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Alleged 'shoe burglar' arrested; thousands of shoes found

Newark resident spent 20 years stealing shoes from community, police say



BY KATIE SPEACE
Layout Editor

Over winter break, Walter Rubincan, 46, of Newark was arrested for a well-publicized series of thefts of thousands of shoes and a number of photographs of men from university students' houses last month, as well as dozens of other burglaries.

Rubincan was arrested Jan. 29 after officers raided his house and confiscated three truckloads of shoes and other stolen goods. He was charged with 77 counts of theft, 25 counts of second-degree burglary and 15 counts of criminal mischief in 25 separate break-ins, some as recent as Jan. 12 and as early as December 2005.

University spokesman John Brennan said Rubincan was a member of the University of Delaware Figure Skating Club, a group with

public membership that utilizes the Fred Rust Arena for training.

UDFSC Member and Coach Peter Briccotto, 21, said Rubincan was an adult recreational skater who participated at the arena but was not a pinnacle member of the club.

Briccotto said Rubincan competed and medaled in the Interpretive Skating category of adult skating, in which skaters interpret different characters on the ice. He said he remembers

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Courtesy of Newark Police

Police seized three truckloads of shoes from Rubincan's house.

Plans for new UD bookstore are unveiled

BY JOSH SHANNON
Editor in Chief

Two years from now, students walking down Main Street will be able to stop in the new university bookstore for a cup of coffee, meet friends in the outdoor plaza and shop for the latest bestseller and textbooks, according to preliminary plans unveiled last week.

The three-story bookstore is slated for completion by September 2011 and will incorporate the historic Christina School District building already on the site.

Marge McDermott, assistant director for facilities planning, presented the preliminary plans and sketches to the Downtown Newark Partnership Design Committee on Feb. 2.

"It will be an exciting new place for Main Street," McDermott said. "It's good for downtown, it's good for Newark, and it's good for the university."

The university bought the \$1.6 million property at 83 E. Main St. from the school district last fall and announced plans to build a new

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THE REVIEW/Lauren Savoie

Laird Campus was a winter wonderland Saturday after the first of two storms this week dumped more than two feet of snow in Newark.

Two storms cancel class, shut roads

BY ELLEN CRAVEN
Online Updates Editor

Classes will resume today as the campus continues to dig out from under the more than three feet of snow that fell during two storms this week.

The two storms, one Saturday and another on Wednesday, canceled classes for three days and twice prompted Gov. Jack Markell to declare a state of emergency.

The first flakes began to fall late in the afternoon of Feb. 5, and by midday Saturday, 25.8 inches of

snow had fallen in New Castle County, making it the largest storm in the county's history.

Students moving back to campus Monday dodged the piles of snow crowding area streets and waded through slushy walkways. Residence halls were open for returning students on Sunday, but the university urged students not to risk driving in the area until Monday.

The storm also pushed back the start of the semester from Monday to Tuesday.

Many students, like freshman

Andrea Birch, heeded the university's advice and postponed their plans. She said although main roads like Interstate 95 were clear, getting around on campus was a hassle.

"Driving down wasn't inconvenient, but getting out of the car was," Birch said, pointing to the snow bank spilling out into the fire lane behind Thompson Hall where students were unpacking their cars.

Senior Sarah Ulizio said she was pleased with the way the university

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Students rally for Haitian quake relief

BY MADDIE THOMAS
Executive Editor

With the spring semester just beginning, it will take a few more weeks for student and university fundraisers aiding the relief effort in Haiti to get underway.

UniteD Students for Haiti, a group composed of eight registered student organizations, recently announced its campaign in an e-mail message sent to the entire university on Tuesday.

According to the message, the ultimate goal of UniteD Students for Haiti is to raise enough money to rebuild Villa Hospital, which was destroyed in the Jan. 12 earthquake that left the already impoverished

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Letter from the Editors

Dear Readers,

While some of you have been gone from campus over Winter Session, here at The Review we did our best to cover any university and local news that took place over the break.

Although we didn't print any papers, our Web site, www.udreview.com, has continuously been updated with breaking news alerts and other news coverage so that we can keep you up to date to the best of our ability.

In this issue of While You Were Gone, each section, News, Editorial, Mosaic and Sports, have recapped some of the most important news that occurred here in Newark. Some of the content in this issue is condensed coverage from material we've posted on our Web site, including Winter Commencement, the recent blizzard, new restaurants on Elkton Road and the "shoe burglar." We've include new coverage as well.

Keep in mind that our first regular full-length issue will be published on Tuesday, Feb. 16, so don't forget to pick up a copy at locations throughout campus and at select stores and restaurants on Main Street.

Faithfully Yours,
 Josh Shannon, Editor in Chief
 Maddie Thomas, Executive Editor



THE REVIEW/Lauren Savoie

A snowman takes a rest on a bench during Saturday's storm.



THE REVIEW/Lauren Savoie

Students show off the giant snowball they made on The Green.



THE REVIEW/Josh Shannon

Alex Goode, of the UD Juggling Club, demonstrates his skills at Tuesday's Student Activities Night.

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Winter graduates hopeful, fearful for what lies ahead

Second lady Jill Biden gives commencement address to class of 2009

BY PAT GILLESPIE and JOSH SHANNON
The Review

For Jubril Onaneye, last month's Winter Commencement ceremony signified the end of a long journey, one that took him halfway across the world.

Several years ago, Onaneye and his parents immigrated to the United States from Nigeria. After attending Newark High School, Onaneye enrolled at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, but transferred to the University of Delaware his sophomore year.

He and his family were recently naturalized as U.S. citizens. Earning his undergraduate degree in biology means a lot, he said.

"I think it's best encapsulated by the three famous words we say at UD — actually they say it everywhere else too: 'Just do it,'" Onaneye said. "I think that's probably the most important lesson, to just go out there and experience things and not be too reserved."

Onaneye was one of 400 students who received their diplomas Jan. 9 at the Bob Carpenter Center. Another 850 also earned degrees, but since Winter Commencement is optional, were not present at the ceremony.

Delivering the commencement address, second lady Jill Biden told the graduates they all have the ability and obligation to inspire others.

"I have no doubt that each and every one of you has the power to mentor and inspire our future generations of business leaders, artists, statesmen and scientists," said Biden, a university alumnus and the wife of Vice President Joe Biden.

She told the graduates that this was a day they would remember for the rest of their lives.

"Just three years ago, I was sitting right where you are, and it was one of the best days of my life," said Biden, whose husband pre-



A student celebrates during Winter Commencement last month.

sented her with her doctorate in education at the 2007 Winter Commencement. She also received her undergraduate degree at the university in 1975.

Biden, a long-time educator who still teaches English classes at a community college near Washington, D.C., made education the main theme of her speech.

"The University of Delaware transformed me because that's what education does," she said. "Your best professors can inspire you. Your peers can motivate you to be better than you ever imagined. Your favorite courses can literally alter the path you take in life."

University President Patrick Harker told

graduates to develop a passion in something that surrounds them.

"Everyone wants to be interesting, but it's more important to be interested," Harker said. "The latter tends to secure the former anyway."

Humans are born problem-solvers, he said.

"But to solve problems, you must understand them," Harker said. "To understand them, you must engage with them. And to engage, you must be interested."

Biden spoke of the importance of mentoring.

"You can do whatever it is that you love,

and by mentoring or volunteering outside of the classroom and in your community, you can inspire others to love that something else, too," she said.

Biden's speech was heard by more than 4,000.

"It's amazing, absolutely amazing," said Carol McGill, of Voorhees, NJ, while watching her daughter Christine graduate. "Makes me feel old, but it's a whole new beginning."

However, despite the jubilant atmosphere at the Bob Carpenter Center, the commencement means that the harsh economy and scarce job market is right around the corner for the graduates.

Onaneye said he is "cautiously optimistic" about the economy, but others did not feel the same.

"I've been looking for a job for the past month," said Lynn Van Nostrand, a criminal justice major from Babylon, NY. "I can't really find anything, which is kind of frustrating."

Some worried that their major would hurt them in finding a job.

"My majors don't really have a direction to go into as far as job-wise," said Kelly Murray, a history and English major from Hockessin, Del. "I know I'm going to have to take more schooling, but right now I'm just trying to see what I can get and start somewhere."

Wageher Sangari, an international relations major from Middletown, Del., said many people have told her that because of her major, she needs to go to graduate school.

"I feel like I might not find a job until I go to grad school, but I'll look, see what happens," Sangari said.

Still, the commencement ceremony offered a moment of reflection for the graduates.

"This is the best experience of my life, but I am looking forward to even greater ones," Sangari said.

University partners with US Army for research, development

BY JORDAN ALLEN
Senior News Reporter

University president Patrick Harker signed an agreement late last month outlining a research partnership between the university and the US Army Research, Development and Engineering Command to utilize laboratories, personnel, facilities, equipment or other resources for research projects that meet military goals.

The partnership, called Cooperative Research and Development Agreement, was signed by Harker and Maj. Gen. Nickolas Justice, commanding general of RDECOM and installation commander of Aberdeen Proving Ground.

"What we signed last week was an agreement that provides the legal basis for us to enter into partnership discussions with any of the research entities in the army, not just at the Aberdeen Proving Ground, but at other army sites throughout the nation," Weir said. "The main purpose of the signing last Tuesday was to put in place this umbrella agreement so that every time we entered into discussions with the army, we didn't need to go through all the legal preparations to do that."

Due to a base realignment and closure program started two and a half years ago, the army base in Fort Monmouth, NJ was closed and many operations were relocated to the APG.

David Weir, director of the university's Office of Economic Innovation and Partnerships, said APG will become the central army research and development site for areas such as command and control, communications, intelligence, reconnaissance and surveillance.

The partnership will heavily focus on engineering, computer science, composite materials with some medical applications and some discussion in food safety and security through the College of Agriculture.

Maj. Gen. Justice, head of APG, said they are looking for schools that focus on engineering and science programs. Officials are also trying to create ties for their employees with baccalaureate degrees so they may become graduate-level students.

"Your president [Harker] is reaching out to us in a very aggressive manner, taking care of his student body and looking for opportunities with his students to get involved," Justice said.

He said the military is looking forward to seeing what the university is planning for the Chrysler site. One of the main appeals of the university for the military, he said, is its work in composite materials.

"We're also looking at some other opportunities in other fields of engineering and UDel has got a great engineer-

ing reputation. We do a lot of communications and electronics, and that all requires electrical engineering degrees, systems engineering degrees," Justice said.

Newark Mayor Vance A. Funk III was present at the signing of the agreement and said he expects it to bring a number of jobs to the city, especially at the Chrysler site.

"The University of Delaware is one of the leaders in the world in composite research and the results of their research will have developed new products, which can be manufactured at the Chrysler site," Funk said.

Weir said he also thinks the partnership will help to foster Delaware's economy, adding the new research will lead to new technology developments. The military will need small companies to manufacture the products that come out of this research.

"There'll be a need to encourage a lot of other small companies to settle in the area to become a part of what could be a technology revolution in a way," Weir said. "So what we hope to do is that part of the Chrysler site will be the technology part or will be an incubator site, a center for innovation and entrepreneurship that will attract small start-up companies to participate in the research that's going on at the Aberdeen Proving Ground."

while you were gone

Council approves request to remove parking on N. Chapel Street

Newark City Council unanimously approved a student's request to remove three parking spaces in front of his house on North Chapel Street last month.

Senior Ben Caponsaid said parked cars along the street make pulling out of his driveway dangerous because they block the driver's view of oncoming traffic.

Capon, who lives at 43 N. Chapel St., and his neighbors share a parking lot behind the houses. Drivers pulling out of the shared driveway onto North Chapel Street cannot see vehicles coming down either side of the street due to the cars parked at the unmetered spots

in front of the houses, he said.

Two of his neighbors on separate occasions have been clipped by another vehicle while attempting to pull out of the driveway, Capon said.

Though Newark police opposed the plan, council approved it with little discussion, agreeing with a recommendation by the city's traffic committee.

Police argued removal of the parking spaces could lead to speeding on North Chapel Street because drivers typically slow down when a street is lined with parked cars.

Three students robbed on Ray Street Bridge

Three university students were robbed Jan. 15 on the Ray Street Bridge, according to University Police. One was hit in the head before the suspect fled.

The three women were walking at the south end of the bridge at 1:44 a.m. when they were approached by a man who demanded their purses.

The victims struggled with the suspect

and threatened to call police, Maj. Joel Ivory said. The man ran away without taking any property, but not before one of the women was struck on the side of her head.

Ivory said that last month officers already patrol the area on foot and on bicycle, but University Police will step up their efforts there in response to this incident.

Temko kicks re-election bid



City councilman Ezra Temko kicked off his re-election campaign Dec. 13 with an event in his Newark home. Newark residents and students,

along with Temko's family and friends gathered for hors d'oeuvres, refreshments, coffee and desserts, while Temko announced his

candidacy and talked with constituents.

Two years ago, Temko became Delaware's youngest elected official after winning the city's Fifth District as a 22-year-old graduate student at the university.

He began his speech Saturday by revisiting some of his accomplishments during his first term, which included an effort with Councilman Paul Pomeroy in creating the West Newark Civic League, his work in creating the Newark Fellows Program and a Citizens Academy.

The municipal election is April 13.

Spirit teams place high in national competition

The mascot team joined the cheerleading and dance teams to represent the university last month at the 2010 College Cheerleading and Dance Team National Championships in Orlando, Fla. The three teams brought home a set of trophies, with each team placing no lower than third in their respective competitions.

YoUDee, the university's mascot, was unable to defend its national championship from a year ago. The 2006 inductee to the Mascot Hall of Fame fell to second in the open division, behind University of South Alabama's SouthPaw.

The dance team also had a successful showing at Nationals, defending its title from a year ago in the Division I Hip-hop category.

The team's winning routine had a wide range of themes, including Arabian-style dancing, stepping and a form of dance known as tutting.

For the fourth year in a row, the cheerleading team took second place in the co-ed Division I category, losing to Morehead State by a margin of 10 points.



Swine flu vaccines now available to all students

Swine flu vaccines are now available to all members of the university community.

Last fall, only students with chronic health issues could receive the vaccine. State health officials lifted restrictions on distribution Dec. 31.

Students can get the vaccine for free at Student Health Services.

Dr. Joe Siebold, director of Student Health Services, said the university received an initial

shipment of 2,300 doses in January.

"We have been advised by the state that we will receive additional doses and that everyone who wants the vaccine will eventually be able to get it," Siebold stated in an e-mail message.

The vaccine is also available free of charge at many pharmacies, including the Happy Harry's on Main Street

New dean of students announced

University officials have announced a replacement for George Brelsford, who resigned as dean of students late last semester.

Dawn Thompson, formerly the assistant vice president for student life, took over the

position in mid-December.

Thompson came to the university in 2008 after 11 years at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Accident injures two, damages three Cleveland Avenue houses

An accident on Jan. 28 involving three cars a shook local residents out of their beds and into the streets to investigate.

According to Newark police, 23-year old Daniel Perez of Wilmington, was driving westbound on Cleveland Avenue near Kershaw Street at approximately 2:11 a.m., when he lost control of the vehicle and struck a nearby parked car.

The impact of the collision caused the parked car to collide with another stationary vehicle, while Perez's vehicle continued off the roadway, striking the front porches of both

113.5 and 115 E. Cleveland Ave. The car finally came to rest on the lawn of 111 E. Cleveland Ave., police said.

According to police, Perez suffered broken ribs and lacerations, while a 25-year-old passenger had internal injuries to the spleen and liver, as well as lacerations to the head and elbows.

Police have not yet said whether alcohol or careless driving were factors in the accident. Damage to the houses includes a broken staircase on one property and a partially damaged deck on another.

Claymont Steak Shop opens on Elkton Road

Students now have something else to look forward to when returning to campus for Spring Semester: a new place to get grub. Claymont Steak Shop recently opened its second location at 57 Elkton Rd. in Amstel Square.

The shop opened Dec. 30, and owner Demi Kollias said business has been booming ever since.

"Business is even better than we expected it to be, although the students aren't all here yet," Kollias said. "The regular customers have been very loyal over the years, so we've had a great start and there's a lot of excitement in the air."

She said a lot of her regular customers are happy they do not have to drive to the original location in Claymont anymore.

"Now they can come more often and have a good sandwich, so we're very happy that we came to Newark," Kollias said.



Four men charged in Courtyard robbery

In mid-December, Newark Police arrested four men in connection with the Nov. 30 robbery at the University Courtyard Apartments.

The defendants include Dustin Hults, 20, of Newport; Michael Ortiz, 20, of Wilmington; Joel Ortiz, 21, of Wilmington and Vincent Baiocco, 21, of Wilmington. None of the men are students at the university.

Police say the four men broke into an apartment in the 500 building of the complex at approximately 1:20 a.m. on Nov. 30 and confronted the six students inside. The men

then allegedly bound the students' hands and covered their mouths with duct tape and stole a safe and other personal items.

Henry said that an investigation showed that the defendants entered the wrong apartment and were actually targeting another apartment where they believed they would find drugs or drug money. The guns believed to be used in the robbery turned out to be Airsoft or BB guns, Henry said.

Senior wins big on 'Wheel of Fortune'

Senior Sarah Raulli squeaked by her competition on "Wheel of Fortune" last month, bringing home more than \$12,000 worth of cash and prizes.

"It was pretty unreal," Raulli stated in an e-mail message. "The game was so close, I only beat the other contestant by \$300, so I was completely shocked to win."

On the show, which was filmed in November and aired Jan. 1, she won \$5,200 in cash, plus a 7-day trip to Hawaii. She said she will not receive the money until May, but does not have any exciting plans for it.

"I plan to pay off debt — boring, I know — and save the rest," Raulli said.

For more about these stories and others from over Winter Break, visit udreview.com

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Haiti: eight student groups planning March fundraising event

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country in complete ruins. The project will cost \$50,000.

"Extraordinary challenges are ahead — and we need your help," the message states. "Villa needs their healthcare back today. Tomorrow, someone will go untreated, someone will possibly die. Together we can benefit this resilient, yet devastated, community."

Junior Matt Watters, the president of Students for Haiti, has already raised \$15,000 for Haiti as part of a fundraising effort he began in September. After spending the summer working as an emergency medical technician in Haiti, he was inspired to raise money to build a new medical clinic there.

After the earthquake, he decided to use those funds to rebuild the existing Villa Hospital and has joined with the other RSOs involved in United Students for Haiti for to raise the rest of the money needed.

In the wake of the damage caused from the earthquake, he stressed the need for international relief work to take place.

"They're beyond the point where they can help themselves," Watters said. "They need foreign aid."

Apart from other planned events including an awareness week and wrist band sale, on March 11, United Students for Haiti will be hosting a talent variety show in the Trabant University Center's multipurpose rooms to raise money for Haitian relief, said senior Marc Guzman, one organizer of the event.

Throughout this month and leading up to the event, Guzman and other students from United Students for Haiti will be selling T-shirts ev-

ery day in a kiosk in the Trabant Student Center from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Guzman and junior Dan Schroeder, who also created T-shirts during the outbreak of swine flu last spring, began selling T-shirts in the week after the earthquake struck.

"We figured as UD students that we need to play a part," Guzman said. "We have the responsibility to raise money for the people and the people here who are Haitian. The best way to help out now is through donating money."

As of Feb. 7, he said 160 T-shirts have been sold so far, raising approximately \$1,000 for the American Red Cross. T-shirts are \$7 each and read, "Hope for Haiti."

Although shirts are \$7 each, customers are encouraged to donate additional money to the cause. If a student donates \$15, for example, \$7 will cover the cost of production of the shirt, and \$8 will go directly towards charity. Although Guzman and Schroeder first advertised their fundraiser on Facebook, the university now promotes the T-shirts on its homepage, "Helping Haiti" along with other local and national resources for donating or contributing to the relief effort. An order form as well as a link to Guzman and Schroeder's blog is also available on the Web site.

David Tusio, president of the Student Government Association, said Guzman approached him last month about organizing a larger, university-wide fundraiser.

"We're looking to help move forward on campus," Tusio said. "We feel like this is a great way to help the university and Haiti. We want to keep the momentum going as far as donations by having smaller events through the couple of weeks leading up the larger event. This cannot

only be good for the people of Haiti, but it's a good opportunity for the student body to work on building relationships."

Michael Gilbert, vice president of student life, has been integral in helping students and RSOs including SGA, Students for Haiti and the Caribbean Student Alliance, organize United for Haiti by drafting emails and promoting it on UDaily for the event.

"It can be challenging for students to get involved at times," Guzman said. "If you can get organized in a large group, that's one of the ways we really want to help — with logistics and feedback."

Any students, clubs, or faculty departments interested in co-sponsoring a fundraiser for Haiti along with United Students for Haiti can contact Watters or senior Rita Chang to get involved.

Erin Brummett, hall director of George Read North, said she believes other student organizations and groups will follow suit after United for Haiti.

"I think once spring semester starts, other large RSOs on campus will be doing something similar," Brummett stated in an e-mail message.

Keenon Mann, complex coordinator of George Read, believes that Facebook is a key tool to get students involved with the relief effort, and supports rounding up other residence hall complexes to make donations and jumpstart fundraising efforts.

"That would be a quick and easy method of contacting a great number of people," Mann said.

How to Help in Haiti

The most immediate need is money to help with the earthquake relief efforts. Send donations to: **St. Boniface Haiti Foundation, 400 No. Main St., Randolph, MA 02368** or visit www.haitihealth.org.

To donate to Watters' efforts to build a new health clinic, send donations to: **Matt Watters, 91 East Main St. Apt. 401, Newark, DE 19711** or visit www.students-4haiti.com.

Grotto Pizza stores around Del. raise \$28K for quake relief

Patrons of Main Street location contribute nearly \$4,000 toward cause

BY SARAH THOMAS
Staff Reporter

Twelve Grotto Pizza restaurants in the area, including the one on Main Street, donated 15 percent of their pizza sales for one week in January to support relief efforts following the Jan. 12 earthquake in Haiti.

Laura McCann, director of employee and community relations for Grotto Pizza, said the restaurants set a fundraising goal of \$20,000 to \$30,000.

Sales figures through Sunday show that \$28,000 has been raised thus far, she said.

The Main Street location has collected \$3,000 to \$4,000 in donations, said general manager Russ Wiedenmann.

Wiedenmann said the location of the restaurant has produced a slight elevation in customers, but managers hoped for a better turnout.

While the restaurant was somewhat disappointed with the

number of sales, he said when compared to the amount of money raised by other Grotto Pizza locations, the Main Street Grotto Pizza accounts for a significant portion of the revenues.

Pizza donations were made automatically during each customer's purchase and required no coupon or verbal recognition. The fundraiser also applied to all pizza sales, including delivery and orders for take-out.

The funds will be donated to the United Methodist Committee on Relief. Through UMCOR, 100 percent of the funds will directly benefit the victims of the earthquake in Haiti.

According to its Web site, UMCOR provides tools to work toward long-term recovery as well as immediate relief.

At the Main Street location, signs advertised the fundraiser, and employees wore buttons promoting the Grotto Pizza Haiti relief efforts.

"Many people seem to know about the fundraiser and ask about it when they come in," said freshman Dorothy Weldon, a hostess for the restaurant.

Customers Larry and Jenn Wolfe said they knew about the fundraiser prior to dining at the establishment. They said they have been following the crisis in Haiti and planned to tell friends about the fundraiser as well.

Grotto Pizza owner Dominick Pulieri has organized similar fundraisers following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the 2004 tsunami in Southeast Asia and Hurricane Katrina, McCann said.

"He's very community based," she said.

The fundraiser has ended, but for those still hoping to participate, a donation box will remain available at the Grotto Pizza counter.



THE REVIEW/Luisa Sawyer

Grotto Pizza donated a portion of its profits to benefit relief efforts in Haiti.

UD marching band returns home from Ireland

BY ALEXANDRA DUSZAK
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Airports are notoriously difficult to navigate during the holidays, even for those traveling alone or in small groups. Try traveling with 502 people.

On Dec. 26, that's exactly what Heidi Sarver, director of the university marching band, did along with George Parks, her counterpart at the University of Massachusetts, when they took their respective marching bands to Ireland.

For years, Sarver has contemplated taking the university's marching band abroad, but she doubted she would be able to generate enough interest this year because of the economic recession.

"During [my site inspection] trip it was decided that the UDMB would combine with the University of Massachusetts Marching Band in the hopes that between the two groups we would be able to get 100 or so people to go in order to have a viable performing ensemble," Sarver stated in an e-mail message.

In total, 276 of the people who took five flights from four different airports to make the 10-day trip were university undergrads. University of Massachusetts students accounted for another 114, and the rest were the students' family and friends.

Combining the bands also made sense because of their relationship, said junior Andrew Tremblay, a drum major in the university's marching band. For the past two years, the bands have given combined performances when the Delaware football team has played UMass.

"They're literally two of the best marching bands on the East Coast, and when they combine forces, it's a really, really cool thing," Tremblay said.

The bands performed twice during the trip — once in Dublin, in the eastern part of Ireland, and once in Galway, which is on the western side of the country. Their performance in Dublin was part of the city's first official New

Year's Day parade, Sarver said.

"Previously that event was very impromptu, but in this case the Dublin City Council joined with Dublin Tourism and promoted it as a new event they wish to have every year," Sarver said. "To say we were part of the inaugural performance on New Year's Day in Dublin, Ireland is something we are all most honored by."

Senior Samantha Bisaro, a clarinet player, said she was surprised by the attendees' reaction to the marching band. Many marched along with the band or repeatedly ran ahead of the band, watch them march past, then ran farther along the parade route to watch them approach again.

"I don't think they have very many marching bands in Ireland," Bisaro said. "It was really cool to see how much enthusiasm they had for us. It was really cool to watch groups of

people watch us as we marched by."

For the Galway performance, weather conditions were less than ideal with snow on the ground, but Sarver says that didn't hamper crowd turnout.

"People came out of shops and pubs and filled Eyre Square during the standstill performance," she said. "While a sunny day would have meant the square would be filled with people, no one was complaining when the crowd was six deep from one end of the performance area to the other. The special part of that performance was that the Lord Mayor of Galway stayed for the entire performance — in the rain and snow!"

When they weren't performing, the students and their families and friends spent their time sightseeing.

"Galway was our western hub, and while there we traveled to the Cliffs of Moher, Kylemore Abbey and experienced the rocky landscape of the entire area called the Burren," Sarver said. "Dublin was our eastern hub and while there we traveled all around the city seeing Trinity College and the Book of Kells, Dublin Castle, and the Guinness Storehouse."

Tremblay said he was particularly interested in learning about the country's historic buildings.

"Especially in western Ireland, there were stone walls everywhere," Tremblay said. "These were walls that we were told were constructed hundreds and hundreds of years ago and were destroyed to the point that farmers can't move them because they're protected."

Despite the constant e-mails and phone calls required to plan such a large trip, Sarver said it's something she'd like to do again.

"While another trip is not planned for the immediate future, we are discussing the prospects of making this something the marching band will pursue again in about four years or so," she said. "Destination: unknown at this time. There are so very many choices and so many festivals — it will be difficult to choose."



Courtesy of Heidi Sarver

The UD marching band performed in two parades in Ireland, including Dublin's New Year's Day parade.

Table games legalized in Del. casinos, \$40 mil. revenue expected

BY JESSICA SORENTINO
Staff Reporter

A new law allows Delaware casinos to expand their offerings to patrons starting summer 2010.

On Jan. 28, Gov. Jack Markell signed a legislation legalizing the addition of table games in Delaware's three casinos — Delaware Park, Dover Downs and Harrington Raceway. The addition of table games is expected to bring in more than \$40 million for the state next year.

Preston Boskett, director of operations at Harrington Raceway, said adding table games to the casinos will benefit all involved.

"Not only is it live entertainment," Boskett said, "but it will help to improve the workforce of Delaware."

He said additional employees will be hired and trained to work the new games, therefore allowing an extensive number of qualified peo-

ple to get back into the workforce.

Between the three casinos, 40 state jobs will be issued and more than 700 people will be employed to work the games.

Boskett said casinos will house all of the same table games as Atlantic City's casinos.

"We'll have craps, blackjack, poker, live poker, three and four card poker, carnival games, Let It Ride, roulette and more," he said.

According to the bill, revenue from gambling will be distributed as follows: 4.5 percent to the horse racing industry, 29.4 percent to the state and 66.1 percent to the casinos.

Andrew Gentile, chief operating officer of Delaware Park, explained how the addition of table games will expand who frequents the casinos.

"The demographics of the typical slot machine player are females, age 55 and up, and the demographic of the sports better are men

between 20 and early 40s," Gentile said. "In the casino, the men who wanted to gamble were still going to Atlantic City, but the addition of table games will help to keep them here."

Lisa Butler, public relations director for Dover Downs, agrees with the prediction that the table games will generate an 80 percent male demographic that was absent in the casinos prior to the bill being passed.

Butler said the installation of table games will cost the casino millions of dollars but will eventually generate multi-million dollar revenue.

"Dover Downs Hotel & Casino will spend approximately \$4.5 million, including hardware, software and staff," she said.

Gentile said competition from recently opened casinos in Pennsylvania could hurt Delaware Park.

"Delaware Park has to worry about Pennsylvania casinos more than the other Delaware

casinos do because we're closer in proximity to them," Gentile said. "Harris-Chester and the opening of Penn National took half of our customer base."

Boskett said competition is not a problem as long as customer service is high in quality.

"Once the patrons come and we offer them good customer service, they'll keep coming back," he said. "I drive five to six miles out of my way to go to a specific cleaner because they have awesome service, this is the same concept."

Junior Davide Tocci said he does not think students will take advantage of the table games.

"College students don't have lots of money to just spend," Tocci said. "Once we turn 21, between the bars and now casinos, we'll all just go broke."

Winter Session enrollment declines

BY ELIZABETH HERNANDEZ
Staff Reporter

Sophomore Branden Klahre wanted to take classes this winter but was unable to because of the new fees imposed on students for special sessions.

A new housing fee and a tuition increase have led many students like Klahre to reconsider the cost of staying on campus this winter.

"I think the university housing fee for Winter Session is outrageous," Klahre said. "It makes it hard for students to take classes they are solely interested in to further their education in some other subject besides their major or minor, and so restricts the students' opportunity for furthering their education."

Allan Fanjoy, administrator of special sessions for the university, said 7,720 students enrolled for classes this winter, which is a 6.8 percent decrease from last year. Fanjoy said a 9 percent tuition increase and a new housing fee were most likely respon-

sible for the decline.

Last year the cost of tuition was \$325 per credit hour for residents and \$845 for non-residents. This year it was \$356 per credit hour for residents and \$927 for non-residents.

The university also instituted a \$500 housing fee for Winter Session. Previously, Winter Session was free.

Michael Gilbert, vice president for student life, said he recommended the housing fee when he first came to the university after observing that it was one of the few schools that did not charge students for all the housing they used.

"There are real costs in running buildings including utilities, staff and electricity, so I think it is appropriate to charge for the services," Gilbert said.

Students living in Christiana Towers, however, were exempt from these costs because of the year-long lease residents sign when they arrive in the fall, he said.

"We are currently looking at this with no determination being made

because the calendar being run there is different," Gilbert said.

Still, many students chose to enroll in winter session courses despite the financial cost.

Sophomore Justin Collison said he chose to take courses over Winter Session because it gave him the opportunity to take only one class he could focus all his attention on.

"The housing fee is expensive and definitely played a part in choosing to live off campus this winter because it is much cheaper," Collison said.

Gilbert said there has been no official decision as to whether or not the university plans to keep the charges in place as they have not yet fully reviewed the impact of the fees and decided on plans for the future.

"I do believe it is appropriate if you are taking services," he said. "It is customary that we look at every fee and will do so in the future for the winter term fee."

University benefactor passes away

BY LAUREN SAVOIE
News Features Editor

Paul Jones, a benefactor who donated a major art collection to the university, died Jan. 26 in Atlanta. He was 81.

Jones, an Atlanta businessman, donated more than 900 works of African-American art to the university in 2001. Having grown to more than 1500 pieces, the Paul R. Jones collection is now considered one of the largest, most complete examples of contemporary African-American craftsmanship.

"He was a very warm and generous person, great sense of humor," said Janis Tomlinson, director of university museum. "He was truly in love with the art he collected."

Jones considered himself an average man who had to donate a lot of time, energy and money to support his passion for art.

"You don't have to be a Rockefeller or a Mellon to collect," Jones told university students at a 2001 press conference. "The love I have for art began with three pieces. I had to decide that I wanted to be a serious art collector."

Born and raised in the mining town of Bessemer, Ala., Jones grew up during the height of segregation in the South. After finishing his undergraduate degree at Howard University, Jones had aspirations to go to law school, but was denied admission because he was black.

He went on to have a 15-year

career in public administration and later served as deputy director of the Peace Corps in Thailand.

Jones began collecting art in the early 1960s after purchasing three prints by Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec, Edgar Degas and Marc Chagall. Noting the lack of attention received by African-American art, Jones set his sights on collecting work from underrepresented artists.

"With the exception of a blockbuster African-American show once every five years or so, American galleries were not including the works of artists of color in their exhibitions," he said in an interview with the university museums. "I decided to focus on those artists, to give their artwork exposure and, hopefully, impact their futures."

After acquiring approximately 3,000 paintings, photographs, prints and sculptures, Jones looked to the university for a permanent home for his collection.

"The art has set the conditions on where I live and how I live. I've had to juggle the funds that came to me. I was not born rich and my jobs didn't make me rich," Jones said. "I knew I could sell the collection at its appreciated price, and get myself a chauffeur, a cook, a maid, and travel the world, but I realized I wanted to do something

with my collection that would have a lasting impact, both in my lifetime and beyond."

Tomlinson said the collection has had a lasting positive effect on the university.

"It opened up the university to being an important center for the study of African-American art and for encouraging faculty in a variety of departments — from sociology, to history, to art — to work with this collection," Tomlinson said.

Exhibitions showcasing pieces from the Paul R. Jones collection are free and open to the public at Mechanical Hall.

A special exhibition will be held at the university in Jones' honor in



Courtesy of the University of Delaware

Paul R. Jones, who donated his collection of paintings to the university, died last month.



Courtesy of the Downtown Newark Partnership

An artist's rendering shows how the new university bookstore and its outdoor plaza will look from Academy Street.

Bookstore: New location to offer coffee shop, outdoor plaza

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bookstore there to replace the current one in Perkins Student Center. The university already owned the adjacent property, as well as an adjoining parking lot on Academy Street.

The new bookstore will be an L-shaped building featuring entrances on Main Street as well as on Academy Street, McDermott said. The school district building will house a coffee shop, likely a Starbucks, and an addition will be built onto the back of the building to house the bookstore.

The focal point of the site, McDermott said, will be an outdoor plaza with tables and chairs. University officials hope students will use it as a meeting place and as a shortcut between Main Street and Academy Street.

"It will make Main and Academy a nexus of activity," McDermott said.

The first floor of the bookstore will sell bestsellers and other retail books, as well as university-themed merchandise. It will be operated by Barnes and Noble, which is already partnered with the university bookstore. By expanding the selection of retail books, officials hope to draw in more customers from the community.

Textbooks will be sold on the second floor of the building. The third floor will house office space.

McDermott said the coffee shop will likely stay open later than the bookstore, giving students a place to study at night.

Once the new bookstore opens, the existing one in Perkins will close, said Scott Douglass, executive vice president of the university. However, he said, there is a possibility a satellite bookstore, similar to the one in Trabant University Center, will remain.

Officials have not yet decided what will fill the space now occupied by the bookstore, but Douglass said it could be turned into a fitness center. Initial plans to convert the space into a dining hall have changed, he said.

"Right now we're planning a new dining hall, not taking over Perkins, because that would take away student space," Douglass said.

The new dining hall will need to accommodate an influx of students that will come to East Campus once new residence halls are built in a few years. It may be built across from Perkins where tennis courts are currently located, he said.

For now, McDermott said plans for the new bookstore are being expedited. Officials want the bookstore to open in time for the start of the 2011-2012 school year, rather than open in the middle of the year.

"The project is on a very fast-tracked schedule," she said. "Normally we have lots of time to contemplate the design, but we're just forging ahead."

The city's Planning Commission will review plans for the new bookstore on March 2.

Burglar: Shoes, underwear, photographs among items stolen from Kappa Sigma

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watching Rubincan practice his routine of Snoopy.

He said he never really got to know him well, and most of the skaters kept their distance.

"Finding out he was the shoe bandit kind of brought all of our premonitions together," Briccotto said.

Lt. Brian Henry of the Newark Police said Rubincan revealed to investigators that he has been committing similar crimes in the Newark area for the past 20 years. Henry said Rubincan got away with it for so long because thefts often went unreported or were reported sporadically.

"Up until this past series of events that happened over the Christmas Break, we never had a bunch reported to us at the same time. At that time, we got five incidences reported to us within a couple days so it was pretty easy to see that they were related events," Lt. Henry said.

"I'm sure there were more events that were never reported to us with people having shoes stolen thinking that people were messing with them or they were borrowed, or that their shoes were missing but they wouldn't want to bother the police — anything along those lines where people don't report it to the police," he said.

On Jan. 24, a citizen tipped off police about a cache of shoes dumped in a creek in Elkton, Md. Officers seized more than 250 shoes, which they believe were part of Rubincan's stash.

However, Henry said investigators were able to connect Rubincan to the burglaries through a description of his vehicle. During one of the burglaries last month, a witness saw a yellow Mitsubishi Eclipse leaving one of the crime scenes.

Police found more than 150 boxes of shoes and photographs in Rubincan's house in the 100 boxes of W. Cobblefield Court, located in a neighborhood off of W. Chestnut Hill Road, about a mile south of Delaware Stadium.

"A count has not yet been conducted, but it is a safe estimate that the boxes contain several thousand shoes," Lt. Henry said.

Officers also seized several fraternity composite photographs, as well as eight snowboards, eight guitars, a surfboard, a mandolin, and other sports equipment, all of which police say is stolen.

Reports of the shoe burglaries surfaced a month ago, when five houses, most of which are occupied by university students, were burglar-

ized between Christmas and New Year's Day.

In those incidents, Rubincan allegedly took men's shoes, men's underwear and photographs of men, usually leaving behind electronics and other valuables.

After media reports about the initial shoe burglaries, more victims came forward. In all, Henry said, 200 shoes were reported missing.

One of the major incidents reported was a November break-in at the Kappa Sigma fraternity house on Academy Street, in which Rubincan took dozens of pairs of shoes, as well as composite photos and several pairs of men's boxer shorts. He broke into the house again over Winter Break.

Sophomore Will Waters, a member of Kappa Sigma who lives in the house, said Rubincan entered through his bedroom window.

"We knew he entered through my room because the window was cracked and the blinds had fallen down on the floor," Waters said. "We don't know how he got in a second time because we made sure everything was locked up over winter break."

Waters said he and his roommates thought it was a prank at first, because only four of them had items

stolen.

"Eventually, though, someone had to go on a job interview and at that point actually needed his pair of dress shoes. He asked around for them but no one gave them back, so he had to go out and buy new shoes," he said. "If someone had them they wouldn't have taken it that far, so we realized then that maybe someone really did take everything."

Waters said Rubincan stole nine or ten pairs of shoes and a large suitcase from his room, which he believes is what he used to carry them.

"I had a few pairs that I brought home with me over Thanksgiving," he said, "but shoes were definitely a couple of the bigger presents I got for Christmas."

Senior Zack Liscio and his roommates were the victims of a burglary over spring break last year at their Choate Street residence. Liscio said their next-door neighbors' house was broken into six months later over Thanksgiving break.

He and his roommates also thought the incidence was a prank.

"Everything was gone, but all of our valuables were there so we figured it was someone we knew because no rational person steals shoes and used underwear, like dirty laundry, we actually called someone we thought had done it, but he had no idea what we were talking about," Liscio said.

He said he reported the burglary, but the police told him to forget about it because it was probably one of their friends and they likely would not get their belongings back.

After the recovery of stolen items from Rubincan's house, however, the police began working with the victims of stolen property besides shoes. Liscio said his roommates were able to retrieve their snowboards and their neighbor also got his TV back.

Henry said trying to get people to identify their shoes at this point

would be ridiculous, but that might come later.

"The amount of shoes is overwhelming as far as the property evidence standpoint is right now," he said. "We have two officers dedicated exclusively to going through these boxes, documenting the shoes and taking photographs and counting them."

Briccotto said he had two pairs of shoes stolen from the ice arena years ago, and he would be interested in seeing if they showed up at the police station.

However, Waters said even if there comes a point where he can get his shoes back, he will pass.

"I don't think anyone really wants anything back. They can keep the shoes, but he stole a bunch of the big composites and they're like \$2,000 each, so it'd be nice to have those back," he said. "Not the shoes, though."

Henry said the case of the shoe burglar is one of the most interesting cases Newark has seen in awhile.

"In the early nineties we had a case where a guy was breaking into girls' apartments and stealing their underwear," he said. "He was eventually arrested and charged after a few months, but as far as the length of the crime — 20 years — and the volume of property, this is unprecedented."

Rubincan's preliminary hearing was Feb. 5, after which he was released on bail. His lawyer, Eugene Maurer of Wilmington, said it could be a month before the case goes anywhere.

"He's a real decent man. He has no prior record and he has never been in trouble legally before. He's just got this problem," Maurer said, "so we'll have him evaluated extensively and find out what's at the bottom it. We'll see if we can get him into treatment and persuade the other side that he doesn't deserve to be treated too harshly."



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The cache of shoes seized from Rubincan's apartment filled a room at Newark Police headquarters.



Snow: Students have mixed feelings about blizzards

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handed notifying students of the changes to the semester. On Feb. 5, officials activated the UD Alert System to tell students about the delay.

"I think it was really good that they canceled things on the weekend and moved finals around," she said. "That was smart and convenient, with professors getting back to classes and everything."

Snow fell again Tuesday night through Wednesday. For the second time in five days, on Wednesday, classes were canceled, bus services were shut down and Gov. Jack Markell declared a state of emergency.

The university remained closed on Thursday as workers tried to clear Newark roads and walkways. It will reopen today, officials announced late Thursday afternoon.

For some, like university facilities employee Connie Pinco, the snow did not bring a day to relax.

"We're working in teams and clearing out all the buildings, making sure it's safe for you kids," Pinco said.

She said the overlapping blizzards created the unusually daunting

task of removing the snow.

"It's surprising but it's life and we're going to deal with it and make the best of it — as long as we're all safe," she said.

Pinco said she and her coworkers have not encountered many problems getting the school ready for classes to begin again.

"Now it's making sure we all get home safely, she said. "That's the next worry."

Many students living on campus, free from the worries of commuting, took advantage of the unusual weather and break from classes outside. Maddy Jensen, a freshman from Los Angeles, spent her first snow day outside with her friends on Wednesday.

"We got ambushed by another group so we started a snowball fight," Jensen said.

Jensen said she has some concerns about getting around campus in the snow once classes begin again.

"It's a little scary because it looks icy, but The Green is gorgeous with all the trees," Jensen said. "It's so peaceful and wonderful. I love snow."

Freshman Falyn Rasmussen

said she had concerns about how the school would handle the extreme conditions on the roads and sidewalks created by Tuesday's storm.

"I'm definitely glad I moved in before it," Rasmussen said. "Going to class is going to be a hassle, and I'm not looking forward to that."

Sophomore Nathan Adamson and freshmen Hannah Lindsey and Janty Shoga said they spent their day making igloos and having snowball fights on the beach outside of Harrington while some of their roommates waited out the storm indoors. Adamson said he trusts the school not to reopen until it is safe for students.

"I think it'll be nice and clear for us," Adamson said.

He said getting around campus on Tuesday was difficult.

"They didn't have the sidewalks plowed in some areas so I was slipping and falling," Adamson said.

Lindsey, who is from Dover, said she has never seen this kind of snow in the area before.

"This is pretty exciting for Delaware," Lindsey said. "It's not normal to get this much snow. The state of Delaware closes down when there's an inch of snow."



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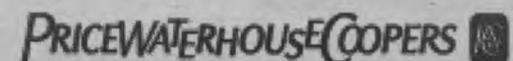
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Snowfall stumps city cleanup efforts UD and the city inadequately prepared for the storm

Opinions regarding the city of Newark's methods of response to the recent snowstorms have varied across campus. While some students have enjoyed the snow days, others resent the notion that their safety is in question when just stepping outside.

The state of Delaware, with a usually mild climate, even in the winter, simply does not have the resources to deal with such a tremendous barrage of winter weather. Regardless, did the university and city adequately provide the Newark community with enough of an effective, timely response to create a safe environment during and after the storms? Many think not.

Delaware's average snowfall per year is around 20 inches. Yet over the past week alone, the total snowfall has far exceeded this average. The amount of funds in the city budget for clearing away snow could not possibly have accounted for such heavy storms, but that does not allow room to jeopardize the safety of community members and students alike.

Preparations for the snow seemed bleak and inadequate these past few days. There was little preemptive salting of the roads, which still remain an utter mess due to such negligence. Many sidewalks remained unshoveled or poorly shoveled after the first storm as well, and continue to remain hazardous and nearly impassable for pedestrians after the second episode of extreme winter weather conditions

that we just received. It has been nearly impossible to navigate the ice- and snow-filled sidewalks, let alone attempt to operate a vehicle on the roads. Even if we are unable to drive, we are also nearly unable to walk.

While the humor of witnessing fellow students fall victim to the icy sidewalks does have its novelty, the seriousness of the situation has to be made clear to the city of Newark and the university, especially for similar situations that may come in the future. Putting students in danger because of a lack of resources cannot be allowed.

Furthermore, the University Alert System was not used and students were informed of class cancellations solely via the university Web site. This is another example of a glitch in the university's response to the extreme weather as many students do not regularly access this page. Text alerts should have been used because many students were only made aware through rumors and gossip among other students.

Hopefully, this week's unusual snowfall will allow the city and university to be better prepared for the unpredictability of Mother Nature in the future. Essentially, preemptive salting is a must, sidewalk clearance is a necessity to fight off subsequent buildup and lastly, students need to be adequately informed regarding school closings as well as any class cancellations or delays.

Editorialisms



THE REVIEW/Lydia Woolever

Letter to the Editor

A response to a Dec. 6 article in The Review on student concerns about the Provisions on Demand market:

Aramark regularly conducts a competitive pricing analysis for all of its on campus locations, including the new Provisions on Demand (POD) market on Laird Campus. The products in the POD market are set to match other convenience stores, such as Wawa and 7-11. Produce items are comparable in price to those at local supermarkets, which The Review reporter found to be true (December 6 article). New items such as the pre-made meals which are organic and/or gluten-free are more expensive but still competitive in price with like items carried by other local convenience stores and natural food markets.

As the Dec. 6 article noted, perishable items on the shelf beyond their expiration dates are unacceptable. Aramark is increasing its commitment to ensuring that high quality products are available and being much more vigilant about rotating produce and other items. The POD staff is stocking a much larger variety of produce than what was previously offered at Christiana c-store. Our staff are continually monitoring what students want and are willing to buy. We appreciate any and all feedback, which students can share with dining services staff directly or via email at diningservices@udel.edu.
— Margot Hsu Carroll, associate vice president for Auxiliary Services at UD

yoUDon'tSay:

Back in action, staff members give us their returning thoughts...



Haley Marks, Editorial Editor:

"It's spring semester. For all the Seniors, let the countdown begin. Our days are numbered in this bubble of irresponsibility so live it up and appreciate it all before it's too late."



Maddie Thomas, Executive Editor:

"I wish that the city or the university did a better job at salting the sidewalks so that I don't have to worry about breaking my leg everytime I step outside. The conditions out there are awful."



Lydia Woolever, Editorial Editor:

"It is nice to finally have a snow day after four years at the university. Still, I second Maddie. Clean up the roads and sidewalks or get sued by parents whose children broke their ankles."

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The fate of Democrats: can they weather the storm?



Alexandra Duszak

Ale's Answers

With tea parties and liberals, what lies ahead?

What's a Dem to do? Everything the Democrats hold dear is going up in smoke — or at least on its way towards the bonfire. Healthcare reform is the most obvious example: President Obama promised to lower costs and improve coverage while maintaining consumer choice, and with a Democratic majority in Congress, most thought he would be able to deliver. Then, on Jan. 19, Sen. Ted Kennedy's cause-of-a-lifetime seemed to die with him. Scott Brown, an underdog Republican, beat Massachusetts Attorney General Martha Coakley, a Democrat, in the race to fill Kennedy's Senate seat.

Considering Massachusetts' reputation as a liberal state, the decisive victory should have been surprising. But it's not, mainly because almost everyone who spent 2008 chugging the Obama Kool-Aid now has a bit of a stomach-ache. Reflecting on the year since President Obama took office, I can hardly say I blame them.

On Obama's watch, the national debt has

increased by \$1.693 trillion. Although all combat troops will be removed from Iraq by the end of this year, 30,000 will be deployed to Afghanistan. Guantanamo Bay will be shut down within the year, but the future of the detainees remains uncertain. Let's not forget about the \$700 billion stimulus package, complete with as much as \$308 billion of pork, or the Cash for Clunkers program, which quickly got too big for its own britches. And then there's the issue of healthcare, which cannot be properly called anything other than a fiasco.

Obama may have failed to deliver the immediate change so many expected of him, but that doesn't mean his first year as president should be written off as a failure. He's riding out a learning curve, and what has he learned in his first year as president? In the words of White House Spokesman Robert Gibbs, "Change is never easy. Change takes time. Change has to go through Congress." Regardless, Obama — with Congress's help, of course — made a mess of American domestic policy, resulting in dissatisfied constituents and a recently elected Republican Senator who is supported by the Tea Party movement, causing the Democrats to lose the vote they so badly need to overcome filibusters. In Delaware, Beau Biden has announced that he will not run to fill his father's old seat in the Senate, and any candidate the Democrats can drum up

will have to face the well-established, moderate Rep. Mike Castle. Good luck.

As any number of political analysts will tell you, things are looking bleak for the future of the Democratic Party in America. But isn't this the same spiel we've been hearing with reference to the Republicans since George W. Bush went on a quasi-autocratic power trip and Sarah Palin ran John McCain's presidential campaign into the ground?

Is this the 24-hour news cycle cranking away, bolstered along by the information overload that is exacerbated by easy Internet access? Of course. Cause: a disproportionate ratio of bloggers to political events. Effect: with the help of cable news networks, every move that our legislators and executives make gets hyper-analyzed. The what-if game is played in its most potent form, and with no helpful outcome. Instead, Americans are presented with a doomsday scenario wherein we no longer have two political parties. (Suppose we had more? Would that really be so awful?)

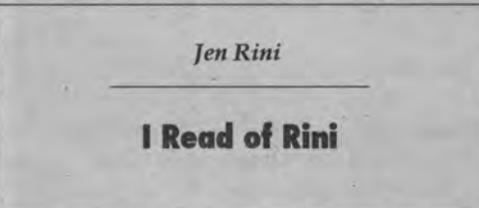
On a more substantive note, many Americans really are dissatisfied with politics as usual. Brown's election and the increasing popularity of the Tea Party movement are proof of this. The Tea Party movement opposes big government and all that goes with it — big taxes, a large national debt and too much regulation. If Tea Partiers sound a little like Liber-

tarians, it's because they are. But there's a key difference: the Tea Party movement is quickly outstripping the Democratic Party as the most positively viewed political affiliation, according to a recent NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll. Forty-one percent of Americans have a positive view of the Tea Party, while only 35 percent view the Democratic Party positively. The GOP comes in last, with only 28 percent. Thirty-three percent of independents said they would support a Tea Party candidate in a generic election. Thirty percent were undecided, 25 percent said they would support a Democratic candidate, and just under half of that number — 12 percent — said they would support a Republican candidate.

The past few years have been marked by a unity of sentiment and opinion among Americans — conservatism and the Bush administration were seen as stodgy and passé, while Obama and his promise of change were seen as an inspiration. While the Republican party isn't exactly poised to stage a comeback, perhaps independent thinking is. One thing is clear for sure: Obama-brand liberalism is so 2000, and late.

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Winter Session 2010, New Jersey - a new experience



Jen Rini

I Read of Rini

Winter session at home can be a study abroad adventure in and of itself.

Complementary cookie belts aside, the glory of hibernation and relaxation on winter break went to work officially on Dec. 18, lowering the blood pressure of professors and students alike as many were recovering from the high stresses of finals week.

Among the holidays now passed, January ushered in the beginning of a new decade. And, as the clock struck midnight, I, for one, was more than willing to bid 2009 adieu. The start of the new year also swiftly eased the preparation for the university's Winter Session. With friends and students alike jetsetting the globe this winter I, too, decided to embark on an adventure of my own. While some chose the beautiful sands of Martinique, the effervescent city lights in France or the hypnotic Chilean

coastline, I went for something a little more mainstream.

Between Jan. 4 and Feb. 6, my "abroad" program of choice had a more study "across-the-border" concentration. The destination: Moorestown, New Jersey. And while some may quickly scoff at my choice, I can assure that at times, New Jersey does seem like a foreign country, if not a different world.

Home of the "joisy" fist pump, big hair and splendid scents thanks to Trenton, the Garden State has been my home for almost 15 years. And thanks to Zach Braff, the shore and the unforgettable cast of MTV's *The Jersey Shore*, New Jersey has finally gotten the notoriety it deserves. It is here that I engaged in my unofficial classes for five weeks, and although I didn't receive tangible credit, I feel as if I learned a thing or two from field experience. Luckily, room and board was free, but only in exchange for laundry, random household chores and some availability as a chauffer for minors, a.k.a. my younger brother and sister.

I enrolled in some "off-campus business classes," in a retail haven: Justice For Girls. In the midst of post-holiday returns, frantic gift

card purchases and mind numbing inventory counts, the comic relief was at least three credits worthy. It was here that I learned the beauty of a recession: an income based on at most six hours a week, at minimum wage. I would have worked for free, just for the company. With the passing days, I had time to explore the vast wilderness of friendships, seeing as many old pals as I could before the month was up. Yet, as soon as everyone hightailed back to their respective alma maters, the real slump began.

To supplement my "business classes," courses in pop culture helped me push through the final weeks of the session. Snooki, Vinny, *The Situation* and the rest of the gang cracked me up as I watched them blunder through the trials and tribulations of finding love at the Jersey shore. Yet despite all the blundering, I was able to come to some realizations myself.

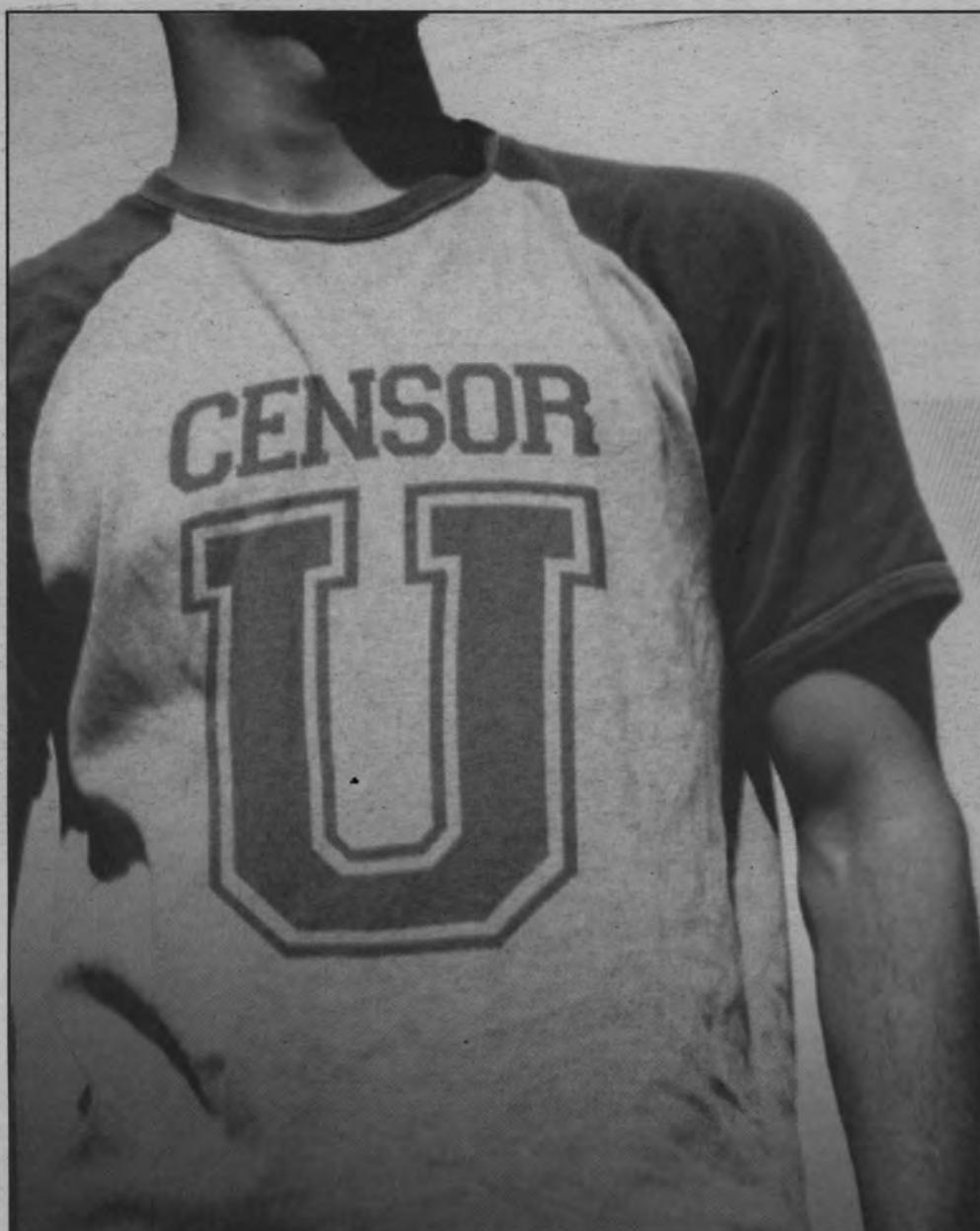
This winter session allowed me to do some of my own soul searching and gave me time to lick the wounds of first semester UD stress. In exchange for 15- to 20-page research papers, I reconnected with my inner 5-year-old and engaged in hard-core finger painting. Though my creations won't be giving Picasso a run for his

money, I still have both ears intact and a newfound relaxed psyche to match. My rejuvenated self has allowed me to read, write and figure out what truly is important to me.

I suppose this is my UNIV370- Study Abroad class — one where I can truly reflect on my perspective on life. I've learned that the secrets of the world are at my fingertips, just waiting to be explored, beyond Jersey or not. And if by chance I come to the conclusion that I don't want to live my life as the next Eliza Thornberry, gallivanting throughout the jungles, then so be it.

This entire piece could just be a product of temporary insanity, due to the 40-plus inches of snow during my 35 days at home. But maybe not. Whatever the case may be, I know that I have picked up a couple of lifelong souvenirs to bring back to school with me this spring semester, just like nearly 20,000 other recent university travelers and friends who embarked on new adventures.

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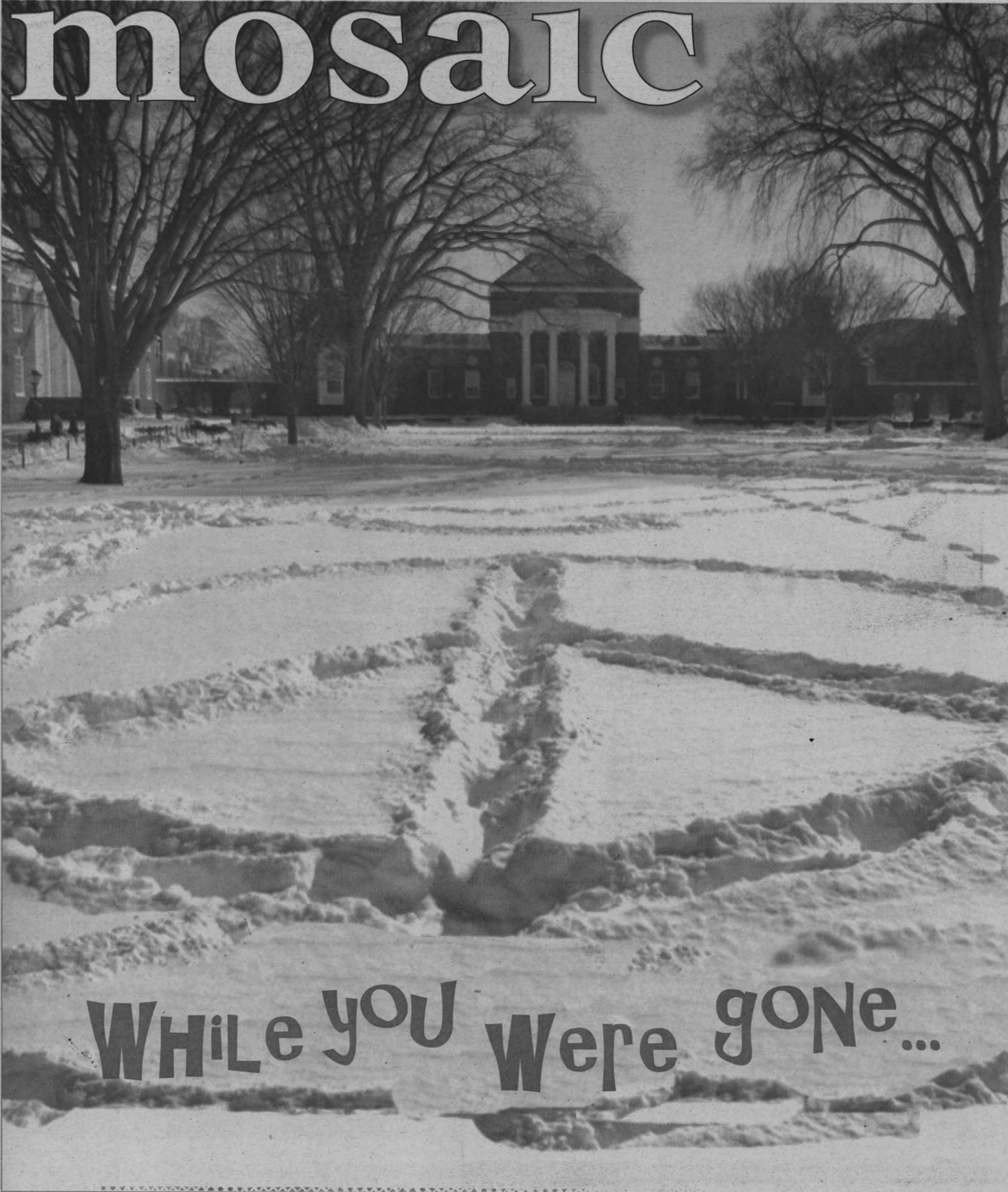
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WHILE YOU WERE GONE...

How did you spend your winter break?



I went to Nebraska and the Cayman Islands.
— *Kayla Longshaw,*
freshman

I watched five seasons of "Friends." I didn't work.
— *Tori Caruso,*
freshman



I watched a lot of TV, and actually my mom was sick so I helped her a lot and I babysat my little brother a lot.
— *Molly Simons,*
freshman

Shoveled some snow; definitely did some sledding. Went to the reservoir, did some sledding there; did some sledding near the Courtyard Marriot. — *Justin Hicks,*
junior



I took two classes, but I still had a lot more free time than any other regular semester. I got to hit the gym a lot more, get back in shape.
— *Kevin Lewandowski,*
junior

A snappy use for an art project

BY MIKALA JAMISON
Staff Reporter

During the university's Winter Session, a large cardboard replica of a Polaroid camera appeared in the Perkins Student Center. There was no indication of who had made it or why it was there, until a sign appeared bearing sophomore Sarah Forst's name.

Forst created the giant Polaroid camera using nothing more than cardboard, glue and tape. She says the camera was her first experience with creating replicas of real-life objects. It stands at approximately four and a half feet tall, and took her about a week and a half to create.

"I pretty much lived in the art studio," Forst says. "I would be leaving the art studio at three or four in the morning after working on the camera."

Forst, who is an art major, created the replica as an end-of-semester assignment for her art class, Design I, last semester. Her assignment was to create a scale model of a smaller object that she owned using only cardboard and simple construction materials. She chose a Polaroid camera because she has a collection of the devices and wanted to use something with more angles than rounded edges.

"At first I was going to choose a cassette tape, but a Polaroid seemed more interesting," she says. "In the end, the angled edges of the camera were just as difficult to construct as the rounded corners would have been."

Forst says that she is not a math person and the angles involved in making the camera proved difficult for her to work out to scale. For every inch of the original camera, Forst used eight.

"It was funny because generally the art kids aren't into math, so when I was making this camera everyone had their calculators out, and I didn't even know how to use a compass or a protractor," Forst says.

At the end of the semester, she didn't know what to do with her Polaroid replica, so it remained in the art building while she spoke with her friend Dan Cole, a senior at the university who works in Perkins, to try to see if the center would display her

art. Cole says that he acted as the intermediary in getting Sarah's sculpture into the display.

Cole thought Forst's camera would be a good addition to the art display in Perkins because students would admire it for two reasons.

"Students appreciate the novelty of the large cardboard sculptures of small objects, and because Polaroid cameras are retro and reemerging in popular culture, both things that our student population is plugged into," Cole says.

Cole approached his superiors with a proposal and a pitch to exhibit Sarah's camera. They agreed for Sarah to move the piece into Perkins.

"The camera is so big that it doesn't fit through a doorway in one piece," Forst says. "I had to take the top part off to move it into Perkins and then reconstruct it."

At first, the camera stood in Perkins without any identification, causing some students wonder who had made it or why it was there. Now, a sign identifies Forst as the creator, and displays her e-mail address for anyone who wants to compliment her artwork.

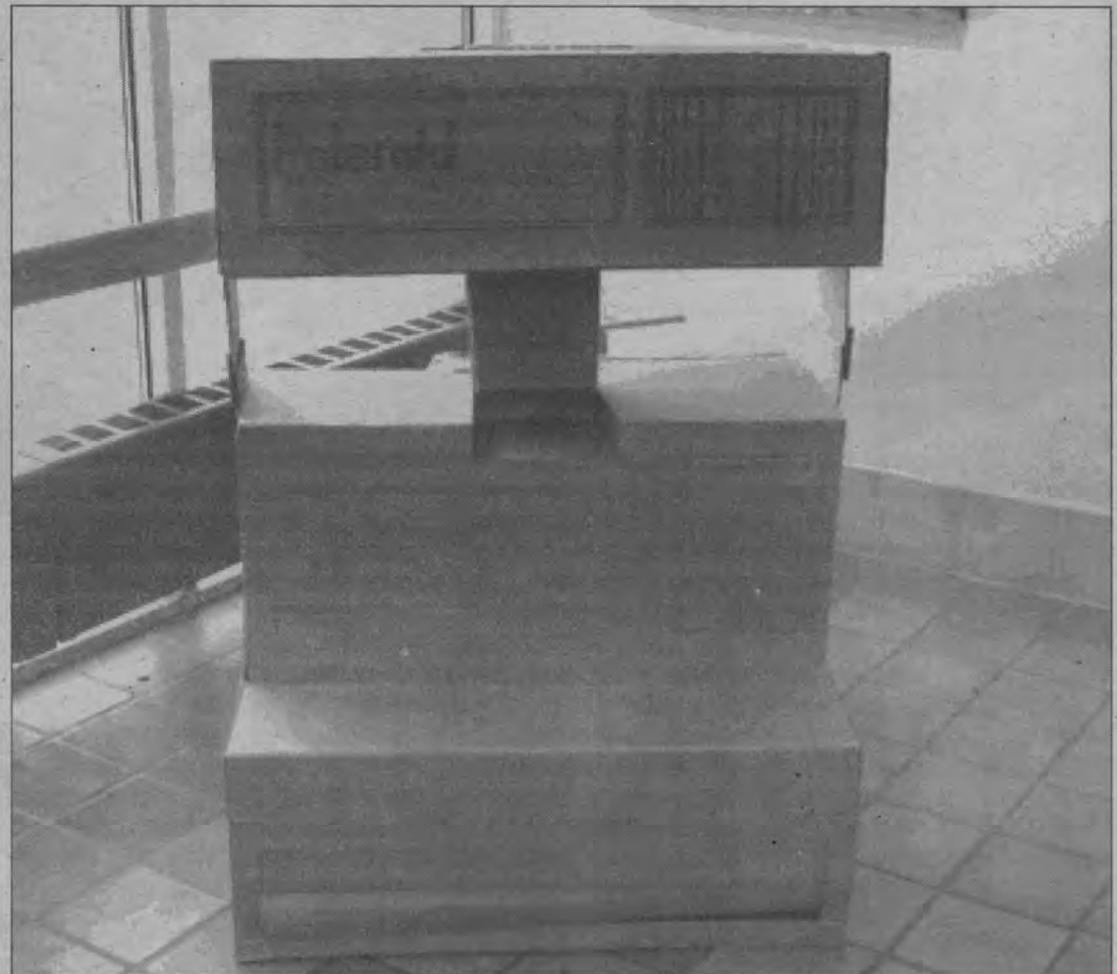
"Since its installation, the camera has received rave and enthusiastic responses from the student body," Cole says. "I am delighted that we were able to bring this great art piece to public exhibition in student centers for all Blue Hens to enjoy."

Audrey Dittman, a sophomore who has seen Forst's camera in Perkins, says that she loves the fact that Perkins displays student artwork like the giant Polaroid camera.

"It's an amazing piece, and completely worth the work she must have put into it," Dittman says. "It caught my eye immediately, and I think art like this makes things more fun."

Freshman Tanishia Jeboda agrees that student artwork is a positive contribution to campus buildings.

"It's a very interesting piece, and I think sometimes art like this and the student artists, aren't recognized," Jeboda says. "It's cool that here, they can have art like this displayed and get attention."



Sarah Forst created this sculpture for her design class.

Two weeks after quake, graduate travels to Haiti to help

Tragedy inspires Anna Field to volunteer with ACTS World Relief

BY ANNE ULIZIO
Features Editor

Anna Field cannot sit back and watch a situation go from bad to devastatingly worse. So when Haiti was struck by an earthquake on Jan. 12, she knew she had to help.

Field, who graduated from the university in 2008 with a degree in dietetics, volunteered in Haiti from Jan. 27 to Feb. 4 with a program called Active Community Teams Serving World Relief. She assisted with medical care and procedures for victims of the earthquake.

"I didn't know anybody going into it," Field says. "I found the group online and offered my services as a registered dietician."

She says she wanted to find any way possible to help out in Haiti and did not hesitate to contact organizations online to find out how she could get started.

Her brother Justin Field, a junior at the university, says when his sister decided to volunteer with ACTS World Relief, the organization told her to be ready to leave the United States at a moment's notice.

Field informed her brother of her plans to go to Haiti the night he came home from Guatemala, also on a service trip. The next morning, she received word she should be in Miami by that evening or early the next morning.

Field had three hours to pack, get vaccinated and then she was off.

She worked with a medical team of six volunteers and provided any help the medical professionals and doctors needed. Her duties ranged from obtaining morphine for procedures to holding patients while doctors cared for them and during their surgeries.

"When I was down there I didn't do anything having to do with being a registered dietician," Field says. "I was basically a physician's assistant."

Aside from the surgeries and medical procedures the Haitian people had to undergo, Field didn't notice much pain in their facial expressions.

"The biggest thing that I took away is how resilient and how upbeat the people of Haiti are," she says. "They don't want to be looked at with pity, and they are still extremely proud of their country."

She and the rest of the medical team cared for some 200 patients a day. Field says they were set up in rows outside the

hospital due to the lack of sufficient beds and space inside the building.

"The poverty wasn't so much of a shock as much as the sheer amount of people that needed medical care," Field says.

Having traveled and volunteered in developing countries prior to her experience in Haiti, Field is no stranger to the effects of poverty and the consequent lack of proper medical care.

"I would go to orphanages to provide medical care, and realize that the orphans are such happy children," she says. "They don't believe that they are disadvantaged; they're just living in the moment."

During the time Field spent in Haiti, she would sporadically send text messages to her family to let them know she was safe.

"They were just one-line text messages letting us know she was safe," Justin Field says. "When you're in the zone, you're not worried about your parents being worried about you."

He says his parents let Anna go to Haiti because they knew she would be responsible while abroad.

"They were happy to let her go to Haiti because it is a good cause and they trust us," he says.

Michelle Crombie, a volunteer coordinator for ACTS World Relief, says a registered psychologist calls volunteers to make sure they are mentally prepared and brief them on the situation they will encounter.

"They need to be truly able to handle it emotionally, because it's a disaster area, and people have to understand that," Crombie says.

Justin Field says his parents anticipated his sisters' reaction to the earthquake because she has always done volunteer work and because her job as a community nutritionist at the Food Bank of Delaware is service-oriented.

"As soon as the earthquake happened, I felt it — I had to go," Anna Field says. "I care enough and I had enough in my heart that I knew I could go and help."



Courtesy of Anna Field

Field colored with orphans after they received medical attention.

Delaware resident infuses Hip-hop and local culture with song

BY KRISTA LEVY
Staff Reporter

When Abdul "Pearle" Chatman moved to Delaware from Brooklyn four years ago, he was initially happy about the higher quality of life the state offered for him and his family.

"New York is really — it's congested," Chatman says. "Everyone has a chip on their shoulder."

Nonetheless, he felt something was amiss. Chatman, who used to work as a party promoter in New York, felt his new job as a car salesman was missing a certain edge.

After much thought, Chatman devised a plan that would fill the lack of color and jazz in his life as well as pay homage to his adoptive state. The plan is now known under the broader title Black Tag Apparel, a reference to old-style Delaware license plates.

When the black and white porcelain license plate came out in the early 1940s, the tag was a symbol of the elite and the comfortable lifestyle associated with it, he says. Today the black tags are scarce and extremely valuable collectors' items, valued at hundreds of thousands of dollars.

"Delaware has a culture that no one's really aware of, and that is being the whole black tag thing, the porcelain plates — that actually represents a quality of life," Chatman says.

What began as a small project selling a few t-shirts and team jackets is now a fashion line sold in boutiques across Delaware, Philadelphia, and his home state, New York. The line is marked by its completely American production and, of course, the image of Delaware's antique license plate.

"It's a culture thing," Chatman says. "All those people that aspire to be comfortable can now purchase these plates and be a part of that

American dream."

By December 2009, he was looking to his other interests to find a way to promote the clothing line. Once his creative juices started flowing, Chatman deemed music the perfect outlet to showcase the vibe of the clothing line and imagery of Delaware that the line embodies.

By pinpointing specific landmarks, alumni, and details of the Delaware lifestyle, Chatman, along with Delaware born and bred producers/writers Dre and Josh of the Dre & Josh Music Group, created the Delaware Anthem.

The song has been hitting the airwaves across the state, particularly on WVUD, the university's radio station.

Chatman has also been promoting and performing the song in local clubs to elicit the response and hype he's looking for. Late in January he performed at Timothy's of Newark, and over this past weekend was scheduled to perform at The Sand Bar in Middletown.

The song is about triumph, he says, leading him to use another approach to promoting the song — sporting events. Chatman is passing his track around to coaches and athletes to be used in pre-events and during half times to pump up players.

He says the song promotes pride in the state and its athletes when they compete against visiting teams.

Chatman himself likes to describe the song as a breath of fresh air because it appeals to a diverse audience.

"It's not age specific; it's not a black or white song," he says.

Although the song is only two months old, Chatman is trying to make it a hit by passing it on to several groups in Delaware, including the Chamber of Commerce, in order to label

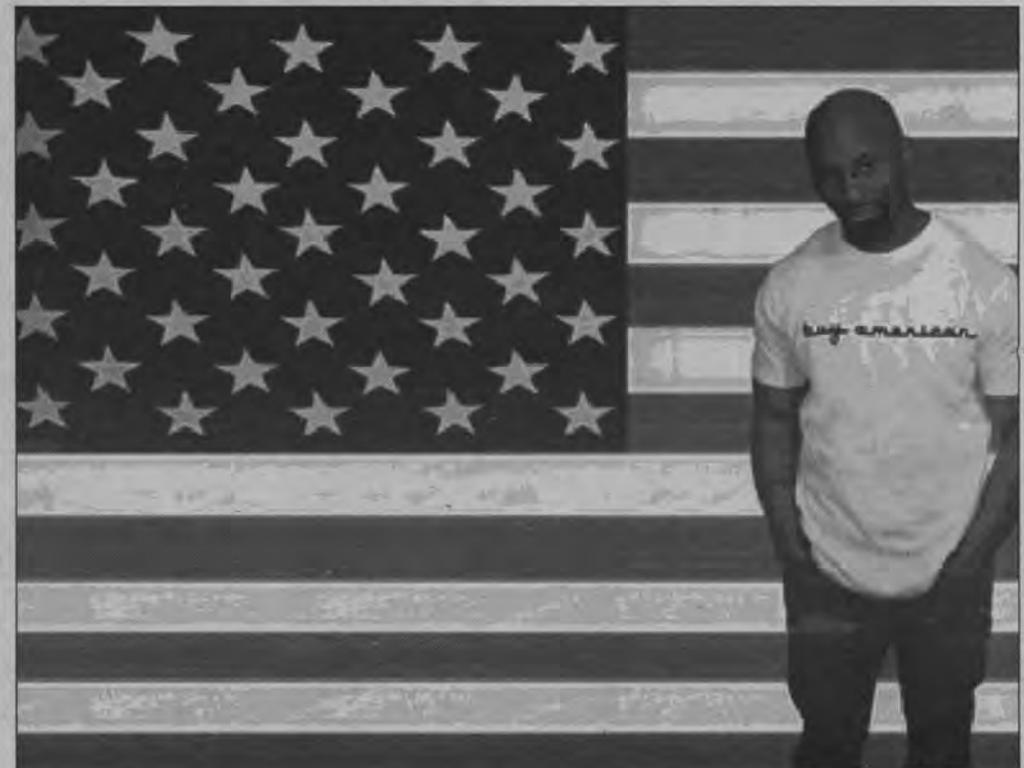
the song the official anthem of the state.

Chatman says he writes songs every day, typically without intent for a record deal, as the Internet makes it possible to release songs without going through a record company, he says. Chatman says if he devoted his whole life to music, without other outlets, he would

fall into the trap of the struggling artist.

His other music, which includes a sequel to the Delaware Anthem, follows a similar Hip-hop style and usually has substantive lyrics.

"It's always out of the love," Chatman says.



Courtesy of Abdul Chatman

Chatman sent his song to the Chamber of Commerce to make it the state anthem.

Delmarva Top 40 Radio Station recognizes local musicians

In its fourth year, Homey Awards not unlike Grammys for 'Hometown Heroes'

BY DENECE CRUMRINE
Staff Reporter

When they want to hear local music, many Delawareans turn to Hometown Heroes, a weekly local music show aired on Delmarva's Top 40 radio station, 93.7 WSTW. And to recognize all that the area's music scene has to offer, Hometown Heroes offers the Homey Awards.

In its fourth year, the Homey Awards, broadcasted by announcer Mark Rogers, recognized many musicians. Listeners submitted nominations for the 31 categories, which were then voted upon by the Homey Panel. Made up of approximately 100 people, the panel included past winners, people from various publications and organizations and local music promoters.

Find Vienna, a pop-rock band, was excited about winning the most awards this year. They took home some of the biggest awards, including Artist of the Year, Best Band, and Best Album for their latest release, *In Your Favorite Colors*. Frontman Pat Mencil won Best Lead Singer and Mark McGuire won Best Drummer. The other half of the band includes Paul Mencil, bass/vocals, and Greg Fisher, guitars/key-board/vocals.

In total, the band raked in five awards. "I think it's awesome — I'm a perfectionist," Pat Mencil says. "So I never put out something I'm not completely satisfied with."

McGuire says he's always dreamed of being a drummer.

"I remember vividly always wanting to be a drummer," he says. "I always used to stare at the drummer at church, and he gave me a drum stick once. I still have it."

The album was created with the band's vision — which Paul Mencil says is to stay true to their passion while bringing their music to the people — intact. McGuire attributes its success to individual experiences.

"We each bring something different, but everything has a cohesive element that makes it flow," he says. "We created a unique sound."

Find Vienna also won Best Band last year under the name Clarity.

Brett Talley, who performs solo and in the popular band Ike also took several awards.

Brett was shocked to win EP of the Year for *Emancipator*. After playing mostly pop-rock material, Talley experimented with heavier, more industrial sounds — think Nine Inch Nails, he says.

"I would hope that people can relate to it, it's a lot of just dealing with life issues and relationships," Talley says. "If anybody can listen to one of my songs and feel like they're not the only one, and maybe find some kind of release in the music, that's great."

Talley picked up guitar in third grade and is the only person to ever win the Best Guitarist award since it was first given out three years ago. This year, he can also add Best Rock Song to an already extensive collection of Homeys.

awards for previous solo work, and for his roles in the bands Ike and Outset. He says he is inspired by music that sounds different from what's normally played on the radio.

"I have a severe issue with radio stations that play the same music over and over again," he says. After finally hearing a good song on air by The Airborne Toxic Event, he was moved to write the song "The Future's in the Rhythm Now."

"It gave me hope," Talley says. "I wrote the lyrics about that how life was coming through the radio for me musically and how that inspired me."

A newcomer to the awards is singer-songwriter Blair Bodine, winner of the enviable Best New Artist Award.

"I feel so excited and honored. I know a few of the people in the category and they're all really talented musicians, so I was really flattered when I won," Bodine says.

Bodine, has been playing guitar for 13 years and describes her style as soulful, singer-songwriter folk-pop. She tries to promote positivity through her uplifting lyrics, drawing inspiration from other singer-songwriters and a variety of life experiences.

Chris Bruni, whose first gigs were in Newark while attending the university, was on this year's panel and took home Song of the

Year for "Fourth of July." In finding inspiration for his writing, the singer-songwriter says he's motivated by the work of others.

"I think other artists inspire me more than anything else," Bruni says. "If I hear a song I fall in love with I always find myself wishing I had written a song like that, and that inspires me to push myself in a new direction."

Bruni also won Best Collaboration with Laura Shay for "Standing by Your Room." When creating his music, Bruni hopes to move his listeners in a different way.

"My number one goal is to make people feel something or to at least realize how passionate I am about what I'm doing," he says.

Another noteworthy singer-songwriter is Lili Añel, who describes her music as a hybrid of pop, jazz, folk and old school R&B. Añel, who won 2007 Best Female Rock Vocal, won this year's Best Songwriter.

"To be recognized for my songwriting, I couldn't ask for more than that," Añel says. "Just to be nominated in a category like that with so many other good writers, it is fantastic."

Añel says her music has been influenced by Janis Ian, Joni Mitchell, traditional Afro-Cuban music and the works of poets like e.e. cummings.

Best Alternative Song went to Zelazowa

for their song, "Baby Blue." The band members are Bryan Weber, vocals/guitar, Kyle Weber, lead guitar, Terry Sharkey, drums/backing vocals, and Ian Sharkey, bass/vocals.

The group, who describe themselves as close-knit, says that although alternative is the best conventional word to describe them, they've also created an alternate theory.

"A description we've all kind of agreed upon is 'SoundGarden and Alice in Chains had a love child with Neil Young,'" Kyle Weber says.

Their song suggests their shared love of The Beatles. Bryan Weber says it came about when he started thinking about life and what's going to happen down the line.

"A small award is an award nonetheless," says Ian Sharkey. "[It's a] step in the right direction, toward bigger things, more people hearing our music and maybe more awards."

As a whole, this local community of musicians and aspiring artists seem to agree that the Hometown Heroes show and the Homey Awards play an important role in the local music scene.

"To have that much time carved out every week on a radio station to play local music is really special," says Bodine. "It says a lot about how much this area values its musician community."



Images courtesy of (clockwise from top left) Zelazowa, Brett Talley, Find Vienna and Lili Añel

Talley has won 12 Homey Awards. Clockwise from top left: Zelazowa, Brett Talley, Find Vienna and Lili Añel. All took home Homey Awards this year.

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Tearing H&M
a new one

A totally legitimate reason for aspiring to become financially well off is that such a status enables one to endorse companies that aren't total disgraces to society. And no, I'm just not talking about classless fashion or unsightly décor. I'm talking about careless actions and unforgivable practices.



Jackie Zaffarano
Columnist

In a city like New York, where one third of the population is classified as poor, there's no reason why resources should be discarded, never mind destroyed. However, this is exactly why, on Jan. 5, The New York Times publicly put to shame H&M located in Manhattan at 34th Street and 7th Avenue.

In the midst of winter, the store would routinely leave several garbage bags, containing unworn yet unwearable merchandise, by the store's back entrance on 35th Street. Why couldn't the contents have been worn? Well, they could have been before someone had actually gone out of their way to make sure they couldn't be.

The bags contained clothing, shoes and accessories (including winter accessories) that had been slashed and cut. The New York Times reported that cutting clothing with box cutters and razors was a familiar sight outside the store's back door. The article quoted a woman named Pepa who had come to rifle through the bags in search of items that hadn't been destroyed.

Cynthia Magnus, a graduate student at the City University of New York, had discovered the discarded items and written to H&M's headquarters in Sweden. After receiving no response, she took her information to the New York Times.

I've often said to myself as I'm ascending the steps from Penn Station to 7th Avenue, "What does my outfit lack today?" With H&M located just two blocks away, I'll admit that I've stopped by the location quite often this winter.

After hearing of the store's completely wasteful practices, I couldn't help but feel an overwhelming sense of guilt. I had endorsed this very store, along with so many others.

Why had someone gone out of their way to see that clothes were being destroyed every night in a city where homeless people and street wanderers are an unfortunate part of the scenery? It seems that making a call to have the clothes donated would have required less effort. Even selling them for a dollar would have been better — not mention less embarrassing.

For a company that claims to be making efforts to be more sustainable, this was certainly a leap in the wrong direction. I'd rather see them donate their clothing and plastic hangers then shrink shipping labels to save paper. I mean, seriously, what's more important here?

H&M wasn't alone. Apparently a contractor for Walmart had also dumped bags of clothing on the block in the week preceding Christmas, only these clothes had holes punched through them.

After a period of no responses from H&M, Nicole Christie, a spokeswoman for H&M in New York, says such incidents will not happen again, nor were they the standard practice. Regardless of whether or not this statement holds true, I now thank stores like H&M for pushing me to become successful enough to endorse fabulous fashion, and more responsible practices. So thank you.

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delawareUNdressed When it's not quite over



Brittany Harmon
Columnist

The memories we have with our exes range from those that are enjoyable, like slow-motion frolicking through a field, to painful glimpses of past arguments. There are those that bring us to the point where we can't even get through a McDonald's drive-thru dry-eyed, because our medium fries remind us of them. Yet some memories, such as those in the bedroom, are ones that we just can't forget either. It is true that "sex with the ex" falls somewhere on the "don't even go there" scale of hooking up, along with your co-worker or having an affair with a married person, but on my personal "I'm young, attractive, and in college so let's live it up" scale, there is no in-between for that decision — I'm a full supporter of temporary ex-sex.

I know what you're thinking: it will bring back a wave pool of emotions; you're setting yourself up to get hurt. Some even say it is completely unhealthy to back track, but let's be serious, back tracking is nothing new in this age of dating and hooking up. According to a study done by the University

of Arizona in 2007, "every time you communicate with someone you are trying to get over — no matter what way you did it — your overall level of happiness drops one percent." So this should justify why going back to your ex for some late-night fun is leading you in the wrong direction, right? I half agree. If you feel as though this situation would keep you holding out hope every time the lights dimmed, wishing he/she would confess their undying love for you, and come crawling back — then maybe this mission isn't for you.

Yes, those things can happen, because this is someone you spent time

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with, shared secrets with, and who was basically your BFF. But at the same time, no relationship ever ends cold turkey. We would like to believe in an ideal world this could happen, but there is always something lingering for quite some time. I don't think a break-up necessarily has to be done in one fell swoop. If it takes a few weeks or a month, and you feel that hooking up occasionally during that time wouldn't be a terrible thing for either of you, then do it. You wouldn't be so much postponing the pain (or purely using him/her) as simply letting go slowly.

If both exes are unattached and mature, then hanging out and hooking up can be okay. Ex-sex is something that is not only a "comfy zone," but it's something that you are used to and you know that you are good at. You know all of their right spots and they know yours, so there is no awkward learning process like there are with new partners. You don't have to start from "point A" with a new mate, and there isn't a weird post-sex moment either. Do we cuddle, do we not? Do I call him/her tomorrow? If you and your ex take the "emotion prohibited" route, then you can save yourself from strange encounters. Yet keep in mind, you will have to eventually move on, because there obviously is a reason why they aren't your boyfriend/girlfriend any more.

All in all, I believe that clear intentions need to be set up in order for this to successfully take place. Remember these three tips: sex with the ex does not equal love, trash your expectations and do not cling. Keep in mind that even though this might be comfortable for you, this is still a transitional phase for both partners. There will be a time that you will meet other people and this weekend hook up will need to eventually come to an end. Yet in the meantime, respect yourself and your needs, but enjoy yourself as well.



mediadarling The Battle for 'Tonight'

Feb. 11 marked the end of an experiment, a rivalry and a whole lot of talking points. Feb. 11 was the last 10 p.m. showing of "The Jay Leno Show" on NBC. The man with the excessively long chin — Jay Leno, representing the old guard of TV — is replacing the man with the very pointy hair — Conan O'Brien, of the new era of late-night comedy — on "The Tonight Show."

Of course, O'Brien is receiving a cushy severance package, rumored to be worth \$40 million, as he leaves NBC, a package he says he'll share with his staffers on the show who were not so lucky to be paid any parting sum.

So, what happened? How did a gamble that TIME magazine called "the future of television. Seriously," fail so badly?

NBC, falling behind FOX, ABC and CBS in ratings, decided to try something new: produce a show that would cost less to run for a week than scripted dramas do per episode. The idea was sound, since "The Tonight Show" is one of NBC's strongest programs, and other late-night talk-based shows like "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart" and "The Late Show with David Letterman" are strong ratings-boosters. And Leno is somewhat of a TV legend who couldn't be allowed to go to another network.

But to give Leno a full hour, five nights a week? In a 10 p.m. primetime slot? There can definitely be too much of a good thing.

This idea would have worked much better two decades ago, before sitcoms, cop

shows and reality TV took over the airwaves. Back then, a mainstream, all-around-friendly guy like Leno would pull in much greater audiences. But now, with our cable TV and seemingly endless supply of niche comedy, we don't want genial and amusing. We want scalding, cutting-edge personalities.

But that's not what NBC was striving for, even though their off-beat comedy hit "The Office" has attracted followers with an almost



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cult-like devotion. With "The Jay Leno Show," NBC was attempting to launch a show (more liberal) families could watch together, that would have equal appeal to both hip college kids and stodgy middle-aged empty nesters.

What they got was a show so universally unwatched that NBC affiliates began clamoring for a stronger show to lead into the local news, and NBC was forced to pull the plug. Unwilling to get rid of their number one

company man, they gave Leno back his 11:35 time slot, pushing O'Brien to the curb.

Unfortunately for NBC, however, "The Tonight Show" under O'Brien had legs of its own. Nobody can deny O'Brien has a venom and an appeal to the younger crowd. His brief tenure on "The Tonight Show" had a more updated, in-the-know feel to it, with more pointed jokes and devil-may-care stunts and scripts.

As a little payback, in his second-to-last episode, O'Brien brought in the ultimate expensive guest: 2009 Kentucky Derby winner Mine That Bird, wearing a mink Snuggie. He claims the episode cost NBC \$4.8 million to film.

In another stunt, O'Brien tried to sell "The Tonight Show" on Craigslist. "4 Sale: Barely Used Late Night Talk Show" could be purchased with a seven-month guarantee as long as the buyer promised to interview Barry Manilow on the show. The ad was quickly removed.

Leno, however, has never been known for his edginess. He made very few references to the feud in his final days, saying only that Tiger Woods called to offer PR advice, a joke that fell flat on audiences.

Leno's lack of fire about the late night feud only further proves why his show failed. Nowadays, the good guy really does come last. O'Brien has been shafted by old-time television.

— Claire Gould, cgould@udel.edu

Greenville-based stylist helps clients 'find their niche'



BY ERICA COHEN
Student Affairs Editor

To Delaware resident JoJami Tyler, image is everything. As a stylist, she works to create the right look for her clients through image consulting, media wardrobing and public speaking.

She specializes in women over 40, with her blog, *fabulousafter40.com*, and is also the style columnist and "Glam Gal" for Delaware Today magazine.

Much of her success has come from knowing what she wanted to do, and going for it.

"I think the best part is that I chose something I have a lifelong passion in," Tyler says. "I think when you combine your talent and your passion it's a good career choice."

As an image consultant and stylist, she helps women improve their wardrobe while gaining the confidence they need to take on the next challenge in their lives.

"My favorite part of my job is educating women," she says. "I love to see the light bulb go off in their head when they relate to a new concept or idea that they learn."

Tyler has also worked with celebrity clients like Scarlett Pomers from "Reba" and has dressed Michael Damian from the "Young at the Restless."

Tyler has followed the trend of niching and adapted it to fit her business.

"When I started, my mindset was to be as much as you could be for everybody. I worked with men, women, teenagers," Tyler says. "Today is all about niching."

Three years ago, she made a big change and decided to work with women exclusively. Shortly after she decided to only work with women over 40.

"If you niche, you're more unique and you're elite," she says.

Tyler says she has always been into style and her fashion major at Southern Methodist University helped her get into the field right after college. She was a showroom model for Esprit, but when the company needed salespeople, she jumped at the opportunity.

"One day they said 'Macy's is here, go sell the line!'" she says. "I was petrified but I loved it."

After years of being in sales and doing some acting in Los Angeles, she took 10 years off to have children. She started up her image consulting company, "Mode Image" seven years ago. Tyler then became a certified image consultant and has been doing it ever since.

She's created several different strategies and methods for the various aspects of image consulting she works in. Media wardrobing is one of the most important.

She believes video production is the

future of image consulting and has already produced videos for *fabulousafter40.com* and her personal site, *jojami.com*.

In her videos, she helps people with a variety of projects, from closet reorganization to personal branding for college seniors entering the real world.

Despite the countless topics Tyler covers with her clients and readers, there is one specific subject that she believes is the most important and most helpful for others to learn about.

"The number one thing that transforms my ladies' lives is when I find out what colors look good on them. It's an 'ah-ha' moment," she says.

When Tyler found out what colors looked good on her, she never strayed again. She suggests her clients do the same.

Her color evaluations are based on hair color, skin color and eye color, among other factors. She uses four different color palettes of warm and cool colors, and based on undertones in the skin, she is able to choose the best colors for each client. She can also choose the best jewelry colors — gold or silver — based on these same principles.

"Once you concentrate on certain colors you will forever have a major wardrobe," Tyler says.

Tyler has passed these color tips along to her daughter Tessa, who is a sophomore at the university.

"She is the perfect testimony," she says. "It saves hundreds of dollars of shopping and buying the wrong thing or color."

She believes another major problem with women's wardrobes is that they prefer instant gratification as opposed to waiting for something fabulous.

"Women go shopping thinking, 'I'm going to buy something fabulous,' and you say 'I can't afford it,' so you buy another black t-shirt or jeans," Tyler says.

Instead of having that one great piece, Tyler says many women end up with 30 pairs of jeans and 30 T-shirts in the same color. Tyler believes that if you took the lump sum of those purchases and were able to spend it on a few favorite pieces, you could save money in the long run.

"Women do not have the confidence that they're buying the right item," she says. "Everything that has a tag in your closet was on sale because there's something about a 50 percent sale that brings 50 percent of its power."

She suggests that women only buy sale items if they would have paid full price for them.

Although Tyler's business has changed and adapted over the years, she is proof that success comes in doing what you love.

Her advice for college students: "Find an area and become the best you can in that tiny area."



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JoJami Tyler evaluates her clients to determine which colors look best on them.

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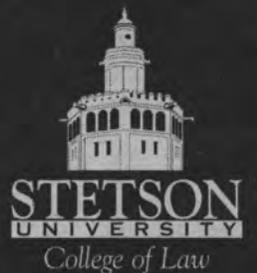
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Delle Donne leading Hens to winning record

Women's home games drawing record crowds

BY PAT GILLESPIE
Assistant Sports Editor

After three months of hard-fought victories and losses, the Delaware women's basketball squad is growing into a competitive team in the CAA and women's college basketball national circuit. Led by a coach who is hard to satisfy as well as by, arguably, the nation's best player, the Hens have a legitimate chance at a CAA championship.

"If you're talking about a recap of the first half of the season, there's just been so many ups and downs," head coach Tina Martin said. "It's just been kind of like a rollercoaster thing."

Martin cited the team's early injuries as a source of frustration. Freshman guard Lauren Carra missed the first two games of the season due to injury, redshirt freshman forward Elena Delle Donne's sprained ankle briefly sidelined her and junior guard Vanessa Kabongo recently had season-ending knee surgery.

Nonetheless, the team has persevered through injury with a record of 15-7 (7-4 CAA). Martin thinks her team is progressing, but she is not entirely pleased.

"I think we definitely made progress, and I think we're headed in the right direction," Martin said. "It's kind of hard to satisfy me. I'm a very driven person. Obviously, we have high standards here."

The acquisition of Delle Donne has been crucial for the team's success. Delle Donne, a former high school Naismith National Player of the Year in 2008, took a one-year hiatus from basketball after a brief stint at the University

of Connecticut. Despite not playing for a year, she is second in the nation in points per game, averaging 25.6 points and free-throw percentage, sinking 91.7 percent of her shots from the foul line.

"I really had no idea what this year would be like after taking such a long break away from the game," Delle Donne stated in an e-mail message. "So far the season has been amazing, but obviously my ultimate goal is to

win the CAA championship."

Delle Donne said playing against different defensive setups helped her learn to become a better player. Although she is frequently fouled and double-teamed, some of her toughest opponents are the opposing fans, who shout obscenities at her during the game.

"I actually thrive off of some of the things people say," Delle Donne said. "I use their negative comments as motivation and speak

back to them with my play rather than acting out emotionally."

Martin believes Delle Donne has shown a lot of growth this season, along with the rest of freshmen players.

"I think all the freshmen, including Elena, have progressed in a great way," she said. "She's found the open teammate. She's been able to consistently score for us and consistently rebound the ball for us, which is huge. She has definitely stepped to the forefront and taken on great responsibility. Being our leading scorer, being our leading rebounder, you just don't see that in freshmen."

Although Delle Donne's success is historic, both she and her teammates are focused on the team's success. Redshirt freshman guard Danielle Parker noted the improvement from last year.

"I feel as though we've definitely come out a lot stronger than we did last year," Parker said. "We

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Elena Delle Donne (11) has added a spark to the Hens roster.

Delle Donne Stats

(as of 2/8/2010)

Minutes per game: 37.5

Points per game: 25.6

Rebounds per game: 9.1

Assists per game: 2.1

Blocks per game: 1.7

Steals per game: 1.5

Turnovers per game: 2.3

Fouls per game: 1.5

Field Goal %: 50.4

Free Throw %: 91.5

3-point %: 43.3

Men's basketball struggles through injuries and inexperience

Hens coach Ross pleads for student support in good times and bad

BY MATTHEW WATERS
Managing Sports Editor

With their win Monday afternoon over UNC Wilmington, the Delaware men's basketball team finished their Winter Break stretch with a strong defensive effort, beating the Seahawks 69-62, capping a 5-10 run starting with their win against Vermont on Dec. 20.

"Wins aren't easy to come by these days," said point guard Jawan Carter, who scored a game-high 23 points and sealed the game by

going 6-for-6 from the foul line in the final :23 seconds.

Due to an injury to senior point guard Brian Johnson, which sidelined him for the 2009-10 season, Carter has been the axis around which Delaware has revolved. He played the entire 40 minutes Monday, something he's done in most games this year, as he averages 39.5 minutes per game. However, even with his leadership and talent, the Hens are a very young team and have managed to go just 7-18 this season and 3-11 in the CAA, tied for last in the conference.

Starting with the Vermont win, the Hens ended 2009 and started the new year on a 3-1 run, their sole loss against Villanova University, nationally ranked No. 8 at the time. At 5-8, the Hens showed promise and were turning naysayers into believers, especially after capping the run with a close 62-58 win against CAA rival Drexel University.

But as CAA play continued, the Hens started to show their weakness against their familiar opponents: inexperience. With Brian Johnson gone and former Delaware star forward Marc Egerson out of the picture, oppo-

nents could tailor their defense to protect the perimeter and pressure the only two players on Delaware's squad averaging double figures, Carter and junior guard Alphonso Dawson. The Hens dropped their next six games, including a heartbreaking 74-73 overtime loss to William & Mary. Four of the six losses came by just six points or less.

"We knew in the beginning of the season it'd be tough with a young team, trying to mesh everything together," Dawson said

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weeklycalendar**Friday, February 12, 2010**Women's Indoor Track at Lafayette/Rider
Invitational
All Day**Saturday, February 13**Men's Basketball at Drexel
NoonMen's Lacrosse vs. Presbyterian
1:00 PM**Sunday, February 14**Women's Basketball vs. Georgia State
Noon**Tuesday, February 16**Men's Basketball vs. Hofstra
7:00 PM**Thursday, February 18**Women's Basketball vs. James Madison
7:00 PM**Friday, February 19**Women's Indoor Track at Keogh Invitation-
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All Day
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Classic)
11:00 AM
Baseball vs. Kansas State
Noon

in Review...

what you missed over winter break

Volleyball's Stephanie Barry named CAA Scholar Athlete of the Year

Senior Stephanie Barry was recognized in the CAA for her performance both on and off the court, earning the 2009 CAA Scholar-Athlete of the Year award. Barry's accomplishment marked the third time in CAA history that a Hen earned the honor. Other recipients were Colleen Walsh in 2007 and Kathy Shaw in 1994.

Barry finished second in the conference in digs and earned CAA Defensive Player of the Week three times in the 2009 season.

Lacrosse Captains Named

The men's lacrosse team named five players as co-captains for the 2010 season. Junior goalkeeper Noah Fossner and senior midfielder Martin Cahill will serve as captains for the second straight year, while junior defenseman Pat Dowling, junior midfielder Kevin Kaminski and senior attackman Curtis Dickson earned the title for the first time.

The Hens, who started the season with back-to-back wins, open at home tomorrow at 1 p.m. against Presbyterian.

December 12 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31**Football's Graves named to All-American 2nd Team**

For the second year in a row, senior safety Charles Graves was named to the Associated Press All-American second team. The honor was one of four All-American honors Graves won. The others were: the Walter Camp Foundation first team, the American Football Coaches Association first team and The Sports Network second team. By earning all four honors, Graves became the first Delaware player to sweep the All-American awards since Omar Cuff in 2007.

Cross Country's Chris Bourke named First Team All-CAA

Chris Bourke was named to the All-CAA first team for cross country. The senior also earned the honor of United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association All-Mid-Atlantic Region team in November.

Bourke, who placed fifth in the CAA championships, was voted to the All-CAA team by CAA coaches.

henpeckings**Men's Lacrosse**

Despite the snow, Delaware's season got off to a hot start. They won a scrimmage against Colgate, 10-1, and the season opener at St. Joseph's, 15-5. All-American Curtis Dickson scored four goals and added an assist in the assault on the Hawks. Starting March 6 against Albany, the Hens will play their first home game at Delaware stadium with the newly installed turf. Delaware faces off against lacrosse powerhouses Johns Hopkins Feb. 23 and Georgetown March 17.

Women's Swimming and Diving

Delaware has fought hard against the competition in the pool this winter. At 10-5, the squad has proven it is very strong in non-conference play but still needs work against CAA opponents. On Feb. 13, both the men's and women's teams will host the Delaware Diving Meet, hosting West Chester and Towson.

Men's basketball: wins hard to come by

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following the Hens' 71-68 loss to Towson on Jan. 16. "But once you get into conference play with back to back games, so many tough losses take a toll on you. Our coaches and staff have done a good job of keeping our heads up, but at this point they gotta be scratching their heads too."

Head coach Monte Ross shared Dawson's frustration post game, applauding the team for their energy and effort but stating the team's younger players were still learning.

"You have to learn how to win," he said. "It's something we'll get better at."

Just two games later, following another loss against Old Dominion 68-49 that got away from the Hens at the end of the game, the team came together and battled back to win a thrilling 76-74 overtime win against Georgia State. The high spirits didn't last for long, though, as Delaware lost its next three games by double digits.

The UNC Wilmington game was postponed twice, pushing the game from Saturday to Monday due to the blizzard that slammed Newark with more than two feet of snow. The cold weather, cabin fever and a CAA record tied for last helped push the Hens into their win over the Seahawks.

"We knew we needed to get this win, so everyone was really anxious to get out here," said junior guard D.J. Boney, who aided the win with 11 points

and two steals.

The Hens fought to keep the game alive and did so using less players than normal, due to injuries to freshmen forwards Josh Brinkley and Kelvin McNeil announced just days before. McNeil underwent arthroscopic

surgery Wednesday for his knee injury, while Brinkley is out with a stress fracture in his left foot. Both players were important factors in Delaware's rotation and McNeil, a redshirt from Newport News, Va., had even started 18 of his 20 games played this season. Both won CAA Rookie of the Week honors, McNeil receiving co-honors back on Dec. 21 and Brinkley on Jan. 18.

Despite a 7-18 record, coach Ross feels nothing but confident about his team, who will all return for the 2010-11 season. With a returning star point guard in Johnson and a year of experience under the belts of his younger players, what more could he want?

To him, the answer is easy: more students.

Ross feels that a livelier, more populated student section could help the Hens win those close battles, as they would amplify the advantage of home court.

"Tell [the students] we need them," he said. "When you have students that come to the games, it makes it an entirely different atmosphere."

The Hens start a three-game home stand on Feb. 16 against the Hofstra Pride before ending their regular season away against Towson and beginning the CAA Tournament in early March.

"Whatever they want me to do to get them to come to the games, I'll do it," he said. "Because we need them to come. They can be the difference in us winning those close games."



THE REVIEW/Josh Shannon

Alphonso Dawson (11) scored his 1,000th point against Towson.

Men's basketball drops overtime game to William & Mary

Delaware fell in a heartbreaking loss to William & Mary 74-73 in overtime on Jan 6. The Hens were up 7 points before the Tribe scored three 3-pointers in the final 20 seconds of overtime. Dave Schneider hit the game winner for the Tribe with only three seconds left. For the Hens, junior guards Jawan Carter scored a game high 27 points, while Alphonso Dawson added 19.

Field hockey's Missy Meharg inducted into NFHCA Hall of Fame

Missy Meharg, a three-year letter-winner in field hockey at Delaware between 1982-1984, was inducted in the National Field Hockey Coaches Association Hall of Fame. As a junior, Meharg led the team with 17 goals and 43 points.



THE REVIEW/Josh Shannon

Delaware swimming sweeps Drexel

Delaware men's and women's swim teams took down Drexel on Senior Day, Jan. 16. The women trounced the Dragons, 212-81, while the men won 180-114. Senior Hans Gillan broke the 100 backstroke and 100 butterfly pool records on the men's side. For the women, junior Erinne Butler won both the 50 and 100 freestyles, sophomore Aubrey Caldwell won the 200 freestyle and 200 backstroke and freshman Sarah Van Doren won the 200 butterfly and 400 individual medley. The men finished the dual meet season 12-3, while the women finished at 10-5.

Brandon Gilbeaux selected to play in Texas vs the Nation All-Star Game

Delaware's standout defensive lineman, Brandon Gilbeaux was selected to play in the third annual Texas vs. the Nation All-Star Challenge on Saturday Feb 6. The game pitted top collegiate players originally from Texas or who play college football in Texas against top players from around the nation. Gilbeaux was one of 58 players that represented the Nation squad. Gilbeaux, one of only 14 FBS players to be named to a roster, led all Delaware down linemen and ranked fourth on the squad with 58 tackles while tying the team lead in sacks with 5.5.

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Women's basketball announces 2009-10 captains

Tina Martin announced the captains for the 2009-10 women's basketball squad on Jan. 5. Junior forward Eva Riddick and sophomore guard Kayla Miller received the honor. Riddick, a forward, averaged 2.1 points and 3.6 rebounds per game as a member of the team for the past three years. Miller, a transfer guard from George Washington University, has averaged 4.3 points and 1.8 rebounds per game after sitting out the first nine games as per NCAA transfer policy.

Delle Donne named John R. Wooden Award Candidate

Standout women's basketball player Elena Delle Donne was named as a candidate for the John R. Wooden award, given out by the Los Angeles Athletic Club's John R. Wooden Award Committee. Criteria for the award include individual performance as well as team record. The freshman and Naismith Player of the Year candidate currently leads the CAA in scoring and ranks second in the nation. She also leads the CAA in free throws made at 92 percent. The winner of the award will be announced April 9.

Delaware football revises schedule

Delaware announced their revised football schedule for the 2010 season after Northeastern and Hofstra universities dropped their football programs. The Hens will play eleven games next season, two of which will be against first time opponents; South Dakota State and Duquesne. The season will kick off with three straight home games, the first of which is Sept. 2 against long-time opponent West Chester for the 51st time in the rivalry's history.

Tina Martin gets 250th win

Delaware women's basketball coach Tina Martin earned the 250th win of her career when the Hens defeated Towson on Jan. 28. The result was never in doubt as Delaware cruised to a 72-49 victory with five players in double digits, including Elena Delle Donne, who scored 18 points. Delaware is now 15-7 (7-4 CAA) on the season. Martin improved her overall record to 250-155 in her 14th season at Delaware.



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Delaware women's track place 2nd at Thomson Invitational

Led by three first place finishes from freshman Vicky Caruso, Delaware placed second at the Thomson Invitational. Caruso won the 60 meters with a time of 7.95 seconds, and was victorious in the 200 meters in 25.25. She also teamed with Asia Hollis, Kristy Cox and Cristine Marquez to win the 4x400 meter relay in 3:54.09. Marquez captured a first place finish of her own in the 400 meters with a time of 58.02. Other first place finishers were Karen Mandrachia in the 1,000 meters and Laura Chirico in the pole vault.

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already tied the record from last year [in wins]. We're making pretty good moves right now."

Youth appears to be propelling the team to its victories. Delle Donne, Parker, Carra and Jacquetta May all see significant playing time and are all true freshmen or redshirts. Guards Kayla Miller and Jocelyn Bailey run the offense and are both sophomores. Junior guard Tesia Harris, the only upperclassmen in the starting lineup, is the second leading scorer on the team. The team only has one senior, Farrah Ferguson, who does not see much action.

After playing 22 games last year, Delaware was 11-11 (3-8 CAA). Even though Martin's team this year already has four conference losses, two of them were overtime losses to Drexel, third in the CAA, and in each contest the margin of score was less than three points. The team lost another close game by one point to first place Virginia Commonwealth. Parker believes the close losses have actually made the team stronger.

"I think they've helped us," Parker said. "They hurt right after the games and stuff, but, you know, the next day in practice we come out strong. Our team just didn't finish in those games, but we've worked hard."

The attendance has reflected that people are excited to watch Delaware's hardwood Hens. For the team's home opener win against Navy on Dec. 11, a crowd of 3,040 showed up, which set a record for a home opener in team history. On Dec. 22 against Buffalo, after the entire student body left for winter break, the team drew an audience of 2,400. Last year the team only had two games with more than 1,000 people in attendance.

The team, like the crowds at its games, is looking forward to what lies ahead. "They're getting on the same page, they're understanding where people are going to be," Martin said. "It's exciting to watch them come together as a group. So I think our identity is 'the best is still yet to come.'"

Delaware will have their 1,000th all-time game televised on Comcast against Georgia State on Feb. 14.

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What sport are you most looking forward to in the Winter Olympics?

"Snowboarding, because I'm a snowboarder."

-Marley Lefelar, Freshman



"Speedskating, because I really like Apolo Anton Ohno."

-Adreinne Bourguet, Freshman

"Snowboarding. It's just the most interesting, most extreme."

-Paul O'Brien, Sophomore



"I have always loved figure skating, because I used to do it when I was little, and so that was always something I found really fascinating to watch."

-Stephanie Pollock, Junior



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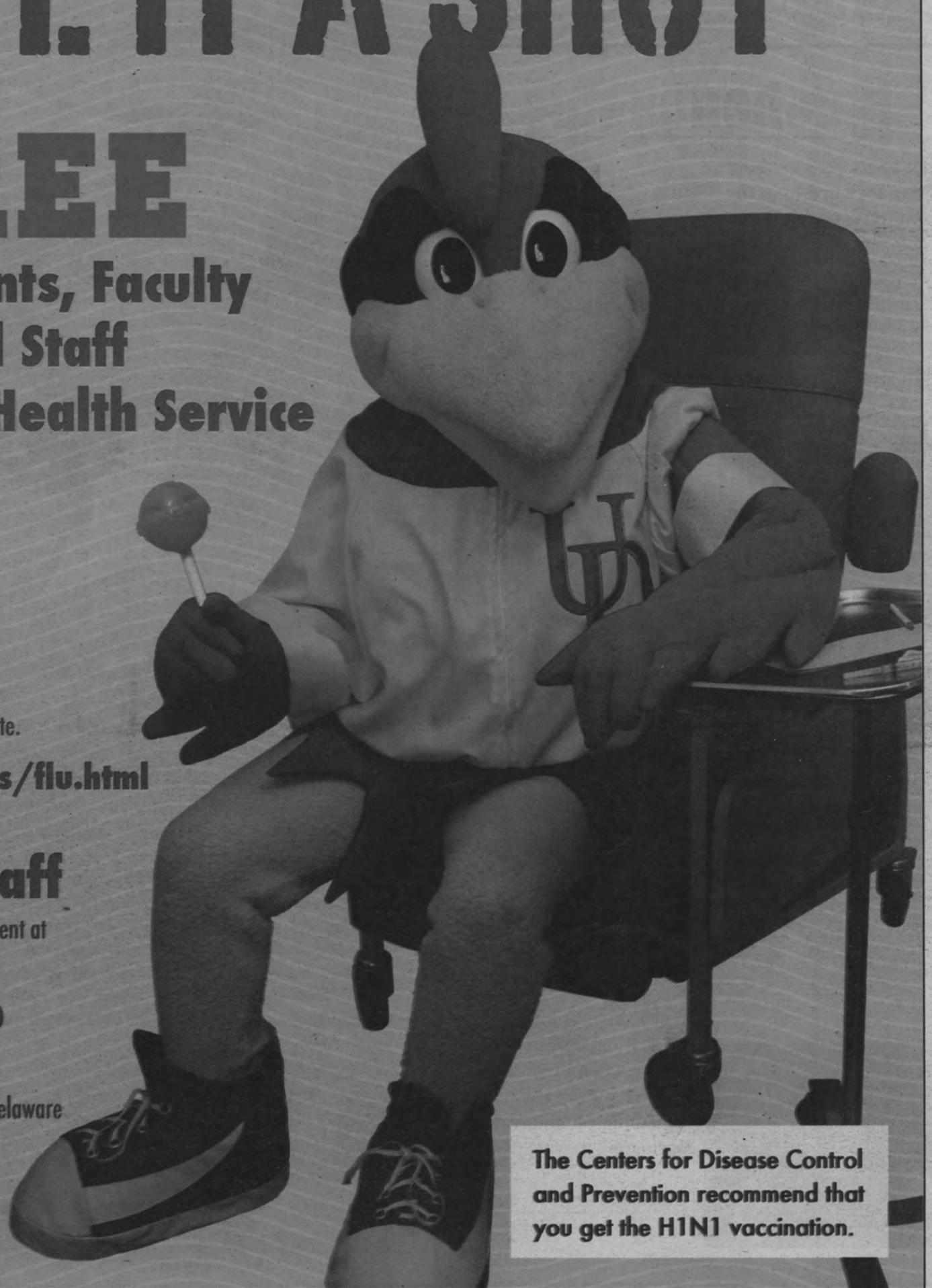
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