students gathered around the dean, accusing him of being disengaged and unresponsive. It's hard to picture how former President Harker would have reacted in a similar situation, but sending out an email would not be a far-fetched guess. Holloway's reaction? For more than two hours, he sat and listened. In an interview with The New York Times, he said the students' words broke his heart. When he heard of rumored threats against his office from campus police, he did not run and hide away in his ivory tower. He kept his office doors open.



EMILY MOORE/ THE REVIEW  
Dennis Assanis should be wary of the effects past leaderships have had on campus climate.

This type of leadership style shouldn't be the exception—it should be the norm. Upon taking office in July, Assanis should continue along the upward trajectory initiated by Targett. When Assanis began his career at Stony Brook University as provost and senior vice president for academic affairs in 2011, he was praised for his dedication to undergraduate education. An article in the university's newspaper, The Statesman, stated that members of the hiring committee were won over particularly by that aspect of his character. At the announcement of his nomination on Wednesday, Assanis said he is committed to initiating connections with student representatives of multicultural groups on campus. Administrators are notorious for making lofty promises and commitments. Harker made his fair share of promises during his tenure, and while he laid the foundation for a renowned, nationally recognized institution he failed to carry out one of the most vital duties of a university president: fostering a relationship with the community. The endowment is important, but if the money is being raised to help grow an uninspired and broken student community, it is useless. Addressing the internal issues of the campus—whether it be race related or faculty related—is what determines the success and longevity of a university. Assanis has to take office fully aware of this fact. If not, any influence he might have had will be discarded, and he will be grouped in with the unengaged Harkers of academia faster than he can unpack his bags on Kent Way. Editorials are developed by The Review staff, led this week by managing news editor, Jagoda Dul.

## Recruiting women for STEM matters

CLAIRE GRIFFITHS  
Guest Contributor

Dear Alex Patrick,  
While I know that you, as a man in political science, must know more about women in STEM than I do, as a woman in engineering, I am going to try my best to respond anyway. Your argument is based on women choosing to go into caretaking fields like teaching and nursing while men prefer STEM fields (as if we were still stuck in the 1950's). This is true. The University of Delaware is no different—UD is almost 58 percent female, but the College of Engineering has only 20 percent women while the College of Education and Human Development is almost 95 percent women. Indeed, the gender gap in certain disciplines goes both ways. This is made interesting by the twist that academically, women outperform men consistently in GPA by subject, average test scores, college admission, and college graduation. The differences in employment between the genders are not then due to academic capability or biological differences. Gender norms are a factor in determining what we study, but you must consider why those gender norms are, in fact, norms. This is where the "fault" lies in getting women in STEM and men in teaching: constant stereotypes feed students into majors that suit gender norms. When little boys are taught to dream of building real-life Lego sets, little girls are encouraged to play with their dolls and make friends. The stereotypes even extend to parents and teachers, both of whom are more likely to estimate that boys have a higher IQ than girls and that their sons will do better in math than their daughters. To test the real world, researchers handed out identical resumes for a lab position to 100 STEM professors across the country. Half had the name "John" and half had "Jennifer." Unsurprisingly, the professors were much more inclined to offer the position to John and also to pay him more (up to \$4,000 extra). And

you wonder why companies have incentives to hire more women? Perhaps it is to compensate for inherent biases. The biggest threat of stereotypes though is to the students themselves. As long as boys believe reading is for girls and girls believe they aren't good at math, nothing will ever change. If you ask girls to mark their gender before taking an exam, they score significantly worse than boys. However, if they mark their gender after, their scores are the same as boys. By thinking too much about the stereotypes, the students themselves will perform based on the expectations. And no amount of "numerous, extremely generous scholarships" will get a student to do something they think they will not be able to succeed in. So why do we, as a society, need to campaign for women in STEM? Women in STEM make 33 percent more than women in non-STEM fields. In 2015, all 10 of Forbes' list of highest paying majors were in STEM and 9 of the 10 were engineering disciplines. I assure you, engineers are making more money and have better benefits than your examples of construction, sanitation, and plumbing. We should care about recruiting women to STEM because the cure to cancer could be locked inside the mind of a teenage girl who is refusing to pick a STEM major because she has never met a female engineer and believes women just don't go into engineering or research. Finally, Alex, your discussion of how engineering could change when the women come running implies that women would be unenthused, disinterested, and would take jobs better suited for men. Quite frankly, this sounds like you're a little scared of what might happen if women do choose STEM careers. If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen. Sincerely, Claire Griffiths (claire@udel.edu) responds to last week's editorial written by Alex Patrick.

## The power of the two-party system

JACK McMAHON  
Guest Contributor

"There is nothing which I dread so much as a division of the republic into two great parties, each arranged under its leader, and concerting measures in opposition to each other." John Adams (President No. 2 for those with Ds in history) is more than likely rolling over in his grave right now. While some recent short term trends show the dissolution of Congressional gridlock, it is obvious just how much animosity there is between the two major political parties. The lack of representatives in Washington acting like adults is leaving much of the American constituency to ask themselves if there isn't a better option. And while I hate to be the bearer of bad news, it's unlikely that a better option will come along quickly. American political culture essentially has two-party power and animosity woven into

its very make-up. While I do not wish to belittle the ideals of various "third parties," in fact I often agree with parts of their platforms, I unfortunately find their existence quite impractical. There does not exist an obvious legal limit on the number of political parties, yet the framework for the two-party system can be traced all the way back to the original provisions of the Constitution. Obviously, we never recited, "We, the Democrats and Republicans of the United States..." but various aspects of the American political process work as enablers of the status quo. The Electoral College being case in point. The electoral college is the system designed to elect the president, and subsequently the vice-president. At the time of their creation they may have made the process more simple, allowing for educated voters in a time of low-information citizenry as well as ensuring proper precautions being put in place when votes and their authenticity cannot be

so easily checked as they are with modern technology. However, the Electoral College also serves as a barrier to third party access to the Presidency, which would be the most significant attack on two-party gridlock in the US. Some third parties, such as the Northeastern Working Families Party, are concentrated regionally and even sometimes have significant showings in state elections, but could never reach a national ballot because of their geographic affiliation. Other third parties are national, such as the Libertarian Party, which that one kid on your freshman floor swore was a viable option. Even if the Libertarian Party were to get 10 percent of the popular vote in the 2016 election, (which believe me would be considered a landslide victory for them, as their current record is just 1 percent of the popular vote) depending on how those votes were distributed across Congressional districts they still might not receive a single electoral vote. In fact, in the history

of the Libertarian Party, they have received one electoral vote, in 1972, when the elector made a political statement by refusing to vote for Nixon, who actually won the popular vote in his district. Some would argue that this system is not necessarily against third parties, as any third party could garner enough political support to get more of the vote as time goes on until it eventually becomes a contender, and certain states do allow for a more proportional electorate than the current winner-take-all model, but changing the system would require the consent of Republican and Democratic leaders. And honestly, if you had political power, would you be willing to give some of yours up to people you believe are doing it the wrong way? It would also require that voters be willing to vote for candidates that voters know will not win elections, in order to get the word out about alternative political parties, hoping that eventually enough people vote so that they can gain electoral

votes. I find it highly doubtful that there are enough Americans willing to cast their votes for a third party based on principle alone that they would be successful in bringing a new party to victory. Taking into consideration practical reasons for keeping the Electoral system in place, I can't see any reason why the system would be eliminated. I also can't see it being beaten by any third party, especially when the electoral winner-take-all system discourages voting for non-majority parties. While relatively moderate, and probably closer to the laissez-faire policies of the Libertarians than either mainstream Democrats or Republicans, voting for a moderate on either side of the current party distinction in order to encourage political compromise seems a far more intelligent idea than voting for someone who won't get elected, thus leaving you with a Trump or a Sanders, both of whom are so far off center that the idea of them appealing to anyone outside their base seems ludicrous.

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# WARM BITES OF JOY:

## THE PERFECT APPLE PIE

ALEXANDRA STRAUSMAN  
Assistant Mosaic Editor

They were red—or actually, they were green. He always insisted on the green ones. They were crisper, he'd always say. I'd laugh and then with four hands holding 10 pounds each, we make our way into the kitchen. Thunder hits the table as dozens of fresh green apples hit the wooden countertop. It was the smell of Thanksgiving coming. Pandora on shuffle: "Fitz and The Tantrums."

Half an hour in, and the table layers itself with thin peels of green shimmer. Our arms are tired, but there are tantrums of laughter as

the naked apples take their place, submerged in ice-cold water.

This is November, three days before Turkey Day, in my house—also known as "let's-make-nine-or-10-apple-pies" day.

Trust me, there is nothing better than apple pie that you've made yourself. You know what went into it—you know how it got there, and you know how much holiday spirit went into that single slice, that individual bite.

Here's how to make the most perfect apple pie ever, from Marsha Brooks of Carmel, Ind., published on ABC News. It's the one that I swear by.



Alex shares a favorite apple pie recipe in honor of Thanksgiving, also known as "let's-make-nine-or-10-apple-pies" day among her family.

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### RECIPE

#### THE PERFECT APPLE PIE

- INGREDIENTS:**
- 1 pastry crust for a deep-dish pie
  - 9-inch (homemade or store bought)
  - ½ cup sugar
  - 3 Tbsp. all-purpose flour
  - 1 tsp. ground cinnamon
  - 1/8 tsp. salt
  - 6 cups thinly sliced peeled apples
  - 1 recipe crumb topping (see below)
  - ½ cup chopped pecans (optional)
  - ¼ cup caramel topping

- DIRECTIONS:**
- In a large mixing bowl, stir together the sugar, flour, cinnamon and salt.
  - Add apple slices and gently toss until coated.
  - Transfer apple mixture to the pie shell.
  - Sprinkle crumb topping over apple mixture.
  - Place pie on a cookie sheet, so the drippings don't drop into your oven.
  - Cover edges of pie with aluminum foil.
  - Bake in a preheated 375-degree oven for 25 minutes. Then remove foil and put back in for another 25 to 30 minutes without foil.
  - Remove from oven. Sprinkle pie with chopped pecans (optional), then drizzle with caramel on top.
  - Cool on a wire rack and enjoy warm or at room temperature.
- Now it's out of the oven with a smell from out of this world! Take it from me—eat it warm with a scoop of ice cream.

### RECIPE

#### CRUMB TOPPING

- INGREDIENTS:**
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
  - ½ cup all-purpose flour
  - ½ cup quick cooking rolled oats
  - ½ cup butter
- DIRECTIONS:**
- Stir together brown sugar, flour, rolled oats.
  - Cut in ½ cup butter until topping is like coarse crumbs. Set aside.



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# MOSAIC TRIES SOMETHING NEW: '90S BAR CRAWL

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It's Sunday morning. I awake with a jolt in a bed that's not mine. My head throbs, my left elbow is cut to hell and the ache in my right hip rivals that of a 90-year-old woman. I groan in agony. What happened to me yesterday?

Oh wait, duh—The 90's Bar Crawl.

The 90's Bar Crawl is a wonderful event that roams from city to city, pandering to us “90s kids” with discount booze and free stuff. Though I typically find the '90s nostalgia wave to be fake and irritating, I will always take any excuse to dress up, get drunk and pretend like it's a different decade.

Using my three remaining brain cells, I strain to retrace the previous day's events like the world's worst, most hung-over detective.

Now, the bar crawl took place from 2 to 10 p.m., and I had every intention of lasting. Going into it, I knew I really had to pace myself.

Surprise, surprise: I did not pace myself.

The finer details from the day are gone, but the prevailing memory is one of extreme intoxication. I'm a seasoned lush, but I've never been so drunk for so many hours. Is that a good thing? Not really, but am I still impressed with myself? Hell yes.

The day started innocently enough: my friends and I—dressed in our '90s finest—pre-gamed to party jams of yesteryear, such as R. Kelly's “I Believe I Can Fly.” We then stumbled out into the daylight, and off to Klondike Kate's for registration.

Around here is where the

darkness hits. Yes, that's right: by the first bar, I was already drunk beyond reason.

On the dance floor, we were greeted by a packed room, pulsating with plaid. It's as if, when curating their '90s looks, everyone got together and voted “flannel” as the definitive accessory of the decade.

In our faded shirts and ripped denim, we looked like a crowd of baby Cobains.

We danced on stage for what felt like hours. Not well, I'm sure, but who cares? Sippin' on gin (and tonics) out of my new, color-changing bar crawl cup, I felt free, uninhibited and very publicly intoxicated. The '90s were great!

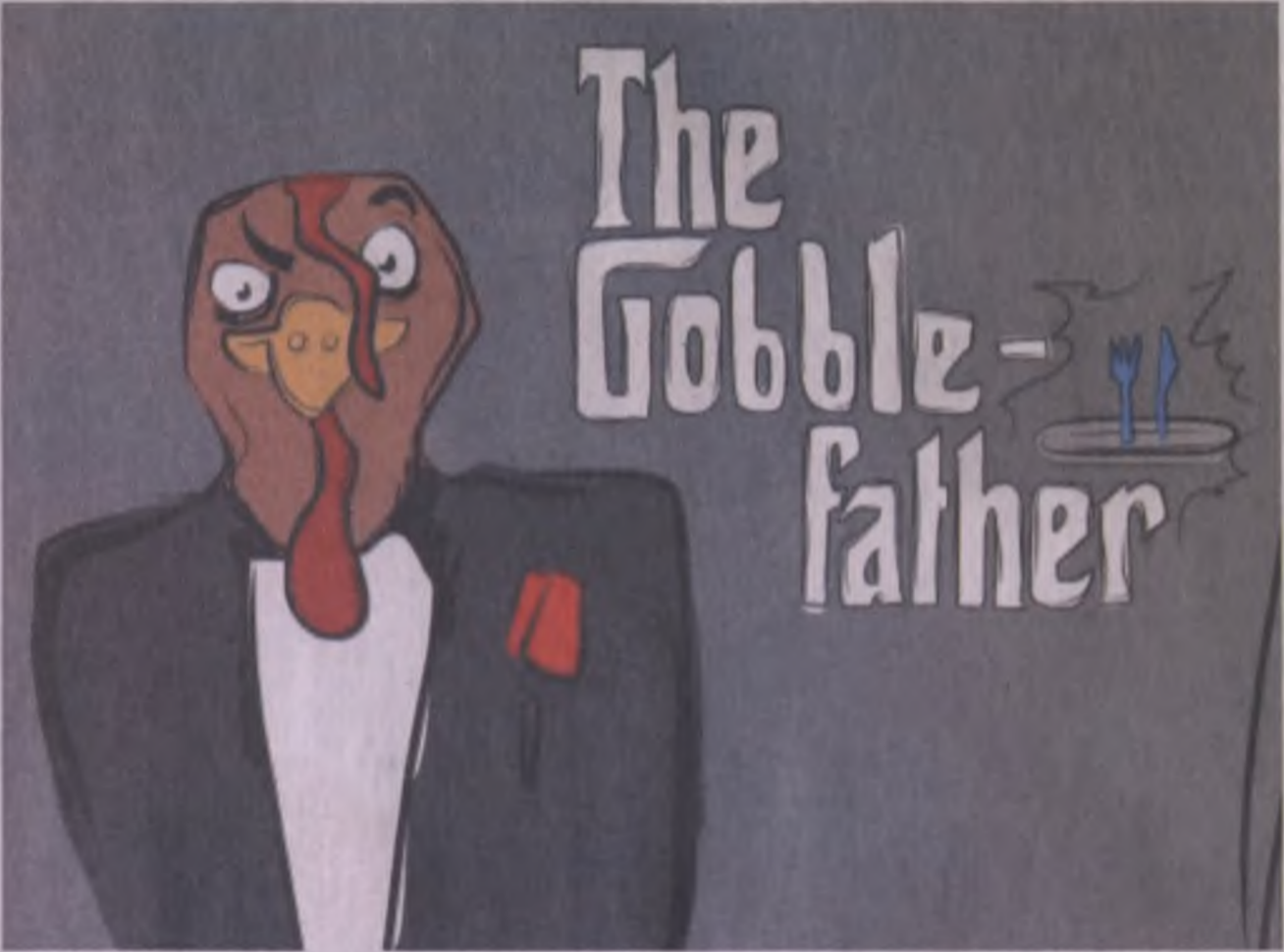
You know what's not so great? Losing hours of memory to the abyss. After Kate's, everything slides into blackness, with random bursts of fuzzy remembrance. I might have gone to Rooney's, but I can't be certain. Did I go back home for a spell? Who knows, anything's possible! What doesn't seem possible is that I remained upright and mobile, but somehow, I managed.

I now have a pretty good understanding of how zombies feel.

But all is not lost! My memory resumes at Deer Park, where it was beyond crowded. I made friends with a kind older couple: “Dirty Harry” and his wife, Mrs. Dirty Harry. Come to think of it, Dirty Harry might not have been his name. In any case, I bought Mrs. Dirty Harry a beer, and we were three-way best friends for 20 minutes.

After that, my memory slides back out. I can't remember the vast majority of my night, but like the actual '90s, it's probably best to keep it in the past.

# YOUR FAVORITE MOVIES, THANKSGIVING-THEMED



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Some of your favorite Hollywood classics with a Thanksgiving-themed twist: “TURK-E,” “Birdman” and “The Gobblefather” among others.

Because we're still eating our leftovers:

1. “Revenge of the Turkey” (Horror/Comedy): At Thanksgiving, instead of preparing for a glorious feast, Marty, Sue and Allen are preparing for war against the army of turkeys outside waiting to get their revenge for their fallen comrade.

2. “The Hunger Games” (Sci-Fi Drama): In a dystopian future, 12 sad children must battle each other to win a Thanksgiving feast. Otherwise, they don't get one. Hi-jinks, politics and love triangles ensue.

3. “Meat the Parents” (Romantic Comedy): Greg wants to marry Pam, but first, he must ask permission from her father—who, incidentally, is made of meat. Turkey, to be exact.

4. “Inglourious Basterds”

(Action/Adventure): A gang of Turkeys decide to hunt some Nazis, because why not? Starring Brad Pitt.

5. “TURK-E” (Sci-Fi): Here's one for the whole family—all humans have become fat and immobile from 800 years of perpetual Thanksgivings, and a young robot-slave-turkey grows a plant and learns how to love.

6. “Birdman” (Black Comedy): In this Oscar-winning masterpiece, a washed-up turkey named Michael Keaton stages his Broadway comeback and hallucinates that he's a human man, when he is actually just a turkey.

7. “West Side Turkey” (Musical): The indomitable Foghorn Leghorn made his stunning directorial debut with this tragic story of two turkeys in love, torn apart by their

family's distaste for the color of each others' feathers.

8. “Frozen” (Musical/Family): The tale of two sisters and their quest to thaw a frozen turkey. Can they save Thanksgiving dinner, or will they just have to “let it go?”

9. “You've Got Kale” (Romantic Comedy): Kathleen Kelly, the owner of a farmer's market, is a big fan of kale. Joe Fox, owner of a major grocery store chain, hates the vegetable. They spar over whether or not kale is gross, or a great Thanksgiving side dish—and little do they know, they're falling in love.

10. “The Gobblefather” (Drama): “The Godfather,” but with turkeys. Leave the carving knife, take the cannoli.

# GLUTEN-FREE TREND SPARKS CONTROVERSY

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Every few months, a new so-called “diet trend” pops up, and everyone hops on the bandwagon hoping to lose a few pounds. The hottest trend right now is gluten-free eating.

Look around the supermarket and you'll now see chips, snacks and juices labeled “gluten-free.” What many see as the latest fad diet is actually the result of an autoimmune disease.

Gluten is a protein that acts as a binder in many foods, meaning it is often found in bread and other wheat products for texture. However, it is also found in candy, some brands of deli meats and even soy sauce.

When someone has an intolerance to gluten (a gluten allergy or Celiac disease), it means his or her body cannot properly digest the gluten protein, and the immune system goes into overdrive.

For Brie Sakitis, a junior, getting a Celiac diagnosis was many years in the making. For those who live with Celiac disease, the intestines are unable to absorb normal nutrients and as a result, a slew of other health problems such as hypoglycemia and anemia tend to arise.

Growing up, Sakitis always

seemed to be sick and tired. Although she had become accustomed to her sluggish behavior, her family wanted answers as to why she was always so drained of energy.

After screening her blood for a variety of disorders and allergies, doctors concluded that Sakitis was one of the estimated one in 133 Americans reported by the National Foundation for Celiac Awareness to have the disease.

“The way gluten affects me is that it basically ruins my immune system and makes me tired,” the nursing major says.

When she does eat a product that contains gluten, she'll get a headache, her muscles will get stiff and she'll get sick to her stomach, she says.

Even celebrities have announced their gluten-free diets. Both Gwyneth Paltrow and Miley Cyrus have publicly declared that they don't consume gluten in their diet, but neither have an intolerance, allergy or Celiac Disease. Former President Bill Clinton has been gluten-free for years now.

It is important to note that no scientific study has found that a gluten-free diet is a healthier diet.

Sophomore Samantha Lampert is gluten-free, but not out of necessity. For Lampert, being gluten-free was a decision she



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For some, living gluten-free is a medical necessity. For others, it a choice that some term the latest health craze.

made after trying out the diet.

“After a couple of months, I realized that I feel better overall without [it], so I decided to make the lifestyle choice of being gluten-free,” she says.

Lampert, a nutrition major, acknowledges that gluten-free diets aren't necessarily healthier. In fact, many gluten-free foods have just as many or more calories than their counterparts.

For those who are gluten-free due to health requirements, the creation of a fad hasn't been easy.

In fact, students such as Cirsten Williams say that there is now a negative stigma associated with being gluten-free, because many think that it is just a health craze.

“I think a lot of people are just seeing the diet as a fad diet and are just doing it because they think you're cutting back on your carbs or that it's better for your body altogether,” Williams says. “Not a lot of people seem to understand that people have medical reasons behind the diet and they aren't doing it because everyone else is.”

Many supermarkets have started to carry a variety of gluten-free products, while restaurants now have gluten-free items and even separate gluten-free menus. However, it doesn't make up for the fact that those who are gluten-free are unable to eat their once-favorite foods.

“I didn't choose this,” Sakitis says. “I would still love to be able to eat my grandma's homemade apple pie or have fresh garlic bread again without having the consequences of eating gluten.”

# MOSAIC TRIES SOMETHING NEW: MICROWAVE CHEF

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It's hard to be a fancy chef like Julia Child or Guy Fieri when you live in a dorm, or for that matter, if you just hate the process of cooking. Now, if you have milk and a carton of eggs in your fridge, there's another easy breakfast in town. Watch your back, cereal.

You can make scrambled eggs in a mug. For years I've been seeing links on Pinterest to recipes for cakes (some very intricate) and pancakes (weird, cylindrical pancakes) that could be baked in a mug, and I was skeptical about whether or not it would work.

With absolutely no cooking skills to speak of, I set my sights far lower. I would make scrambled eggs, one of the most basic cooking tasks known to man. And I'd make it even easier, by cooking them in a mug.

A quick Google search turned up a recipe from [whatscookingamerica.net](http://whatscookingamerica.net) that began "in a 10-ounce custard cup..." I don't even know what a

custard cup is, let alone whether or not my family owns one. So, I pulled a festive little snowman mug out of the cabinet and started cracking some eggs.

Remember when I said I have no cooking skills? I am zero for two on the egg-cracking front. We're talking yolk everywhere, and me scooping huge chunks of eggshell out of the yolk that (thankfully) made it into the mug.

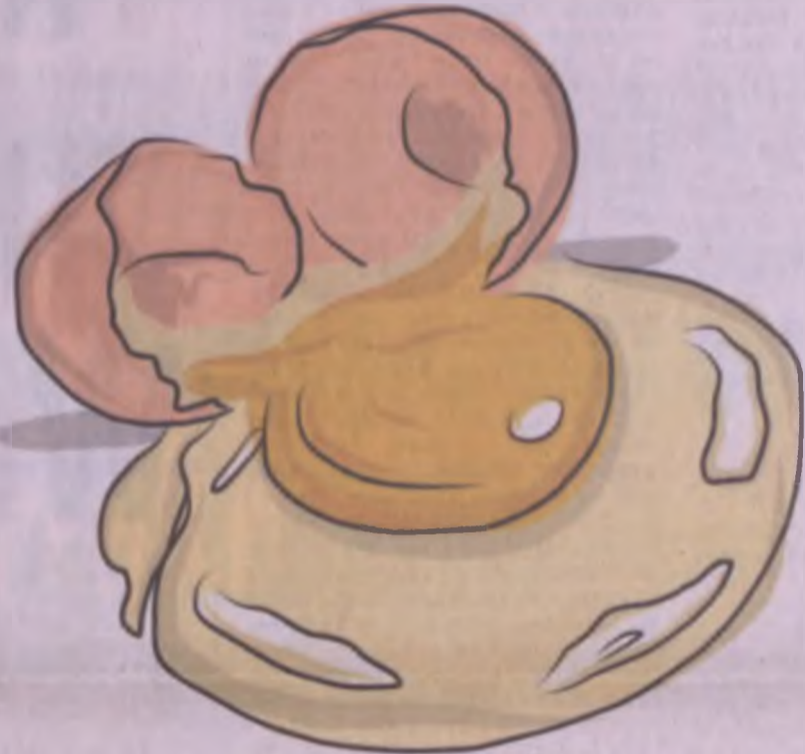
Two tablespoons of milk and a little mixing later, it was time to put the mug in the microwave. Since the recipe advised that I stir the mixture to help it along, I put the mug in for just 30 seconds instead of 90. I have to admit, I was disappointed when the timer beeped and I inspected my creation—it looked exactly the same as when I'd put it into the microwave. I stirred it anyway. I put it back into the microwave, this time for a minute and 30 seconds.

Do you know what you can do in a minute and thirty seconds? You can clean up the mess you (okay, I) made with all that egg yolk, with about 45 seconds to spare. I used those 45 seconds to

contemplate the meaning of life. Just kidding, I scrolled through Facebook.

After all that, my eggs looked almost exactly the same, aside from some weird brown splotches that had appeared in the bowl of milk and yoke. I decided to take it as a good sign, but the consistency of my food was a sign of a different sort: an omen of bad eggs to come. I dumped the contents of the mug into a bowl, popping it all back into the microwave. Once again, I nixed the mixing—the recipe had also said to add salt and pepper for flavor, and I'd skipped that step.

Ninety seconds later, I had scrambled eggs. My initial excitement gave way to doubt, and I flipped a chunk of eggs over to see the other side. The egg had, in fact, cooked through. Taste tests of the edge and the center proved, once again, that it had actually cooked correctly, even if I'd had to make it in a bowl and not a mug. Those taste tests also proved that I should've added salt and pepper. As the saying goes, "You microwave, you learn."



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You've got to crack a few eggs to scramble 'em in the microwave.

## ITALIAN CLUB COOKS ITS WAY TO UDANCE



RANDI HOMOLA/THE REVIEW  
The Italian Club is gathering recipes from students and faculty to create a multicultural cookbook. Proceeds will go toward the club's UDance team.

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The act of cooking transcends cultural and ethnic boundaries. Everyone knows what it means to mix, stir, heat and present something edible to the world (some more successfully than others). Hoping to bring together some of the cultures on campus, members of the university's Italian Club began gathering recipes for a multicultural cookbook, the proceeds from which they will use to fund their UDance team.

Junior Emma Appleby, a member of the executive board, describes the Italian Club as a much larger group than it has been in the past and much more diverse. "We thought it was the perfect way to bring different departments together," Appleby says.

Senior Shannon Carty explained that the club reached out to faculty members in the foreign language department as well as student leaders of multicultural RSOs.

"We would like the book to

represent as many cultures as possible," Carty says. "We've received about a dozen recipes."

The club's executive board plans to collect recipes until the end of this semester with the intention of putting it together over winter session.

Carty, an accounting major, is minoring in Italian because she fell in love with the language and the culture at a young age.

"I've always been drawn to Italian," Carty says. "My babysitter was Sicilian, and she always spoke to us in Italian and made Italian food."

Both Carty and Appleby say trying each recipe will be a fulfilling experience, one that will allow others to experience new cultures.

All proceeds of the cookbook will support the Italian Club's UDance team when it participates in the annual event.

"It's an opportunity for people to come together through food, through the experience of cooking," Appleby said.



unfiltered commentary

### The kids' table

What do you want to do after graduation? Have you started looking for a job? Well, where do you see yourself in five years?

Hey, I just don't know.

It's Thanksgiving, and being one of 11 grandchildren, I fight my way to get dibs on first pickings. The dust settles, and the kitchen lines in front of the gravy, vegetable and turkey stations fade away.

We used to be all the same height—in the same category. Now, our categories vary. We young children, pre-teens, teens, college kids and young adults stuff ourselves into small green folding chairs in the back corner of the kitchen, at the kids' table. Its familiar comforts warm my stomach as we laugh at the same recycled jokes from years past and second servings become thirds and fourths.

Apple cider bottles empty themselves into 11 glasses and crowd the already overcrowded small folding table as we fight for the salt and pepper shakers.

It is Thanksgiving, but it also could be another holiday—another gathering. Sometimes I think of us in groups—so close in age, we all have so many similarities. There are oldest kids and middle kids and youngest kids and I think, "where will I see myself in five years?"

I see myself at this kids' table.

I see myself maybe letting the younger kids get first pickings in line and maybe letting my brother get his hands on the pepper shaker first before digging into my

cousin's famous pumpkin soup. I see myself wandering into the adults' dining room and being honest about a relationship that is more serious than the ones we joke about now. I see myself here—never not being a part of these moments.

I wander into the adult dining room now and look at my grandparents at the ends of the table. It's the perfect picture, really. My grandmother in her apron running in and out of the kitchen as if some timer is ready to go off—and with perfection she shows up just in time to shut off the buzzer. She cooks everything in flawless time and with perfection. My grandfather sits back, falling half asleep after a bucketload of turkey, a five-pound toy poodle furiously panting on his lap. His half smile creeps up his face and my grandmother makes eye contact with him, only to yell, "George!" as his eyes flutter closed and then consciously open again.

I wonder what being at this table will be like.

My mom and two aunts all talk at me at the same time, and I find myself stuck in conversation with them, hoping that the timer on this night won't go out.

I find myself thinking not, "Well, where do you see yourself in five years?" but "Well, where do you see yourself in 30 years? Forty years? Fifty? Sixty?"

I think, maybe I will find myself here at the adult table.

I watch my grandparents watch their children grow up and watch their grandchildren grow up, and think of all the life

and love that has eaten at this table, that I pick at apple pie at with two elbows on its edge—too full.

It is Thanksgiving. It is the smell of turkey when I take my shoes off in the foyer and the smell of apple pie glazing over, preparing for dessert, when I take in a bite of peas. It is the kindness my brother serves me when he gets seconds, and the love my uncle pours in my glass as he smiles and says: "Hey Al, so we've got to go to this place I know for dinner next time you're home."

It's the promise of next time in something that I know as family. It is the feeling of gratefulness to know and be loved. It is measured in hugs goodbye after a meal where our parents—who are siblings to each other—will have to pull us apart to get into a car.

This is what I know of family. The kids' table, the adults' table—the mixing of the two and the where do I see myself in five—30, 40, 50, 60 years? It is with these fools.

I open the first bottle of apple cider and pour its first drops into my youngest cousin's glass. She is eight. I wonder if she will remember the kids' table for all the same reasons I do.

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GETTING THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS:

# A SURVIVAL GUIDE



LORRAINE COOK/THE REVIEW

A guide to gifting, drinking and dodging uncomfortable questions this holiday season.

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The holiday season brings cheer and warmth to many a soul in the midst of late autumn and early winter. Some possess fuzzy feelings of familial happiness, while others do not fare as well in the onslaught of sentiment that this time brings. If you belong to the latter group, here are a few helpful hints to keep you from bursting into flames during all family gatherings and holiday festivities. Sure, a couple days won't kill you, but you're going to need a little help.

1) The most enthusiastic people push their holiday cheer to the max immediately after Halloween. Let's avoid that nonsense. Michael Buble's "Christmas" doesn't need a run-through until Dec. 1 at the absolute earliest, and please say "no" to the constant stream of Hallmark holiday films. It's how you keep your sanity.

2) Shopping. The word is painful to type, and many avoid human interaction by doing it online these days. The trick, though, is to keep it simple: Socks are always necessary. If not that, you can always stick a bow on your forehead and say that your presence is a gift—it's

a crowd pleaser. 3) This is a big one, people. Do not, I repeat, DO NOT, stick your racist/homophobic/misogynistic relatives in the oven along with the main course. Sure, it's tempting, but use that expensive college brain of yours to make a drinking game out of it. Every time Uncle Tim or Aunt Susie uses the term 'those people,' or someone reflects positively upon the eternal hamminess of Donald Trump, take a good swig of whiskey from that bottle you have hidden in your bag. We've all been there, kids.

4) Speaking of alcohol—pace yourself. You don't want to spend too many days out of commission, so keep in mind that sugary holiday cocktails will get the best of you. Some things are better tolerated whilst intoxicated, but too much will turn you a little mad.

5.) The best way to manage a house full of relatives is to mingle in short bursts. Conserve your energy and prepare yourself for the invasive personal questions. Maybe keep a secret log of every time someone asks you if you have a girlfriend/boyfriend. No, Aunt Karen, I don't know why I lack a significant other. Maybe it's my face.



literary lens

## This is Where I Leave You

As we return from visiting our families during Thanksgiving, I think we can all agree that we have at least one thing to be grateful for: the fact that our families are (hopefully) not as dysfunctional as the Foxman family in Jonathan Tropper's bestselling novel, "This is Where I Leave You."

The novel tells the story of narrator Judd Foxman and his siblings as they participate in the traditional Jewish ritual of "sitting shiva" for their deceased father,

forcing them to stay together in their childhood home for a full week. It is a story about family love, focusing on domestic scenes from their suburban existence.

As the family is reunited for the first time in years, the siblings each bring their own troubles. Judd is searching for a new job after discovering his soon-to-be ex-wife in bed with his boss. Judd's brother Paul harbors resentment towards Judd after an accident that ended his

baseball career. Judd's sister Wendy is lonely in her marriage to a workaholic businessman, and their womanizing young brother, Phillip, brings his older, wealthy fiancée home without notice.

As if that weren't enough, Judd's wife shows up unexpectedly with her lover, creating drama for the entire family, while Judd and Paul's tension comes to a head on multiple occasions over Paul's wife (Judd's high school sweetheart). Paul's wife struggles with their failure to conceive, while Wendy harbors resentment for her three children and absentee husband. Not only that, but Phillip's fiancée worries about his commitment to her when faced with his flirtatious past flames.

No matter how much of a spectacle you think your family members are, I doubt any of them come close to the Foxman siblings' mother. Hillary Foxman, despite her role as a mourning new widow, continues to wear her outrageous and revealing outfits, and makes overtly sexual comments to her visitors and children alike. She has their friends and neighbors run their eligible daughters by newly-single Judd in an overbearing and uncomfortable way. All of the Foxman siblings are constantly put in awkward situations due to their mother's actions and outlandish comments.

The novel is filled with dramatic confrontations and intense competition between the family members, but it also has moments of love and understanding. In the midst of tragedies, arguments and physical altercations, Tropper managed to create a heartbreaking yet hilarious account of real family life. He shows how families can both hurt and help each other, and he gives a very realistic image of a damaged family with a great deal of personal and shared problems.

This novel contains all of the comedy, tragedy and bittersweet realities of real life and real family. The problems that Tropper gives each character represent creative, though undoubtedly real issues, and he has them deal with each other in a very raw and authentic way. Tropper does not use this novel to teach a lesson. He writes to tell a story, and he does just that in this comedic yet tragic novel.

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REEL CRITICISM

## "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 2"

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3 out of 5 stars

"The Hunger Games" will long be heralded as a turning point in adolescent fiction. Not only did it revive the flagging dystopian teen novel, but also it proved that neither a book nor a movie need to feature a male protagonist to win the hearts of hundreds of millions worldwide.

Three years since the first "Hunger Games" film, dozens of others have tried to recapture the spirit of the original—some mildly successful (e.g. "Divergent") but others mostly not (see "Maze Runner," "The Giver," and et cetera). Even the "Hunger Games" itself has not quite recaptured its former glory. These last two installments have proved the weakest of the trilogy. And yet, they at the same time still inspire and bring to a fantastic finale a series which many have grown to cherish.

"Mockingjay Part 2" begins by placing us precisely where the action left off in the comparatively actionless part 1. Peeta has been saved from the Capital forces. But, as Katniss says so often, that isn't Peeta. He has been brainwashed, or to use the phrase in the film—"hijacked" by the Capitol. The once lovestruck Katniss and Peeta are now enemies, given that he has been programmed to bloodlust by the very sight of his former friend and ally.

Still, the war must go on. Katniss and the other member of her love triangle, Gale, have

become a crucial part in District 13's plan to bring down the status quo. For her part, Katniss is often relegated to mere "props"—film spots intended to spur others on in the fight and win over would-be enemies to their side. It is a crucial job, but Katniss cannot help but feel as if the District 13 leader, President Coin, is using her as a mere means to her own political end.

Our rebel hero then decides to turn renegade and heads out into the front lines of the Capitol. Therein lies the very next hunger games. President Snow, leader of the Capitol, has instructed his gamemasters from hunger games past to turn the battlefield into a game of death. The same traps of previous films thus make a reappearance where the stakes—putting soldiers and civilian lives at risk—are so much higher.

And yet, the stakes feel all too small and so much more insignificant than prior films, even if the entire country's freedom is potentially there to be won. The source material suffered a similar problem. "Mockingjay" the novel was widely regarded as the weakest of the trilogy and it seems that the upshot of this is that the film was forever doomed to have the same foibles.

Certainly there is further drama with Peeta and Gale, Haymitch pitches in to provide some lighthearted humor and Prim's character, as the beloved and kind sister, are further developed. These are the sorts of things that added interest in previous installments.

Unfortunately they are obscured and are treated as mere side-stories in "Mockingjay," for the simple fact that there is so much else going on.

In the end, "Mockingjay Part 2" forgets what made it so special in the past: its characters. It is not only the dystopia that matters in dystopian novels, but the people in them. They give us a reason to care, to carry on and to rave to friends about how wonderful it is and to wish that the odds be "ever-in-their-favor."

To be sure, there are far worse things to find fault within a movie. "Mockingjay Part 2" is still terrific entertainment and provides a resounding end to a fantastic series.

There are great moments as well. Watching Gale and Katniss wax philosophical about just war and whether or not they should bomb a village in order to bring about an earlier and less bloody end to the war is immensely interesting. So too are the scenes in the city when the traps that lie before Katniss and her allies demand us to be reminded of the original two films that made the series an essential viewing.

But this is a flawed film. On its own, it would likely be no more successful or enjoyable as its mediocre imitators. The key, however, is to view it within the larger project of "The Hunger Games" trilogy. In that sense, "Mockingjay Part 2" provides us with brilliant closure to series we adore and have become deeply emotionally invested in. "Mockingjay Part 2" is a



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film that, if one has immersed themselves in the prior three installments, demands to be seen. It is as action-intensive and closure-bringing as any blockbuster in recent memory. Alas, one cannot be blamed for wishing for something better. A thrilling series deserves an

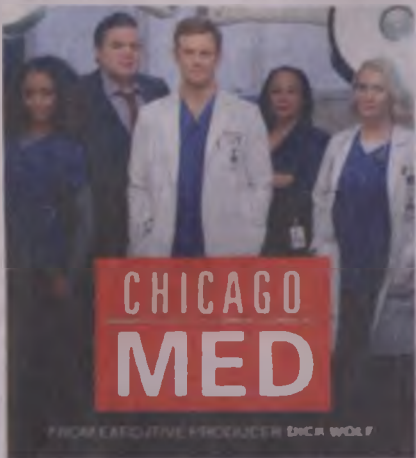
equally thrilling conclusion, and though Katniss's fourth outing may come close, the arrow ultimately misses just wide of the mark.

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“Chicago Med”



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Personally, I find it hard to follow medical dramas because of the action that takes place in each episode. Shows like “Grey’s Anatomy” and “House” are excellent examples of captivating medical dramas because of the many aspects that make up each show; aspects such as the dedication that the doctors have for their patients. However, a new show on NBC has changed my feelings toward medical dramas for good.

“Chicago Med” is the third installment in the “Chicago” trilogy created by Dick Wolf and Matt Olmstead. The two have been the forces behind “Chicago P.D.” while Olmstead has served as the showrunner of “Chicago Fire.”

“Chicago Med” focuses mainly on the ER Unit of Chicago Med. The ER Unit consists of Dr. Will Halstead (Nick Gehlfuss), Dr. Natalie Manning (Torrey DeVitto), April Sexton (Yaya DaCosta), Dr. Ethan Choi (Brian Tee), Dr. Sarah Reese (Rachel DiPillo), Dr. Connor Rhodes (Colin Donnell) and Dr. Daniel Charles (Oliver Platt).

Naturally, I watched “Chicago Med” because of my love for the other two shows. From the first episode, the show started to prove its worth amongst its successful sister shows.

In the first episode, a train is mysteriously derails while the hospital is celebrating the grand opening of its emergency unit. With many victims being rushed to the hospital in critical condition, the team of doctors are forced out of their comfort zones in order to save the lives of these victims.

In this episode, I liked the lengths that all doctors went through to save their patients. From Dr. Halstead and Dr. Manning trying to save a surrogate mother’s life, to Dr. Rhodes providing a patient with new lungs, the first episode grabbed my attention from the very beginning.

The second episode involved the birth of a baby from a 14-year-old girl, who potentially faced criminal charges after leaving the child in an alley. In this episode, many of the doctors have conflicting feelings about how to deal with the girl’s situation. Two police officers from “Chicago P.D.” make an appearance at the end of the episode to talk to the girl, but

she ends up running away.

It was hard to remain unbiased during this episode, because of the nature of the situation. Despite her abandonment of the baby, is it really fair to have a young girl go to jail for being scared of having a baby? As the saying goes, “It’s children having children.”

Instead of trying to understand her situation, two of the male doctors were ready for her to be arrested, and it was up to Dr. Manning to try to smooth things over. Dr. Manning is a pregnant ER pediatrician, which explains why she took this patient’s situation seriously. At that point, I felt that there was at least one person on side of the patient.

My sympathy was with the young girl, because it is tough to handle situations such as the birth of a child, and figuring out what comes after. It also doesn’t help when two of your doctors are quick to judge your actions.

In the first two episodes so far, I got the sense of how dedicated these doctors and nurses are to their patients. In the first episode, the doctors were forced to make tough decisions relating to life and death, especially regarding the surrogate mother and the baby she was carrying.

If you’re are looking for a show packed with lots of action and emotion then “Chicago Med” is the right fit for you.

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simply stylish

How to style an oversized sweater

‘Tis the season for oversized clothing.

I have been waiting to break out my oversized sweaters, but have not had the chance with this oddly warm fall that is hopefully behind us. I love sweater weather, which means oversized sweaters are a staple in my wardrobe.

Oversized clothing gets a bad rap because people assume you reach for them when you do not want to put any effort into

your look.

Well, I don’t believe that.

I think the oversized sweater is one of the most versatile pieces in your wardrobe. It can be dressed up or down, but the key to making an oversized outfit look great is what you pair it with.

Since it is the perfect outfit choice for class or dinner with friends, I wanted to share some different options for how to style your oversized sweater.

The Ribbed Knit Sweater

When I think of an oversized ribbed knit sweater, I automatically think of a camel-colored sweater with a simple pair of jeans and matching camel booties. This is a perfect look for class or errands, but if you want to dress the sweater up, pair it with colored trousers. A wide leg trouser brings a ’70s vibe to the outfit, so play with loud patterns and colors for the bottom half of your outfit. It adds a whole different look to the sweater, really transforming the look from daytime to night.

The Oversized Cardigan

This is my favorite sweater out there because it can act as a stand-in jacket. When it’s not cold enough outside for a jacket, your cardigan can act as a stand-in. One of the biggest trends this winter is layering, so adding a cardigan gives your outfit a layering effect.

Try a knee-length cardigan and button the lower buttons, almost making it look like a

dress. Then add a belt around your waist. You can wear it with pants underneath or go without. Either way, you’ll look comfy and fashionable all at the same time.

The Turtleneck

Simplicity is key, but that does not mean trendiness goes out the window. Turtlenecks remind me of Audrey Hepburn. Simple and stylish is important to remember when styling a turtleneck. My go-to look is a tight pair of trousers that cut off at the ankle and a pair of loafers. A chunky turtleneck and tailored pants make a great pair.

The Fisherman Sweater

The fisherman sweater is a wool sweater that originated in Ireland, but is now sold in many different cuts. It is a chunky cable knit sweater. Wear a tailored oxford shirt underneath your sweater and let the collar and the bottom of the shirt show. It is the perfect preppy look for a cold winter day.

If you enjoy a cozy yet stylish look, an oversized sweater is what you should be looking for. It’s versatile and a staple piece that should be in everyone’s closet. There is nothing better than looking great and feeling comfortable.

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vinyl spin

Adele’s “25”



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Upon finding out about the release of Adele’s third album, I marked my calendar for its Nov. 20 release. Four years since “21,” Adele’s second album was a long time for a die-hard fan, but trust me, it was worth the wait!

Adele’s first two albums, “19” and “21,” are where my love for her soulful voice began. But with “25,” there is a different kind of appreciation for the music that she puts forth. Honestly, I was far from disappointed with this album.

Listening to the album gave me chills from all the emotions I felt as she sang about the past four years of her life. I felt as if she was making up for all of the time that she had lost in those years.

Adele’s contralto vocal range contributes to the soul that can be heard in many of the tracks on the album, including the most popular track, “Hello.” Coupled with her powerful vocals, the slow sounds of R&B can be compared to the musical sounds of Etta James and Roberta Flack, both of whom are influences behind her vocals.

“Hello” was the first single to be released from the album. The song is an excellent comeback for Adele. Much of this song reminded me of “Set Fire To The Rain,” from her second album.

As I listened to the song, it was like a slow ride down memory lane, as I thought about my own mistakes and what I could have done differently.

Another great song on the album is “Love in the Dark.” I love this song because it isn’t the typical song about heartache and relationships. Adele brings a new perspective to the sadness behind breaking up: sometimes it’s okay to leave behind what isn’t meant for you. I totally get that, Adele.

Let’s be honest: the entire album is great, because it’s Adele. “25” was a well-written album from an artist who has been on hiatus for long enough. Thank you, Adele, for blessing us with your music again.

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HENS WIN FINALE, BUT QUESTIONS LOOM FOR 2016

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After several weeks of futility, the Delaware football team ended its season with a 14-10 win over the Elon Phoenix. The Blue Hens closed out the year with a 4-7 record, their worst season mark since 2008.

Kareem Williams surpassed 100 yards rushing, including a 53-yard run for a touchdown in the second quarter, while Thomas Jefferson added 55 yards on 17 carries with a touchdown. Quarterback Joe Walker passed for 77 yards, his second highest game total on the season to lead the team to their third win in CAA play.

Overall, it was not a pretty game for the Hens, but it was a return to form for the defense, who had struggled to get stops over the previous three games, all losses. They picked off Elon twice, and forced Phoenix QB Connor Christiansen to fumble on the opening drive.

Elon struck first, taking a 7-0 lead on a touchdown pass from Christiansen and held a 10-7 advantage over the Hens heading into halftime. The second half was a defensive struggle for both sides. Beside Jefferson's touchdown, the Hens punted on six of their other seven possessions of the half and gained just 86 yards on offense total. In their final six drives, the Hens mustered just 14 yards of offense.

However, the Elon offense fared no better. In their eight drives of the second half, the Phoenix punted four times, turned the ball over on downs twice and threw two interceptions. Anthony Jackson's interception on Elon's first drive of the half resulted in Jefferson's touchdown run to give the Hens the lead.

The win put an end to another disappointing season for the Blue Hens, who entered the year knowing it was a rebuilding season but still hit lows that few expected, including shutout losses to Rhode Island and Towson. The Hens also finished with the worst passing offense



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After a loss in their final home game against James Madison, the Hens bounced back for their final game of the season with a win against Elon. Next season will mark the first year Head Coach Brock will have a team that he recruited, as this year's seniors are the last of the K.C. Keeler-era.

in the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS), averaging just 67.1 yards per game and completing two touchdown passes in 11 games.

Despite the offensive struggles, there were bright spots for the Hens this season, including reasons to look ahead for the future. An upset of ranked William & Mary and the school's first regular season win over New Hampshire in 12 years. The team also placed 11 players on All-CAA teams, including three offensive line starters. Stud offensive tackle Ben Curtis will be graduating, but the other OL pieces will remain.

The emergence of young running backs Thomas Jefferson and Kareem Williams was a pleasant surprise for the Hens as well, particularly after starters Wes Hills and Jalen Randolph both went down with injuries. Jefferson, named the CAA's Offensive Co-Rookie of the Year, finished the year with 890 yards and 5.0 yards per carry, while Williams ended up with 5.3 yards per carry and 795 yards. It leaves the Hens with an abundance of backfield riches, but also some tough decisions to be made heading into next

season about playing time.

Despite its youth, the team's defense was the best it has looked since Dave Brock was hired to coach the team in 2013. The team particularly shined against the run, finishing 19th in the nation in rushing yards allowed per game and only giving up 3.66 yards per carry.

The defense also allowed just 20.5 points per game, good for 24th in FCS, and that number drops to 18.4 points allowed if the game against Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) opponent North Carolina is discarded. The Hens will return all but three players on defense, though they will lose two stalwarts in David Tinsley and Vince Hollerman.

The Hens will have to answer their questions at quarterback for next year as well. Redshirt freshman Joe Walker won the starting job after the first week, but had abysmal passing numbers this season though he showed flashes of the dynamic dual threat player he was touted as coming out of high school. He was replaced during the Albany game by second-stringer Blake Rankin, but was renamed the starter the next week.

MEN'S BASKETBALL LOOKS AHEAD AFTER LOSS TO TEMPLE



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While losing Chivarsky Corbett to an ACL tear, the Hens also dropped an important game to Temple. A victory would have propelled the Hens to their best start since the 2003-04 season, however Delaware will look to improve over Bradley Tuesday at 7 p.m.

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The Delaware men's basketball team fell to Temple University Sunday 69-50, making the team's current record 2-2. Delaware is currently ninth in the CAA rankings, behind leading schools Northeastern (5-1) and undefeated University of North Carolina Wilmington. The Hens have not started a season 3-1 since the 2003-04 season.

While the Hens lost the lead twice in the first half, the team managed to hang on throughout the entirety of the game, never letting their deficit reach above 20. Delaware also managed to compete while only making seven of 10 free throw attempts throughout the game. The Hens also lost Chivasky Corbett to an ACL injury, who will miss the rest of the season.

Delaware's leading scorer, Cazmon Hayes, led the team with 17 points, shooting 43.8 percent on the day. Hayes also shot 33.3 percent from beyond

the arc, making the only three-point shots for the team with three. Delaware's next leading contributor, Marvin King-Davis, scored 13 points, shooting 33.3 percent on the day.

Marvin King-Davis also achieved his third double-double of the season. The Hens have attempted considerably more free throw shots than opponents. Delaware has attempted 93 free throws, while opponents have only attempted 56 throughout the first four games of the season.

Temple's Obi Enechionya led the team with 16 points, shooting 75 percent. Enechionya also went four for six from the arc, averaging 66.7 percent from beyond the arc. Temple's second top scorer, Jaylen Bond, contributed a total of 11 points, going five for 13 for an average of 38.5 percent. Bond's three-point percentage topped out at 33.3 percent for the day.

Delaware looks to bounce back Tuesday at 7 p.m. against Bradley at the Bob Carpenter Center.

This week in football

The Blue Hens' defense showed up in a big way, holding Elon to 10 points while forcing three turnovers. The Hens' offense did just enough to win, grabbing the lead on a second half-touchdown from newly crowned CAA Offensive Co-Rookie of the Year Thomas Jefferson.

BLUE HENS	00:00	PHOENIX
214	SCORE	212
277	PASSING	124
151	RUSHING	249
33:05	POSESSION	26:55

WEEKLY ROUNDUP



123

Delaware's rank in passing offense in the FCS, out of 123. The Hens averaged just 67.1 yards per game through the air.

11

Number of Delaware football players named to All-CAA teams, including punter Eric Enderson, OL Ben Curtis and DE David Tinsley.

9 & 6

Points and rebounds per game the Hens lose after sophomore Chivarsky Corbett's torn ACL will keep him out for the year.



# JARDINE LEADS HENS TO WIN IN THANKSGIVING CLASSIC

KIRK SMITH/THE REVIEW  
The Delaware women's basketball team split both of their games in the Thanksgiving Classic in California this weekend. The team rose to a 3-2 overall record after its road trip.

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The university's women's basketball team split its Thanksgiving Classic over the break, falling to Wisconsin 54-52 on Friday and winning over North Dakota State 62-50 on Sunday. The Georgia Bulldogs would go on to win the Thanksgiving Classic, with a final victory over Cal State Northridge. The Hens improved to an overall record of 3-2.

Delaware took the lead at the beginning of the first half against North Dakota State and held the lead for the game's entirety. North Dakota State was outscored by the Hens in all but the third period, where North Dakota State outscored Delaware by one field goal. Leading scorers for the Hens included Hannah Jardine who had 23 points, and shot nine for 11 on the day. In addition to leading the team in points, Jardine also went five for seven

from beyond the arc and led the team in rebounds. Erika Brown, another top contributor for Delaware, ended the day with 15 points, shooting seven for 13. In addition to this, Brown also led the team in assists with a total of six. Marena Whittle, the leading scorer for North Dakota State, tied Jardine's point total with 23. While Whittle tied this number, she also averaged nine for 24 in shooting percentage. However, Whittle missed all of

her attempted three-point shots. Brianna Jones was also a noted contributor with a total of 10 points, going five for 10 from the court. While one player on each team finished with over 20 points for the game, both teams had horrendous field goal percentages for the game. Both teams shot under 40 percent in totals; the Hens shooting 36.5 percent while North Dakota State shot 33.3 percent. Delaware also finished shooting 45 percent

from the 3-point line, while North Dakota State finished the day having shot no three pointers. The Hens also had 12 bench points in comparison to North Dakota State's four. Delaware continues their road trip in New York, where the Hens will play Fordham Thursday and look to improve to 4-2.



sports commentary

## New president keeps athletic department on their toes

It's no secret that the Delaware student section isn't exactly a raucous crowd during Saturday afternoon football games. While alumni pile into the stadium, riding the sweet buzz of a tailgate party, the student section always look sparse, the bare bleachers a woeful reminder of the team's pitiful record. Why trudge all the way to the stadium to watch helplessly as the Chickens get mutilated when you can watch ESPN, or better yet, catch up on some sleep after a night of debauchery? This will be my third season covering the Blue Hens, and after the home opener loss, those bare bleachers remain lonely.

As Dennis Assanis is sworn in as the new president of the university, the athletics department will be keeping a close eye on the changes that will almost certainly begin to take place under new managment. During his three years as athletic director, Eric Ziady has established Delaware as a solidly mediocre university amongst powerhouses. Ziady's reputation as a "proven revenue generator" who is financially focused seems to have fallen short, considering the largest revenue generator—the football team—has faced a steady decline in attendance and performance.

If Ziady hopes to bring some polish to Delaware athletics, he can start with the football team, or at the very least, the fan base. Free shirts. Free food. Anything

it takes to bring a little juice to Delaware Stadium. Sean Locke, senior captain of the men's basketball team, remains hopeful. "[Assanis] seems like a very respectable guy," Locke said. "He seems very interested in making the University of Delaware a much better place. Looks like he always has a smile on his face, so that's a good thing."

Locke said he hopes "to get as many students as possible at the game whether it's basketball, football, soccer, you know, any sport. We all, all the student athletes, love when the students come out and support us."

Additionally, the only watchable Delaware team has been the nationally ranked field hockey team, which while impressive, draws almost no fans.

While the new president has mentioned he hopes to fill the student sections at sporting events, so far these have only been statements. It is yet to be seen if Assanis will make good on this commitment. Until Assanis takes steps to help students flock to the stands, the Chickens will continue to play for empty sections.

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sports commentary

## Realizing the dream

Last Monday, the Blue Hens men's hockey team paid a visit to the Wells Fargo Center, home of the Philadelphia Flyers. As a hockey player, it's times like these when you get to catch a glimpse of what it's like to play in the National Hockey League (NHL).

Although the stands may have not been packed and the game was not nationally broadcasted, this was a time for the team to gain some foresight and heat up their play for the homestretch. In the middle of the season with 15 games remaining, it becomes quite common for players to get burned out. Playing at an NHL team's rink gave the Blue Hens the spark they needed to start the break with a win against the Drexel Dragons.

There were over 40 shots. Three goals. Two players with a multi-point night; it was clear

the Blue Hens controlled the entire game. The first period saw a goal from the Dragons 12 minutes into the game. Fortunately, this would be the first and last goal the Dragons would score in the game. The Blue Hens lit up the next two periods with three goals and dominated in the offensive zone. Drexel had no chance. Cole Zucker, Delaware's leading scorer, came up with a goal and an assist. The same happened with defenseman Cameron Bregenzer, who scored his first points of the season. Rather than playing regular starter Dylan Troiano as goalie, Patrick Rochefort took to the ice. Rochefort aimed to please and, boy, did he. Rochefort's regular numbers aren't notable—four games played, a 2-1 record and an .890 save percentage. Fortunately for the Blue Hens,

this was Rochefort's night. He made 42 stops and picked up the win, making the team 12-5—already better than last season's record at this time. Two weeks ago, the Blue Hens were ranked 22nd overall in the division. Now, the team is considered a top-20 team (No. 20) and is constantly aiming higher. Delaware put together a string of six wins in October and needs another strong push to make it a more legitimate team. Playing on the ice every hockey player dreams to skate on may have given the Blue Hens the spark they needed to finish the next 15 games strong.

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## Sports Update: Men's Basketball

The Hens will have to carry on this year without two key figures from last year's team, Chivarsky Corbett and Eric Carter. Both suffered torn anterior cruciate ligaments in the past two weeks, including Corbett in Sunday's loss to the Temple Owls.

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