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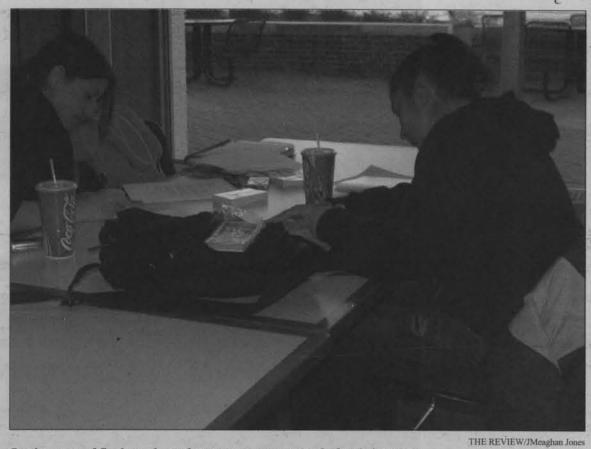
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SUPREME COURT REVISITS SEGREGATION CASE

For the first time in a decade, the Supreme Court will revisit the legacy of a landmark case: the Brown v Board of Education decision of 1954 that declared the racial segregation of public schools unconstitutional.

Separate schools for black and e children are "inherently white children are "inherently unequal," Chief Justice Earl Warren said in an opinion that helped launch the Civil Rights Movement.

State-enforced segregation laws are long gone, but for school officials today, a key question remains: Did the historic decision commit them to a policy of seeking integrated schools, or did it tell them not to assign students to a school based on their race?

In Seattle and Kentucky, several white parents sued to have the plans declared unconstitutional after their children were barred from enrolling in the school of their choice because of their race. The Supreme Court voted in June to hear their appeals, leading many to predict the justices are poised to outlaw "racial balancing'

in the public schools. President George W. Bush's administration lawyers, who joined the case on the side of the parents, said the Brown decision sought to move the United States toward a color-blind policy. They said racebased decisions are racial discrimina-tion, even if the officials are pursing a laudable goal.

RUMSFELD MEMO REVEALS ALT. PLANS FOR WAR

Nearly four years after invading Iraq, President George W. Bush is sorting through an array of options — none of them easy — for a way out, including a partial withdrawal of U.S. troops from violence-plagued cities and a redeployment near Iraq's borders with Iran and Syria, his top security aide said Sunday.

The options include the redeployment of substantial U.S. forces to areas near the Iranian and Syrian borders, withdrawing U.S. troops from especially vulnerable positions and starting modest

drawdowns of American forces to encourage Iraqis "to pull up their socks, step up and take responsi-bility for their country," Rumsfeld wrote The Rumsfeld memo suggests

that in the days leading to the Nov. 7 election, the administration was torn between staying on course in Iraq or considering options it repeatedly had rejected.

Rumsfeld's resignation Nov. 8 was widely seen as a nod to voter anger over the war and discontent within GOP ranks.

MIDTERM ELECTION OFFERS HOPE FOR GAY RIGHTS

The gay-rights movement suffered a setback in last month's midterm election when seven states passed initiatives banning same-sex marriage or domestic partnerships. But with Democrats about to take control of Congress, some of its other legislative goals appear within reach - including making violence against gays a hate crime and outlawing workplace discrimination.

For the last 12 years of Republican control of Congress, gay-rights organizations set aside their push for legal protections in order to defend against conservative measures such as same-sex marriage bans.

With the re-alignment of the House and Senate next month, gay and lesbian groups say they are close to having enough votes to ensure passage of at least the hate crimes bill, and perhaps the discrimination measure, which once failed in the Senate by one vote.

The hate crimes bill would provide federal resources to local law enforcement officials. It has the backing of 175 organizations. The legislation was prompted by the 1998 killing of Matthew Shepard, a gay man who was beaten and left for dead on a prairie outside Laramie, Wyo.

The bill to ban workplace discrimination because of sexual ori-entation failed by one vote in the Senate 10 years ago. Such discrimination is legal in 33 states. Conservatives believe that businesses should be free to hire employees who reflect their values.

U.S. AMBASSADOR TO UNITED NATIONS RESIGNS

President George W. Bush accepted the resignation of John Bolton as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations on Monday, expressing deep disappointment that "a handful" of senators had blocked his confirmation last year.

Bolton, 58, submitted a resignation letter Friday after it became clear he was unlikely to win a new confirmation battle in the Senate, where Democrats won a narrow majority in the Nov. 7 midterm elections

Bolton's nomination had been blocked by a Democratic filibuster threat last year, prompting Bush to place him in the U.N. post through a recess appointment in August

2005. That appointment expires when the current Congress adjourns. Formal adjournment could come as soon as the end of this week, but no later than the beginning of January. Bush nominated Bolton in

March 2005 for the U.N. post. However, the choice quickly ran into opposition from Democrats and a few Republicans over allegations that he tried to spin intelligence to support his political views and bullied subordinates who disagreed with him. Some critics also made an issue of his sometimes prickly personality, arguing he was too combative for international diplomacy.

Police raise reward

Community urged to help find rapist

BY GEORGE MAST

It has been more than one month since the last of three sexual assaults that occurred in the Newark area, and the once hysterical community has quieted its excitement over the incidents. The university raising the reward money on Nov. 21 to \$20,000 served as a reminder that a serious problem still exists.

Cynthia Cummings, associate vice president for campus life, stated in an e-mail message that the university decided to increase the award with the hope it would encourage anyone with information to come forward.

Sgt. Gerald Simpson of the Newark Police said there are still no identifiable suspects in the continuing investigations involving the rape and sexual assaults that occurred in October. All three incidents happened in the early morning hours in homes off campus and it is believed the same suspect committed each of the crimes.

One suspect fitting the physical description of the rapist was taken into custody on Nov. 3 after being reported for suspicious behavior on South College Avenue. This suspect was eliminated from the investigation after determining he had no connection with the prior rapes, Simpson said.

Although there have been no



With no leads on the case, a reward of \$20,000 has been set.

sexual assaults attributed to the rapist in the past month, the dan-ger has not subsided, he said. Senior Lindsay Sharpe said

"I would ask the public to she does not feel any safer now continue to remain alert and be even though talk about the rapes on

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vigilant reporting suspicious activity, Simpson said. "The fact that the person has not struck again does not mean that he has gone away.

He said the police depart-ment is continuing to use all of their available

resources in an effort to investigate and arrest the person who is responsible, but still need the continued help of the community.

"In cases of this nature you have to work the leads and when leads start to dry up we have to turn back to the community and say, 'Help us out,' " Simpson said.

One problem the officers have is when people report suspicious activity several days after the incident occurred, he said.

Reports would be more effective in determining if they are related to the rapes or even in catching the suspect if they are given immediately, Simpson said.

Freshman Katie Chepiga said she feels less concerned now than she did after the rapes first occurred because there has been less talk about it in the news.

"There haven't been any issues on it recently," Chepiga said. "I haven't heard anything so I guess it has kind of died down. I feel more comfortable."

However, she said her initial reaction was one of surprise and fear.

"I was shocked because I didn't think the school I would be coming to would have a serial rapist on campus," Chepiga said. The reward being issued by

the university is an appropriate

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has quieted down. "Things haven't really changed so why feel more comfortable?" Sharpe said.

She said she does not think much has been accomplished since the crime - Sgt. Gerald Simpson forum and would like to see the uni-Newark Police versity be more open about the

rapes. "I personally think they should release more information about it than they have," Sharpe said. "I would be more impressed with that than the money they're

offering. She said she does not think the reward money will be enough

to make a person turn in a friend. Freshman Alexandra Gouveia said although people may not be talking about the dangers as much as they were, she still thinks most people are nervous and scared.

Gouveia said after the assaults occurred she began to lock her doors constantly and use Public Safety's escort service whenever she went out. She said even though another

has not been reported, she still takes all those precautions because the suspect is still on the

loose. "If he is not caught he is still out there," she said. "It's just scary because it happened close to things on campus. Girls in our school got raped and nothing changes that — that's scary."

If anyone would like to contribute money to the reward, they are asked to contact Public Safety's Chief of Police James Flatley at (302) 831-1204.

police reports

MAIN STREET MCDONALD'S ROBBED

An unknown suspect robbed the McDonald's on East Main Street Wednesday at approximately 10:36 p.m., a Newark Police spokeswoman said. A 35-year-old female employee was behind the register when the man walked into the restaurant.

The suspect reached across the counter and stole an undisclosed amount of money from the register, the spokeswoman said. The suspect wrestled the employee for the money after she tried to grab it from him during the time of the incident.

The suspect fled the restaurant and drove away in a Dodge Ram full-sized, short-bed pickup truck, the spokeswoman said. The truck is midnight blue and has tinted windows. A witness in the parking lot reported that the truck had partial tags with the numbers being either 12490 or 14290.

The suspect was of a medium build and wore a camouflaged jacket with a white shirt wrapped around his face, the police spokeswoman said.

DOVER POLICE RETRIEVE STOLEN VEHICLE

A 27-year-old victim of the Christina Mill apartments discovered her Green 1997 Honda Civic Del Sol had been

stolen between 4 p.m. last Tuesday and 2:45 a.m. Wednesday, the spokeswoman said. A Dover police officer retrieved the vehicle downstate after making a traffic stop, the police spokeswoman said. The officer noticed the vehicle's ignition had been severely damaged. The suspect is a male employee of a Honda dealership in Dover and reportedly used a slim jim to break into the car and then hotwired it. Dover Police are currently obtaining warrants in order to obtain the stolen property.

- compiled from the L.A. Times and Washington Post wire reports

-Kevin Mackiewicz

Activist group addresses racial profiling

BY SARAH KENNEY

"With my first name being Muhammad and my second name being Hussain, I am definitely always scrutinized," junior and vice president of the Muslim Student Association said

On Nov. 28, three activists from Artists Against the War, a protest group based in New York, came to the university and spoke to students in a presentation arranged by the Muslim Student Association and the university chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union

Students shared their experiences of ethnic profiling at the event

Recently, Hussain said, his family's car was pulled over and thoroughly checked at the Canadian border. He said they also received threatening phone calls.

"People just go through the phone book and find us," Hussain said

He said this reaction to his name and Islamic faith was nothing new. After the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, someone drove a truck into his old mosque in Evansville, Ind.

Senior Abrar Riaz, student adviser to MSA, said even before Sept. 11, he felt his family had been profiled.

"On the day of the Oklahoma City bombing, my family and I were moving," he said. "We went to get a U-Haul truck, but no one would give us one."

Activist Laurie Arbeiter said profiling was especially



THE REVIEW/Josh Ba

Members of Artists Against the War spoke to students in a forum sponsored by the Muslim Student Association and the university chapter of the ACLU.

ridiculous in Raiz's case, because the bomber was a white male. "They didn't profile people who looked like Timothy McVeigh, did they?" she said.

Riaz said neighbors recently called the FBI on his family because the seats of their van were in their backyard.

"My family is in the catering business," he said. "They need that extra space in their car. It was ridiculous. But there was a white van outside the house for a while after that."

Riaz also said his father sent \$25,000 to Pakistan two years ago to buy property there.

"Homeland Security is still holding on to the money," he said

The activists spoke against ethnic profiling and in support of freedom of speech. Shirts designed by the activists, reading "We Will Not Be Silent" in Arabic and in English, were provided

Activist Caroline Parker said Raed Jarrar, a Muslim man, was forced to change out of his shirt before boarding a Jet Blue flight at the John F. Kennedy International Airport in August.

Arbeiter said she had met him before the incident.

"He had gotten that shirt from us a few months earlier when he saw us protesting in front of the White House," she said. Parker said Jarrar had been returning from Jordan through

New York City, with a final destination of California

He had gone through all the detectors and was sitting down to wait for his flight when Transportation Security Administration employees came and told him he could not get on the plane, she said. According to the employees, the T-shirt he was wearing caused fellow passengers to complain.

Jet Blue employees came and brought him another shirt to wear. Parker said.

The activists said they proved the incident involved racial profiling because they purposely boarded a Jet Blue flight out of the same airport the next week. The flight carried four female passengers wearing the same T-shirts. They were not stopped. None of the female activists were Muslim.

"I felt them watching us, but no one said anything," she said. "We were able to wear the shirts and he was not

The activists also discussed a more recent event.

On Oct. 9, college student Stephanie Schwartz boarded the Staten Island Ferry in New York wearing the "We Will Not Be Silent" shirt, Shirazi said. Schwartz ws surrounded by the Coast Guard

"They told her she could not wear an Arabic language shirt on the ferry," she said. The following week, 100 protesters rode the ferry wearing

the shirt, Shirazi said. The protest went without incident.

"They didn't say a word to us, but we were surrounded by Coast Guard ships on the way back," she said. "I guess in case we caused any trouble.

The phrase "We Will Not Be Silent" was originally used by the White Rose movement in Germany, which was a student resistance to the Nazis in World War II, the activists said.

Even though she is Jewish, Arbeiter said she became involved in the Artists Against the War because as a child she always questioned how people had allowed the Holocaust to happen.

Immediately after Sept. 11, she said she saw a lot of ques-tionable behavior by New York officials.

"A few blocks from where I live, officials were rounding up anyone they suspected to be Muslim and taking them to the Metropolitan Center in Brooklyn," Arbeiter said.

Muslims were tortured there, she said.

Muslims were tortured there, she said. "Some were put outside in cold weather. Others were put into stress positions," she said. "No charges were ever filed against the perpetrators. Shops that had been run by those Muslims were shut down. That happened in Nazi Germany." Arbeiter said after witnessing this, she felt she had to act. "If that is happening just blocks from my home and I do nothing how som I question how the Germane allowed the

nothing, how can I question how the Germans allowed the Holocaust to happen?" she said.

Ryan Silberstein, former president of the College Republicans, said he agreed with ethnic profiling as a general policy, though he felt it was unfortunate.

'It really does not make as much sense to search 96-yearold white grandmothers as it does to search someone who fits the profile we have," Silberstein said. "It's unfortunate that we have to take that step, but I think we do."

Protest groups can use any slogan they want to, he said, but he disagreed with the parallel the activists drew between America and Nazi Germany.

'We obviously haven't put Muslims in internment camps," Silberstein said

Lara Rausch, current president of the College Republicans, said she did not blame the Jet Blue passengers for their concern, but she thought Jarrar should have been able to wear what he wanted

"I don't think it's unreasonable for people to be uneasy, she said. "9/11 is still so fresh in our minds. But no action should have been taken

Parker said their protest is very important. "Maybe the terrorists were Muslim," she said. "But you cannot criminalize a language or a people because of the actions of a few.

Keith Pluymers, co-president of the university's ACLU, said he hopes Tuesday's event and future events will change people's attitudes

"Hopefully, this will be the first step toward change," Pluymers said. "Ethnic profiling and repression of free speech is not something we should accept."

Pollution: a solution to end global warming?

BY LAUREN DEZINNO

Paul Crutzen, a 1995 Dutch Nobel Prize winner in chemistry, has proposed a possible solution to stop global warming --deliberately dispersing a layer of pollution into the Earth's atmosphere in order to protect the planet from the sun's harmful rays

The new proposal has created great controversy in both the scientific and environmental communities, as the "global haze theory" could potentially do more harm than good.

Geography professor David Legates said the earth has warmed approximately one degree Fahrenheit over the past 100

years and there is no easy way to slow down the process. "It is a natural process that takes place," Legates said. "It may slow down on its own. Research shows the sun may be going into a quiet phase.

He said he believes humans would learn to adapt to the change in temperature if the Earth's temperature was to continue to increase

"I think it is fundamentally a bad idea," Legates said. "I'm afraid doing this will create even more problems.

Not only would the plan create an unbelievable monetary expense, but there is no way to know the effect it would have on the Earth's inhabitants, he said.

"Once you put pollution up into the atmosphere, it's not likely to stay there," Legates said. "Of course if the sun gets weaker and we go into a cold period, you have to stop what you are doing and reverse it."

Jonathan Pershing, a spokesman for Washington's World Resources Institute, said he does not think now is the time to implement this plan

"I actually think the Crutzen argument is fairly valid," Pershing said, citing the Mount Pinatubo eruption in the Philippines as an example of the effect pollution in the atmosphere can have on the Earth's temperatures

Mount Pinatubo, the second largest volcanic eruption of the 20th century, erupted in June 1991, releasing millions of tons of sulfur dioxide into Earth's atmosphere and cooling the planet's temperature for several years.

Pershing said although research suggests Crutzen's plan could succeed, no one can anticipate the consequences of the action

There are a number of solutions that we know could work," he said. "It might be a different story in 20 years if we have done nothing. The kinds of damages from climate change are huge. At that point, instead of looking at major loss of life, we may want to think about these solutions." Pershing said the global haze theory is a disconcerting

notion because the consequences are unknown.

"We're playing this experiment with the Earth and it seems like a very bad idea to use another experiment to try and correct the first mess you've made," he said.

There are better alternatives to reduce global warming, Pershing said

"Our cars could be more efficient. Our power plants could be more efficient," he said. "I think if we did that, we'd buy ourselves time to produce better technology." Geology professor Les Hasbargen said he does not think

Mount Pinatubo is a good indicator of the possible outcome of the global haze.

"If you wanted the same effect as a volcano, you would have to put up the same gas, the same dust and the same materi-al," Hasbargen said. "That's a different chemical composition than pollution.

He said the main concern right now is the level of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

"I'm not even sure if trying to use pollution as a means to shield the Earth from the sun would actually change a tempera-

Sophomore Jordan Wolfson said he thinks the costs of

creating more pollution," Wolfson said. "We may potentially get

would take away money and effort from things that would have a much better impact on human society."



ture average," Hasbargen said.

Crutzen's plan would outweigh the benefits. "It's ironic that someone wants to make the Earth better by

rid of one problem in exchange for another."

Legates said he agrees pollution, for the purpose of decreas-ing global warming, seems inappropriate. "It's a never-ending problem, so it's a better idea to leave it alone," he said. "The long-term problem it would have, is it

Law students give back to community

BY ANDREA RAMSAY

Shae Chasanov, a Widener University law student and 2003 Delaware alumna, spends her Monday afternoons mentoring middle school-aged children at the Neighborhood House. Chasanov and other Widener law students are developing a plan to improve community centers geared toward physical activity and getting children off of the streets in the Southbridge area.

The career we are entering is a service-based career," Chasanov said. "As law students, it's my opinion that we should get involved and help our community whenever possible."

For the first time, law students at Widener are reaching out to the children of Wilmington by participating in Project Citizen, a program dedicated to teaching young people about public policy and raising civic awareness.

The national program, which was created by the Center for Civic Education along with the National Confederation of State Legislatures, is expanding political education from the classroom to a community setting by working with organizations such as Kingswood Community Center, the Latin American Community Center and Westend Neighborhood House

Pat Quann, executive director of the Delaware Law Related Education Center who organizes the program for the state, said participants identify a public issue in their community then look for alternatives, propose solutions and create a plan to fix the problem.

"It's a great way to help kids learn how to gain access to their government and understand how it works in a practical way," Quann said.

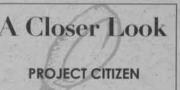
Although the law students receive no credit or compensation for their work. Arlene Rivera Finkelstein, head of the Public Interest Resource Center at Widener, said the law profession encourages attorneys to serve their communities whenever possible.

There are so many rewards that this program gives to our students, such as instilling an early interest in service," Finkelstein said. "It feels good to do public interest work

With the help of the law students, participants of Project Citizen are addressing issues, such as access to inner-city libraries in Wilmington, which they hope to present to the state legislature in January

Jeff Oster, Widener law student and 2003 Delaware alumnus, works alongside Chasanov at the Neighborhood House. Oster said he was initially drawn to the pro-gram due to the opportunity of working with kids to better their community through the political

since we are working with rids who are 9 to 13, they are too



These coordinators work with their members of Congress, business and community leaders, and local educators to contribute to the success of the program.

Project Citizen promotes competent and responsible par-ticipation in local and state government.

 As of November 2006, approximately 22,500 teachers have taught Project Citizen to over 1,400,000 students.

-Compiled from the Center for Civic Education Web site

young to fully grasp what they are doing when it comes to public polhe said. "But it gives them icy,' the chance to see that people out-side the community do care for

their well-being." In 2002, participants proved they could make a difference when they testified to pass regulation regarding drug paraphernalia laws in Delaware.

However, Finkelstein said the most inspiring and valuable feature of the program is the opportunity it provides for inner-city chil-dren to work closely with university and law students.

"The students are interacting and sharing ideas with the kids, acting as mentors to show them who they can be in the future," she said. "This underlying benefit

seeps into every aspect of this project — it is the true goal." Sophomore Brittney Russell, president of the Pre-Law Student Association at the university, said there are no similar service-based programs which are required or encouraged for students interested in law. However, Russell said she hopes it is something that will be

emphasized in the near future. "Personally, I think it is very valuable for students to be put into a setting where you can utilize your skills," she said. "We don't really have an opportunity here to practice or go out into the community

Finkelstein said any chance students have to teach others is invigorating, and programs which provide opportunities for them to do so should be adopted by other universities, even at the under-graduate level. Project Citizen has been as beneficial for her students as it has to the participants of the program.

"It is a hands-on, grassroots, empowering program for both the kids and the law students," she "It helps them realize you really can make a difference.



Restaurants are not required to post health inspection ratings according to state law.

Hidden health ratings in Del.

BY JASON CLINE

stainless-steel The unique details, nostalgic jukebox and the round booths that wrap the exterior walls have become a haven for satisfying those late-night, alcoholinduced hunger pains. For many college students, eating at the Korner Diner has become a ritual weekend outing. The service is good, the food is always satisfying and yes, its "por-tions are massive." It is an overall pleasing experience -- only, what is happening behind those closed kitchen doors?

Currently, it is not mandatory for restaurant inspection reports to be readily available to the public in Delaware, though many other states require these scores and inspection certificates be posted at the establishment. These reports, which rate restaurant quality, service and clean-liness would be reflected in a gradelike manner. In many states, a rating is displayed as an A, B or C score and placed on a placard in the front win-dow of the business.

Kazy Tauginas, owner of the Korner Diner, said he supports having these ratings be made mandatory. He said inspectors are not asking anything uncommon or unreasonable of restaurants during these quality investigations.

"In general, the rules established make complete sense," he said. "If

HEALTH INSPECTORS

Are workers wearing gloves equipment (such as tongs, spatulas)?

Is the food cooked to proper

Is kitchen manager well-versed in safe-food handling

 Is there an insect or rodent problem?

Is food properly dated?

the kitchen staff pays attention and follows these standards, then it would not be a problem for any restaurant." Tauginas said he thinks posting

ratings would be helpful in making restaurants raise their standards. By concerning themselves more with food safety and sanitation, the experience for consumers would be more safe and enjoyable.

"After seeing a restaurant's ratings, many people would make their decision based on how well the place did," Tauginas said. "If they had a bad rating then people wouldn't con-tinue to eat there. I think it is a fair step needed to help increase restaurant's standards."

Junior Trish Carbone said it is strange not to have easy access to inspection ratings and would like to have access to that type of information without having to search for it. "I think it should be mandatory

to post inspection ratings in Delaware restaurants. I feel that, ultimately, restaurants would benefit from having the ratings be so public," Carbone said. "Having the establish-ment improve on their ratings would make the restaurant a better place.'

She said she takes a very close look at the restaurant's appearance before deciding to dine there.

"The overall appearance of the estaurant absolutely affects the way I look at it. I make a mental note of anything that bothers me and will give the place one more shot,' arbone said.

Jennifer Wooleyhand, spokeswoman for the Delaware Division of Public Health, stated in an e-mail message that when regarding inspections and rating availability, the Division of Public Health complies with the state's Freedom of Information Act. This act establishes which government information is public

"Restaurant inspection reports are public records and have always been provided to the public at their request," Wooleyhand said. "The division photocopies the reports and mails them to the requestor, which can take approximately one week.'

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there are an estimated 76 million cases of food-borne illness annually in the United States, including 325,000 hospitalizations and 5,000

deaths. Many cases of salmonella, which can be deadly, and E. coli were reported in Delaware from 2001 to 2005 due to unsanitary conditions present while preparing food. Carrie Leishman, president of the Delaware Restaurant Association,

said everyone should take food safety seriously, especially since it is cur-rently such a hot topic in the media. She said it is important to feel confident while dining out in Delaware and that local restaurateurs are passionate about providing a safe dining experience for all customers.

The DRA provides and encourages all operators to become certified in food safety training through the Servsafe program, the world's leader in comprehensive training and certi-fication, so that health inspections run smoothly, she said.

Leishman said the biggest factor in determining a restaurant's score is the inspectors themselves.

"Évery inspector is different. They are not always going to be equal upon comparison," she said. Leishman said she does not

believe posting restaurant quality ratings inside the business should be an obligation, only because it may not accurately reflect the true food safety record because of possible inconsis-tencies. She said restaurants should not have anything to hide and most

restaurants would comply. "I think most reputable opera-tors would not have problems with the scores of their inspections being posted," she said.

Junior Brett Cordrey said although he has never requested restaurant inspection ratings from the Division of Health, it is a good idea to post them in order to make certain the restaurant is up to standards.

"Restaurants are providing a service to the community and should be responsible for ensuring the health of their consumers," Cordrey said.

Even without requesting inspec-tion records, he said, the overall environment of the restaurant will affect his eating decisions.

'I usually check to see how clean the restaurant is, especially the bathroom. I also look at the staff's appearance and their demeanor," he won't come back, but if I think it is too bad then I will just leave."

A Closer Look

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who's who in Newark An eye for perfection: stylist brings flair to hair

BY CAITLIN BIRCH

The clock on the marble counter rests in the arms of an orange cartoon-like cat and ticks softly as the morning sun streams through the windows. Goldfish dart through aquatic plants in the large fish tank on one wall. Outside, the usual Main Street traffic bustles by, punctuated by the occa-sional revved engine or honked horn, but inside all is quiet, waiting

The back door slams, interrupting the lazy atmosphere. Striding across the black-tiled floor, the owner of Cat's Eye Hair and Tanning Salon announces his arrival.

"Nick is here," he sings out, a grin spreading across his tanned face, just below the full salt-and-pepper mustache.

His greeting reverberates around the room, then it is down to business, preparing his first client of the day for her cut and color.

"My dear lady, I love you honey and thank you," he said, his voice laden with the affection clients quickly come to expect from him.

Nick Biklarian has been gently reassuring his clients at Cat's Eye for the past 20 years, ever since moving from Europe to Newark with his wife, a university alumna.

Although his parents are Armenian, Biklarian said he was born in London, where his father worked for British Petroleum.

"I always looked up to him," he said, his voice unique-ly accented by his mixed fluency of English, Armenian, German and Farsi. "I wanted to be like him."

When his dad gave him advice, he listened. "He told me, 'Never do anything for the money, do something that you like because if you do something you like, you'll be good at it, and if you're good at it, you'll make the money,' "Biklarian said.

After leaving behind the degree he earned in civil engineering, he seems to have found something he likes. Biklarian cannot keep the song out of his voice or the smile off of his face as he deftly weaves coloring foils in and out of his client's hair. The look of concentration in his deep brown eyes is coupled with a spark that speaks of his pas-

sion for what he considers the art of hair. Biklarian said his dad helped him identify his aptitude for the artistry of hair styling. "My dad said to me, 'You know, you have artistic

hands, and you're always going to your sister to get your



Nick Biklarian has owned Cat's Eye Hair and Tanning Salon for 20 years.

hair cut. Hair is artistic, why don't you do hair?' " he said. No longer satisfied with simply watching his sister at work in her salon, Biklarian said he entered the Vidal

Sassoon Academy in London to learn the art himself. The following five years found him in England, Germany and Italy, cutting hair for Vidal Sassoon and rub-bing elbows with the rich and famous. Biklarian said besides the successful models he frequently worked on, he

had the opportunity to work with several famous actors. "I cut James Bond's hair," he said casually. And by James Bond, he means the original — Sean Connery.

"I was very nervous, but he was a real nice gentleman," Biklarian said. "He made me feel better. It was definitely the experience of a lifetime."

A father of two daughters, both in their early twenties, and a 1-year-old son, Biklarian said he is content with his quiet life in Newark, even after the glamor of the European

"I like it here. I'm used to it," he said. "I have a lot of regular clients and friends. I'm happy." Biklarian said the inspiration for his Newark business

came from his fascination with the cat's eye stone, a highly-

valued yellowish crystal gem. The tradition behind the stone suggests if given as a gift, the cat's eye will bring good luck to the recipient. He said after his mother bestowed the stone upon his brotherin-law instead of him, he made the decision to create his own cat's cy

"I said, 'If I ever start a business, I'm going to call it Cat's Eye. If it can be used on jewelry, it can be used on beauty,' "he said.

On to another client now, Biklarian looks to the black pouch circling his waist. It looks like a tool belt, and it might as well be one as he lifts the flap to reveal an ammunition of gleaming silver scissors, sheers and miscellancous utensils

He takes a step back, gazing intently at the head full of wet hair, then goes to work. Armed with two sets of scissors, Biklarian grasps a

handful of hair, pulls it taut above the head and attacks it with remarkable grace and accuracy. He spends the next few minutes sweeping the hair above the head, cutting away with seemingly dangerous speed, dropping it and then diving in for another handful.

He calls it "Biklarian's double-sheer texturizer," and it took him all of one day to perfect the daring technique many years ago in London.

As random chunks of hair go flying, the hair takes on the perfect amount of bounce and volume, making Biklarian's trademark technique a popular request around Cat's Eye.

"There's never a dull moment," one co-worker said. "I work with him every day and every day there's a story.

He may keep the salon laughing, but Biklarian is serious about his work.

"It's a very special moment for a client," he said. "When the client gets nervous, the hair gets nervous. To me it's very important that when the client is sitting on the chair, they're comfortable, they trust you. "It gives me satisfaction when I see a client leaving the

establishment happy, smiling.

What to do over Winter Break: The Review's checklist

BY MEGHAN LOBDELL

AHHH! Just thinking about the next two weeks of your life makes you sick to your stomach ---- studying, papers, packing up. Your only hope is when you get through it, the stress is over...right? Wrong!

Going home for break means squeezing a million activities into a small amount of time. Can you say

Pamper your car. First, hit the carwash. Whether it was cruising around Newark all semester, or sitting alone in your driveway at home, it's probably grimy. You might want to think about some rou-ting meintenance an oil

want to think about some rou-tine maintenance — an oil change, perhaps. Maybe its emissions or registration tags are about to expire. Take care of that. And if you just turned 21, make a trip to the DMV so you can chuck that underage license

license

Make all the appointments you've been putting off. Clearly, you are long overdue to hit the dentist — maybe you still need to get those wisdom teeth pulled...eek! Wouldn't it be nice to get a fresh, new haircut to dazzle your friends back at school?

"overwhelming"? Whether you are only home for

a few weeks and then heading back to campus for Winter Session, hop-ping on a plane after New Year's to study abroad or toughing out the entire break back home, it will be

over before it began. The clock is ticking and The Review has kindly compiled a "to do" list just for you...so get on it!



so many months. They will probably be sympathetic to your predicament. Maybe they don't feel neglected. -they'll even have hundreds They're going through with-

years. Do some updating. And wash your sheets, while you're at it. They've been collecting dust for months. Switch your clothes. If you've been keeping those shorts **9** out for a summer day, it's time to give up. Yes, it did happen last week, but that was a tease and now it's over. Swallow your pride, bring the shorts home and pack up your parka to bring back to campus.

Spice up your old bed-

room. It's probably an

outdated memorial to

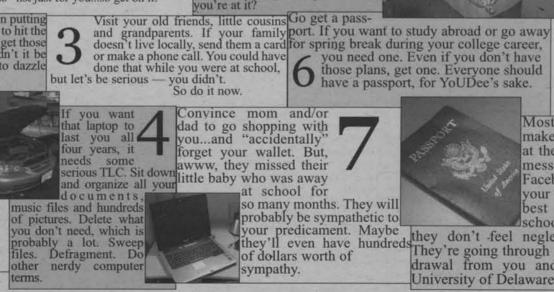
your awkward middle

school and high school

Most importantly, make sure to call (or at the very least text message, IM 01 Facebook wall post) your roommates and best friends from school so

drawal from you and the

University of Delaware, too.



BY BRITTANY TALARICO

Tens of thousands of voters all over the country encountered serious voting problems at the polls, including complications with new advanced voting machines and confusion over newly-implemented identification rules.

Faulty election procedures pose the question does every vote really count?

Electionline.org is a non-partisan clearing house of election information. The Web site released a 2006 election briefing report.

Editor Dan Seligson said the majority of problems in the midterm elections had to do with the new, complex voting machines and just over 38 percent of voters used these machines in the election.

"It was inevitable that there was going to be mistakes," Seligson said. "When this many people are using new machines in a big election, problems are going to be encountered."

With new technology, there is also an increasing complexity in poll workers' jobs, he said. These people do not work at the polls very often and as a result are not well-equipped to handle problems with confusing technology.

the Voting problems occurred all over United States including incidents in Florida, Colorado, Arkansas, Tennessee, Illinois, Missouri, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Ohio, South Carolina and Washington, Seligson said.

In Denver, electronic toll booths broke down all over the city and people were waiting in line for three hours, he said.

Florida, Arkansas, Tennessee, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Ohio and South Carolina all had problems with electronic voting machines, Seligson said. Massachusetts and Missouri had trouble with ballot shortages.

"We don't hear about many problems in Delaware," he said. "They have been doing the

same thing the same way for a very long time." Seligson said this election was not successful because people were prevented from

"If someone has to wait in line for three hours, that is a disfranchisement that has to be corrected," Seligson said.

The saving grace of this election was that the races in the places where most voters had difficulty were not that close, he said.

The margin of victory exceeded the margin of error." Seligson said.

Jason Mycoff, political science professor, said it is impossible to ensure that all votes are

counted "We have to accept the fact that there is going to be a slight error," Mycoff said. "It is

the nature of large numbers. He said he observed first hand the prob-

lems that voters experience. An older woman who was voting in front of me did not push the green button to cast the vote," Mycoff said. "Her vote was essentially eliminated. You need to complete the whole

process. The main problem with electronic systems is the lack of a paper back-up, he said. Registration problems can also occur and affect

voting procedures. Mycoff said sometimes voters are moved from one voting precinct to another and are unaware of this, someone's name can be purged from the role by accident, or someone could share the same name as a convict and be cast off by mistake.

He said in general the problems would have to get really bad for people to stop voting. After the extremely close 2000 presiden-

tial election, an enormous drop off was not seen in the number of voters, Mycoff said. Congress passed the Help America Vote

Act in 2002 to increase the number of electronic voting machines and to eliminate the use of more outdated punch cards or paper ballots, things that have not worked in the past, he said.

The people at the polls could miscount the vote on purpose, throw away ballots or add extras at the end of the day, Mycoff said. Electronic machines were implemented to help prevent these occurrences.

'In college I served as an election observer in Pennsylvania and watched to make sure nothing nefarious was going on," he said. In very close races, such as the 2000 pres-

idential election, the little mistakes can start to have a larger effect, Mycoff said. There are a fair number of elections nationwide where there is a very small margin of victory, and one vote could make a difference.

"In the most recent election, there were several positions for Congress, which were undecided because the election took a couple of days," he said. "If the margin of vote is less then a 10th of a percent difference that could trigger an automatic recount.'

Frank B. Calio, elections commissioner for Delaware, said there were no problems reported concerning voting procedures "We have a very efficient and accurate

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. Many states used electronic voting systems for the first time experienced problems on election day.

- More than 38 percent of voters used these machines in the 2006 midterm 26 election.
- Incidents of "vote flipping," in which the machines did not record the vote accurately, were reported all over the country.

-compiled from Electiononline.org

system," Calio said. "It is an easy way of voting in Delaware. He said Delaware uses full-faced ballots in

which all the information is on one page so the voter goes right down the list and only needs to be concerned with what is on the screen. Voters simply have to push a button on a screen to mark their votes

We have had full-faced ballots since 1995 and never had a challenge for any vote or any office," he said. "Before 1995 push levers were used. The levers were very old and would often break

There is no confusion with the identification rules in Delaware because of the Help America Vote Act, which states that voters do not need to have a photo identification, he said.

In Delaware, voters can use any form of identification like a tax bill, water bill or any utility bill that shows where a resident lives, Calio said

Mary Boyle, press secretary for the public interest advocacy group, Common Cause, said they ran a national voter hotline during the midterm elections.

Through the hotline, voters could call and report a problem, call and put in their ZIP code and phone number to find address of voting place, or be connected to local election office officials, Boyle said.

"More than 16,000 calls were directed to that line," she said. "About 1,500 of those calls were people reporting actual problems. The

other 14,500 were using the other two services.'

People who used electronic voting machines had problems and questions, Boyle said. They were trying to vote for one candidate and felt that their vote was not registering.

Other problems reported were issues with absentee ballots and identification, she said.

States such as Georgia and Nevada recently changed form of identification needed causing confusion, Boyle said.

She said Common Cause is pushing for Congress to pass a bill that would require the electronic voting machines to produce a paper trail and have random audits.

Right now with some of these machines, you just cast your vote and it goes off into the guts of the computer and there is no trail to look where your vote was cast," Boyle said. "We need to make reforms or people are going to lose confidence and faith in the voting process, which is the whole cornerstone of our democracy

Sophomore Morgan Hedden went home to Pennsylvania to cast her vote.

Hedden said one of the machines at her voting site happened to be broken, but overall,

it was a positive, exciting experience. "I remember voting with my parents and watching them punch through ballots and having to flip pages over," she said. "Now the polls are more efficiently run and organized.'

Hedden said she believes that ballots do not have anything to do with people deciding to vote.

"It has more to do with the economic and political state of America at the time of the election," she said.

Sophomore Conner Murray said he was happy to cast his Republican vote at the Wilmington Charter School and did not

encounter any problems. "Even though Republicans did not have a chance of winning Delaware, it was nice to make an effort for what I believe in," Murray said.

He said if the ballots had a makeover it would not change things.

"The main issue with people and voting is getting to the polls and registering," Murray said. "The only reason more than 30 percent of eligible voters voted in the midterm election is because there are big issues on the block, mainly the war in Iraq.

'Noisy Methodists' a mainstay on Main Street

THE REVIEW/Josh Ba The Newark United Methodist Church has stood for more than 150 years.

BY BRIAN STEIMERS

The Newark United Methodist Church on Main Street has become an identifiable landmark, standing for more than 150 years. The prominence it holds today did not exist when the church and its members struggled to get it running years ago. Janet King, an active member of the church, said the con-

gregation had difficulty looking for a place to meet in 1851. "We were known as the 'Noisy Methodists' due to our

singing," King said. "Nobody was willing to sell us a lot." The idea of having the Methodist Church on Main Street was met with little support from the community because of the disturbance of loud meetings.

According to James B. Owen's book, "The Noisy Methodists," John Fletcher Williamson helped establish the church by contacting D.W. Black, the owner of the lot where the church currently stands. Black was not a local and was unaware of the community's reluctance to sell land to the Methodists on Main Street.

Black sold the property for \$330 and construction was com-pleted in March of 1852. This gave the Newark Methodists a place to congregate.

The Rev. David Palmer said the church's location in Newark is important and attracts members from a three-state region. "They sort of finagled their way here," Palmer said.

Ten years after the church opened a fire ravished its growing status on Main Street after a young boy accidentally set it ablaze while playing with firecrackers, according to Owen. A firecracker wedged into the wooden eaves of the roof and the church burned to the ground.

There was nothing that could be done," King said. "They let it burn to nothing.

By 1865 the church was reconstructed with two floors that cost \$12,000. King said the church played an important role in the community and benefited from the rising commerce in Newark.

Several new additions have been made to the church, as the structure extends back to Delaware Avenue, King said. The church is currently home to a preschool program that was added in 1965 and continues to grow.

The steeple which towers over businesses on Main Street was not added until the late 1940s. The latest series of renova-tions completed in 1991 include a new parking lot off Delaware Avenue, a new pipe organ, an elevator and chancel renovations, she said

The members helped raise more than \$800,000 to complete the additions.

Palmer said the church opens its doors to all non-profit organizations seeking use of the building and participates in downtown Newark celebrations.

'Ten years ago the church made a conscious choice to stay on Main Street," he said. "They were looking at options to move

out of town but thought it was important to be here." Each year Main Street echoes with the sounds of the choir singing carols in honor of Newark's Winterfest celebration.

"We try to patronize their businesses and they help us out with donations," Palmer said.



Freshmen Brandon Comer and Anthony San Felippo fuse their holiday traditions.

THE REVIEW/Jim O'Leary

'Tis the season to decorate Students display their holiday spirit

BY DESIREE NORWOOD

The Christmahanakwanzaaka commercial that people know and love has manifested itself in the residence halls this holiday season.

Two of these people are fresh-men roommates Brandon Comer and Anthony San Felippo who decided to bring the at-home holiday feel to their Dickinson C room.

'We both have a lot of holiday spirit, and I think we both wanted to do something different than the rest of the floor," Comer said.

Their tiny Dickinson room was divided into two holiday halves. Comer's side of the room represented Hanukkah with white lights accented by the blue and white menorah stickers on the wall. San Felippo has decorated his side of the room with multicolored lights accompanied by Christmas figures on his wall. The two sides meet with a miniature Christmas

"It shows diversity," San Felippo said. "It makes me feel like I'm at home.

Brittany Richter is the resident assistant for this Dickinson C floor and said her residents presented her with the idea of decorating. Some of her residents have inquired about the restrictions that are in place when decorating for the holidays.

"They asked me about the lights because we are not allowed to have extension cords," Richter said. "Holiday lights do not count."

She said abiding by the rules are important, but for her, broadening the minds of her residents and

bringing them together is the goal. "Everyone has to be open," Richter said. "You are allowed to

decorate for whatever holiday you celebrate, but you have to make sure that everyone knows that you are open to other things.

She distributed a survey to her floor to make sure that everyone on the floor was represented, she said. For the curriculum in Dickinson the focus for the freshmen is diversity, education and involvement, Richter said. Along with other Dickinson RAs, they have decided to unite and partici-pate in a joint program for the hol-

iday season. "We are doing a huge program on the different winter holidays, describing what they are and the religions, she said. different "There will be involvement activities and trivia."

Richter said there is some-thing about the season that encourages decorations.

"I think it is more festive," she said. "There are some students who cannot go home. I think decorating here just makes it easier.'

The interest in decorations and holiday spirit has opened the door for more communication between her residents, Richter said

"I think it brings everyone closer because it is like, 'Oh come see my room,' and if you haven't seen someone's room before it might be the first time you are really talking to someone a lot," Richter said. "I feel like it brings people together as corny as it sounds.

Decorating for the holiday has created a friendly competition between the residents on this Dickinson floor.

Freshmen roommates Marla Cicchino and Amanda Wortmann, who also live on the floor, said

they feel their room is more festively decorated than Comer and San Felippo's room.

"We go back and forth all the time, but they said that ours wasn't good enough because we didn't have Hanukkah," Wortmann said. "But we have mistletoe."

Richter said she plans for the floor to get together and decorate the lounge.

"We are going to do Christmahanakwanzaaka in the lounge," Richter said.

Jim Tweedy, associate director of the Office of Residence Life, stated in an e-mail message he esti-mates 10 to 15 percent of students will decorate to some degree for the holidays. In past years, some students have violated regulations.

"We have occasional viola-tions, primarily with the use of spray-snow on the windows and inappropriate use of lighting," Tweedy said. "Students generally follow our fire-safety codes well and have been well-educated to stay away from water sprinkler heads.

He said he finds more decorations in the upperclassmen hous-ing, especially in the Christiana Towers on Laird campus.

"I think as students stay longer in the residence halls they attempt to give their room a more home-like feel," Tweedy said.

He has seen his share of outrageous decorations in the residence halls, he said.

"We have certainly had stu-dents who have gone all out with decorations and have covered their entire room with lights, a tree, window paint as well as dressing for the part," Tweedy said. "These folks are generally nice enough to also bake cookies for the floor."

Professors get personal via blogs on Internet

BY KATIE SULLIVAN

With Web sites such as Postsecret.com, Blogger.com and even Donald Trump's TrumpU.com featuring blogs, it is no wonder professors nationwide are starting to use online journals.

Unlike written journals, Internet blogs are a way for people to relay their interests to unspecified numbers of people every day. They talk about their lives and practically anything and everything else.

Robert Caret, president of the Towson University, has his own blog called "Bob's Blog." Caret said

it is important to have a strong sense of communication between students and the university, as well as to inform students about what is occurring across campus.

"Communication is always a major challenge for any organization. How do you let people know what going on, what your plans are,

going?" Caret stated in his blog. "One of my rules has been when you think communication is going well, you are at about 10 percent of where you need to be.'

Heidi Sarver, music director at the University of Delaware, keeps two blogs on her Web site, heidisarver.com. She said blogs help her to enhance her professional career while keeping readers updated on

One blog is what Sarver calls "a running diary of sorts" about her Bassett Hound dogs. She said the blog, featuring a picture of a floppyeared mutt, is mostly for fun. Sarver said it is a way to keep curious

friends informed on what mischief her two hounds Buford and Della

have been creating. Her other blog, however, is about the marching band. She said it gives people a different look at the band aside from the traditional, more formal Web site format.

"There are many parents and friends of band members who never get to see the group perform, hence the creation of Sarv blog," Sarver said. "I thought it was important for others to know my thoughts because many of those people have a vested interest in the band.

Sarver said the blog serves as a vehicle for com-

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as the fans and

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- Robin Palkovitz students in writing and discussion

Family Studies Professor outside the class-room. Students can respond to his entries on the blog, which counts toward their participation grade.

"I think that blogging can bring useful enrichment to lecture cours-es," Palkovitz said. "It's an exploration of issues directly related to the academic content of my course." Sophomore Danielle Becker

said she has had both Sarver and Palkovitz as professors and has kept a blog of her own. She finds blogs help students to see professors as human beings and not just part of the podium, making them more approachable.

"It helps us see them more as people who have lives outside the lecture halls," Becker said.

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what you need them to do and where we are all

Harker elected as Roselle's replacement

BY JULIA PARMLEY & CAIT SIMPSON

Patrick T. Harker was named the 26th president of the university last Friday at a press conference at the Center for the Arts. Howard Cosgrove, chairman of the

Board of Trustees, announced the election. "During the process of searching for a new president, we found Dr. Harker to have an excellent combination of experience and skills that will be of great value in leading the University of Delaware forward," Cosgrove said

Harker has been the dean of the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania since 1999.

Harker's record at Wharton was a decid-ing factor in his election, Cosgrove said.

"He has managed with foresight and creativity and innovation, expanding the reach of the Wharton School across the country and around the world," he said.

Harker said though he has spent approx-imately three decades at Penn, the University of Delaware was an exciting prospect for him.

Cosgrove said the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees made its decision to hire Harker on Wednesday.

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The board sought someone a who would continue university President David P. Roselle's legacy. "We believe Pat Harker

to be the best person to carry forward and expand his legacy of achievement, with his vision, enthusiasm and commitment, we very much look forward to his arrival on campus next sum-mer," he said. "We expect Dr. Harker to take office on around July 1, 2007

Harker will take the place of Roselle, who has served as president since 1990. Roselle announced his plan to retire to the Board of Trustees last

spring. The Presidential Search Committee,

appointed by the Board of Trustees, worked over the summer to research candidates and interview potential presidents.

The committee kept its search closed during the research process. The only students involved were Blue Hen Ambassadors who formed a focus group during the summer, according to the committee's Web site.

Rose Overbey, president of the Delaware Undergraduate Student Congress, said she wished the focus group was formed at a time more convenient for other students.

"I had a number of people on the execu-tive committee who I thought would be inter-ested but everyone was home for the sum-

mer," Overbey said. DUSC was only contacted when the candidates had been selected. She said she attended the RSO leader meetings to talk with the two prospective presidents.

Regardless, Overbey said the committee was thorough and she is happy about the decision to elect Harker.

"I think the most important thing now is for students to reach out to him to a build a good relationship," she said.

Cosgrove made sure to point out that the search committee had a large pool of candidates with a long list of qualifica-He is a dynamic,

> Cosgrove cited the changing student body and faculty as significant aspects of Roselle's tenure.

> "The University Delaware is greatly indebted to David P. Roselle, whose service to the institution and the state has been nothing short of spectacular," he said. "Dr. Roselle has transformed the university entirely, from the student body to the faculty."

Arts and Sciences Harker mentioned Roselle's presidency in his address as well, attributing the enthusiasm and commitment of the faculty, staff and stu-

dent body to his predecessor.

A Closer Look PATRICK T. HARKER

Raised more than \$450 million over five years

White House Fellow in 1991

ISI Highly Cited Researcher in 2004

Trustee of Goldman Sachs Trust and Goldman Sachs Variable Insurance Trust

Four degrees from the University of Pennsylvania in civil engineering and economics.

Office of Public Relations

"Under President Roselle's leadership, Delaware has built its legacy of innovation and entrepreneurship through investments and highly talented faculty and staff," he said.

"While many will point to this beautiful campus as his legacy at this institution — and it clearly is one of his many legacies — I believe the quality of people, who are here today at this university to be the hallmark which will define his leadership."

Harker said he planned on working with Roselle to develop a new plan for the future of the university. However, he does not know enough yet to articulate his specific plan of action.

"I don't know what that is exactly, that's because it needs a lot of conversation, but I do know one thing — that the new agenda, the new approach that the university will take will be built on this incredibly solid foundation," Harker said.

He said the influence the university has on the community will be his main focus.

"That's the key word, impact impact that we have on the young men and women who come here to study every day, the impact we have on our alumni community, the impact we have for our leadership, the faculty leadership, in dealing with the difficult problems we face as a society and the opportunity to advance not only the state, but the nation as a whole," Harker said. The university administration responded

positively to the election results

Roselle said he believed the university will be in good hands.

"Pat is an absolutely first-rate member of the Penn faculty and a first-rate administrator and I believe an ideal choice to serve as the next president of the University of Delaware," he said.

Thomas Apple, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, stated in an e-mail message he was not on the search committee, but

had the opportunity to meet with Harker. "I am thrilled by his selection," Apple said. "He is a dynamic, brilliant leader with a great track record. I think UD will do great things under his direction.'

Provost Dan Rich stated in an e-mail message Harker is an excellent choice for the next university president.

"He is an outstanding scholar and an experienced academic leader," Rich said. "He has a documented record of exceptional accomplishments as dean of the world's premier business school."

Rich said the university has emerged over the past 15 years as a top-quality nation-al university recognized for the overall excel-lence of its faculty, students, programs and facilities

"As a result, it is now appropriate to rec-ognize a new University of Delaware, one that embodies a much higher standard of aca-demic performance and that has the solid foundation and high expectations needed for even greater distinction in the future," he said.

Patrick Harker has all the qualifications to take advantage of this exceptional opportu-nity and to lead the university to higher levels of success in the future.

Movin' on up from Super 8 Motel to Holly Woods

BY GREG LISI

Students have finished moving into the new Holly Woods Luxury Townhomes on South Chapel Street Nov. 16, ending their two-month stay in the Super 8 Motel. Approximately 55 students were forced to live in the local motel since the beginning of the semester because the construction of Holly Woods had not been completed.

Junior A.J. Minite said the feeling of finally being able to move in has been surreal.

"I can't believe this is actually happening," Minite said. "For a while there I thought we would never move in."

Chris Cochran, the landlord of Holly Woods, said construction on the new houses was delayed because of the extremely hot weather during the summer months. Workers were not physically capable of laboring in the dangerous conditions for more than a few hours per day

The situation was unfortunate, but the city inspectors were helpful in trying to expedite the process so the students could have a place to call home, Cochran said. The townhous-es were certified two and a half months behind the original

scheduled date for opening. "I'm glad we were able to finally get these guys in here," he said. "I just wish it could have been a lot sooner." Cochran operated the High Energy Gym for 25 years, but

said the experience of being an owner of townhouses is new Last spring the gym was knocked down so construction could begin on the new complexes.

He said he dealt with various complaints from tenants who had grown impatient while waiting for their homes to be finished, but it was understandable considering the situation.

"I don't blame them," Cochran said. "I wouldn't want to be stuck living in a motel for two months either."

Junior Rachel Bloemer said moving into her room during the busiest time for classes is challenging. The move-in process is slow because her first priority is to complete schoolwork

"Between classes, exams and moving in, I've had very little time to relax," Bloemer said.

She said being in her new home is a bittersweet feeling, but could not be happier to finally start settling down.

'It's unfortunate that the semester is almost over at this point," Bloemer said. "But I guess it's better late than never."

The tenants were not required to pay rent during the time they were staying in the motel. Cochran paid for the cost of the motel. Canon Patel, manager of Motel 8, said he is adjusting to

life at the motel without the students. Their presence strong boost for business during those months, but said he had mixed emotions when the students departed.

"They brought in a lot of business, but they also took up a huge block of rooms that could have been sold at higher Patel said. "I'm just happy they are finally in their rates. homes

Junior Travis Pincoski said he did not know how much longer he could have gone on living in the motel without breaking down. Living out of a motel and his car is not an experience he wants to revisit.

"Living in a motel for two months was hell," Pincoski said. "Just driving by the place gives me chills now." Junior Samantha Fitzgerald said she is not upset about

having to leave the Super 8

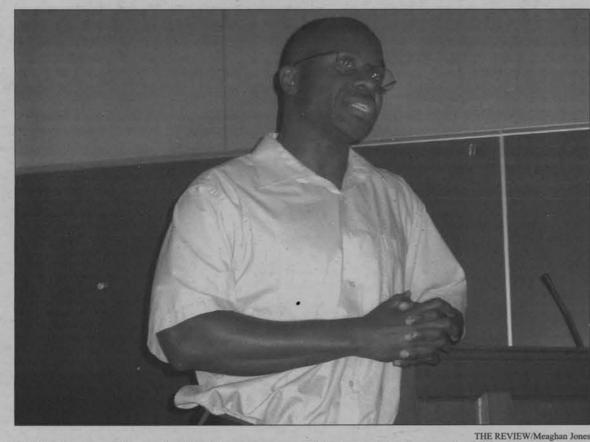
"The only thing I'll miss is having somebody clean my room and make my bed for me," Fitzgerald said. "But it's nice to be out of there and sleeping in my own bed again."



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After living in a motel for more than two months, 55 students were able to move into Holly Woods Apartments on South Chapel Street on Nov. 16.

tions.



Carlton Cooper, professor of biological sciences, warned students of the dangers of HIV and AIDS.

World AIDS Day New uncontrollable strain of HIV discovered in N.Y.

BY JENNIFER HAYES

"Even if the other person is HIV negative, you should never be involved in unprotected sex," bio-logical sciences professor Carlton

Cooper said. A threatening new strain of HIV has the ability to progress rapidly into AIDS in a matter of months and resists nearly all medications, Cooper said to students at a speech sponsored by the Office of Residence Life on Thursday, the eve of World AIDS Day. Because it resists nearly all

anti-retroviral drugs, this form of HIV cannot be controlled, he said. Therefore, people, especially members of younger generations, need to be aware of how to prevent it

This new strain was found in a male in his mid-40s in New York last year, Cooper said. The man had numerous male partners and was using crystal methamphetamine.

In November 2004, the New York man developed flu-like symptoms, which are a common first sign of HIV. In December, he was diagnosed HIV positive. It only took another two months for the man to develop AIDS, Cooper said

"A typical HIV strain usually takes 10 to 20 years to progress into AIDS," he said, "In this strain, HIV, is preventable, Cooper, and don't care," Wallhauser said, the Scrounge on Saturday night.

progression to AIDS can be anywhere from two to 20 months. Although this new strain has

been found not anywhere else doctors and researchers are keeping a close track of updated cases, Cooper said.

"This is scary because we are right next to New York," he said. "We are already at a high rate."

Cooper, who researched HIV-related viruses in cows and spent time as an HIV counselor

HIV counselor, said Wilmington is ranked fifth in the nation in HIV and AIDS cases. Signs of HIV include flu-like

symptoms, such as fever, chills and swollen glands, he said. Fungi infections such as yeast infections and herpes may become present, as well as viral and bacterial infec-

tions, pneumonia and tuberculosis. World AIDS Day should be recognized because HIV is an epidemic worldwide, Cooper said. It affects everyone.

said. Honest discussion is needed and people should feel comfort-able talking about it. Since there is no

"It is important that we educate ourselves. Global issues affect us all.'

> - Michele Kane nal, anal or even Assistant Director oral sex, Cooper said it is impor-

way of control-ling the new HIV strain, it important for people to protect themselves, he said. Because HIV can be transmit-ted through any form of sex, including vagi-

of Residence Life tant to be aware of one's HIV sta-

> Michele Kane, an assistant director of the Office of Residence Life, said she hopes students leave the discussion understanding what they have learned deeply affects them and the people around them. "It is important that we edu-

cate ourselves," she said. "Global issues affect us all."

Freshman Emily Wallhauser said widespread education about HIV and this new strain is important

SCPAB brings soulful artist to Scrounge

BY JASON CLINE

"Sorry if I squeak. I've already gone through puberty. I promise," Chris Cauley said as he opened his set to a packed house of more than 100 people at the Scrounge. The concert was sponsored by the Student Centers Programming Advisory Board.

From start to finish, he commanded the stage with his raw tal-ent, emotion and soulful persona.

Not even a bronchial infection could hinder the smoky rasp and power of Chris Cauley's impeccable vocals on Saturday night.

With more than an hour-long set, a few cover songs and a forgivable technical difficulty, Cauley ended his 2006 college tour on a high note.

"The show was a blast," Cauley said. "As an artist, I know when we have bad shows, but we have to suck it up and keep playing. It is always good to end on such a high.'

He said the best thing about touring is that he never knows what to expect. He meets a lot of fans and makes many friends while on tour, and those people are the reasons for performing.

Cauley said he always tries to make his shows personal for the audience and hopes they enjoy his show. The response at the university is always positive and he makes sure to stop by when on tour, he

"I know everybody says this, but really, I couldn't think of a bet-ter place to end our tour," Cauley said. "This is the fourth time we've come here and we have always had a great time.

Junior Ashleih Walsh said she enjoyed listening to Cauley's music and would definitely see him again.

Although she had not heard of him previously, Walsh said Cauley impressed her with his unique sound and engaging stage presence.

"I think he is awesome," she said. "He really gets into perform-ing and when he is having a lot of fun it makes everyone else have

After hearing Cauley in con-cert for the first time, Walsh said she plans to find out more about him and support his music

Junior Chelsea Johnson, the head chair of SCPAB's minor concert division, said the organization has been planning a free event for a while. Plans fell through earlier in the year, however, and they have not been able to get any act not affiliated with the university, she said.

"We decided to book Chris because he has played at the univer-sity before and he has a big name around campus," Johnson said. Each time that he has played here he has done things differently."

Johnson said SCPAB tries to book acts upon student requests, but would love to have Cauley return.

After having worked with Cauley on three projects, she said he is always willing to come to the university. Cauley has much sup-port from SCPAB and from students

on campus. "The best thing about Chris is his voice and that fact that he is not over-produced," Johnson said. "It is hard to believe this incredible, soulful voice comes out of this little white guy."



Guitarist Chris Cauley performed in front of more than 100 people at

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New course promotes responsible decisions

BY TALIA KATZ

Freshmen at the university had a new course to add to their workload this year, AlcoholEdu. AlcoholEdu is a course teach-

AlcoholEdu is a course teaching students to make responsible choices regarding alcohol.

Tracy Downs, program coordinator at Wellspring, said students were given deadlines by the university to complete the program. So far, 3,200 students have completed the course and a few hundred have not. If the students have not taken the course they will not be able to sign up for spring courses, she said.

up for spring courses, she said. "AlcoholEdu is a three-hour, online comprehensive alcohol education program aimed at helping students to make healthier decisions if they choose to drink," Downs said.

The course contains two parts, three surveys and an exam that must be passed with at least an 80 percent, she said.

Downs said the course provides students with essential facts about alcohol consumption.

"The course includes information about how alcohol affects the body, what constitutes a drink, the problems related to high-risk drinking behaviors and how alcohol abuse interferes with learning and memory retention," she said.

Fred DeMicco, hotel, restaurant and institutional management professor and LIFE mentor, said alcohol education is a must for students.

"I have spent half my life in

academia and I have seen alcohol misuse be potentially life changing and have a devastating impact on some students who over consume, binge drink and are essentially out of control," DeMicco said.

"I am in favor of alcohol education and letting students, faculty and staff know the standards of the university."

Downs said in January, the University Alcohol Policy and Education Council will receive the results of the survey that asked students about their drinking behaviors and whether this course prompted them to change.

Freshman Joey McCaffery said, the course did not teach him anything new.

"It's supposed to make you feel different but it doesn't," McCaffery said.

Freshman Rachel Kessman said she learned a lot of statistics from the course.

"It was a pain to answer all the questions, but it did make me more conscious," Kessman said. Donna Budani, anthropology professor and LIFE mentor, said stu-

Donna Budani, anthropology professor and LIFE mentor, said students may not have taken it seriously at first, but in the long run they will benefit from this course.

"In truth, I think most students entered the course and viewed it as a joke," she said. "However, at some point during the course something engaged their attention and then they listened

they listened. "Those that do listen are better, more responsible students."

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Committee rushes decision

Univ. presidential search completed abruptly

Patrick T. Harker will be taking the place of President David P. Roselle at the end of Spring Semester.

Not sure who Harker is or how he was chosen? You are not the only one.

It seems the students at the University of Pennsylvania knew about the selection before Delaware students did. Penn's press release came out a full hour and a half before Delaware's press conference

Students across campus are confused with the decision for the

Letters are pouring into the office at The Review, and the criti-cism of the Presidential Search Committee's process is warranted. Its Web site can only be described as poor and it lacked timely facts on candidates and the search process.

Not only was the information coming out of the Web sites delayed, it was also useless to students

More frustrating than the Web site was the process itself. Less than a week after deciding upon two candidates and only one campus visit by each, Harker was named president. Almost two months ahead of schedule, the decision was rushed and may not have evaluated all of the possible candidates.

The committee was completely ignorant to students' needs and failed to address the issues sur-rounding campus. Neither candi-date knew much about the community and its relationship with students

More time devoted to the process could have been used for additonal focus groups to address student concerns. The student focus groups only included Blue Hen Ambassadors, who are not an accu-rate representation of the student

body. Given that the system was flawed and was unable to include a range of students in the process, the choice of president was a good one. Harker has every intention of

interacting with students and The Review commends this initiative. He has a history of involve-

ment with students. At the University of Pennsylvania he held town hall meetings with students. His plans for the university include student-run steering groups and the same town hall meetings.

Health reports elude the public

DPH allows restaurant conditions to fall under the radar

and should be

responsible for

ensuring the health

of their consumers"

-Junior Brett Cordrey

Imagine enjoying a delicious meal at your favorite restaurant only to find a band-aid or fingernail in your food. Gross, right?

Because you frequent said establishment, you are appalled to learn that the health standards are nowhere near satisfactory.

In Delaware, this is not unrealistic. The state is one of few in the country who are not required to post their health inspection ratings for customers to see.

When people go out to eat, they are attempting to devour tasty food, not contract vicious diseases and infections.

By not posting their respective

health inspection ratings, restau-rants are not only keeping con-sumers uninformed, they are taking advantage of them.

People have a right to know how clean the place they are eating is. As paying customers they keep the business alive so they should be able to know if what they are eating will keep them alive.

There is, however, a way for the public to gain access to these inspection records. They must submit a formal request to the Division of Public Health, who, in turn, mails the results approximately one week later. It does not have to be such a

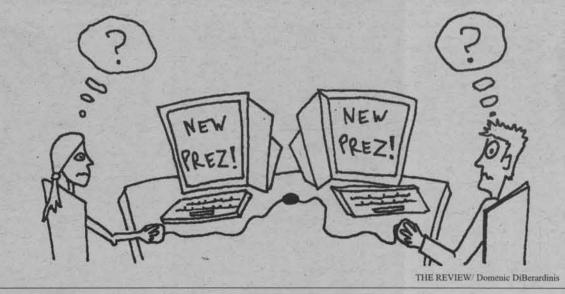
hassle to ensure you are dining in a clean environment.

All restaraunts have "Restaurants are to do is post their ratings. The DPH could providing a service to the community

also help by making these records more easily accessible. A posting on their Web site would perfectly serve this purpose. By making the

public more aware of the conditions, restaurants will start improving conditions so they can stay in business, benefiting every-

one in the end. People like to know exactly what they are getting when going to a restaurant and withholding this information is a disservice to customers, and an invitation for businesses to set the bar low for our health.



TO THE EDITOR LETTERS

Praising the Search Committee Presidential

am writing to congratulate and thank the Presidential Search Committee for a job well done. Against all odds, the committee found a candidate with distinguished record and trajectory that vill be required of a leader who hopes to continue the almost unimaginable path established by President Roselle.

It appears that, after tremendous improvements in quality and stature under Roselle's tenure, the university may still have its best years ahead.

Dan Smith

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Criticizing the Presidential Search Committee

If it were not for The Review I would not be aware that the Presidential Search Committee had selected two candidates for position of University the President.

hand-picked student representatives showed up to the questionand-answer session with the candidates. This is yet another example of why this search was ineffective and did not reflect the true

viewpoints of the student body. The coverage on the search committee's Web site was terrible. When they finally decided to update it, the Web site contained information that was outdated and obsolete. For example, several months ago, the results from the consultant's focus group meetings were posted. I never received an e-mail from the committee asking if there was interest for students to participate in these focus groups.

Instead, the committee used Blue Hen Ambassadors as the student representation. Quite frankly, a Blue Hen Ambassador is not the best representation for the students. They are employees of the university and it is their job to represent the administration's policies to the public. Because of this, they may not have a progressive view toward the future of the university, instead they have a view that the status-quo of the current administration is satisfac-

tory

I believe the university has improved greatly during the Roselle Administration, but crime, the way the university handles judicial affairs, and student ethics are all major issues that need to be addressed. Having Blue Hen Ambassadors participate in finding someone to tackle these issues is fine, but why not have the representation from ath-letes, club members and the average student?

I am embarrassed by the lack of student participation at the question-and-answer session. But from what I have seen, I cannot blame the students for the lack of interes

I blame the university for not creating interest, something that could have been solved by simply sending out an e-mail.

Maybe there is a reason for the university not wanting student interest.

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Last week's poll results Q: Who should be the next university president?

Partrick T. Harker: 77% Mickael J. Hogan: 23%

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Safety concerns taken to extreme



With the recent rise in crime, university students push security over the limit

Approximately two weeks ago, I came home from a long day of work and classes to find that my landlord added two locks to the front door of my house and an additional lock to my back door.

1 was immediately saddened.

Why do I need five locks on my doors in order to feel safe?

I grew up in a house with an ADT secu-rity system and simple locks on doors and windows. They are rarely used. When my friends came to visit they

would drive down a one-lane dirt road that winded through a heavily forested area and lock their car doors. I would joke, "Are you afraid a deer is going to steal your car?" I understand Newark is not Mason Neck,

Va., but I am still disappointed to witness this

city go from a peaceful, small college town to one filled with thoughts of fear and violence.

Just a few months ago, I never had to worry about forgetting my key. We rarely locked the back door and one of the windows did not even lock. If I were ever locked out of my house, I simply had to slide open the front window and summersault through, landing on the conveniently placed couch

Getting robbed, assaulted or raped never even crossed my mind.

Now, I have three locks on my front door and my roommates are talking about putting locks on their bedroom doors. Coming home at night is such a hassle as I have to spend five minutes just trying to get into my house.

Girls carry mace in their purses and delivery drivers take knives or batons in their cars. On Mondays, rumors of the past weekend fly around campus about so-and-so getting robbed, assaulted or stabbed.

The drastic measures campus has adopted has forced me to question why this semester has served as such a rude awakening to students. What events have occurred to cause me to be lectured for walking home by myself after my 7 p.m. class?

Not much. Yes, there was a serial rapist and yes, there have been assaults around Newark.

This does not mean our town is about to become the next Camden, N.J.

People are not getting shot every time they leave their houses. I have yet to hear about a drive-by on Cleveland Avenue. Female students are not getting raped walking down Main Street. The rapes and sexual assaults occurred in their own unlocked homes

Honestly, if a rapist really wanted to break into my house, three locks are not going to stop him because easily-breakable glass windows line the first floor of my house. I'm quite sure I'm not the only person in this situation.

Perhaps to ward off all this so-called chaotic violence, we should put bars on every window, walk around campus with police escorts after sundown and mace anything that moves

Clearly, this is a bit ridiculous.

I can understand the importance of being aware of one's surroundings. Even locking one's door is probably a smart move. Anything further seems excessive.

Mace is not necessary. I am waiting for the police to report an incident where a female student maces her roommate because she thinks it is a rapist who has broken into her house.

The fact that I get yelled at for walking

anywhere by myself is a bit extreme. I respond with the point that yes, perhaps no one is walking with me, but there are plenty of other people on the street. I may be walking by myself, but I am not by myself. I am not walking down some smoky alleyway full of junkies and gang-bangers.

Maybe I have just been lucky, but in the entire time I have lived in Newark, I have never once felt threatened or unsafe.

I am more scared of the spooky woods behind my home in Virginia than Main Street at 3 a.m.

I am not saying leave a keg on your front porch and expect it to be there in the morning, but I do believe you can spend your entire college career here without being harassed or assaulted.

In the midst of all these rumors of violence and drunken debauchery, I can not help but want to open all of my windows and doors and walk up and down Cleveland Avenue by myself in the middle of the night.

I refuse to be scared, and I certainly do not want my fellow students to have to be scared.

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McDonald's: golden of American society arch



An objective view on how one fast food resturant is saving the world

I'm hungry, starving even. I need a burger, a salad, freedom fries, chicken and a fruit par-fait, and I need it now. There is one place I know will serve it fast and will never let me down -McDonald's.

When I'm hungry, walking through the Golden Arches is the closest thing to a religious awakening I have ever encountered.

My experiences with fast food restaurants have led me to question the motives of the industry's opponents, whose numbers are only growing with help from mud-slinging books and movies such as the recently released "Fast Food Nation" film. Critics eventually need to face the fact that McDonald's does more help than harm in the world.

For starters, McDonald's takes steps toward reducing world hunger. Impoverished nations can benefit immensely from the dollar menu, which allows those with little-to-no income the opportunity to dine on a vast array of

delicious fast food. McDonald's' philanthropic activities do not end there. The Ronald McDonald House charity

offers thousands of sick children in approximately 48 countries hope and it inspires courage. They say laughter is the best medicine and nothing n Meal. makes people smile more than a Happy

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The company also offers job opportunities with the chance

to climb the rank receive great pay increases and benefits. There is no glass ceil-ing on this corladder, porate and with a few years of hard work, employ-ees can settle comfortably into assistant manager position, enjoying all the perks that come with authority. Critics con-stantly label the restaurant's slaughter activi-THE REVIEW/ Domenic DiBerardinis

cruelty, saying the creatures undergo torturous conditions and are killed in an inhumane manner. I have trouble arguing with this position and agree that the animals should be killed as quickly and efficiently as possible. It cuts down on the time it takes for them to get ground up, cooked and slapped on a bun for my tastebuds' enjoy-

ment. Cows do not have feelings. If they did, they would not be called animals, they would be called furry, delicious people. Cows are also a dangerous source of methane pollution and according to nationalgeo-

graphic.com, cows and sheep are responsible for approximately 20

percent of world methane emissions. By eating cows, people are reducing pollution, and satisfying activists like Al Gore who continue to perpetuate the global warming myth.

Additional methane could also be used as a fuel. Some farms are already powered by using the gas from their cows. This could be an alternative fuel, and along with the War in Iraq. help ease our nation's oil concerns. McDonald's is

consistently blamed for harmful environmental problems, with accusations ranging from deforestation to make room for cattle ranches to its packaging being a top source of litter. These crit-ics need to focus their attention elsewhere and it is hard to imagine being concerned about whether nature looks "pretty" when Osama bin

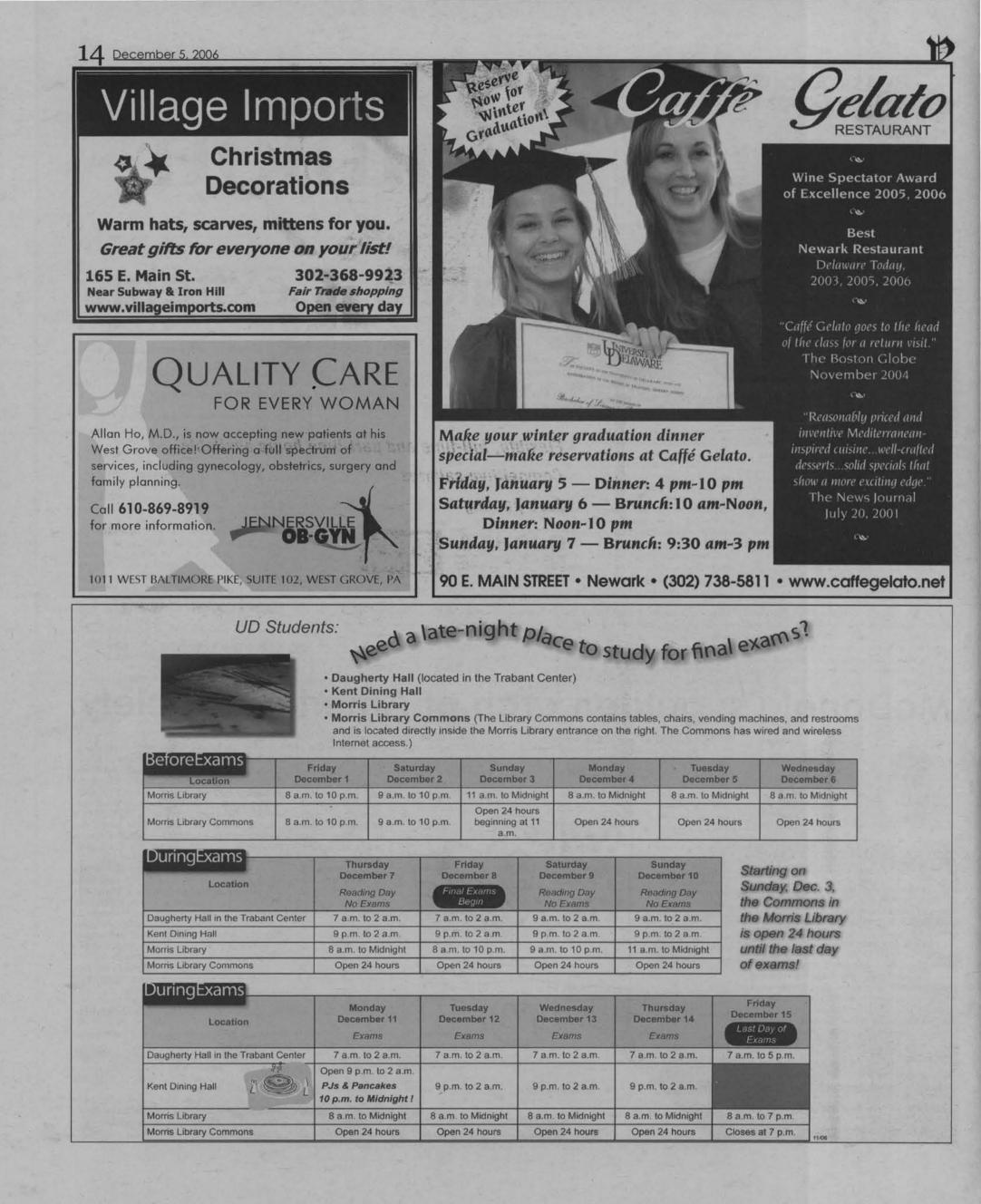
Laden is still on the loose. Another problem often falsely attributed to McDonald's and other fast food restaurants is its alleged contribution to the obesity epidemic. This claim does not make sense scientifically, as increasing amounts of research is linking obesity to a genetic problem. The finger pointing is aimed in the wrong direction — McDonald's is not responsible for these people's weight and health problems. Obese people should look up at the bending limbs of their family tree and place the blame on their ancestors. the blame on their ancestors.

The smear campaign linking McDonald's to obesity is further enforced by misleading movies such as Morgan Spurlock's "Super Size Me." At the conclusion of his experiment, Spurlock claimed he gained approximately 25 pounds over the course of his McDonald's-only dist. He acentually lost the unaith and returned diet. He eventually lost the weight and returned to his original size, which proves McDonald's has no weight-gaining effects on the body. For further proof that McDonald's has been

unfairly labeled as unhealthy one need only look at past spokesmen. Michael Jordan and Larry Bird ate McDonald's and they are famous and successful former athletes. The only way they could make all the impressive shots they dis-played in the commercials is with the magic of McDonald's.

People need to stop complaining and final-ly accept McDonald's for what it really is — a respectable business, a hero to the little guy and one hell of a restaurant.

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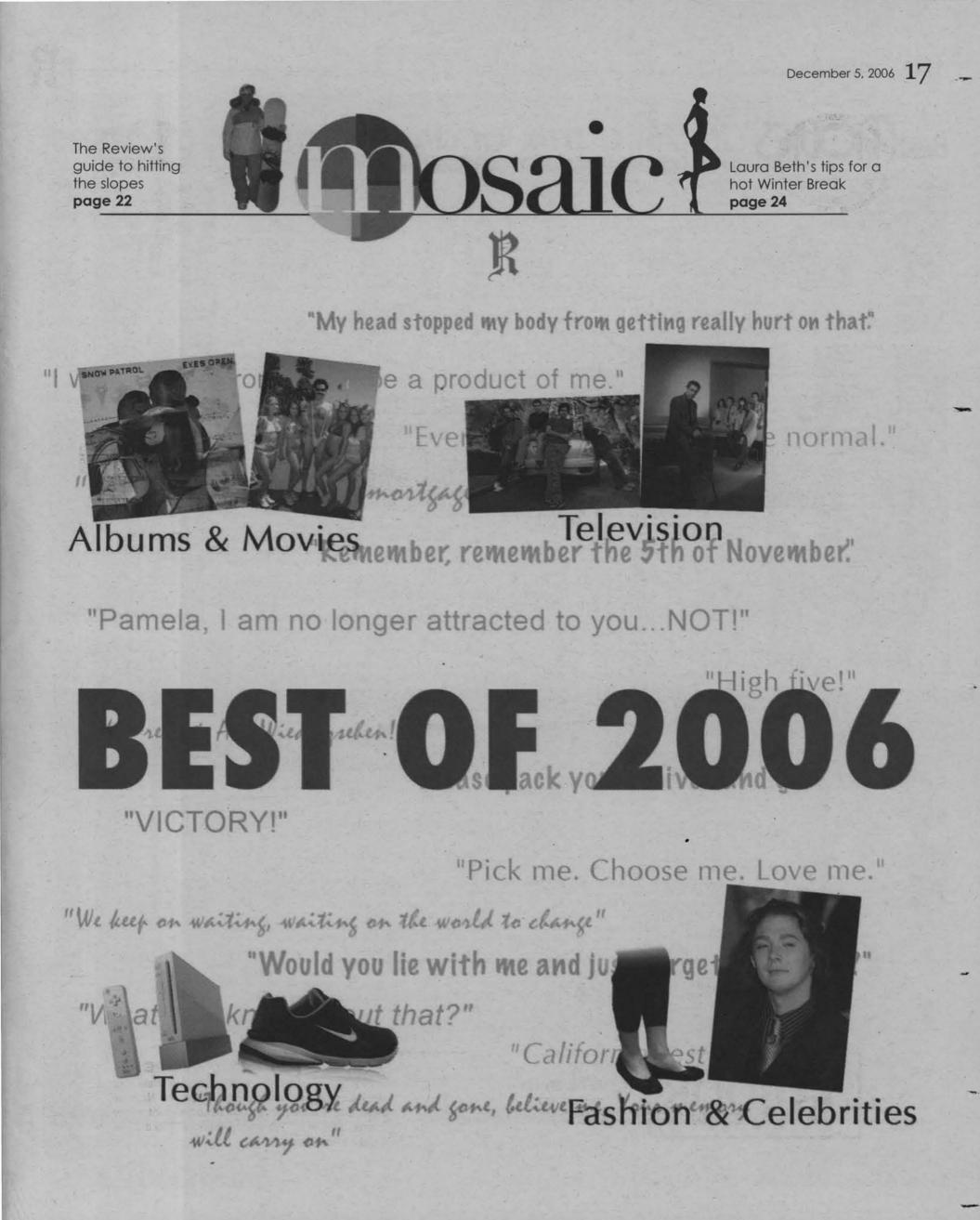
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Best OUES 2006: a mix of drama and jackasses





That's nillice. "V for Vendetta"

"Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazahkstan'

We liiiiiiike. Possibly the funniest man in America these days, British comedian Sacha Baron Cohen introduces to the "U. S. and A" Borat Sagdiyev the often-confused, anti-semetic, sex-crazed TV reporter from Kazahkstan who ventures to America to film a documentary for his country and shag Pamela Anderson. Along the way, audiences and critics alike have raved about Borat's ability to produce side-splitting comedy while also exposing Americans as they often are — racist, sexist and homophobic. Controversy has surrounded "Borat" since its debut, and it doesn't look like the film or

the character will stop making ripples in society any time soon.

Only two Hollywood actresses have pulled off a shaved head and still looked hot — Demi Moore and now, Natalie Portman. Portman stars in this politically-driven action/thriller as the young, British TV reporter Evey Hammond. Set in the year 2020, Evey is saved from rape by the anarchist/terrorist V, whose mission is to inspire change through terroristic acts in a totalitarian

Great Britain. V's free-the-people idealism is what granted the film so much hype. In a post-Sept. 11th society, the risk of presenting the world with a likable terrorist was a ball-sy move for Warner Bros. and director James McTeigue. Plot summary and acting performances aside, "V for Vendetta" did what any good movie is supposed to do: tart a conversation.

'The Departed"

It's a Martin Scorsese film, starring Leonardo DiCaprio, Matt Damon, Jack Nicholson, Martin Sheen, Mark Walhberg, Vera Farmiga, Anthony Anderson and Alec Baldwin — enough said. Scorsese rarely misses and with such a star-studded, capable cast, how could he? A twisted, suspenseful crime/drama, "The Departed" was in the top 10 of the USA Box Office for an impressive six weeks and has had Scorsese fans and film critics across the country raving about the seasoned director's ability to crank out Oscar-worthy film after film. "The Departed" has DiCaprio playing an under-cover Boston cop infiltrated into the Irish mafia — the Irish mafia that has direct connections with a member of the police department (Matt Damon). The scandal unfolds as the two pawns, unbeknownst to each other, struggle with the psychological effects of carrying their dueling secrets and testing their loyalties. After yet another great film, our loyalties to Scorsese remain strong. "Thank You for Smoking" First-timer Jason Reitman made us laugh our

butts off in this comedic take on a traditionally serious issue, "Thank You for Smoking" is a brilliant satire about the tobacco industry and the power of the lobbyist in big business. The film stars Aaron Eckhart as Nick Navlor. chief spokesman for the Academy of Tobacco Studies. Along with fellow lobbiers of sin deemed the Merchants of Death, or the MOD Squad, Naylor attempts to rid the world of anti-smokers and convince both politicians and the pub-lic that smoking is beneficial. With an A-list supporting cast including the likes of William H. Macy and Katie Holmes, the film sparked a conversation in Hollywood about the effect celebrities, politicians and the media have on the public. The issues are serious, but Reitman makes inhaling such a debate smooth and painless "Babel"

Like its predecessors "Amores Perros" and "21 ms," "Babel" proves to be the "Crash" of 2006, Grams." stringing together multiple, seemingly unconnected storylines that become inextricably linked to reveal a number of things about human nature. The most important aspect — we are all connected. Directors Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu and Guillermo Arriaga connect the most unlikely of subjects in their newest feature: an American couple on vacation in Morocco, their children who are taken to Mexico with their nanny, a family of Moroccan farmers and a deaf, angst-ridden teen in Tokyo. The directors weave the three stories together in a way that blends the lives of their subjects while spanning continents and lan-guage barriers. The film's multilingual title lends to its malleability and universal appeal, which is part of the reason why Inarritu won the best director tag in Cannes, and why the public and critics alike have been raving about the film since.

"Jackass Number Two'

This one's self-explanatory, Johnny Knoxville

launches himself out of a rocket, Steve-O feeds himself to sharks and Chris Pontius feeds his penis to a snake. There's no question why such antics please a college crowd and why the apparently insane group of men that-make up the "Jackass" bunch keeps us laughing. "Number Two" made "Jackass" stunts even more extreme and life-threatening, inviting bigger laughs (and gags) than the first feature film. Although the Knoxville gang probably won't be receiving Oscar nods for their courageous work, we love them for giving us more than 90 minutes of mindless pleasure. "United 93"

Director Paul Greengrass took on what seems like the most challenging project a director could have after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks — skillfully portraying a part of the events on the big screen. Fortunately for him, and for the loved ones of the victims of the attacks, he did

the job with just the right balance of sensitivity and -courage. "United 93" tells the story of the passengers of the fated flight. Through phone calls from family members alert-ing the passengers of World Trade Center attacks, the passengers stormed the hijacked cockpit, causing the hijackers to crash the plane in Shanksville, Pa. Greengrass reportedly interviewed hundreds of people to hypothesize what actually happened on the flight, so the film allows audiences to experience 9/11 through the eyes of the passengers themselves. Thankfully, Greengrass steers clear of the big picture, leaving out details and events the passengers didn't know and the pub-lic wouldn't know for months, making "United 93" a true memorial to the victims and one of the year's best films. "Casino Royale"

When English actor Daniel Craig was named the sixth leading man to portray the famous agent James Bond, the backlash was immediate. Uproarious fans threatened a boycott and a Web site, CraigsNotBond.com, was even created to voice disapproval.

After the release of "Casino Royale" this past November, the critics quickly changed their minds. And for good reason, because "Casino Royale" is the best Bond film in recent years. Craig is a 007 triple threat — acting chops, confidence and a sense of vulnerability that has been missing in previous

'Bond" films. Instead of the usual invincible, gadgethappy Bond, Craig brings a new level of honesty to a character that was in a desperate need of revamping. Alongside a strong supporting cast including Judi Dench and Eva Green, Craig makes "Casino Royale"one of the most enjoyable films of 2006. "Little Miss Sunshine"

And now from the indie-film world, Fox Searchlight presents the soulful, off-the-beaten-track family drama that touched the hearts of movie-goers across the country. The surprise darling of the Cannes Film Festival, "Little Miss Sunshine" sheds a hip light on the dysfunctional family and what it really means to

be beautiful. Abigail Breslin stars as the 7-year-old Olive, a wannabe beauty queen who drags her mom (Toni Collete), motivational-speaker dad (Greg Kinnear), suicidal uncle (Steve Carell), muted brother (Paul Dano) and coked-out grandfather (Alan Arkin) from Albuquerque, N.M. to Redondo Beach, Calif. for a beauty pageant. The plot seems simple enough, but the journey soon becomes more than a road trip — it turns out to be a heartwarming bonding experience for the characters and an uplifting trip to the theater for viewers. "You, Me and Dupree"

Owen Wilson can do comedy. So can Kate Hudson. So can Matt Dillon and Michael Douglas and this movie has them all. With both extremely good and entirely forgettable romantic comedies coming out of Hollywood, it's difficult to produce one that is both wildly funny and new. "You, Me

and Dupree" is just that. The film has the comedic appeal of "Wedding Crashers" tied to a fresh storyline and convincing, entertaining acting. Playing Dupree, the kooky ne'er-do-well thirtysomething who crashes with his best friend and his new wife, Wilson is lovable and almost inspiring. He causes mayhem with Carl (Dillon) and his wife (Hudson) by clogging the toilet, outing Carl's porn collection and even setting the house on fire. Dupree is perfect comic relief, but the real story is about Carl's quarter-life crisis and how Dupree helps him cope with adulthood — something approaching all of us much too quickly.

Kim Dixon, Managing Mosaic Editor











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Justin Timberlake — "FutureSex/LoveSounds" (Jive)

If we've learned one thing this year, it's producer extraordinaire Timbaland is capable of exceeding his Hip-hop past. The most glaring example is

his work on Justin Timberlake's "FutureSex/LoveSounds," a triumphant follow-up to 2002's "Justified." While critics thought Timberlake 2002's "Justified." While critics thought Timberlake might have prematurely hit his creative peak with his debut, "FutureSex/LoveSounds" trumps it in every way — thanks in large part to Timbaland's futuristic beats. Timberlake rode the wave of the lead single "SexyBack's" success to only reaffirm his place in pop music with the incredible T.I.-assisted "My Love." The 2006 King of Pop's new-found swagger and willingness to push pop's modern day boundaries (most likely pro-vided by Timbaland) proved his sophomore release is no slump, but rather the best pop

album of the year. **The Fray** — "How to Save a Life" (Sony) Every year radio stations latch on to a band tighter than a Vulcan grip. For 2006, The Fray's sound of agreeable, non-threatening pop was inescapable. As if millions of radio spins weren't enough, the band's second single, "How to Save a Life," was featured on the justas-popular television drama "Grey's Anatomy," proving it wasn't one-hit wonder material. The Fray's two infectious singles, "Over My Head (Cable Car)" and the title track, were popular with twentysomethings and their parents alike. The Fray's debut is as easy

to swallow as it is catchy, and from the looks of things, isn't going anywhere soon. -Clipse — "Hell Hath No Fury" (Re-Up/Jive)

Hell hath no fury like two brothers in record label limbo. Pusha T and Malice, the brothers Thornton that make up Clipse, have finally returned from their four-year hiatus with "Hell Hath No Fury," a disturbing, yet beautiful album of cocaine-laced ("It's not 'Pac inspired / but crack pot inspired") tales. Setting themselves apart from their one dimensional peers through their lyrical prowess, Pusha T and Malice's lyrics don't glorify their past form of employment but rather portray the rappers as men pushed to the limits of survival. With the brothers' lit-erary rhymes on top of minimalist Neptunes beats, Clipse have not only justified its return to rap but also made the best Hip-hop album of the year in the process. John Mayer — "Continuum" (Columbia)

Mayer's third album, "Continuum," is the singer/songwriter's most mature album to date, most noticeable in its lyrical content. Mayer's first stab at a political song is

Mayer's recent turn to his blues roots (see The John Mayer Trio), especially in his guitar playing, is most evident on this album. Finally, "Continuum" succeeds because Mayer was able to put his legendary live-show abilities into the album's writing process.

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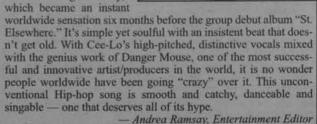
Album" images courtesy of Amazon.com

catch phrase "bringing sexy back," which has been utilized by the likes of Lil' Kim, Al Gore and nearly every photo caption on Facebook. Regardless of whether "sexy" needed a revival or not, this single left no doubt that JT has said "Bye, Bye, Bye" to his bubblegum-pop image and has firmly established his spot in the Hip-hop world

native rock band into main-

stream stardom. This year, the single went platinum and reached the top 10 of the Billboard Hot 100. It is an emotional recount of a fight between lead singer Isaac Slade and his brother Caleb (aka Cable Car) when he was forced to leave the band. The song is characterized by the band's piano-based melodies, strong vocals and catchy lyrics - clearly proving why

Barkley Danger Mouse and Cee-Lo, the dynamic duo who teamed up to create Gnarls Barkley, set the bar high when they released their first single "Crazy,"



- Andrea Ramsay, Entertainment Editor



Flatts. The group's concerts are now events in the same vein as a Dave Matthews Band or O.A.R. show — an excuse to gather your friends and tailgate in the parking lot until the country jams take place. The group's latest effort, April's "Me and My Gang" was certified triple platinum due to the singles "What Hurts the Most" and the title track. **I.I. — "King" (Grand Hustle)** Before Clipse released its monster "Hell Hath No Fury," the "King of the South" T.I. was in the running for best Hip-hop album of the year. "King" and the single set of actival reaching and the track of the south" T.I. was in the running for best Hip-hop album of the year.

And for good reason — "King's" air of arrival, regality and triumph is apparent throughout the entire album. T.I.'s swagger is unmatched, while his rhyming abilities luckily back up his claims. Featuring the best rap sin-gle of the year, "What You Know," "King" allowed T.I. to cross over from a southern artist to an international superstar. With MCs like T.I., Hip-hop's deterior and heads when the make use. deteriorating old heads should make way — there may be a new king. — Wesley Case, Managing Mosaic Editor

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BestSingles

"SexyBack" — Justin Timberlake



in Australia, the United Kingdom, Ireland and New Zealand. With provocative lyrics inviting listeners to whip him if he misbehaves, it's hard to believe this good-boygone-bad was ever danc-ing around the set of the Mickey Mouse Club. Yet with his sluggish, but inevitably sweet voice, JT

"Over My Head (Cable Car)" — The Fray There is no doubt that "Over My Head (Cable Car)," the debut single by The Fray, helped launch the Colorado-bred alter-

Red Hot Chili Peppers — "Stadium Arcadium" (Warner Brothers) Double albums are a tricky breed but the Red Hot Chili Peppers proved its worth with the 28-track "Stadium Arcadium." The album marks the Chili Peppers' reappearance from a four year hiatus (a 2006 trend?). The rock veterans returned to form with its usual fare — Flea's unmistakable bass lines, Chad Smith's on-point drumming, John Frusciante's guitar riffs and Anthony Kiedis' instantly recognizable vocals. "Stadium Arcadium," the band's ninth studio album, garnered

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rock album.

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praise and recognition, most likely from the strength of the record's infectious first single, "Dani California." Lupe Fiasco — "Lupe Fiasco's Food and Liquor"

2006's strongest debut album. Fiasco's album is an interesting case as it was first leaked to the Internet months before its release. In response, the Chicago MC went back into the studio, added pop-influenced hooks and featured choruses and verses from heavy hitters like Jay-Z (the album's

executive producer) and Jill Scott. The result was an even better album

xecutive producer) and Jill Scott. The result was an even better album because while the new bells and whistles were enjoyable, Fiasco's MC and lyrical abilities were still at the forefront. Tracks such as "Hurt Me Soul" and "Daydreamin" "showcase a gifted rapper with an affinity for wordplay. "Lupe Fiasco's Food and Liquor" serves as an impres-sive display of talent and a likely sign of things to come. **My Chemical Romance — "The Black Parade" (Reprise)** New Jersey's My Chemical Romance burst on the scene with its memorable hooks and flair for theatrics on 2004's "Three Cheers for Sweet Revenge." But when the group released "The Black Parade"

Sweet Revenge." But when the group released "The Black Parade"

this past October, it was an entirely different beast. "The Black Parade" is as adrenaline-filled as it is somberly melancholic, but either way is enthralling and excellent. And while it's pegged as a concept album involving death, don't let the drama over-

shadow its merit - "The Black Parade" is the year's best

Snow Patrol — "Eyes Open" (Interscope) For "Grey's Anatomy," blowing up one band to interna-tional stardom wasn't enough. Enter Snow Patrol — the

northern Ireland rock band that is currently as ubiquitous as The Fray, both thanks in part to the ABC drama, "Chasing Cars," the band's mainstream breakthrough, was

warm and Snow Patrol's fourth album is a multiplatinum,

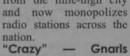
worldly success. Rascal Flatts — "Me and My Gang"

"Grey's" in its season finale. The reception was

The nationwide country resurgance among

teenagers can most likely be attributed to Rascal

This year's breakout Hip-hop artist, Lupe Fiasco, is responsible for



the quartet was plucked from the mile-high city and now monopolizes radio stations across the

Best Drama

"Grey's Anatomy' "Grey's Andromy" Sexy surgeons, cut LVAD wires and dysfunc-tional interns, what's not to love? In season three, the focus has shifted off our wavy-haired heroine Meredith Grey, but not before she convinced two hot doctors to fight over her. Thankfully, she ditched the vet, and we let out a sigh of relief to find her back with McDramy. Somewhere in between net

back with McDreamy. Somewhere in between get-In Bricked out of the program and making hundreds of muffins, Izzie Stevens managed to get engaged, steal an organ, lose her fiancé and inherit \$8.7 million. McSteamy joined the cast at Seattle Grace for good, Derek and Addison finalized their divorce and Yang and Burke teamed up to hide Burke's tremor. Dr. Torres said it best in this season's opening episode: "It's basically high school with scalpels."
"The Office"



The Emmy-Award-winning mockumentary focuses on the seemingly average lives of the Dunder-Mifflin Paper Company's employees. An adaptation from a BBC show

Company's employees. An adaptation from a BBC show with the same name, the dry humor of "The Office" works well with the improvisational backgrounds of its cast. This season, the drama is focused on the budding relationship between best friends.Jim and Pam. Although the season finale left us hanging, Steve Carell's antics always lighten the mood in this Scranton, Pa. comedy. "Enfourage" In the first two seasons of "Entourage," "Aquaman" star Vince Chase gained fame and offered his band of followers the fabulous life of Hollywood. The show centers on the absurdity of Vince's

The show centers on the absurdity of Vince's "entourage," his Hollywood has-been manager and stepbrother, Johnny Drama, his over-confident, sar-castic agent Ari and the rest of his pot-smoking crew. "Aquaman's" release in theaters. Even though this season left us with the inevitable cliffhanger, we can't be mad — there are few things more addictive than these outrageous tales of the lives we wish we were living. "House"

Fox's "House" stars an infectious disease specialist and nephrologist, Dr. Gregory House. Despite his questionable bedside manner and general rudeness, House manages to accurately diagnose the most bizarre illnesses week after week. From cancerous tumors to flesh-eating diseases, House continually amazes his interns while begrudgingly completing his mandatory clinic duty. Mystery diseases, deceptive patients and recurring plot points make House captivating week by week, yet easy to follow without watching it religiously. "Nip/Tuck"

"Nip/Tuck" The tangled web of deception and infidelity that the writ-ers of Nip/Tuck have created has finally reached a disturbing breaking point. In season three, the Carver ravaged Miami while Dr. Sean McNamara put the pieces back together. This season, however, it seems that Sean is the one who can't shake the skele-tons from his closet. As his increasingly dysfunctional family pulls the rug out from under him, his partner, the sex-crazed Dr. Christian Troy, suddenly seems like the normal one. In past sea-sons, Christian's lust and money-driven actions caused Sean to search for meaning in his life, but in recent episodes, it is Sean whose morals are circling down the drain. Season four is full of whose morals are circling down the drain. Season four is full of backstabbing fiancés, stolen kidneys, executive ex-prostitutes and spouses cheating with the vertically challenged.

"Sitcom/Drama" and "Reality" images courtesy of ABC, MTV, Google and Wikipedia.

Best Reality^{TV} 'Project Runway"

As season three of "Project Runway" came to a close at New York's fashion week, only four contestants remained. In the end, Jeffrey's fashion forward, risk-tak-ing approach landed him the first-place position. ing approach landed him the first-place position. Although each season's cast of competitors adds its own charm to the show, let's be honest, who doesn't love watching Heidi Klum? "America's Next Top Model" Tyra Bank's self-proclaimed "dramality" series pumped up the drama once again in its fourth season. The choir attempts to transform women into restantial

The show attempts to transform women into potential super models by running them through the gauntlet of super models by running them through the gauntlet of fashion faux pas and teaching them a crash course in Super Model 101. Apparently inspired by actual jobs Tyra has taken on, the aspiring models face hairy spi-ders, shark tanks, nudity, brutal hair cuts and make-up mishaps all for our enjoyment.

'Top Chef"

Fifteen more up-and-coming chefs are competing on season two of Bravo's "Top Chef." Each week, con-testants participate in a quickfire challenge, whose testants participate in a quickfire challenge, whose winner is granted immunity in the elimination chal-lenge. The challenges reflect actual cooking dilem-mas and encourage the competitors to make cre-ative dishes. From 500 calorie meals for a kids' health camp to a vending-machine-inspired amuse bouche, the potential Top Chefs have their work cut out, sautéed and fried up for them. "Dr. 90210"

It seems there are quite a few sexy surgeons on our list, but Dr. Robert Rey is the only one with an actual Ph.D. Watching his through-the-navel breast implant surgery is always a treat for the plastic sur-

gery starved. When this self proclaimed "Renaissance man" isn't busy studying martial arts, eating a dozen egg whites for breakfast or ignoring his wife, he manages to find time to make Beverly Hills' incredibly vain even more so. time to make Beverly Hills' incredibly van even more so. Specializing in breast augmentation, tummy tucks and vaginoplas-ties (yes, vaginoplasty), Dr. Rey removes the real from the people of reality TV. Whether it's his remarkable surgical abilities, his crazy patients or his one-of-a-kind, sleeveless scrubs, Dr. Rey seems to have cornered the market on reality-plastic-surgery TV. "Logund Beach"

Just when you thought Orange County was so last year, Laguna Beach, like the Ugg boot, won't seem to go away. When Kristin graduated in season two of Laguna Beach, MTV appeared to have a dilemma on its hands. "The Real World" marathon or endless episodes of "Parental Control?" As a compromise, the ever-ingenious network chose to air Parental Control marathons by day, and a new cast of increas.

by day, and a new cast of increas-ingly moronic Laguna Beachers by ingly moronic Laguna Beachers by night. Even though no one could possibly believe Rocky, Tessa, Cameron and Kyndra are actually living these poorly-scripted, MTV-fabricated lives, millions of view-ers still watch their staged melodra-ma every week. With some all new, wat stillingth, familiar plat new, yet strikingly familiar plot twists and turns, the new class of Laguna Beach still managed to captivate teenyboppers and college kids alik

- Maria Michelli, Features Editor









Best Technology

Nike+

A blessing to fitness gurus and music addicts alike, Nike and Apple have teamed up to produce the Nike+, a virtually seamless integration of Nike shoes and the iPod. Nike+ shoes feature a pocket under the insole that holds a sensor, which wirelessly connects to the user's iPod. Through this wireless communication, the iPod can display time elapsed,

distance run, calories burned

and the pace of the runner. None of this disrupts the iPod's

original purpose of playing music. Runners can set a

power song, accessible by the

controller's center button, for

those moments when they need an extra boost. The iPod even

acts as a coach, congratulating



the runner vocally when they achieve a personal best in distance, time or calories. Unfortunately, the potential Nike+ user has a lot of gear to purchase since they will need Nike+ shoes, an iPod and the Nike+ iPod Sport Kit.

Self-Parking Lexus

The 2007 Lexus LS boasts features common in high-end Lexus vehicles. With power door and trunk closers, a naviga-tion system, climate control seating and Bluetooth mobile technology, it's no disappointment to drivers accustomed to Lexus' sleek luxury vehicles. Its most talked-about new fea-ture because is the

ture, however, is the Advanced Parking Guide System, System, which essentially allows the car to parallel park itself with minimal assis-tance from the driver. After aligning the vehicle with the



curb, all the driver must do is push a few buttons on the indash screen, place the car in reverse, remove their hands from the steering wheel and lightly press the brake pedal as the car does the rest. The sedan is offered in two models, the LS 460, starting at \$61,000, and the LS 460 L, starting at \$71,000.

Nintendo Wii

Nintendo's latest creation, the Wii, is a far cry from the clunky gray console from the days of Duck Hunt. Contained in a white console about the size of three DVD cases, the Wii, priced at \$249, revolutionizes the way gamers interact with their game system. In the fashion of the Duck Hunt gun, the Wii uses a controller designed after the familiar and comfortable shape of a TV remote control. Connected to a sensor bar that can communicate with players up to 30 feet away, the remote can function as a gun, tennis racket or steering wheel. The optional attachment

of a "nunchuck," featuring an analog stick for better ease of movement, allows for ambidextrous play in a way that until now has not been accomplished. And traditionalists, don't worry, a standard gaming controller can be purchased that connects directly to the console. Laura Dattaro. Features Editor





With the year finally coming to a close, so are the marriages of four of Hollywood's most respected actors and entertainers. Reese Witherspoon, Ryan Phillippe, Britney Spears and Grammy-nominated Kevin Federline.

Just kidding. Federline will never see the likes of anything remotely resembling a Grammy. He may, however, win an award for being the most fertile homie on the West Coast.

Reese and Ryan were by far the most horrific split. You'll hear rumors that Ryan cheated on his Southern belle, but we refuse to believe them. The victim here is Phillippe himself. The lovely Ms. Witherspoon has talent far exceeding that of her



downright slammin' husband, and has the Oscar to - "Because you're mine, I walk the line" has prove it suddenly been changed to "Because you're not quite as good an actor as me, I'll sign this line. On the divorce papers." Moral of the marriage: Girl power! So if you can't be a golden couple, why not strive



for white trash status? Well done, Spederline. It's not even worth questioning where Britney Spears and Kwhere fed went wrong, as their Southern hospitality wasn't hospitable enough to maintain a marriage. Oh well, Brit wants the kids and dammit, she deserves them. And who knows? Now that she's buddy-buddy with Paris and Lindsay, perhaps they can babysit Brit's two little nightmares — there's no one more

trustworthy to prevent a child from entering the dipfilled jaws of white-trashdom than a bratty heiress and a coked-out actress. Moral of the marriage: Budweiser + revealing track suit + microscopic brain capacity = two kids and a divorce.

Moving on.

Let's talk a bit about celebrity offspring. Funny how the couples who have children out of wedlock always seem to stay together. Case in point: Brangelina and TomKat. Shiloh, Angelina's first kid that doesn't hail from a third world country, has been

forever immortalized in wax at Madame Tussauds in New York. Hi, what the hell? The only remarkable thing this kid did was spring forth from Jolie's loins and she gets a sculp-ture of herself? What's going to happen when Brad realizes Angle only wants him because there is a 165 percent chance their kids will be dreamboats? They'll have to set fire to daddy's wax figure and move baby Shiloh over to make room for the prod-ucts of the next 12 times Angie gets knocked up. It

takes a village, Ang. Suri Cruise, we're sorry your dad is so short and insane and your mom breakout role was playing a chick named Joey There realis no hope for you. And we know

you're going to be screwed up when you're

finally old enough to comprehend the extreme amount of money your parents got when they sold your pictures to the media. Oh, that's right, it was Shiloh who got a reported \$4 million for her shots. Mom and dad "sold" you for free when no one would agree to pay the \$3 million they originally requested. We're Suri, so Suri.

Another Best of 2006 celebrity is the de-lish Rachael Ray. She went from "30-minute Meals" to "\$40 A Day," gained some weight, made friends with Oprah and then got her own daytime talk show. Ray is one of those down-to-earth celebs who's so perky you want to smack her, but then you'd be missing out on one of the yum-o dishes in which she specializes. In her show, Ray combines her love of "cutie" male celebs with her love of food and her dog, Isaboo. And Rach even managed to stay out of the tabloids for a good part of her TV stint. However, we did hear through the grapevine that she was cheated on by her hubby. Who compares to

Rachael Ray, buddy? She's got EVOO that's what we're talkin' about. This was also the vear of celebrities coming out. Or, perhaps more accu-rately, verifying wind we already

knew. F or example, former 'N



Syncher/wannabe astronaut Lance Bass revealed this year that he is, in fact, a homosexual. No way. What about the time he made out with Lucy on "7th Heaven" — was he secretly wishing he was kissing Simon? Or even more likely, Justin Timberlake? Neil Patrick Harris of "Doogie Houser" fame is

also among the men who came out this year, as did Grey's Anatomy star **T.R. Knight. Clay Aiken**, how-ever, is where the true scandal lies.

If you ask America, Aiken came out the second

he hit the American Idol stage. It was Rosie O'Donnel who really outed the little guy though. Kelly Ripa made the comment, "I don't know where that hand's been" where that hand's been when he grabbed her face on a recent episode of "Live with Regis and Kelly." Then, O'Donnell made a big stink about Kelly "assuming" about Kelly "assuming" Aiken's a homosexual. Quit trying to steal the spotlight Rosie, and get with the program

The Hollywood lesbians came out in 1997 — it's the men's time to shine. Becky Polini,

Contributing Editor

Black nail polish

Goth kids have been sporting black tips years but the fashion world wouldn't touch the stuff until the hue appeared on the hands of Paris, Lindsay and Ashlee as early as last year. Chanel even made a limited-edition tint called "Black Satin" (\$18) that has sold out in stores, but you can snag some on eBay for \$28 to \$85. If black is too harsh for you, stylists say you should opt for a dark shade of red or purple. But please, follow the socialites' cue and keep black



nails short and well-manicured, otherwise you'll be channeling Morticia instead of Mischa.

Skulls With his dirty dreds and shredded duds, who knew Jack Sparrow's style would make a hit this Fall? Skulls have moved from pirate sails to Alexander McQueen scarves and Dior gowns and the morbid symbol has even popped up on items like iPod cases, crystal jewelry and hand tow-els. Nicky Hilton's own line, "Chick by Nicky Hilton," features the bones

The former pants-holder-upper has headed North and has rested under women's racks for the entire season. When Fendi introduced its hugely oversized B-belt (as in big-ass buckle), women everywhere began to cinch their coats, dresses and tops, and the belt lost its functionality. Londoners Sienna Miller and Victoria Beckham popularized the twosizes-too-small strap around the rib cage and American celebrities have followed suit. Buckles have made their way on to purses, wallets and shoes, showing that the belt was supreme this fall. And, as an added bonus, large belts work best with long tops so fashionistas can finally cover their over-exposed little booties.



fashion statement can spice up an everyday outfit while being comfortable at the same time Skinny Jeans

First it was the skinny, then the flare, then the bootleg and now we're back to the skinny. It seems like every year there's a new fashion statement to make with a simple pair of jeans. This year it is the skinny jean. They're worn with heels, flats (which were also big this year) or tucked into boots, and are meant to elongate legs and leave very little to the imagination they're as tight as possible.

Although increasingly popular on the run-way and in the chic closets of celebrities (resulting in their presence on campus this year), the skinny-jean fashion statement isn't for everyone. Skinny jeans are made for skin-ny legs, it doesn't take a designer to know that curves don't look pleasant in painted-on, straight jean fabric.

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Leggings In the 14th century, leggings were worn by both men and women as an extra layer of warmth. Soldiers also used them to keep mud from seeping into their socks before the invention of high combat boots during World War II. By the 1960s, the an oversized belt — they were a sexy alter-native to jeans. Come 1980s, nylon-lycra leggings became popular gym wear (think Richard Simmons).

The fashion was reborn in 2005, coupling capri-length leggings with mini skirts or baggy, long sweaters. By the time 2006 rolled around, leggings became an all-out fashion craze. Whether black, gray, brown, laced, ankle-length or capri-length this





How to make the most of your ski season Hitting the slopes should be easier than the bunny trail

BY LEE PROCIDA

Northern Delaware is a unique place for skiers and snowboarders. Its location provides easy access to eight states with quality resorts — from Maryland and West Virginia, up to Pennsylvania and New Jersey, then to New York, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine. There's no sales tax here, so you can drop \$4,000 to get completely hooked up with gear without the \$60 extra in tax. And, specifically to Newark, there's nearby stores and local ski/ride groups so you can jump in on a group discount to some incredible mountains while doing minimal planning yourself.

Sold yet? Well, ski season is just about starting with a few mountains open right now, and most of them opening this weekend or shortly after (depending on snowfall). And whether you're an expert or novice, there's a lot of information you should know when it comes to skiing and snowboarding — what the top mountains are, where the best gear is and how to get ready for a day at the slopes.

OK, so you're a beginner. Your warmest jacket is a hoodie, the only moguls you know of include Rupert Murdoch, and you don't even know if you are going to be standing on one or two pieces of aluminum and fiberglass. You can do a couple of things.

First, you have to get some clothes. Chris Laughlin, assistant manager of local ski/surf/skate superstore The Ski Bum, has some common knowledge pointers for beginners. Check them out on the step-by-step guide below, accompanied by helpful Ski Bum employee models wearing some of the top gear at The Ski Bum this season.

top gear at The Ski Bum this season. Once you're all geared up and can at least get off the chairlift without running over kids in ski school, you should start checking out some of the mountains around your area. If you're taking Winter Session or live near the university there are a lot of great places to go for a day or two. If you are traveling from school, The Review made a list of the top 10 day trips you can make to hone your skills or just take advantage of free time by having some fun at the mountain. Most of the mountains in the area are big enough to provide variety and relief from lift lines, but have an appropriate mix of trail difficulties so beginners and pros can all go on the same trip.

Depending on your hometown, though, you could have a different mix of local ski resorts. If you live in New York, you are going to be a lot closer to mega-resorts like Killington and Sugarloaf, some of the best mountains in North America. If that's the case, or you don't mind making the five-toseven hour ride up to Vermont from Newark, there are plenty of mountains in the Northeast worth spending the week or weekend. Check out the top 10 list also on the next page for information on some of the biggest resorts on the East Coast.

Or maybe this is all old news to you, and

you're just trying to support your healthy addiction to shredding powder. UD Snow, the university's ski and snowboard club, is planning trips this winter to some of the best mountains in the Northeast. Boarders and skiiers of all ability levels are welcome according to club president Andy Deitchman, and this year looks to be a great one for the club after a season filled with trips last year. You can get all the information on membership, prices and destinations at their Web site: http://copland.udel.edu/stu-org/snow/.

Still lost? There is tons of information on the Internet to answer all your skiing and boarding queries, from weather, to snow cover, to the best mountain nightlife that will ensure this to be your best ski season ever. And if you still can't get it together, maybe you should stick to sledding.

> Additional reporting by Corinne Clemetsen

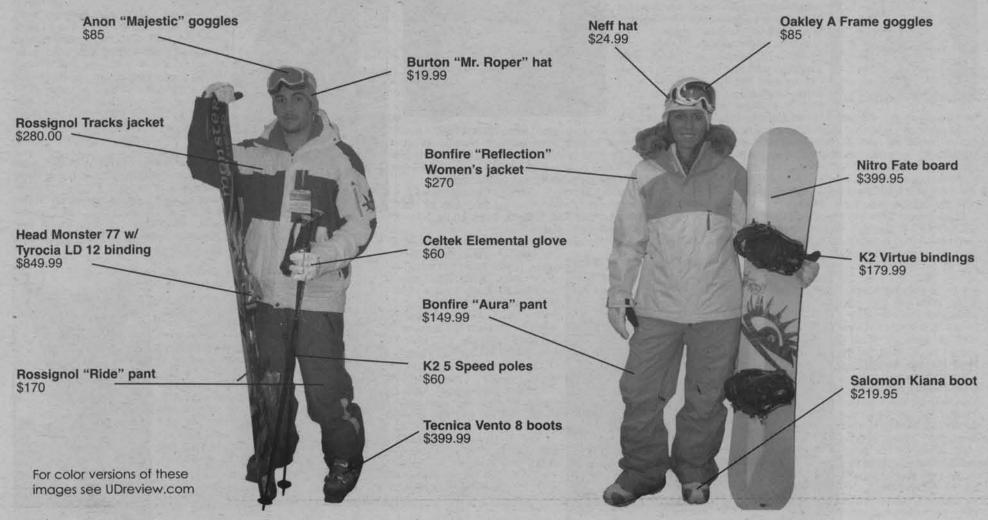
Getting started: How to stay warm, look cool and have fun

Chris Laughlin, assistant manager of the Ski Bum, has probably heard it all when it comes to questions about skiing and boarding. Here's a helpful list he provided so you can maximize comfort and save money — not to mention save face when you don't have to worry about dumb questions.

■ Dress right: The old skiier maxim is cotton equals death, since it absorbs sweat and makes you colder. Wear multiple layers, cinlduing a base of long underwear, an insulating sweater or vest, and breathable, waterproof outwear. Socks, gloves and hat should be wool, and pack an extra fleece if it's going to be really cold.

■ Save money: Travel in a group to get discounts, book your trip early to get good rates, and don't get sticker shock when looking at equipment – quality gear is an investment and last you more than 15 years of use. Shopping in Delaware with no sales tax can help a lot as well. Have fun: Check out mountain Web sites to see their upcoming events and deals. A lot of mountains have college-aimed events during Winter Session. And go during the week if possible – you'll avoid lift lines and cluttered trails, giving you more time to enjoy yourself on the slopes.

Ski Bum employees Dan and Tori show off some of the hottest gear this ski season has to offer:



Day Trips:

1. <u>Blue Mountain</u> 25 trails 1,083 ft. vertical drop ☆ 1 terrain park, 1 half pipe Distance: 2 1/2 hours skibluemt.com

2. Jack Frost

28 trails 600 ft. vertical drop 5 terrain parks Distance: 2 1/2 hours jfbb.com

3. Big Boulder

14 trails 601 ft. vertical drop 1 terrain park, 1 half pipe Distance: 2 1/2 hours jfbb.com

4. Camelback

33 trails 801 ft. vertical drop 1 terrain park, 1 half pipe Distance: 3 hours skicamelback.com

5. Montage Mountain 20 trails

1,000 ft. vertical dropp 1 terrain park Distance: 3 hours skimontage.com

6. Shawnee Mountain

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7. Elk Mountain

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8. Hidden Valley

12 trails 620 ft. vertical drop 1 terrain park Distance: 3 hours, 40 min. hiddenvalleynj.com

9. Mountain Creek

46 trails 1040 ft. vertical drop 1 terrain park, 1 half pipe Distance: 3 hours, 40 min. mountaincreek.com

10. Big Bear

25 trails 650 ft. vertical drop 3 terrain park, 3 half pipe Distance: 4 hours ski-bigbear.com

*Distance is based on times supplied by Google maps.

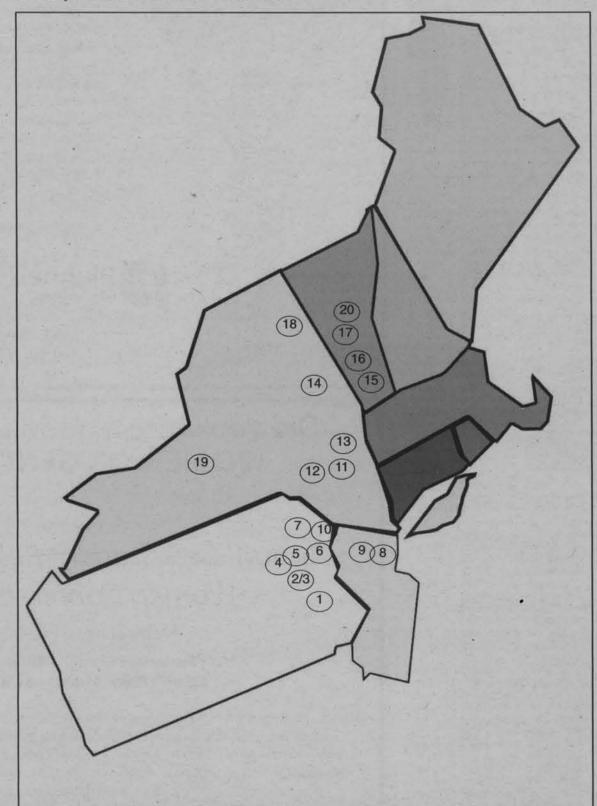
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Spring Break

Ski season doesn't have to end when Spring Semester starts. These are a few resorts that cater to Spring Break crowds with plenty of fun on and off the mountain. Remember: what happens in a gondola, stays in a gondola.

Getting going: some of the Lo best resorts around the area We

We divided up some of the best mountains in the Northeast according to their accessibility. "Day Trips" designates some of the best that are only a short trip from school. If you're planning a week outing or at least a couple days take a look at the list for "Long Weekend" — these are more accesible to students living farther north, but are so incredible they're worth the hike from Delaware.



Vail, Colo. 193 trails 3,450 ft. drop

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Season: November – mid-April vail.snow.com

Tremblant, Quebec 94 trails 2,116 ft. drop Season: November –

2,116 ft. drop Season: November – Easter tremblant.ca Mammoth, Calif. 156 trails

3,100 ft. drop Season: November – June mammothmountain.com

Long Weekend:

11. Hunter Mountain

53 trails 1600 ft. vertical drop 1 terrain park, 1 half pipe Distance: 5 hours, 20 min. huntermtn.com

12. Belleayre Mountain 42trails

1,405 ft. vertical drop 1 terrain park, 1 pipe, 1 rail Distance: 5 hours, 20 min. belleayre.com

13. Windham Mountain 43 trails

74 skiable acres 1,600 ft. vertical drop 4 terrain park Distance: 5 hours, 20 min. windhammountain.com

14. Gore Mountain

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15. Mount Snow

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18. Whiteface/Lake Placid

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19. Holiday Valley 52 trails

750 ft. vertical drop 3 terrain parks, 2 half pipe Distance: 8 hours holidayvalley.com

20. <u>Killington</u> 200 trails 3,050 ft. vertical drop 4 terrain parks, 2 half pipes Distance: 8 hours killington.com

delawareUNdressed Checking your list twice before leaving for break

Ah, it's the last week of the semester. You know what that means, last-minute cramming for finals, 20-page term papers and liv-ing up the last few nights on campus

But as we all return to wherever home is for the holiday break, the real dilemma is not stressing about the upcoming semester but rather what this break is going to do to your love life

For some of us, it is going to be a long seven weeks of no worries except staying at home on your comfy couch to eat, drink, be merry and get fat (you can worry about your Spring Break body after New Year's) while watching re-runs of "The Real World."

Some of us will be back here for the ever-popular Winter Session. But the real lucky ones take that Winter Session abroad to some exotic country

Before you run off to wherever you're going, here are a few tips to make your break a little holiday gift to yourself — whether you're in a

relationship, just "with" someone or in some other complicated col-lege relationship. Put all that aside — 'tis the sea-SOIL

Make sure you keep in touch. With all the holidays coming up, it's nice to get a phone call just to say "Hi." As for the inevitable drunk dial

- I say go for it. Maybe you don't want to admit sober that you're thinking about your significant other and with a little booze in your system making that call seems a little easier

So over the break, there's nothing wrong with dropping a drunk message. Just make sure you don't get carried away with saying some-thing you don't really want to say or mean. Keep your banter to a few words

Abroad? No worries — there's always e-mail and Facebook. Drop a little message to let them know that you're thinking about them even if you're lying on an exotic beach somewhere.

As for going on a date, take the romance outside to the winter won-get out there and enjoy what the winter has to offer. Rolling in the snow, sledding down hills or a play-

ful snowball fight beats a

dinner date any day. Plus, you can take that playfulness back inside and warm up with hot cocoa or get even hotcuddling under some blankets.

So this holiday season, are you going to be naughty or nice? I don't mean being so naughty you hook-up with your friend's ex or too nice that you turn down an opportunity to

get some holiday loving. Take advantage of that mistletoe hanging above you even if it's at a bar, work party or the front door of your neighbor's house. There's nothing wrong with getting yourself into some risqué situ-ations over the holidays. And be nice ----Santa's watching.

It's cold outside so why not rekindle an old flame and keep yourself warm? Living at home and at school is like living two lives. So you may have someone at school, but I bet you have someone at home, too.

Whether it's an ex or an old summer fling, seeing that person will bring back memories of your time together. So even though those hot summer days and your sexy summer glow has turned into cold snowy days and fake-n-bake tans,

snowy days and fake-n-bake tans, doesn't mean you can heat up the time you spend together. Consider it a winter fling. And don't forget to do your holiday shop-ping. It's an easy way to say to someone you care about them. You don't have to go crazy and have to go crazy and spend a lot of money, that no one in college actually has, on an

extravagant gift. Something sentimental and not cheesy goes a long way. buying something

1 know meaningful is much harder than just going to the mall and picking something up. It's hard buying for your significant other especially because everyone wants something different some new clothes or a trip for two,

So perk up your ears and listen to your lover when they talk about things they want. Or the two of you can take a little trip to the mall. Keep an eye out for something they express interest in and later you can

express interest in and facer you can go pick it up. You will look like you put a lot of thought into buying something they really enjoy. It's a win-win sit-uation, you're the good gift giver and they're happy getting something they actually want they actually want

Not the sentimental gift giving type? Or, just want to give your hol-iday lover a small gift without giving them the wrong idea? You can always slip them a little something like a framed picture of the two of you. Simple and sweet. Even something that small goes a long way to 'I was thinking of you. say,

Now that you know how to keep your winter flame burning, before you leave school for your break, make sure you say goodbye. It's goodbye to homework, friends, hook-ups and the semester. Enjoy your break, drink up the egg nog and kiss under the mistletoe. See you next year.

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Flagrantly fragrant: Fiasco plays WCU

Lupe Fiasco Nov. 30, 2006

Sykes Ballroom, West Chester - West Chester, Pa. University -

Live Hip-hop shows seem to fall into two categories. On one hand, the MCs can truly bring their music to life, which is not an easy task as rap songs usually consist of looped, repetitive beats rather than live instrumentation. On the other, the memorable Hip-hop performances are the rare occasion when songs from the artist's album smoothly translate in a live setting. For rappers, more often than not, the struggle to put on a good show is too

daunting of a task. For 2006's breakthrough MC, Lupe Fiasco, his unique brand of sweeping musical backdrops and tongue-twister-inspiring lyrics falls somewhere in the middle.

The 75-minute performance, which took place in West Chester University's Sykes Ballroom (a hall comparable to the Trabant comparable to the Trabant Multipurpose Rooms), was a telling example of where Fiasco's career currently stands — on the brink.

Although the Chicago MC gained recognition from his single "Kick, Push" and his strong, debut full-length "Lupe Fiasco's Food and Liquor," he is still not an instantly recognizable name or figure.

This was glaringly obvious Thursday night as the crowd's reac-tions were consistently mixed. Fiasco opened the show with

cult-favorite mixtape tracks such as his rhymes over the peculiarly cho-sen Gorillaz's "Feel Good, Inc." beat, to tepid results. It was only until the opening string section of "Kick, Push" did the crowd show signs of life. And while it sounded great and on-point, it came extreme-ly early in the set (approximately the fifth song) and left Fiasco valiantly

attempting to regain the enthusiasm "Kick, Push" incited. The most telling part of the con-cert came during "American Terrorist," a "Food and Liquor" track that points out America's own historical flaws. The song sounded excellent — Fiasco's rhymes were well-delivered and he allowed the

song to breathe by not rapping over singer Matthew Santos' chorus. But then Fiasco's reality reared its head.

Throughout the night, Fiasco incessantly returned to the same live show maneuver — at the end of each snow maneuver — at the end of each song, he'd repeat the last lines of the song a cappella, hoping the crowd would pick up on the lyrics and say them with him. It's a mediocre idea in theory, but when the crowd refuses to participate, the artist is in trouble

At the end of "American Terrorist," Fiasco repeated the lyrics for what felt like an eternity:

"Don't give the black man food, give red man liquor / Red man fool, black man n—a / Give yellow man tool, make him railroad builder / tool, make him railroad builder / Also give him pañ, make him pull gold from river / Give black man crack, glocks and things / Give red man craps, slot machines." The MC would say the first words and have the audience fill in the last part. But on the fourth error.

the last part. But on the fourth repetition of "give black man crack," someone yelled "food" to Fiasco's obvious disappointment. "CRACK, n—a!"

Fiasco's dilemma was fully exposed. Even if he is 2006's Hip-hop golden child, that doesn't necessarily put all of the pieces together.

Bluntly, the concert was middle of the road — Fiasco's delivery is neither sluggish nor expedient but rather nimble, yet the lack of crowd support for non-singles bogged the entity down. While this may seem out of Fiasco's control, it didn't help that his set list was jumbled and anti-climatic (the show finished with a medley of "Food and Liquor" first

Ultimately, if the West Chester concert proved anything, it was that Fiasco has made an initial impression on Hip-hop fans, but how lasting of an impression remains to be seen.

Wesley Case is a managing Mosaic editor for The Review and his favorite Lupe Fiasco song is "Hurt Me Soul." Please send comments to wescase@udel.edu.

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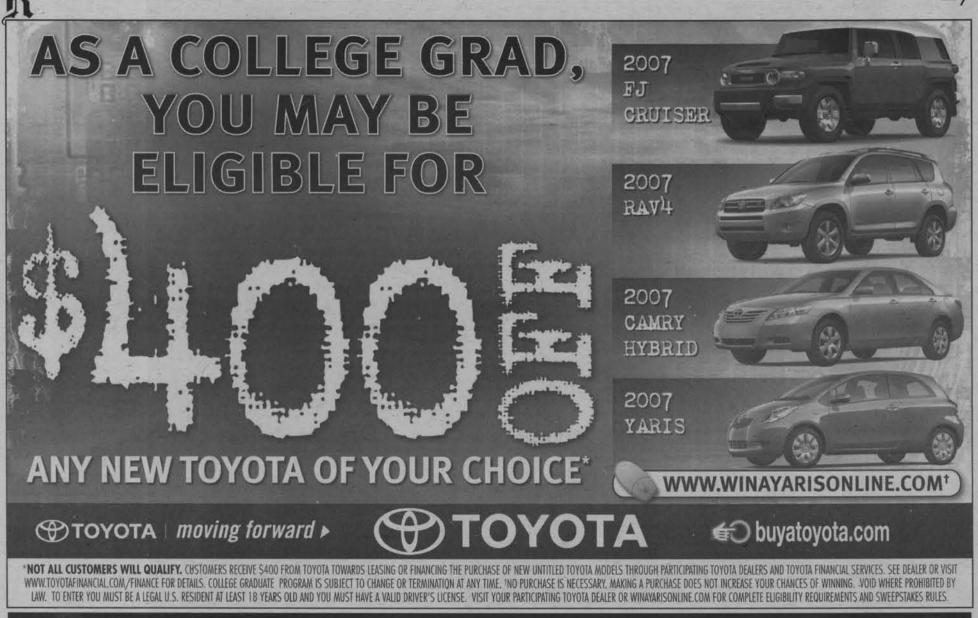
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BY JASON TOMASSINI

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College basketball pundits like Dick Vitale always say the game is won with guard play. The men's basketball team better pray they are right.

Senior center Raphael Madera and sophomore center Matt Hewson, the Hens' two tallest players, are no longer with the team. Hewson has withdrawn from the team with intent to transfer, while Madera has been suspended indefinitely, head coach Monté Ross announced Friday.

Madera was averaging a little more than eight minutes per game this season, down from 16.8 last season under former coach David Henderson. He started 49 games in his career, but none this season, while averaging 4.7 points per game. Hewson saw limited time last

year, appearing in 27 games. This season he played in only three games. "[Ross] said it from the begin-ning," junior forward Henry Olawoye said. "We are a team. You do not put yourself above the team or there will be consequences." The loss of Hewson and Madera

left the Hens with just 10 players in uniform heading into Sunday's game against Vermont at the Bob Carpenter Center.

"You got to come together dur-ing adversity," junior forward Herb Courtney said. "We lost two of our teammates but we have to keep on

going." Delaware led 55-51 with 1:36 left in the game after sophomore guard Zaire Taylor nailed a threepointer, but five straight points from Vermont leading scorer Joe Trapani, including a three-pointer with 34 seconds left, gave the Catamounts a 56-55 lead. After a Delaware timeout with nine seconds left, freshman guard Darrell Johnson had an opportunity to hit a 15-foot jumper from the left corner to win the game, but missed. Vermont added a foul shot to reach the final tally.

"I tried to get the best shot I could to win the game, but it just did-n't fall," Johnson said. "I really want-

ed it bad, but I just came up short. [Freshman] Brian [Johnson], being the point guard that he is, found me and I got to step up and knock that

shot down." The Hens' (0-6) biggest prob-lems have come on the defensive end this season. But they came out against Vermont (4-4) energized giving the 2,925 fans in attendance a boost as well — taking a 15-5 lead just under eight minutes into the game after a full-court press yielded

two steals and four points. Delaware led 20-9 with 8:43 left in the first half but its 27.6 percent first-half shooting allowed Vermont to go on an 18-4 run to take a 27-24 lead into halftime. The Hens' hustle and tight defense got them back into the game after the break as they led most of the second half.

'There wasn't a moment in that game that I thought we were going to lose," said Taylor, who led the team with 19 points.

Vermont, a team that has played at Maryland and Michigan State as well as defeating host Boston College 77-63 this season, looked flustered against the usually porous 22 Hens defense, committing turnovers.

Having to use a much smaller lineup without Madera or Hewson, the Hens were quicker, but got outboarded 42-30 and gave up 20 offensive rebounds.

The two-point loss marked only the second time this season Delaware lost by under 10 points.

Ross said while the team played well, he does not want his players to ever be happy with a loss.

"I won't let them accept losing," Ross said. "They know we aren't in this for moral victories. We aren't in this to play a team close.

We're in this to win.

Delaware will travel to Central Connecticut State tomorrow and will not return home until Jan. 8 against Towson.

> additional reporting by Tyler Mayforth



DELAWARE

Women start 6-1, near top 25 ranks

BY MICHAEL LORE & MAGGIE SCHILLER

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. - Nine. Nine is the number of votes the women's basketball team (6-1, 1-0 Colonial Athletic Association) received in the Associated Press Top 25 Poll last week.

It was the first time in school history the Hens were recognized in the AP poll, even though they have earned votes in the USA Today Coaches' Poll in the past

Even though it's an honor, head coach Tina Martin said the Hens' play that garnered the newfound recognition matters most.

"I am not really into the whole poll thing," Martin said. "We've been playing good basketball, and I think it is nice to be recognized nationally for the fact that Delaware does have a good basketball team.

"We don't talk about players of the week or the polls. It is more important to focus on game to game and what we need to do to beat our next opponent."

Co-captain senior Chrissy Fisher agrees with Martin's views on their ranking.

"I think we are very pleased to receive votes, but our job is not done," Fisher said. "We aren't in it yet, our goal is to get there. Regardless of earning votes or not earning votes, we are aiming for a championship.'

The recognition was the result of the team's 86-70 victory over No. 20 Kentucky in the Odwalla Classic at San Francisco on Nov. 24, the first win in women's basketball history over a ranked opponent. The Hens won the tournament thanks to outstanding play by senior co-captain Tyresa Smith. With 51 total points, Smith broke the tournatournament

ment scoring record and was named Most Valuable Player. Smith shrugged off the individual achievement, saying the team's victory was most impor-

"We were just so excited to beat

Kentucky," Smith said. "We played as a team, shared the ball and did what we had practiced. For the team to have traveled and to do that felt good. I didn't even think about my record, it was better to win the tournament.

Although pleased with the tour-nament outcome, Fisher said the team must be consistent and

"If we play like the way we played against Kentucky, we will be in good shape," she said. "When everyone is playing together, when we are communicating on defense and executing on offense, we are a very tough team to beat."

The Hens are second in the CAA in points per game, averaging 70.6.

Led by Smith and Fisher, the Hens are on a five-game winning streak. Smith, two-time CAA Player of the Week, leads the team with an average of 18 points and seven

rebounds per game. Martin said Smith's leadership and play on both sides of the ball has contributed to the Hens' success thus far.

"She is the team catalyst and spark," Martin said. "She sets the tone for us defensively."

During Sunday night's 65-53 win at Drexel, Smith was plagued by early foul trouble and had to sit out a significant portion of the first half. Even though she was on the bench, the Hens' good ball move-ment and stout defense allowed them to keep their lead throughout the game.

Martin said even though Sunday's performance was not their best, they did what they needed to win.

"The sign of a good team is when you're not playing well and you get in foul trouble and you still come out with a win," Martin said.

The Hens will travel to play undefeated LaSalle tonight and return home Sunday to host Boston Universiy. Game time is scheduled for 1 p.m.

Former UD champs reunited in Las Vegas

Hall and Haugabrook hope to make same AFL squad

BY TYLER MAYFORTH

The last time they were teammates, former Hens Andy Hall and Sidney Haugabrook stood like gladiators basking in the praises of the Colosseum. Fresh off a 40-0 slaying of Colgate in the 2003 Division I-AA National Championship game, the teammates were perspiring sweat, but were aspiring toward their professional careers.

Fast forward to the present day. Hall and Haugabrook are hoping to stand like gladiators again, Las Vegas Gladiators of the Arena Football League. Both players were recently signed by Las Vegas and will try out for the team in the upcoming weeks.

In his senior season at Delaware, Hall passed for 2,764 yards and 25 touchdowns. However, Delaware football head coach K.C. Keeler said it was Hall's 873 rushing yards that made pro scouts notice the quarterback. "He's an athlete, plain and simple," Keeler said. "He can

"He's an athlete, plain and simple, "Receiver said." The can make plays when there aren't any." Scouts were impressed by Hall's play-making ability, good enough to be drafted by the Philadelphia Eagles with the 185th overall pick in the sixth round of the 2004 NFL Draft. Hall would never see the field in a regular season game,

only getting into pre-season games late in the fourth quarter. When the Eagles signed Mike McMahon in 2005, Hall was relgated to the scout team. Keeler said being demoted was not in

egated to the scout team. Recter said being denoted that and Hall's vocabulary. "He just wants to play," Keeler said. "He does not want to sit on the bench. He's a winner. He wants to get out there and compete."

The Eagles gave Hall one last chance to impress, sending him abroad to play for the Rhein Fire in NFL Europe. In Germany, Hall only had 36 pass attempts throughout the year, completing just 16 for 116 yards and a touchdown. The Eagles

released him in the beginning of 2006. In October, Las Vegas signed Hall, deciding to give him a chance in the AFL. Hall is again facing a tough challenge as the Gladiators recently signed former Tampa Bay Buccaneers quarterback Shaun King to compete for the starting role. Keeler said the rules of the AFL should play right into Hall's strengths, which hindered him in the NFL.

"In the NFL, they are looking for gun-slingers, like [Donovan] McNabb and [Michael] Vick," Keeler said. "That is not Andy. The AFL has a shorter field, which will allow Andy to make quicker reads, which made him so dangerous for us."

Haugabrook's post-collegiate career has been circuitous. At Delaware, he excelled as both a kick returner and the Hens' best cornerback. Keeler said Haugabrook's adaptability turned him into a dangerous player.

'He was so versatile, we tried him in many situations," Keeler said. "We even ran a couple jet sweeps with him as a running back.'

Haugabrook's versatility caught the eyes of several NFL teams, but not enough to have his named called in the 2005 draft. Two weeks after the draft, the Tennessee Titans signed him as an undrafted free agent. Haugabrook said he was anxious to get on the field.

"I was nervous of course, because you realize you are play-ing with the cream of the crop," Haugabrook said. "But when I got out there, I saw they were pretty much just like me.

He barely had enough time to unpack his belongings, how-ever, as the Titans released him after one month. Haugabrook went back to Atlanta, his hometown, and said he nearly hung up his football cleats.

"Whenever you are doing something that you have done for so long and they tell you that they want to move in another direc-tion, it sucks," Haugabrook said. "But you got to keep your head up and move on."

Haugabrook said he interviewed with several companies after being released, trying to take advantage of his degree in consumer economics. Newell-Rubbermaid offered him a job, and Haugabrook said he was close to attending the company's orientation.

"I was supposed to go to training on a Monday, but the Hamilton Tiger Cats called me that Saturday," Haugabrook said. He decided returning kicks were better than returning phone calls, so he joined the Tiger Cats in the Canadian Football League. He played in the last five games of the 2005-06 season, returning kicks and punts. He averaged 24.6 yards on kickoff returns and said his fondest memory was taking a kick back 50 yards to set up a game-winning field goal against the Toronto Argonauts. Haugabrook injured his knee in the last game of the season, and in the off-season, the Tiger Cats released him.

He said he went back to Atlanta, but was soon called by the Gladiators' farm team, the Memphis Xplorers, an Arena Football League 2 team. In the AFL, position players besides quarter-backs play two positions and Memphis planned to utilize Haugabrook as a wide receiver and cornerback. Keeler said the dual position should suit Haugabrook well.



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Sidney Haugabrook (left) and Andy Hall (right) were key members of the Hens' 2003 National Championship team.

"If I could pick any other position for him to play, it would be receiver," Keeler said. "I am surprised we did not try him there.

While still in the same offseason, Las Vegas purchased his contract from the Xplorers. Gladiators head coach Danton Barto

said it did not take much thought to bring in Haugabrook. "We saw his college and CFL highlights and it was a no-brainer," Barto said. "He can make plays." Haugabrook enters his fourth league in two years and said

Barto wouldn't make any guarantees about playing time. "There are no promises," Haugabrook said. "You just have to go out there no matter the situation and perform." When the AFL begins its mini-camps Jan. 3, and the regu-lar season gets underway in March, Hall and Haugabrook hope to stand as Gladiators once again.

commentary



STEVE RUSSOLILLO Keeler's seat is getting warmer

Delaware football is wellknown for its strong fan base and winning tradition. Fans consistently fill Delaware Stadium with hopes of seeing a playoff-caliber squad strive for a national championship.

The high expectations are cer-tainly justified. Delaware has compiled six national championships, with its most recent in 2003, and only eight losing seasons since 1940.

But this rich history does not include the previous two seasons, and should make fans wonder which direction this program is going under the tutelage of head coach K.C. Keeler.

The Hens have an 11-11 record over the last two years. Last year, Delaware was lucky to finish 6-5 as went on the road and defeated Villanova in its final game to secure a winning season.

This year's 5-6 record was Delaware's first losing season since 2001 and only its second in the last 19 seasons. It was also Keeler's first losing season as a head coach after five seasons with the Hens and nine seasons at Rowan.

The record alone was not the only source of embarrassment in 2006. In a 49-35 home loss to Towson and a 44-24 loss at James Madison, Delaware allowed a combined 1,169 yards of total offense. It marked the first time in school history that the Detaware detended allowed more than 500 yards in consecutive games.

The Hens finished last in the Atlantic 10 in total defense as they allowed 397.7 yards per game. Delaware also finished third to last in the A-10 in scoring defense, giving up 25.9 points per game.

The embarrassment does not stop there.

Albany — a team without a sin-gle player on full scholarship and one that had never come within 24 points of defeating an A-10 oppo-nent — marched into Delaware Stadium on Sept. 16 and upset the No. 11 Hens 17-10.

Delaware also blew a 20-0 lead at home during the season finale against Villanova and was upset 28-27, a fitting end to a trying season.

Keeler consistently blamed injuries, youth and inexperience for Delaware's shortcomings during the previous two years. His excuses garner some merit. Sixty-nine of the 96 players listed on the official Delaware roster were redshirt freshmen, true freshmen or sophomores.

The injury bug also continued to plague Delaware for the second consecutive year. Sophomore defen-sive lineman Matt Marcorelle and junior running back Omar Cuff were two of the most recognizable playwho suffered injuries. Marcorelle sustained a season-ending shoulder injury against Albany and Cuff missed four games and only saw limited action against Richmond because of a high ankle sprain.

The defensive line was decimated by injuries and many defen-

sive tackles were moved to the end position, which hurt the pass rush. As a result, opposing quarterbacks had time to sit in the pocket and pick apart Delaware's suspect secondary.

However, it is rare and almost impossible for a team to make it through an entire season without injuries. Good teams can recover from injuries and still be successful. One man's injury is another man's

opportunity to excel. Whether it is fair or not, the head coach has to take responsibility for his team's shortcomings. 6-5 last year and 5-6 this year is unac-ceptable. Is Keeler on the hot seat? Is his job in jeopardy because of Delaware's mediocre play?

The answer is no, for now. There is an unwritten rule in college football that states once a coach wins a national championship, he/she has approximately a five-year grace period before that job should be questioned. In 2003 — only Keeler's sec-ond season with the Hens —

Delaware won the Division I-AA National Championship. That should keep his job safe until 2008. However, most of the athletes

on that championship squad were recruited by former Delaware head

coach Tubby Raymond. The last two seasons featured more of Keeler's recruits and less of Raymond's.

Next year should be a make-orbreak season for Keeler. It will mark the first year in which every player on the roster will have been recruited by Keeler's coaching staff.

Keeler's job should not be in jeapordy now as he should be given the opportunity to win with his players.

On paper, next year's roster looks pretty strong as the offense only loses one starter, senior tight end Ben Patrick. The young defense should also be improved with another year of experience under its belt.

While Keeler is not on the hot seat, he should also not be sitting comfortably after the previous two seasons. This time next year will determine whether his seat will be scorching or if he truly is the right man to lead this powerhouse football program.

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Class dismissed: who made the grade this year for Hens football?

BY MICHAEL LORE & BRENDAN REED

For the first time since 2001, the football team had a losing record, ending 5-6. Its rapid decline from the football dominance of only three years ago has warranted many questions and the sports desk has decided to answer them for you. You're welcome.

We broke the team down into five categories: quarterbacks, running backs, receivers, defense and special teams and graded each spot based on its play this season.

Quarterbacks:

The hot topic of the summer around Delaware football team was regarding the starting quarterback. The battle for the starting job between fifth-year senior Ryan Carty and junior transfer Joe Flacco started last year during spring drills. Head coach K.C. Keeler said both played well, but gave Flacco the nod. Even though he was named one of the

offensive captains in the preseason, for the fifth-straight year, Carty was No. 2 on the depth chart. He did see some action during the season — the most coming against Hofstra when Flacco sat out a few plays due to a knee injury. On senior day against Villanova, Keeler did not allow Carty a chance to stand under center for the last time as a Hen. Maybe the game was too close to for Keeler to take Flacco out? Who knows.

Flacco threw for 2,783 yards with 18 touchdowns and 10 interceptions, while com-pleting 63.3 percent of his pass attempts. Flacco also used his speed and elusiveness to scramble and avoid sacks. He rushed for 225

yards and five touchdowns. Throwing for at least 200 yards in eight of his 11 starts, Flacco was the key to the Hens' offensive successes this season and should prove to be a valuable weapon come next year. Grade: B+

Running backs: In 2005, junior running back Omar Cuff started all 11 games, rushed for 1,205 yards and scored 14 touchdowns. That year, Cuff led the Atlantic 10 in all-purpose yardage and was second in scoring and rushing. This year, Cuff played in only seven

games due to an ankle injury, rushing for 541 yards and eight touchdowns. While Cuff was out, freshman running back Jared Bradley and sophomore wide receiver Kervin Michaud handled the load. Bradley rushed for 307 yards and six touchdowns while Michaud added a touchdown and 247 yards. While Cuff's injury hurt the offense, the Hens realized they have some depth in the backfield.

With the longest rush of the year being only 39 yards, compliments of Cuff, it seemed the running backs lacked the big play that fans had come to expect in past years. As a team, the Hens rushed for only 103.6 yards per game on 3.3 yards per carry, while in 2005, Cuff himself averaged 109.5 rushing yards per game on 4.8 yards per carry. Grade: B

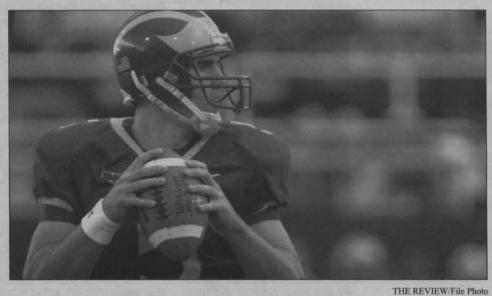
Receivers:

Senior tight end Ben Patrick, Flacco's favorite target this year, led the team with 64 receptions and six touchdowns. Patrick, the first tight end in Delaware history to be named first team All-Atlantic 10, also finished second on the team in total receiving yards and yards per reception.

Sophomore wide receiver Aaron Love showed the most improvement this year with more than twice as many receptions (24 in 2005, 58 in 2006) and almost three times the total receiving yards (248 in 2005, 740 in 2006) compared to last year. On Oct. 21 at Richmond, Love caught seven passes for 160 yards and two touchdowns.

Michaud finished third on the team in receptions (42) and total receiving yards (387). Freshman wide receiver Mark Duncan saw action for the first time this season after redshirting last year and performed well as the team's third receiver. In nine games this season Duncan finished with 28 receptions and 11.6 yards per reception.

Sophomore tight end Robbie Agnone proved to be a red-zone threat as his five touchdown receptions were good for second on the team. Despite losing Patrick, the young receivers and tight ends should keep the offense potent in the coming years. Grade: B+



Junior quarterback Joe Flacco threw for 2,783 yards and 18 touchdowns in 2006.

Defense:

There was trouble before the season even began. First-year defensive coordinator Rob Neviaser resigned after he was charged with an alcohol-related incident in early September. Neviaser was supposed to take over for Dave Cohen, who was signed as head coach of Hofstra. After flipping some staff positions around, first-year secondary coach Nick Rapone was named interim coordinator.

Led by senior linebacker KeiAndre Hepburn, the Hens linebackers were stout this year. Sophomores Erik Johnson and Brian Brown stepped into the starting line-up and performed nicely. Johnson was second on the team in tackles with 78, behind Hepburn's 94, while Brown chipped in 27 tackles in 10

The defense was decimated with injuries this year, especially on the defensive line. Delaware's 13 total sacks this season ranked next to last in the A-10.

The defense reached its low point Oct. 28, when Towson came to Delaware Stadium. The Tigers racked up 627 yards of total offense including 435 through the air. The following

week at James Madison, they allowed 542 total yards, the first time the team has given up 500 or more yards of offense in back-to-back games. The Hens were dead last in the A-10 in total defense, giving up 397.7 yards per game. Injuries are always a factor in any sport,

and hopefully the sports gods will take it easy on Delaware next year, allowing the younger players that gained experience this season to make the Hens' defense better next year. Grade: D

Special teams:

Sophomore kicker Zach Hobby hit only 57.1 percent of his field goals attempted on the year, missing five of his last six attempts. He missed two extra points this year, including a costly one against Villanova. Punter Stuart Kenworthy averaged 37.2 yards per kick with a long of 51. Senior Rashaad Woodard and Michaud

averaged 23.1 yards per kick return with no scores. Aaron Love was in charge of punt returning duties for most the season, tallying 112 yards on 11 returns. Grade: B



Junior running back Omar Cuff missed four games due to a high ankle spain.

Delaware allowed 627 total yards to Towson Oct. 28, the third highest in school history.





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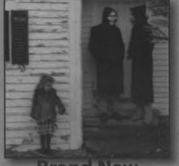
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