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DSU freshman arrested for shooting

Two students wounded in on-campus incident

BY SARAH KENNEY & SARAH LIPMAN

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After a three-day investigation, the Delaware State University Police and Dover Police Departments arrested a freshman student Monday morning in relation to the on-campus shooting which occurred early Friday.

Loyer Braden, 18, was charged with one count each of attempted murder in the first-degree, assault in the first-degree, possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony and reckless endangering, according to DSU Police Chief James Overton.

Overton said although the investigation is ongoing, the arrest is a step forward for the university community.

"My students are safe," he said. "We have the shooter in custody and that's the most important part."

Following Braden's arrest, he was arraigned at Justice of the Peace Court 7 in Dover and admitted to a Delaware prison in lieu of \$75,000 secured bail, Overton said.

Police reports stated a group of eight to 10 students left the Village Café sometime between midnight and 1 a.m. Friday, and congregated between the Grossley Hall and Memorial Hall.

At approximately 12:54 a.m. on Sept. 21, DSU police received a report of gunfire near the Memorial Hall gymnasium. Police said four to six shots were fired and two university students — Shalita Middleton and Nathaniel Pugh — were wounded.

Both students were 17-year-old freshmen from the Washington D.C. area. Middleton, a cheerleader, was shot twice in the abdomen and is listed in serious condition at Christiana Hospital. Pugh was shot once in the ankle and is listed in stable condition at Kent General Hospital in Dover.

University officials requested Friday that students living in residence halls remain indoors and faculty was told not to report to work. Campus remained on lockdown on Saturday, with limited access for athletic teams and student organizations, according to the DSU Web site. The campus was reopened and classes resumed yesterday.

"The primary priorities of the university at this point are the safety of the residential student population and the DSU Police investigation of the shooting," the Web site

stated in its first press release Friday.

At a press conference held Friday afternoon, officials discussed the nature of the case.

"This was not an act of terrorism," Overton said. "This was not a crazed gunman who found his way onto campus."

DSU President Allen Sessoms said the incident was contained to campus.

"This is an internal problem — no externalities — just kids who did very stupid things," Sessoms said.

At a press conference held Monday, Overton said there are no motives at this time.

He said he was not aware of allegations the shooting was motivated by an altercation on Tuesday, Sept. 18, in which an unidentified man allegedly spit in Braden's face.

The DSU campus is no stranger to tragedy. On Aug. 4, three university students were shot and killed execution-style in their hometown of Newark, N.J.

"We've been through difficult times and we know what it means to support the families," Sessoms said. "We are going to work to get to the bottom of whatever kinds of tensions exist on campus — they're on every campus."

He said the university accepts students from across the country, some from difficult family backgrounds.

"We've seen that sometimes [students] can't even be safe when they go home," Sessoms said. "This is safer than most of the places they go back to."

He said he believed the university's response was immediate, due to new alert systems implemented after the tragedy at Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State



THE REVIEW/Sarah Lipman

Delaware State University Police Chief James Overton said the shooting "is an internal problem."

University.

"That's a lesson of Virginia Tech — quick response," Sessoms said. "We communicated immediately. You can't believe people are going to read their e-mails at 1 o'clock in the morning. We went around and knocked on doors; we put fliers up in residence halls."

Immediately after the dispatch call to university police, DSU officials notified its residence hall staff of the shooting. By 2:01 a.m., the initial notification was completed.

At approximately 2:40 Friday morning, the campus was secured. Warning notifications were posted in all residence halls and on the university Web site and an emergency phone-line message was activated.

Senior Shadrack Minor said he was at a diner across the street when he was notified initially by a friend. He quickly received official word of the incident.

"By 1:15, I got a call and everything was locked down," Minor said. "Cop cars were flying in here; there were two or three helicopters, paramedics — everything."

He said many students went home after the incident, but their departure was not unexpected due to the NASCAR races held in Dover over the weekend.

"People usually go home race weekends because it's so crowded," Minor said.

He said he believes DSU's campus is easily accessible, which could have facilitated the crime. Although students need identification to enter the front gates, Minor said the rear of

the campus is not as secure.

He said he was not afraid to return to school.

"I still feel safe," Minor said. "Just take that extra look around to make sure no one's following you."

Senior Ashlee Todd said she was relaxing in her dorm room with some friends when one of them got a call saying a friend of his had been shot. The student who received the call wanted to go to the scene. Todd said she did not want him to go alone, so a group went with him at approximately 1:20 a.m.

She said most of her friends were initially skeptical about the shooting.

"At first, all of us thought it was a rumor," Todd said. "We figured nothing was happening. But it became real once we saw the cop cars, the police and the helicopters — that's how we actually found out."

She said she and her roommate, Shanequa Ramsey, were horrified by the shooting.

"Out of the three years that we've been here, nothing like this has ever happened," Todd said. "We never thought it would happen on campus. Of course you hear about shootings happening in Delaware and around the campus, but not actually on campus."

Sessoms said he hopes the community can recover from the tragedy.

"Nobody expects things like this to happen and when they happen, you react as best you can," he said. "What's most important is the follow-up to make sure that there are no further surprises."



THE REVIEW/Sarah Lipman

Students leave Delaware State University Friday, after campus was reopened for limited access.



THE REVIEW/Sarah Kenney

Students returned to campus as classes resumed at Delaware State University on Monday.

Univ. students, faculty respond to DSU crime

BY ELENA CHIN AND JESSICA LAPOINTE

Student Affairs Editor & Administrative Editor

In the aftermath of the shooting at Delaware State University, University of Delaware students and administration offered their sympathies and applauded DSU's quick emergency response.

University of Delaware junior Leanne Brewer, who has friends at DSU, said she was walking to class when her mother called to tell her the news of the shootings.

"I was shocked," Brewer said. "Blown away."

She said DSU did a fantastic job informing the students about the incident, but she does not know if our university could implement the same procedure due to its size.

Scott Douglass, senior vice president for the university, stated in an e-mail message that the university is doing everything it can to protect its students. Safety procedures are continuously being updated.

"We are constantly reviewing and revising our plans and looking for ways to improve," Douglass said.

Freshman Kyle Caldwell said there is no way to prevent these types of incidents but proper precautions can be taken.

"People are going to do what they're going to do," Caldwell said. "When there's a will, there's a way."

Douglass said although the university had already begun to implement new safety precautions last year, the tragedy that occurred at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University caused the University of Delaware to create even more programs to keep the campus safe.

"The university was already investigating acquiring a text messaging system when the tragedy at Virginia Tech occurred, but, in light of the tragedy, we did look for additional methods we could use," he said. "For example, we are in the process of configuring telephones in classrooms so that they can be used for direct 911 dialing to Public Safety and for reverse 911 calls from Public Safety to the classrooms."

Junior Cassandra Patriarco, president of the Student Government Association, stated in an e-mail

message that the prompt notification of the campus community and the lockdown of the university were integral to the protection of the DSU students. She said the organization wishes the injured students a quick recovery.

Patriarco said students at the university should do everything they can to protect themselves. She said the new UD Alert emergency notification system is an example of this.

"The SGA would like to remind UD students that it is imperative to register their phone numbers and update their contact information on UDSIS," Patriarco said.

Douglass said the updated safety procedures are being put in place so students and faculty can be more secure.

He said students and faculty should be able to attend college without having to worry about issues of safety. The university is doing all it can to make this possible, Douglass said.

"Such violence is counter to the very idea of what a college campus should be," he said. "Students should know that the university is committed to providing all members of our community with a safe environment."

Douglass said the UD Alert system, in which text messages will be sent out if there is an emergency, will be activated in early October, if not sooner.

The university is trying to help students in other ways as well.

John Brennan, director of public relations, stated in an e-mail message that the Center for Counseling and Student Development is available to help students affected by the shooting.

"I checked and there hasn't been an increase in demand for counseling services over the past few days," Brennan said. "If this changes, the center is prepared to organize additional resources."

Douglass said the university has reached out to DSU and is thinking of the college community.

"At this point, our thoughts are with the injured students and their families and all our colleagues at Delaware State University," he said.

"We are in the process of configuring telephones in classrooms so that they can be used for direct 911 dialing to Public Safety and for reverse 911 calls from Public Safety to the classrooms."

— Scott Douglass,
University of Delaware
senior vice president

First-year exp. for police chief

BY KELLY DURKIN

Copy Desk Chief

Each fall, thousands of students descend on Newark for the first time, exploring and familiarizing themselves with the town they will call home for the next four years. Last Monday, Newark's new chief of police, Paul M. Tiernan, began living this part of the freshman experience along with the Class of 2011.

"It's exciting and scary coming to a place where you don't know anyone and you have to start all over," Tiernan said. "Every day is exciting."

The 48-year-old Tiernan came to Newark with his family after more than 27 years with the Teaneck, New Jersey Police Department, where he served for the past four years as chief of police in the 40,000 citizen community. He said he comes from a long line of policemen and wanted to become a police officer in high school because of the opportunity to help others.

"I'd always say it sounds corny," Tiernan said, "but with police work, at the end of your life, you'll look back and you're not going to say you wrote a great novel or you were a movie star. But you made a difference in people's lives, and that's one of the most important things you can ask for."

He said he left Teaneck because he accomplished his goals for the city and was looking for a new challenge. Tiernan's focus for Newark will be to reduce crime and traffic accidents while improving the quality of life for city residents.

City Manager Carl Luft, who hired Tiernan, said he began receiving applications for the position in March of this year. Ninety-two applicants were considered for the job.

"We had a very good, extensive recruitment process," Luft said. "These decisions are difficult to make, but Paul rose to the top of the list."

Luft said part of Tiernan's appeal was his background, having worked in a city similar to Newark. Teaneck is a college town, home to Fairleigh Dickinson University, the largest private university in New Jersey.

Tiernan earned a bachelor's and master's degree of science in criminal justice from New Jersey City University, and most recently became a certified public manager at FDU.

Capt. John Potts of the Newark Police Department, served as acting police chief before Tiernan was hired.

Potts said he looks forward to working with Tiernan.

"The department has a bright future," he said. "I'm sure we'll work in a cooperative fashion for the citizens of Newark and the students at the university to ensure their safety."

Luft said it was difficult replacing former Police Chief William F. Nefosky, Jr., who died of pancreatic cancer earlier this year, and credits the staff of the police department for their leadership during that difficult time.

"It was very stressful and sad as well," he said. "We had to pull ourselves together as best as we could, and that's what we did."

Tiernan said he heard about the position through the International Association of Chiefs of Police, and although he has lived in Newark for less than a month, he feels welcomed by the city.

"I feel like I've found a home here, and if all goes well, I'll be here for the rest of my life," he said. "It's very dynamic and very vibrant. For a small city — especially with the college — it makes it a great place to live."

Tiernan said his forte is "community policing," where police work together with the community to set and accomplish goals. He rides around the city with different officers every night. Once he has met with each officer, he said he will set new goals for the upcoming year, including objectives involving the university.

"I think what I really understand about being chief in this town is that the university is the lifeblood of Newark — without the university, Newark is a very small town," Tiernan said.

Another point he said he wants to enforce is making the university community aware of their actions and surroundings and encouraging students to take a proactive stance regarding their safety.

"The challenge is working with students and trying to educate them that it's important to take personal responsibility for their actions," Tiernan said. "The students really have to help themselves as much as possible."

Although he said he hopes students can practice safer actions on their own, the Newark and university police are very interested in working together with students and helping those in need.

"We see them as partners," Tiernan said.

He said he has an open-door policy with the police force. That policy extends to the community members, who is welcome to see him at any time.

"If anyone has any concerns or issues, I hope they visit me," Tiernan said.

As for his days off, he said he plans to explore Main Street's shops and restaurants, but even his status as head of the police force does not guarantee he will get a table.

"I'd love to get into Klondike Kate's, but it's always so crowded," Tiernan said. "Even the chief of police can't get in."

'This should not still be happening'

Black Student Union rallies behind Jena 6 students

BY JESSICA EISENBREY

Staff Reporter

On Sept. 20, thousands of Americans marched through the streets of the town of Jena, La. to protest the way court officials handled two racially-charged incidents. In a display of local support, the university's Black Student Union held a rally at the Center for Black Culture to discuss the racial issues affecting Jena and the university.

Tiffany Hilliard, a sophomore and member of the BSU, said the incidents in Louisiana have brought awareness to the fact that racism still exists today in the United States.

"It's sad that we still have to hear about it in the news, but I think when people hear about it, they're more aware of it," Hilliard said.

Approximately 50 students attended the rally, which was organized by BSU officers and members.

The rally began with a discussion of the events occurring in Jena and how the court officials in the town handled the situation.

According to a report from MSNBC, the series of incidents that inspired the rally began in August 2006 when a black student asked the principal of Jena High School if he could sit under a tree where white students usually sat. The next day, two nooses were hanging from the tree. The students responsible for hanging the nooses were suspended from school for three days.

In December, a fight occurred between a group of black students and group of white students. A white student was injured in the fight and was treated and released from an emergency room that night. Six black students were accused of beating the white student and charged with attempted murder, according to a report from *USA Today*.

One student is still awaiting arraignment while another, Mychal Bell, is still in jail because he was unable to post the \$90,000 bail. The charges against three of the students were reduced to battery and conspiracy during their arraignments. The charges against the sixth student remain unavailable due to his legal status as a minor, the *USA Today* report stated.

USA Today went on to report that Bell was scheduled to be sentenced for convictions of aggravated second-degree battery and conspiracy on Sept. 20, but the charges were vacated and are pending action by the district attorney.

Junior Lamar Gibson said he felt the school district should have done more to address the initial incident that occurred in August.

"It seemed like a gross mishandling of the situation when the school district could have nipped it in the bud in the beginning," Gibson said. "The fact that people had to take justice into their own hands was wrong. We're supposed to have a justice system in schools to take care of this."

Freshman Jazmyn Miller said racism is a problem that should not exist anymore.

"This is something we read about in history books. This should not still be happening," Miller said.

Esther Iverem, editor and publisher of the Web site Seeinblack.com, said the case in Jena has highlighted the issue of equality in the United States.



THE REVIEW/Justin Maurer

Students met on Sept. 20 to discuss the issues surrounding Jena 6.

"While we have come a long way in terms of rights, obviously this case shows that there are still unequal ways of looking at people," Iverem said.

One of the issues discussed at the rally was racism on campus.

Sophomore Titi Verissimo said she has dealt with racism all of her life and continues to face adversity at the university.

"Some people are surprised at how many times we deal with racism," Verissimo said. "They don't understand why we feel different in a class full of white people."

Sophomore Louis Neblett said he feels students need to seriously address smaller incidents of racism that occur at the university, such as the swastikas which were drawn on a poster in Rodney B residence hall Sept. 17.

"We need to develop a bigger sense of urgency," Neblett said. "We need to begin to challenge these kinds of things."

Racism needs to be addressed now in order to prevent it from re-occurring in the future, he said.

"We all have these opportunities at hand," Neblett said. "What are you going to do to right the wrong? If it can happen to somebody else, then it can happen to you."

"We have to begin to prepare for the future so these kinds of things don't come full circle."

Maggie Ussery, professor of black American studies, said the issue of racism at the university is not always addressed.

"We're not really talking about these larger issues of race," Ussery said. "And I think in many ways we are producing younger generations of people who maybe don't quite get how offensive certain images are and so they're reproducing them without understanding the larger implications."

Kassandra Moye, director of the Center for Black Culture, said she sees promise with the new administration at the university, specifically with the appointment of President Patrick Harker.

"This community is very excited with the possibilities that the new leadership will bring," Moye said.

Senior Charles Drummer IV, president of BSU, said he is looking forward to the changes Harker will make at the university.

"This new administration is the change we've needed," Drummer said. "We just have to let them know that we're here."

Sharpton speaks in Del. on Jena 6, race

By BRIAN ANDERSON

Copy Editor

Rev. Al Sharpton, a prominent civil rights leader and politician, spoke at the First Family Third Anniversary Celebration at the Canaan Baptist Church in Wilmington last Sunday.

In front of an energetic and excited auditorium filled with hundreds of people, Sharpton spoke about various topics, including the Jena 6 controversy in Louisiana. He said he has spent the past two months dealing with the issues surrounding the Jena 6.

"Black or white, you can't select a section for prosecution or not," Sharpton said.

The Jena 6 refers to the six black teenagers in Louisiana who were arrested, charged, and in some cases, prosecuted as a result in the attack of one white student. Some believe the charges are excessive and that racial overtones have affected the treatment of the six teenagers.

Sharpton said he was in Louisiana for a recent rally and said cases like this are more common than Americans might think.

"There are cases like Jena all over the country," he said. "They're all over America, even in Delaware."

Part of the problem is the way people are brought up, Sharpton said. People who degrade others need to learn what their words and actions truly mean.

"If you sow no standards, you will reap what you sow — no standards," he said. "Blackness was never about how low you could go."

Sharpton also commented on the violence that occurred on the Delaware State University campus on Friday. He said his heart skipped a beat when he heard about the shootings.

"It's reckless violence," Sharpton said. "You fight to send your children to school and then you're scared for them when they're at school."

The romanticizing of violence in the media and entertainers needs to be stopped, he said. Sharpton said the words of musical artists and entertainers have negative effects on society.

"It's almost like we have become celebrants of what is wrong with today," he said. "When we do, the results are people just spiraling down into this kind of madness."

Sociology professor Elizabeth Higginbotham said Sharpton has always been a spokesman for racial injustices. She said bringing local issues to a national forefront is a typical strategy for civil rights issues.

"It's not unlike any other time you want people to stop from doing their business,"



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Rev. Al Sharpton discussed Jena 6 and the DSU shootings.

Higginbotham said. "Sharpton has a pulse on the issue and has a genuine concern for the Jena 6. He didn't manufacture this."

Americans view the negative behavior of black males differently than the negative behavior of white males, she said.

"It really speaks to this difference," Higginbotham said. "Not all blacks are thugs but that's how a lot of this is viewed."

Dr. Christopher Alan Bullock, pastor of the Canaan Baptist Church, said he is close

friends with Sharpton and he was excited to have him present for the service, which celebrated Bullock's third year as pastor of the church.

"We're engaged in ministry and engaged in community here," Bullock said. "It is a celebration of the human condition."

Juanita Fitzhugh, a visitor from New Jersey, said the event was the first time she heard Sharpton speak in person. She said she was invited by friends and was interested to hear what Sharpton would say.

"I agree with Sharpton, everything he said," Fitzhugh said. "If you're going to punish someone, punish everyone involved equally."

She said she was impressed by Sharpton's speech.

"He was fantastic. He's just a dynamic speaker," Fitzhugh said.

Sharpton said God used various religious leaders, from Moses to Daniel, to help people who have suffered from oppression. He said he could see himself being a spokesman for the Jena 6.

"God used Moses to lead the liberation struggle out of Egypt," he said. "If God can do that, God can use Al Sharpton for Jena."

who's who in Newark

Newark Bagel owner keeps things fresh

BY JEFF BORZELLO

Staff Reporter

Some say the best way to measure the success and popularity of a business is to look at the lines inside the store.

If that is the case, Eduardo Cardenas, owner of Newark Deli and Bagels, has a great thing going.

Weekend crowds inside the eatery form lines that routinely wrap around the building's interior and the demand shows no sign of waning.

Cardenas, owner of Newark Deli and Bagels since 2001, said having to serve so many people on a consistent basis is a challenge but is something he welcomes.

"We have a good product and a good location," he said. "We try to please our customers, and they know it. You have to continue to do what the people want."

Originally from Peru, Cardenas said he came to the United States in 1988 and lived in New Jersey for 13 years before coming to Newark in 2001. He is married with three children, ages 24, 22 and 11.

It was always a dream of his to own a business, he said.

"I tried several times," Cardenas said. "Back in the country [Peru], I started my own business, my own small factory. I decided to take advantage of the connections I had, and I came here."

When Newark Deli and Bagels was up for sale in 2001, he said he felt it would be a good purchase because he knew the previous owner, and knew he had run a successful business.

Cardenas said owning a business in a college town has its ups and downs, mainly due to the fluctuation in population during the months when students are not in Newark.

"It is a huge challenge to be a college town like this," he said. "When [students] are here, we have business. But it's hard when students aren't here, so we have to build a cushion to hold us over in those months."

As one of the only breakfast delis near the university campus, Newark Deli and Bagels does not have much competition for customers, Cardenas said. However, it would not affect business if another deli opened up.

"When I bought the business, the [previous owner] had another bagel place by Margarita's, and both places were always packed," he said. "We have the best bagels in Newark, we have [some] of the best cold meats, and we do the salads daily. No one can compete with the quality and amount of meats I have."

Cardenas' wife, Lucy Sabogal, who also works at the Deli, said freshness is what separates Newark Deli and Bagels from other restaurants.

"I think the success is because the food is fresh," Sabogal said. "We make it every day."

In order to maintain the freshness of his foods, Cardenas said he buys the meats directly from factories, and bakes the

bagels three to four times per day. He said baking new bagels so often does not make much sense from a business standpoint but keeps the customers happy.

"It is not smart move, but it pays for the person that wants it," he said. "I can bake the bagels once, and they will be fresh all day. But if I bake three, four, five times a day, they are fresh, crispy and tasty."

Senior Clark Davis, who has worked at Newark Deli and Bagels for more than one year, said Cardenas likes to have fun and treats everyone with respect, while maintaining a successful business.

"He understands that people are people," Davis said. "He has good values, and loves talking to people. He's a real critical thinker and knows what's best for business."

Cardenas said the most popular meal at the deli is egg whites, cheese and tomato on a whole-wheat everything bagel, but his personal favorite is something entirely different.

"I love the sausage, egg and provolone cheese on a croissant," he said.

There are some drawbacks to owning such a flourishing deli, Cardenas said. He routinely spends 80 to 90 hours per week at the deli, and normally gets there at 6 a.m.

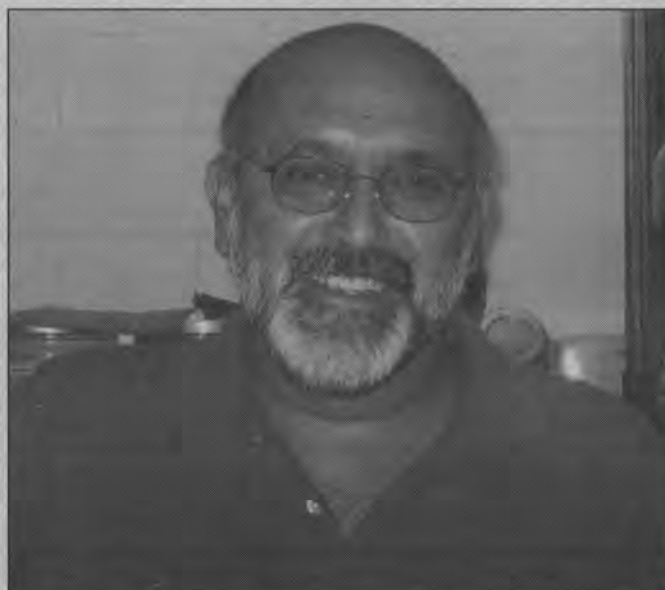
"The tough part about this business is that it requires seven days a week," he said. "I wish I had more time for my kid."

Despite the massive amount of time the business requires, both Cardenas and Sabogal said they would not change a thing.

"I like it the most when [students] say that 'I loved your sandwich,'" Sabogal said. "Every day someone says that." Cardenas said he does not have plans to sell the deli in the near future, although he understands that one day it will have to happen.

"It provides a lot of satisfaction to run a business when people come to your place and are happy being here," he said. "You can't buy that with money — that's something special."

"Watching people come here and have a good time; that's something you cannot pay for."



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Eduardo Cardenas has owned Newark Bagel since 2001.

Web site features local sexual offenders

Reports more than 30 live and work in Newark

BY SARA WAHLBERG

Staff Reporter

It is the crime many college students fear and many parents have nightmares about. It can happen anywhere, at any time. Sexual assault is not uncommon to a college town.

Out of the 2,027 sex offenders living in Delaware, there are 32 registered sex offenders either living or working in the city of Newark.

The state of Delaware has created a Web site, the Delaware Sex Offender Central Registry, which can be useful in learning where the homes and workplaces of the offenders are. However, many people living in Newark do not know about the Web site.

Lt. Brian Henry of the Newark Police said the site, which offers search options for names as well as geographic locations, has been operational since Megan's Law was passed in 1994.

"Its intent is to put the community on alert, be aware of this and to keep your guard up," Henry said. "If you know a pedophile is living on your street, keep a closer eye on your children and don't let them be exposed to that person."

The offenders are organized on the Web site in tiers according to the seriousness of the crime they committed. Tier one

is a low-risk offender, tier two is a moderate-risk offender and tier three offenders pose the highest risk in a community.

Only offenders in tiers two and three are required to register with the state when they move to the city, Henry said. The Web site provides the name, address and mug shot of the person.

Newark Mayor Vance A. Funk III said he is surprised there are that many offenders in Newark.

"It's a higher number than I thought it was," Funk said. "The ones that are in the higher tiers are the ones we really worry about, but we worry about all of them."

Although Funk said he is not happy the number is so high, he said he knows the city cannot ban the offenders from living or working here. It can only notify citizens and spread awareness.

Funk said he has seen the notification process in action first-hand.

"We had a sex offender move into our community about six months ago and he and his family were totally upset that we notified everybody," he said. "I know from that incident that we're doing a good job."

Newark resident Susan Brook said she has visited the Web site and has received fliers notifying her of sex offenders in her neighborhood. She said she has called the police to remind them to notify her neigh-

bors because she recognized an offender from the Web site in her neighborhood.

"I called the police and asked about someone because I could see him sitting on his stoop, and next to him was a single mother and a lovely little girl and he was a pedophile," Brook said. "Then, suspiciously that afternoon there was a flier sent out."

She said even though she does not have children of her own, she makes use of the Web site and likes to keep an eye out for the offenders in her neighborhood. Certain places in Newark, such as the Newark Shopping Center and the College Square Shopping Center, are unsafe after dark, she said.

Newark resident Kathy Reade said she did not realize the number of sex offenders in the city was so high and had never heard of the Web site. She said she feels unsafe in Newark.

"I didn't know there was a registry," Reade said.

"It must not be something they advertise. I've never gotten anything in my mailbox. My guess is because it's a university town, and they want to look good."

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— Vance A. Funk III, mayor of Newark

on the 32 registered sex offenders listed on the Central Registry Web site

Henry said residents and students should not be concerned about their safety in Newark, but should be aware of the Web site and make use of it to protect themselves.

"I don't think they should be concerned by the number, but they should be aware of and use the resources that are available to them to learn if someone is in their neighborhood and take precautions that are necessary to protect their families from those people," he said.

The ongoing quest to make UD 'go green'

BY RACHEL ALPER

Staff Reporter

Dartmouth College has a bus fueled by waste cooking oil. Harvard University sends letters to freshmen urging them to buy energy-efficient refrigerators for their dorms. The Lewis Center at Oberlin College is powered entirely by solar arrays which allow the building to produce 30 percent more energy than it uses. With all of these schools following the "green" trend, it makes some people wonder what the University of Delaware is doing to help the environment.

Provost Daniel Rich stated in an e-mail message the university has done a lot to help the environment, and not just in a physical way.

"The university has made extensive improvements in its own energy efficiency and resource conservation," Rich said. "In addition, the university has an outstanding interdisciplinary faculty in the areas of environmental studies and alternative energy sources."

Faculty members work with the state to help protect and improve the state of Delaware, he said.

"These faculty provide expertise to the nation and the state on energy efficiency and resource conservation," Rich said. "The contributions include programs to protect Delaware's coastal zones and wetlands, to improve water and air quality, and to assist state agencies and communities in resource planning and the preservation of resources."

Robert Stozek, associate vice president of facilities, said the recycling program is one way the university is helping the environment.

"UD has had an active recycling program since about 1990 which recycles plastic, cardboard, glass and other consumables," Stozek stated in an e-mail message.

Other ways the university has been decreasing its negative effect on the environment over the years is by switching from regular to compact fluorescent light bulbs, he said. In addition, all new construction incorporates energy reduction in the design such as chilled water facilities for air conditioning and burning more natural gas, which releases lower emissions than fuel

oil.

"UD has several hybrid vehicles and is expanding the fleet and operates a hydrogen fuel cell-powered bus in conjunction with a College of Engineering research program," Stozek said.

Junior Vanessa Garcia said she likes the new hydrogen-fuel-cell-powered bus.

"I think the hydrogen-fuel-cell-powered bus is a great advantage to the environment and I think it's great that UD has it," Garcia said.

She said she thinks the recycling program is a good idea, but said it is not very accessible.

"I think recycling should be a little more accessible because there are only three cans for an entire dorm," Garcia said. "They need to provide bigger cans to accommodate recycling needs for the large number of students in bigger dorms."

Stozek stated in an e-mail message the university is continuously trying to think of new ways to make less of a negative impact on the environment.

"New plans are always evolving and we are constantly looking for things we can do that are environmentally sound," he said. "They may not be the programs that get a lot of press and are *de rigueur* but we focus on high return opportunities."

Stozek said because the university wants to keep its return rate of investments in energy-reduction high, it is not planning to construct any Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design-certified buildings because they can take three to seven years to give their return. LEEDS is the nationally-accepted checklist for green building. LEEDS buildings usually incorporate technologies that have longer payback rates.

Rich said with all the emphasis on helping the environment, the university expects to expand on related academic programs.

"The university plans to build upon and expand current resource conservation and energy-efficiency programs over the next decade," he said. "We also expect to expand academic programs in the area of environmental studies that will provide additional educational opportunities for UD students."



Courtesy of Robert France

Robert France is an alumnus and Teach for America corps member.

Teach for Amer. comes under fire

BY JULIE WIGLEY

Staff Reporter

Parents, students and community groups from San Francisco are suing the U.S. Department of Education and Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings for allowing too many inexperienced teachers to work at underprivileged schools.

The No Child Left Behind Act, passed in January 2002, requires properly-trained paraprofessionals to teach at these schools. The court case, *Renee vs. Spelling*, is currently questioning the credentials of teachers across the country.

One of the organizations in question is Teach for America, a national organization which trains teachers-to-be for five weeks before placing them in an underprivileged school.

Prosecutors assert there are too many inexperienced teachers in schools serving large numbers of poor and minority students, according to the lawsuit charges.

Tom Clark, recruitment director for TFA at the university, does not think the lawsuit is going to have much of an impact.

"The lawsuit hasn't been on our radar," Clark said. "At the end of the day, we know that we have made a difference."

TFA students undergo an extensive five-week training program, he said. Once they are placed in the schools, the teachers work closely with a special mentor.

The students teach summer school with an experienced teacher, Clark said. For the first hour of the day, the teachers work closely with four to five students, and then for the second hour they lead a full-class lesson.

One thing that makes TFA different from regular education training is they accept students from any major, he said.

"There is always criticism," Clark said. "We are doing the same sort of job an education training

program would do, but our schools will take anyone."

Delaware alumnus and TFA corps member, Robert France, stated in an e-mail message he received no training from the university in education.

"I was an international relations major with an economy and philosophy minor," France said. "I didn't take a single education course."

He said he was warned the TFA program was going to be intense, which he said was an understatement.

"You teach for an hour a day and spend the rest of that time in classes, lesson planning or gathering materials," France said. "All in all, it was one of the most challenging experiences I've faced to date."

He said no one will ever be prepared for his or her first year of teaching and said he felt he took a lot away from the TFA program.

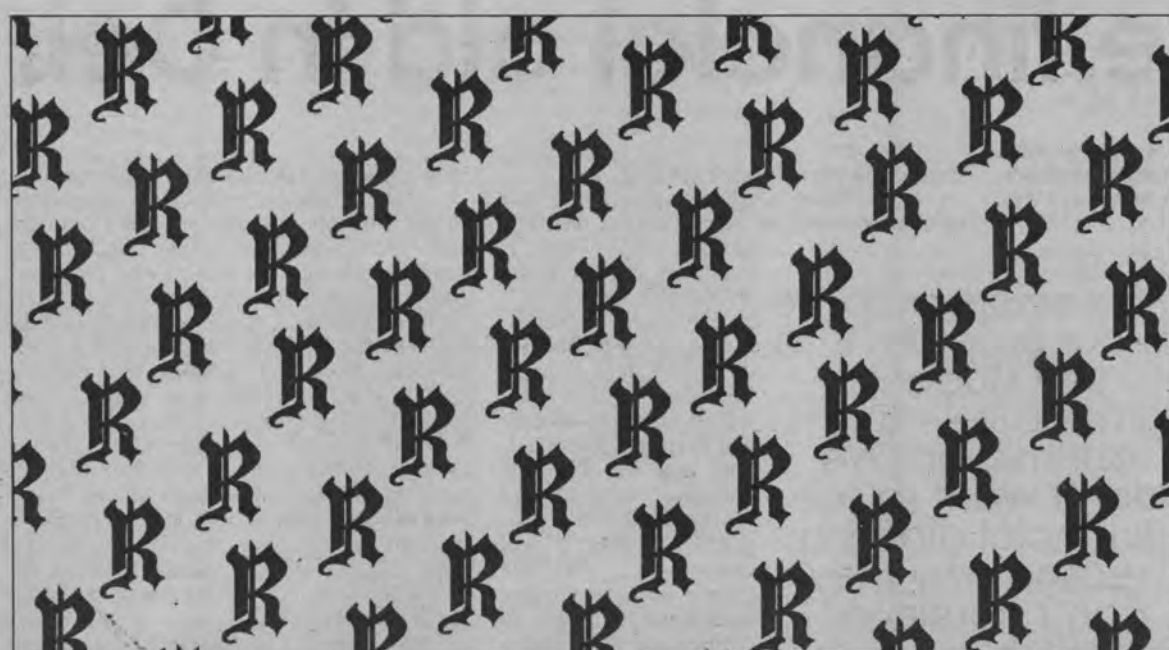
Some teachers who are certified still might not meet qualifications.

"There are plenty of good teachers that are certified, and plenty [of] bad teachers that are certified as well," France said. "TFA teachers are not the only teachers that are not certified at our schools, and there are plenty non-certified teachers that are good and plenty that are bad."

France said it just matters how much you love the job.

"I find that most teachers that are certified are not better because they took classes, but better because their passion lies with teaching," he said. "And in TFA, you have the same exact passion." Wynn Hausser, spokesperson for the law firm Public Advocates, said they will not comment on any of the alternative programs, including TFA.

"The Department of Education had 60 days to respond, so there is likely to be no progress until late October," Hausser said.



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Latest drug craze found over the counter

Survey states rise in prescription painkiller abuse

BY KELLY DURKIN

Copy Desk Chief

For young adults and college students, the newest, most dangerous drugs are becoming readily available not in the dark alleyways of Wilmington but in medicine cabinets all across the nation.

The 2006 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, compiled by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, reported 2.2 million persons aged 12 and older used prescription painkillers that year for the first time without the supervision of a physician.

According to the survey, out of the 7 million persons aged 12 and older who used psychotherapeutic drugs within the past month, 5.2 million used painkillers. The number increased 10 percent from 4.7 million persons who frequently used these types of drugs in 2005.

Christine McCauley Ohannessian, associate professor of individual and family studies, stated in an e-mail message that the abuse of these types of drugs has been on the rise in recent years while the abuse of other drugs has declined.

"What is disconcerting is that the abuse potential of these drugs is just as serious as the illegal narcotics," Ohannessian said.

Data in the Monitoring the Future study, which focuses on drug use in high school and college students, shows that last year, 2 percent of high school seniors reported having used ecstasy and 1 percent reported having ever used heroin. In contrast, 13 percent of high school seniors reported using prescription painkillers such as OxyContin and Vicodin non-medically.

Dr. Joseph Siebold, director of Student Health Services, stated in an e-mail message that although he hopes doctors are not contributing to the problem of prescription painkiller abuse, they walk a fine line between helping and harming a patient.

"I would like to believe that all physicians are ethical," Siebold said. "In the Oath of Hippocrates, physicians have affirmed a responsibility to 'do no harm' and 'relieve pain.'"

He said there are three types of pain medicine available — over the counter medication, including Tylenol

and Advil; non-narcotic prescription medicines like anaproxen for arthritis pain; and controlled substances, like morphine and Demerol.

Physicians are required to have a state license to prescribe non-narcotic painkillers and an additional set of state and federal licenses to prescribe narcotics, Siebold said. At the university level, all of the physicians at Student Health have the required licenses to prescribe medications.

A doctor's first obligation is to diagnose the cause of a patient's pain, he said. This treatment begins with over-the-counter medication and may proceed to prescription or narcotic medicine, but doctors must keep in mind the goal of curing the disease or problem.

"It is not the intent of the physician to just give pain medication without addressing the cause of the pain," Siebold said. "Pain is a patient symptom. It is information that the patient provides and can not be measured by an instrument or test."

A health history is part of every physician evaluation of a patient, he said, and that includes mental health problems and problems with addiction. Doctors are certainly concerned with the abuse of medications, he said, and patients identified as abusing medications, alcohol or illicit drugs are referred to a drug abuse counselor or rehabilitation center.

One of the problems associated with curbing prescription painkiller abuse is that the drugs are growing in availability. According to an *Associated Press* analysis of Drug Enforcement Administration statistics, the sale of five major pain medications — codeine, morphine, oxycodone, hydrocodone and meperidine — has increased 90 percent over the last 8 years. In many cases, these drugs are being prescribed for valid reasons because of the aging population and changes in pain management, but the ease of access to the drugs creates a larger opportunity for non-medical use.

The NSDUH report also stated among those 12 and older who used painkillers non-medically in the past year, 55.7 percent reported obtaining the drugs for free from a family member or friend.

Sophomore Alanna Gano said she does not think painkiller abuse is a problem on campus, although, she said, if it were an issue, it would be hidden from plain view.

"I don't think it's something you see," Gano said. "It's not like you go to parties and see people popping pills."

Erin Artigiani, deputy director of policy and government affairs at the Center for Substance Abuse Research at the University of Maryland, said in general, prescription painkillers are easier to find, mainly because they are prevalent and people feel free to share them with friends.

The prevalence of psychotherapeutic abuse among 18 to 25-year-olds increased from 5.4 percent in 2002 to 6.4 percent in 2006, according to the NSDUH survey.

"In terms of misusing, college students represent a population that's unique in their lives," Artigiani said. "They are in an environment where they are more likely to be offered drugs and take them."

The NSDUH survey stated the average age for first non-medical use prescription painkillers was 21.9 years.

"People often believe that because they're prescriptions, they are safe," she said. "If people start trying things that aren't hurting them, they may be willing to try more harmful drugs."

Senior Brandon Morris said he had no first-hand experience with friends addicted to painkillers, but he said he is sure it goes on because the drugs are easily obtainable.

"I think people take them because they're probably easier to get," Morris said. "They don't see it as harmful and that's why they abuse it."

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University of Maryland

New bill to raise financial aid in Del.

BY KELLY DURKIN

Copy Desk Chief

A bill passed by Congress in early September will raise the amount of need-based financial aid available to college students over the next five years and grant the state of Delaware an additional \$3.1 million in aid for the upcoming school year.

This year, the state received \$21.9 million allocated as Pell Grants for students from low-income families. The legislation will provide \$34.5 million in additional aid over the next five years.

The bill would also cut interest rates for Stafford loans taken out by college students by 50 percent, from 6.8 to 3.4 percent over the next six years.

Emily Cunningham, spokeswoman for Sen. Tom Carper, D-Del, who supported the bill, said the changes in financial aid would not come at the expense of taxpayers. Instead, the federal government cut subsidies given to loan lenders, generating more than \$18 billion in savings.

"Is this an absolute overall fix? No," Cunningham said. "Will it help? Absolutely."

Since an increasing number of jobs require a degree in higher education, the bill will help students plan for their futures and allow them to achieve their goals, she said.

"Those who want a college education won't be hampered because they can't pay for it," Cunningham said.

Johnie Burton, director of financial aid, stated in an e-mail message the bill would help students at the university because of the increase in Pell Grant aid. Approximately 70 percent of undergraduate students receive some type of assistance from the university and approximately 50 percent receive federal loans, he said.

"I think programs that help students pay for college are great since a degree helps both individuals and the nation," Burton said.

Lin Gordon, director of the Academic Enrichment Center, said she is pleased the legislation will fund programs that help first-generation college students from low-income families. Many students in programs at the AEC receive Pell

Grants and other federal funding.

"For those students, increasing the amount awarded in Pell Grants is terrific," Gordon said. "There is less fear of not being able to pay for school."

Sami Abdel-Salam, project director of the Student Support Services Program, which aids low-income and first-generation college students with the college experience, said he applauds the program. He said it will encourage students from underprivileged backgrounds to go to college and give them a larger choice of colleges.

"We have students who come in as freshmen and are covered financially, but the costs outpace the financial aid," Abdel-Salam said. "Some just run out of money."

Some students in the program have had to transfer or drop out of school because

they could not afford the tuition, he said.

"The whole purpose of our program is to see students graduate — that's our mission," Abdel-Salam said. "We don't want to see financial aid as a reason why they can't continue."

Sophomore Keshah Barrios-Ortiz said she took out one \$14,000 loan with a 5 percent interest rate for her college expenses.

"It's a killer," Barrios-Ortiz said. "I don't know how I'm going to pay it off."

She said she is also a Pell Grant recipient, but received only \$1,000 from the government in the form of aid. Money comes hard for her low-income family, she said. Though more money is available for students like her, the government makes it difficult for those just above the poverty line to apply for federal aid.

"The more it increases, the less money parents have to make in order to get that money," Barrios-Ortiz said.

Right now, she said she only pays interest on her loan, which she took out three years ago. She said it will take between five and 10 years for her to pay off the interest and the loan itself.

"It's long," Barrios-Ortiz said. "I can't think about what I'll be doing in 10 years. I can't even think about what I'll be doing in two weeks."

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of the Student Support

Services Program

Students march against Iraq War

Univ. continues the battle versus apathy

BY CASEY TILTON

Staff Reporter

On a whim, junior Evan Moore decided to drive to the Washington, D.C. anti-war protest on Sept. 15 with two of his friends. Moore, along with several thousand other protesters, marched from the White House to the Capitol building to fight for the end of the war in Iraq.

Moore said the sight of so many Americans of all ages, including many college students, was inspiring.

"I was so distracted by the protesters that I didn't even notice I was standing in front of the White House," he said.

University alumnus Drew Phillips, who has organized bus trips from Newark to various Washington, D.C. war protests over the past three years, said he noticed a lack of response and interest for this particular protest.

"As the war has gone on, it seems that less and less people care about protesting," Phillips said. "The war has been going on for a while, and people are deterred by little progress."

Fifteen students went on the bus trip to Washington, D.C. this year, compared to 80 students who attended the bus trip Phillips organized three years ago, he said.

While the university is not known for its politically-active student base, the amount of political apathy on campus is still alarming. However, the main political organizations on campus, the College Republicans and College Democrats, have openly declared their war against student apathy.

Junior Lara Rausch, president of the College Republicans, said recruitment can be frustrating at times. She said there are an estimated 100 students among the 16,000 student population who actively participate in meetings and events sponsored by the College Republicans and College

Democrats.

"Many students are apathetic and it hurts our campus, but we hope to change that," Rausch said.

Senior Allie Scheer, president of the College Democrats, said everyone in the group shares a common goal of combating political apathy.

Junior Michael Ruppel, the media and public relations chair of the College Democrats, said he does not blame the majority of the student body who did not attend the Sept. 15 protest. He said he believes "apathetic" is an inappropriate adjective to describe university students.

"I prefer to use the term 'inactive,'" Ruppel said. "There is a big difference between wanting to go to a protest and actually going."

People are stuck between the interest stage and the stage of actually becoming active in a political group, he said.

"Recruitment isn't a problem, but it becomes hard for people to commit to a political group after they find other organizations on campus," Ruppel said.

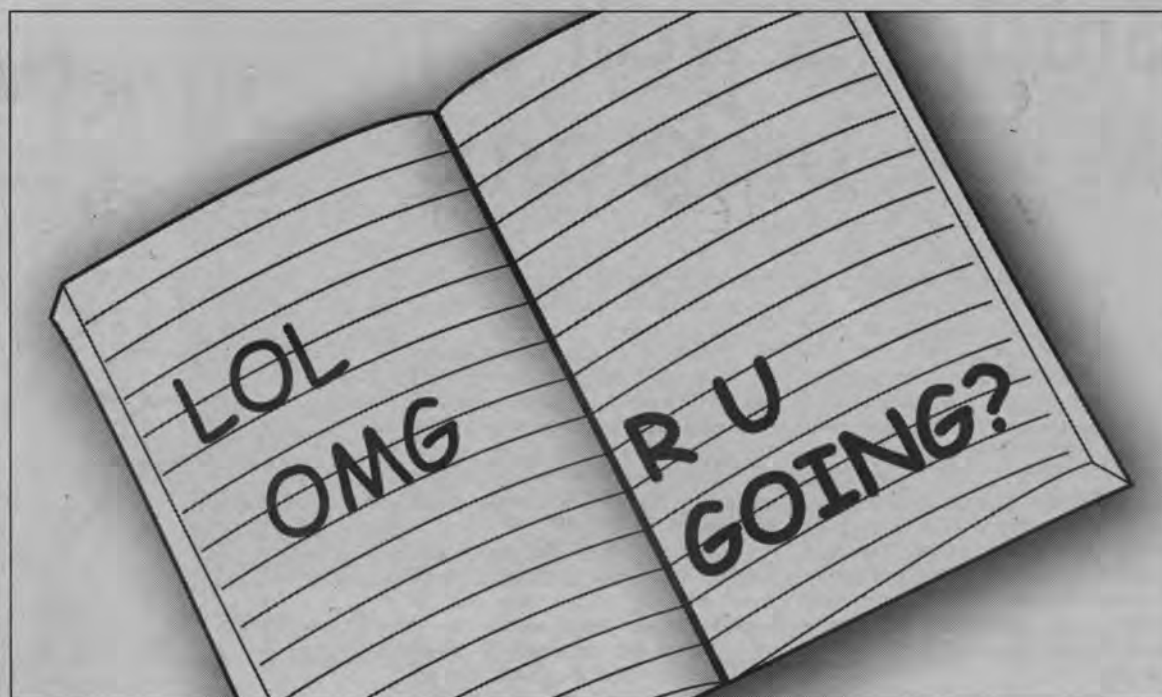
Senior Kevin Brett is not a member of a political group on campus, but he said he tries to keep himself politically aware through the Internet.

"I believe that living in a democracy is a great privilege, and apathy is abusing that," Brett said.

The University of Maryland had a strong showing of students at the Washington, D.C. protest compared to the University of Delaware.

Jonathan Sachs, the president of the University of Maryland College Democrats, said he would not describe UMD students as apathetic because they realize the importance of college issues in politics.

"People are starting to realize that issues we deal with everyday are turning up in national politics," Sachs said.



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Some university students have been caught with "text-speak" language in essays for classes.

New language in academia Text lingo found in students' essays

BY ESTHER WALSH

Staff Reporter

"IDK, my BFF Jill?"

The majority of students are able to decode this phrase, which means, "I don't know, my best friend Jill?"

Some students can even quote additional lines from the AT&T commercial.

College students are sending text messages by the millions each day. Letter by letter, word by word, students across the country text one another.

The volume of text messages sent has doubled from 2005 to 2006, according to CTIA, the wireless association.

Junior Matt Crum said the text-messaging craze hit him when he got to college.

"I used to think text messaging was a waste of time," Crum said. "But since college, I started texting a lot more. The other day, I was locked out of my house and I knew all my roommates were in class, so they wouldn't be able to pick up their phones. Instead I texted them to find out where the spare key was."

A new technology is not the only thing emerging with the exponential increase in text-based communications. A new dialect, "text-speak," centered on acronyms and symbols, has formed.

Kathleen Yancey, Florida State University English professor and president-elect of the National Council of Teachers of English, stated in an e-mail message text messaging is part of the evolution of language.

"A contemporary version of shorthand is one way to think about text messaging," Yancey said. "Another way is to understand that it's very creative, which is why in the United Kingdom, they have texting poetry jams."

The once-important rules of proper grammar and punctuation are taking a backseat to the abbreviated text-speak lingo.

When it comes to schoolwork, however, some question if text messaging is affecting students' written work.

Director of Admissions Louis Hirsh stated in an e-mail message he has not noticed a particular problem caused by the misuse of text-speak in admissions essays.

"We have not seen much, if any, text messaging slang in admissions essays," Hirsh said. "This is probably because students are led to believe (correctly) that most colleges would view this negatively. A college essay should be a thoughtful conversation between you and the members of the admissions committee. Most applicants understand that."

It is one thing to use acronyms in the limited 160-character text message but when a "2" instead of a "two" starts to seep off cell phones and onto students' compositions there can be problems.

Junior Marisa Vando said she was heavily penalized for using text-speak jargon in one of her essays.

"Last semester I remember I accidentally wrote 'B4' instead of 'Before,'" Vando said. "My professor wrote a nasty comment next to my mistake and took off a lot of points."

Graduate student Josh Calhoun, who teaches English, said he has been on the receiving end of students' usage of text-speak.

"My experience is that students don't use text-speak in formal writing, but I do frequently see it in e-mails from students," Calhoun said. "This suggests to me that students know how to communicate in dialects, formal-

academic and text-speak."

Junior Brendan Marshall says he chooses to send text messages because it is a practical form of communication.

"If I have to choose between text messaging or calling someone, I will usually choose to text them," Marshall said. "Say I am trying to figure out what is going on tonight; I'll just send five people the same text at once, which is so much faster than having to call five people separately."

Calhoun agreed text messaging is a convenient means of correspondence.

"Text-speak is a language that is heavily influenced by the demand that it be written rapidly," he said. "It's worth recognizing that 'text-speak' is a dialect that excels at quickly communicating basic information. But it can seem abrupt in an e-mail."

Calhoun said text-speak is effective when used appropriately.

"Even if it is not the best choice in formal writing and official e-mail, it's very good at what it does," he said. "Like the word 'y'all' provides the English language with a viable second person plural form. I think anyone who enjoys or appreciates linguistics can appreciate the emergence of text-speak."

College students may choose to communicate with modern-day acronyms, such as "LOL" and "BRB," but Calhoun said it does not mean they are leaving behind their countless years of school-learned literacy.

Calhoun said he believes text-speak is having a positive influence on college students.

"I think it has the potential to stimulate intellectual growth if students will take the time to understand the nuanced differences between the two written dialects."



Courtesy of Bill Hackwell

War protestors run into trouble with police during a rally on Sept. 15.

Students wait on M.B.A. programs

BY SARA WAHLBERG

Staff Reporter

While many students in psychology, engineering and health sciences go on to pursue their graduate degrees right after graduation, business students are finding they may have to wait a few years to get a coveted Master's of Business Administration degree.

The university's M.B.A. program, like many of the nation's accredited business schools, requires at least two years of work experience before even considering applicants, said Denise Waters, director of the program.

"Employers don't really value people who go right out of undergraduate business school into an M.B.A. program and never work in between," Waters said. "These are people they are tending to put in management positions and if they've never had any experience, then who are they prepared to manage?"

Although some young entrepreneurs may be making large salaries right after earning their undergraduate degree and decide to bypass immediately getting their business degree, Waters said many students go back to school at some point. Application volume has risen in recent years and the university has more than 300 students in the M.B.A. program.

Sharon Watson, associate professor of business administration, said she believes employers value the degree but many students do not pursue it.

"I think some people never continue their education if they hit upon a career path they really like," Watson said. "For people who are on a fast track find that without an M.B.A., there is a limit on how far and how fast they can rise."

Work experience for M.B.A. hopefuls is important because it gives students a background on which to

base their studies and more knowledge to add to a classroom setting, she said.

Watson said she encourages her students to pursue the degree only after they have work experience. She said such experience will help them learn more from their professor and give them opportunities to learn from each other about a wider variety of companies.

The national economy also plays a major role in students' decisions whether or not they will go back to school, Waters said.

"When the economy is doing well, people tend to go out and get jobs right away," she said. "When there's talk of recession or depression, then people start having a harder time getting a job, and more people start thinking about going on to school."

Whether the economy is down or up, an increasingly common trend is for students who do not have an undergraduate degree in business to go back to school for their M.B.A.

Helen Bowers, associate professor of B&E Finance, said these students often find an M.B.A. helpful in fulfilling career goals.

"It can have more value to someone who doesn't have a business degree and wants to rise up in the business field," Bowers said.

Watson said employers will even pay for their employee to go back and get a degree so they can promote them later.

Jigar Ajmera, a recent graduate of the university's graduate program, said his degree gives him confidence in the workplace because it means more to employers than just undergraduate degrees.

"It's just not a tag or degree in my books," Ajmera said. "With an M.B.A., one is deemed to be the corporate guru who can help solve an issue and help the company grow."



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In 2004, the university staff and faculty donated more than \$26,000 to the Democratic party.

Political donations by univ. faculty favor Democrats

BY EMILY RILEY

Staff Reporter

When election years roll around, college professors can be found heading out of the classrooms and into the political sphere as influential donors to various campaigns across the board.

According to a report by the Center for Responsive Politics, the education industry has given more than \$7 million to federal candidates, parties and committees for the 2008 election cycle.

Massie Ritsch, communications director for the CRP, said while the university itself does not make financial contributions to candidates, it has made substantial efforts in lobbying.

"In 2006, the University of Delaware spent \$240,000 on federal lobbying, and this has been consistent since 2003," Ritsch said. "It looks like 2007 will see about the same amount spent."

David Hollowell, treasurer and executive vice president of the university, said the university relies on internal and external sources to support legislation in favor of university policies and municipal needs.

Hollowell said the university employs a director of government relations who serves as a liaison between the city of Newark and the state. Additionally, the university is represented by a Washington-based firm called the National Group, which works jointly with Delaware's Congressional Delegation to benefit faculty and students.

"It is important that the resource needs and academic program interests of the university are well understood and supported by the state and federal governments," he said. "Such efforts benefit students by generating non-tuition sources of revenue, scholarship support, and opportunities for faculty to keep current in their fields."

Specifically, the federally-fund-

ed projects which address these needs and interests include research programs in composite materials, biotechnology and fuel-cell technology, Hollowell said. One result of these efforts was the addition of the zero-emission, hybrid-fuel-cell-bus to the university's shuttle bus system.

Sophomore Michael Ruppel, media coordinator for College Democrats, said he supports the university's involvement in political affairs.

"These results aren't surprising when you have a public lobbying system," Ruppel said. "The university is like any other corporation trying to protect its interests."

Despite the positive outcomes of effective federal and state endorsement, some do not feel academia should be involved in and dependent upon political agenda.

Sophomore Bill Rivers, secretary of College Republicans, stated in an e-mail message that he believes the university should put its money and attention elsewhere.

"The role of the university is not, nor should it be, to promote activism or endorse one political party or candidate," Rivers said. "The role of the university is education and the clear, unbiased presentation of differing points of view. It is especially ironic that modern American universities, while claiming to be extremely concerned with diversity matters in all aspects of student life, do not diversify in their political endeavors."

The statistics from the CRP report also display the overwhelming trend of educators to fund the campaigns of Democratic politicians over Republican politicians. Staff and faculty members at the university were no exception. In 2004, they donated \$26,624 in support of the Democratic Party and \$8,358 in support of the Republican Party.

While these figures are a representation of personal contributions

from those who have associated themselves with the university, they pale in comparison to those at other local academic institutions.

In 2004, people connected with Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey contributed a total of \$230,095. Those connected with the University of Pennsylvania contributed a total of \$523,438. In both cases, contributions

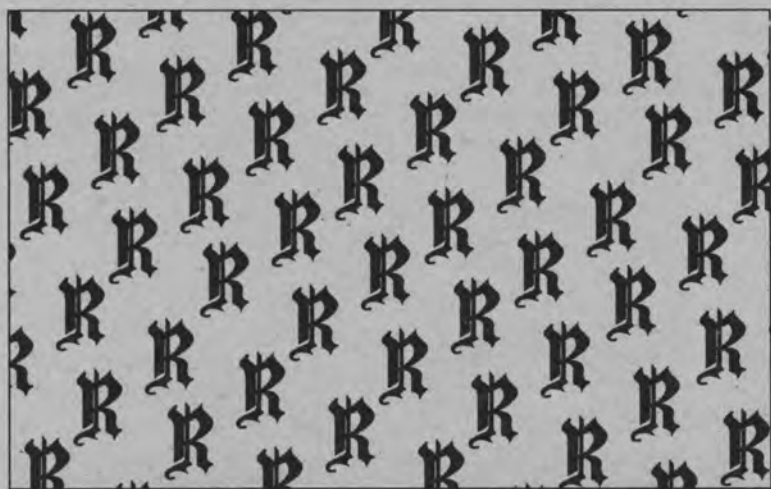
directed toward Democratic candidates comprised more than 90 percent of total donations, almost all of which funded Sen. John Kerry's presidential campaign, according to statistics collected from Federal Election Commission and the Senate Office of Public Records.

Ruppel said he is not surprised donations favor Democrats.

"Education institutions have historically been more liberal," he said. "Educators tend to favor funding for student loans and seek to subsidize the cost of education for low income students."

"The role of the university is not, nor should it be, to promote or endorse one political party or candidate."

— Bill Rivers,
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Online market creates incentive for students

BY ARIELLE NAPP

Staff Reporter

For as long as there have been classes and teachers, there have been students who are bored and unmotivated. At the University of Iowa, administrators have found a way to give students in some courses a little extra incentive to study up and succeed in the classroom — money.

The Iowa Electronic Markets is an online prediction and futures market where contract payoffs are based on the outcome of real events. The IEM, initially intended for use solely as a research tool, allows students in economic, finance, accounting, political science and marketing courses to invest their own money and trade in markets designed for their studies or based on current events.

Thomas Rietz, associate professor of finance at the University of Iowa and member of the IEM's Board of Directors, said the program gets students' attention by putting its rewards up front.

"We believe that attention and effort are driven by incentive," Rietz said. "If you tell students, here's the information, they'll never look at it. If you say, here's a way to learn about it and earn some money, then they really get involved."

The IEM, which is run by the faculty of University of Iowa's Henry B. Tippie College of Business, functions in four distinct educational ways.

Joyce E. Berg, director of the IEM, stated in an e-mail message students are taught about information search and analysis, trading, the event on which a contract is actually based and the analysis of prices.

Although the IEM may appear to be exclusive to all courses outside of the finance and economic field, the program is open to all majors.

"Almost any course could incorporate markets in one fashion or another," Berg said. "Contracts are tied to events, so the market could be structured to use contracts related to events of interest to the course. For accounting that might be earnings per share. For foreign policy it might be whether troops are reduced by xxx amount on a particular date. For political science it could be the outcome of an election."

A popular assignment in marketing classes at the University of Iowa is for students to participate in a market where contract payoffs are based on movie box office receipts. In order to make wise trades, and therefore earn more money, students must carefully analyze the marketing strategies used by film producers and advertisers, and think about the factors that influence product sales.

John Antil, associate professor of marketing at the University of Delaware, sees the value in using money as an incentive in these courses.

"In most classes, if you don't do your research or look into the topics you're studying, the worst thing that happens is that you get a bad grade," Antil said. "When you're at risk of losing your money, you may pay more attention."

Junior Ashley Doot expressed her interest in the idea.

"I try to do well in all my classes just for the sake of my grades, but add the advantage of winning money for studying and preparing myself for class? I would absolutely go for it," Doot said.

Antil said these markets give students a much better idea of real behavior in the marketing world.

"Students get to see risks, values, and rewards here," he said.

The IEM originated in 1988, following Jesse Jackson's win in the primary elections in Michigan. George Neumann, George Daly professor of economics at the University of Iowa and inventor of the IEM, was at a local bar with some colleagues when Jackson's victory was announced on the television.

Neumann and his colleagues wanted to look up poll pre-

dictions surrounding Jackson's win, and were surprised to find that there were none.

"We were like, 'Wow, what's up with that?'" he said. "It led to a discussion about markets aggregating information that could work in this political context. Everyone thought we were crazy."

A few years later, in 1992, the IEM began running full-time, Rietz said. By 1993, professors at the University of Iowa began developing materials to be used in the classroom.

"It was under the identification of 'experiential learning,'" he said. "You can learn about stuff, you can read about stuff, you can think about stuff, but doing it is the only way to solidify that lesson."

Rietz described students' involvement with the IEM as being similar to riding a bicycle.

"I can explain riding a bicycle to you all I want, but until you get on it and ride, you won't have any idea of what I'm talking about," he said.

The IEM continued to expand with the growth of the Internet.

"Originally, you had to be pretty geeky to get into technology like we were," Neumann said.

Now, however, individuals from around the world can invest in the markets, he said. Markets intended for use only in the classroom can be kept separate from other contracts, allowing professors to tailor them for their specific courses' needs.

According to the University of Iowa's Web site, over 50 institutions make use of the IEM as an educational tool as well as for research purposes. The political prediction markets are so successful that on the eve of election nights, they outperform the polls 80 percent of the time.

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Lonestar state cracks down on school policy

Texas eliminates student abuse of drop/add period

BY JULIE WIGLEY

Staff Reporter

Texas is trying to eliminate the problem of students dropping a large number of courses by implementing the "Six 'W'-grades Limit," a program implemented by the Texas state legislature this fall for public institutions in the state.

Agnes DeFranco, vice president for undergraduate studies at the University of Houston, said the new policy would only allow students to drop a total of six classes during their college career.

"We want to give the students whatever is needed to graduate on time," DeFranco said.

Many times, she said, students sign up for classes they do not need to take, with the idea they can withdraw from the class at anytime during the semester without penalty. The students that need to take the class are then not able to get in.

Students are able to drop any class during the drop/add period, DeFranco said. The limit is only on withdrawals after that time. The policy also does not include medical withdrawal or administrative withdrawal.

Students who try to withdraw from a seventh class will not be able to do so, she said.

The school will provide tutoring to promote students to stick with their classes, DeFranco said.

Louis Hirsh, director of admissions at the University of Delaware, stated in an e-mail message he does not see the point in this policy.

"It strikes me as one of those classic cases where a state legislature is trying to micromanage," Hirsh said. "That's a bad practice."

The policy is going to be too expensive and time-consuming considering the amount of students who attend these public schools, he said.

"Would students at UD prefer that we spend the money designing computer programs to count how many courses students have dropped during their educational lifetimes, or would they prefer that we spend money on (say) increasing financial aid grants?" Hirsh said.

The current drop/add policy at the university allows students to drop a class during the first 10 days of the Spring and Fall Semesters and the first four days of the Winter and Summer Sessions, according to university registrar's Web site. Students can withdraw anytime during the semester for a fee of \$20.

"That seems reasonable to me," Hirsh said. "That gives the student a fair amount of time to see if the class is what they expected and it makes it possible to add another class to replace it. After the drop-add period however, drops are allowed only in very special circumstances."

Joseph DiMartile, assistant

provost at the University of Delaware, said the program might benefit Texas since taxpayer dollars go toward 50 percent of the cost of higher education.

"Seems to me the bill allows students to drop a reasonable number of classes while exercising some financial control to the tax

payers' benefit," DiMartile said.

The university had to change its policy once before to combat the problem of excessive number of drops, he said. The tuition policy was changed to add a surcharge for credits in excess of 17.

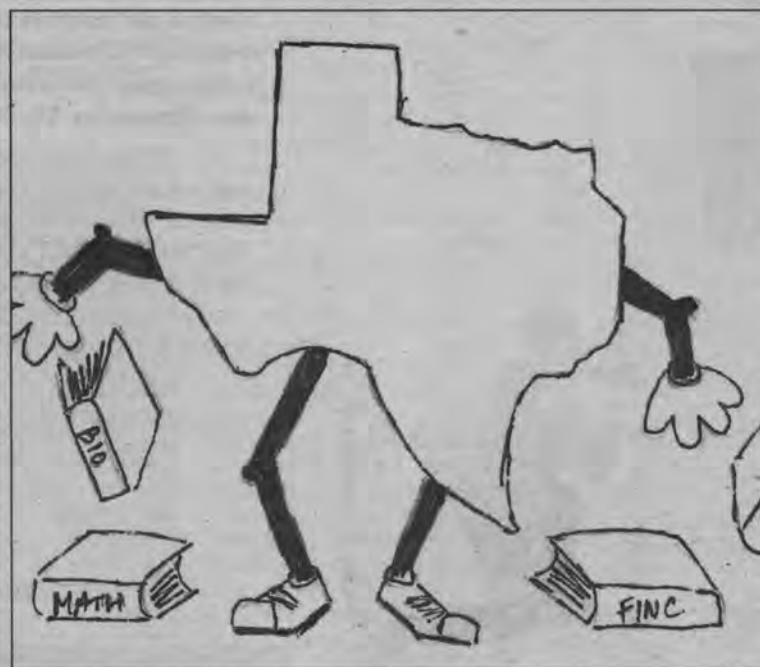
"At that time, we were seeing a trend among students who would enroll for 18 or more hours with the intention of completing less than 18," DiMartile said. "The initiation of the tuition surcharge addressed this problem."

Although he said the policy might benefit Texas students by encouraging them to successfully finish the courses they sign up for, he said there would be no need for the University of Delaware to change their current policy for withdrawals.

"The number of courses dropped by students, at present, is reasonable and not problematic," DiMartile said.

Junior Vanessa Frierson said she does not see the need for a limitation.

"I have been here for three years and have never had to withdraw from a class," Frierson said. "It's not the school's position to make sure you graduate on time, it's your own responsibility."



THE REVIEW/Domenic DiBerardinis

A new Texas program hopes to cut back on students dropping classes.

Parents beautify their empty nests

BY EMILY RILEY

Staff Reporter

As many students leave home for the summer to begin Fall semester, home sickness can hit like a ton of bricks. Fortunately, some who suffer from this affliction can find solace in memories of their own bed, their walk-in closet and the ever-growing collection of band and movie posters. Unless their parents are renting out the sanctuary to the highest bidder, of course.

Not every student loses his or her sacred ground as he or she packs up and moves out, but as parents become adjusted to their now-empty nests, the option of keeping the room as a memorial to the far-away scholar is often overshadowed by thoughts of a brand-spanking-new home office.

Senior Christie Tobin said leaving home was bittersweet. She was off to bigger and better places, but in leaving her room, she had passed the point of no return. Her teenage sister now inhabits what was once hers.

"The room is now a middle schooler's paradise," Tobin said. "My old room now has magazine cut-outs of boys on the walls, silly notes from my sister's middle school friends and is always a mess."

Tobin's parents said the decision to acquiesce to the room-swap was due to distance away from home and the relentless begging of a younger daughter.

"At the time, Christie was attending East Carolina University, which was five hours away," Clarke Tobin said. "We figured we'd never see her again anyway after we dropped her off."

Tobin said she is considerably closer to home since she transferred to the university, yet home is not quite the same as it was before college.

"They told me about before it happened so that made it better, but my sister's old room is a normal room with furniture again so I want to switch back," she said. "I still don't feel like it's my room and it's been almost four years."

According to a 2001 report released by the American Home Furnishings Alliance, one out of every four households with at least one child in college will renovate their current home, and the first order of business is often the now-vacant bedroom.

Jackie Hirschhaut, vice president of public relations and marketing of the AHFA, said the upgrades are a result of an increased budget as well as space.

"Empty nesters are entertaining at home and are beautifying their surroundings more than ever before," Hirschhaut said. "They are eager to redecorate in a style that reflects their new lifestyle and at the same time showcase their homes with home furnishings they didn't allow themselves before."

The report says studentless rooms are most likely to be turned into a library, guest room or home office. But Hirschhaut said parents are still likely to remodel the room with elements of its previous inhabitant.

"Oftentimes, parents will accessorize renovated rooms with family mementos, photos, diplomas and other sentimental treasures," she said.

On the opposite spectrum, some parents feel the need to leave the child's bedroom exactly how it was when he or she left for college.

Junior Caitlin Krepp said she thinks parents leave the room as is so that they do not have the constant reminder that their child is gone.

"My room is exactly the same as it was when I left for college," Krepp said. "My parents wouldn't even let me take my bed or my sheets from home to my house in Newark."

Even though Krepp's home is four hours away, she said she understands her parents' wishes and believes many parents desire to keep a bedroom in pristine condition. But she said she would be upset if her parents changed her room without her knowledge.

"As much as I don't want to admit it, it is really nice to come back to that same old room," Krepp said.



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Some parents redecorate their children's rooms after they leave for college.



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THE THINGS A CRIMINAL RECORD CAN DO TO YOUR FUTURE OUGHT TO BE A CRIME

What's the value of a clean record? Employers, graduate schools, the military services, professional licensing boards, immigration authorities-- the gate keepers to a lot of the good stuff in life-- look carefully at your record. Exactly how much a criminal record will affect your life, no one knows. What is known is that many students-- because of stepped up efforts to control alcohol, occupancy of private residences, or noise-- will be arrested this year.

Most things for which you receive citations from the University or Newark police are reported as criminal arrests in national and State crime reporting. Convictions of City ordinances are reported as criminal convictions. They are not like "parking tickets". And an arrest record will turn up in the future. On background searches for employment. In FAFSA applications. When you request a passport. Or want to do military service. Or apply to graduate school. And an arrest can result in University discipline, up to and including expulsion. **Even if you complete PBJ successfully after an arrest, the arrest will still show on your record unless it is expunged. Scrutiny of criminal records for all these purposes has increased dramatically since September 11, 2001, as reported in the Wall Street Journal.**

If you have been arrested in the past-- or are arrested this year-- don't panic. Maybe you were arrested in the past, and would like to talk about expunging your arrest record. Maybe you have charges pending now. You have the right to legal representation. I served as Newark City Prosecutor for many years, and have for the last several years represented many students in the Delaware courts. If you have been arrested and have questions about your pending case, or your past arrest record-- contact us. You, or your parents, or both, can consult with me by phone at no charge.

The things a criminal record can do to your future ought to be a crime. If you have questions, call or e-mail.

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MENTAL ILLNESS FOUND IN HURRICANE KATRINA VICTIMS

More than two years after Hurricane Katrina, it is not the storm itself but the persistent frustrations of the delayed recovery that are exacting a high psychological toll on people who never before had such troubles, psychiatrists say.

The number of calls to a Louisiana mental health hotline jumped after the storm and have remained high, organizers said.

The most thorough survey of the

Gulf Coast's mental health recently showed that while signs of depression and other ills doubled after the hurricane, two years later, those levels have not subsided — they have risen. But in New Orleans, the percentage of people reporting signs of severe mental illness, suicidal thoughts and post-traumatic stress disorder increased between March 2006 and the summer of 2007, the survey showed.

CORRELATION BETWEEN SMOKING AND MOVIES FOUND

A team from Dartmouth Medical School found a direct correlation between the number of smoking scenes watched in movies and the chances of becoming a habitual smoker. Children who had seen the most scenes were twice as likely to end up addicted as those who had seen the fewest.

The study was published in the September issue of the *Archives of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine*.

Susanne Tanski, James Sargent and their co-authors count-

ed the number of smoking scenes in 532 box-office hits over the past five years. Then they surveyed by telephone 6,522 adolescents ages 10 to 14 about which of those movies they had seen, as well as their smoking habits. They resurveyed the youngsters eight, 16 and 24 months later.

The findings suggests that programs such as Smoke Free Movies, which ask movie studios to reduce depictions of smoking in films aimed at minors, deserve more support, the researchers conclude.

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

police reports

ROBBERY ON EAST DELAWARE

A 19-year-old male was robbed on East Delaware Avenue at 3:25 am Monday morning, Cpl. Scott Simpson of the Newark Police said.

The victim claims he was walking on the sidewalk when he was approached from behind by two unknown male suspects. He said one of the suspects put an object to the back of his head and demanded money and property from him. The victim complied and the suspects fled the scene, Simpson said.

ELDERLY WOMAN ROBBED AT SUNOCO

A 66-year-old woman was robbed while working as a clerk at the Sunoco station on South College Avenue, early Sunday morning, Simpson said.

The victim said the robber entered the store and proceeded to pull a hood over his head. He approached her counter demanding money, Simpson said. The victim complied and gave him money from her drawer. He ordered her to the ground and exited the station.

Simpson said officers searched the area shortly after the call, and also did a K-9 search with Delaware State Police, both producing negative results. Detectives were called for further investigation.

— Katie Rogers

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Racism holding back students

Students being overly punished for high school fight

Last August in Louisiana, two black students attending Jena High School sat underneath the "white tree" disrupting an old tradition — typically only white students were allowed to sit under the tree.

In response to the students defiance of the modern day segregation, three white students decided to hang nooses from the tree in response.

Following the noose hanging, a protest was held by the black students on campus speaking out against the light punishment of the white students, which was a three day in-school suspension brought on by school superintendent Roy Breithaupt who told *The Chicago Tribune*, "Adolescents play pranks. I don't think it was a threat against anybody." Breithaupt overruled school principal Glen Joiner who suggested the students who hung the noose should be expelled.

Just a few weeks following the protest, six black students from Jena were arrested and charged with attempted murder, when all that occurred was a fight between the six students and a supporter of the noose hanging.

Since the events, many people have come forward in support of the group now named the "Jena 6." The cause — to help free the excessively charged young men.

The white student, Justin Barker, received medical attention and was released just three hours after arriving at the hospital.

The first of the six students with charges brought against them to be taken to trial, was Mychal Bell last December. Since he was imprisoned, Bell has had his sentence changed to aggravated assault and battery.

These boys have had their lives turned upside down all because of a horrible "prank." Obviously this was much more than a normal school-yard prank.

The noose hanging from a tree is an undeniable hate crime — in the north or the south.

Clearly racism is still alive and strong, especially in the Deep South. Hearing of this atrocious crime was one of those things which made you gasp and wonder

how it could occur in such a progressive era. On the other hand, learning it took place in Louisiana, was not shocking.

The fact Breithaupt used his power to ignore the Joiner's recommendation shows the power racism commands over many high-ranking positions in the south. Hanging a noose from a tree is not a prank. This action makes a direct and specific point which cannot be denied.

No one is saying what the young boys did was right, but to charge them with attempted murder for a mere school-yard fight is ridiculous. The punishment should fit the crime.

Things like a suspension from school or possibly, if Barker's family would like, having charges of assault brought up would have been a reasonable punishment.

Charging the young boys with attempted murder should not have even been an option — it's just ridiculous.

One thing which has come from all of this is the support for the boys, which has been found all over. Last Thursday, a rally of more than 10,000 people was held in Jena to support the Jena 6.

At the university, the Black Student Union held a rally of its own in which students attended to also show their support. These are all positive steps. It is great to see the support from students at our university and all of the other colleges across the nation.

Our generation has been labeled apathetic, a fact many cannot argue. But since so many attended this rally, along with numerous gatherings held outside of Louisiana, it shows just how much involvement our generation can have when there is something to rally around.

For the Jena 6, this is more than just a cause of the moment, this is their lives. Let's hope things begin to clear up and people realize the error of their ways.

The Jena 6 need to be cleared of their charges and released into freedom. Their lives have been ruined enough for a simple fight — it is time to end this before things go from bad to worse.

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"The only evidence found was a trail of peanuts."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The invasion of the townies

Since the beginning of time the war between good and evil — university students and Newark townies, has raged on. But recently university border lines have been breached.

I am talking about the increasing number of skateboarders disrupting the peace outside of the Korner Diner.

Students beware!

If you are walking along Main Street between 5 p.m. and 1 a.m., you bear the risk of being trampled by a townie performing "gnarly tricks." Cars that turn onto Main Street from Haines Street are constantly having to avoid these maniacs who roll between the diner and Starbucks.

I fear for the safety of myself and my fellow students. We must unite and stand up to this invasion to protect not only ourselves, but also the incoming freshmen classes for years to come.

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A strike is not a reason to not help

In her column, "Campus Alcohol Policy Needs to Be Refined" in the Sept. 18 issue of *The Review*, writer Laura Dattaro stated, that "being unable to call 911 in an emergency situation forces drunk students to drive their even more drunk friend to the hospital."

While I do agree the university's policy regarding good samaritans could be changed to provide more leniency for students who are concerned about their friends' safety, I think it is irresponsible to suggest students have no alternative but to drive drunk to get a friend to the hospital.

Call a sober friend or call 911 anonymously if someone needs help — there is no excuse for not getting a friend the help they need, just as there is no excuse for endangering the lives of others by getting behind the wheel after a night of drinking simply to avoid getting a strike.

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Chivalry article comes up short

The title of Maria Zinszer's article "Study says chivalry still alive within men" in the Sept. 18 issue of *The Review* is misleading. I have no objections about the content, but the title does not match the information.

In her first paragraph she mentions "chivalrousness" and then goes on to talk about how men and women view relationships.

Chivalry, in the modern sense of the world, is how men show respect, honor and courtesy to a woman, simply because she is a woman and deserves it.

I definitely think there is a decline in this, especially among college-age males. I was expecting something about men who still hold the door open for women or who pull the chair out for ladies at dinner. Instead it was just a bunch of statistics.

A little disappointing.

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Ahmadinejad speech a waste of time



The Pen is Mightier

Dane Secor

Iran President Ahmadinejad given no real "challenge" at Columbia

Columbia University should not have given Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad a platform to speak.

Ahmadinejad is a leader who has a consistent history of making statements that are not only offensive, hateful and invitations to commit violence, but he continuously makes claims that show he exists outside the boundaries of reality.

But Columbia did, and the event unfolded in a largely predictable manner as Ahmadinejad expressed the same warped ideological views and nonsensical statements that he can always be counted on delivering.

Before the speech, there were claims Ahmadinejad would be challenged by students who can exercise the freedom of speech rights that Iranians lack. People who defended his visit thought his absurd views would be confronted and he would be involved in a serious debate.

Columbia president Lee Bollinger made a statement before the event saying his introduc-

tion would make these challenges, and John Coatsworth, the Dean of Columbia's School of International and Public Affairs, took the justification even further, saying he would give Adolf Hitler a platform to speak, "If he were willing to engage in a debate and a discussion, to be challenged by Columbia students and faculty, we would certainly invite him."

If the event truly went this way — if there was serious debate and discussion — the presence of a human and civil rights violating hate-monger at Columbia could have been justifiable.

What happened was typical Ahmadinejad rambling as the Iranian leader skirted questions, changed subjects and avoided issues in the same manner American politicians have over the years during televised debates.

There should have been no reason to think Ahmadinejad would have acted otherwise, but it seems the administration forgot who they invited. All Ahmadinejad treated listeners to were the same tired arguments from one of the world's most dangerous minds.

While Bollinger should be commended for remaining true to his promised challenge, having the courage to verbally abuse the leader during his introduction by calling him a "petty and cruel dictator," and saying he doubted the leader had the "intellectual courage to answer the questions," the audience of students and faculty hardly took up the call — they listened and applauded.

The passivity of the Columbia audience

would not have been so appalling if the university had a history of treating speakers who express disagreeable viewpoints with poise and respect, but this is not the case.

Minuteman Project founder Jim Gilchrist was chased offstage by a mob of students during his speech in October 2006. Instead of challenging Gilchrist and making him defend his viewpoints, he was run out of town.

Ahmadinejad was given respectable treatment that other controversial speakers at the university did not receive, even though his consistently expressed viewpoints are the most extreme.

The largest reaction from the audience was in response to Ahmadinejad's claim that homosexuals do not exist in Iran. "In Iran we don't have homosexuals like in your country," he said. "In Iran, we do not have this phenomenon. I don't know who's told you that we have this." The only response the audience could muster was laughs and scattered jeers.

While allowing leaders like Ahmadinejad to speak could be viewed as a testament to the freedom of speech rights Americans enjoy, all Columbia managed to do was give the leader a podium from which to express an idiocy that has been exposed in so many other public forums before Columbia.

The event did not succeed in testing the leader.

There was no promised conversation with scholars. There was only Ahmadinejad avoiding answers to predictable questions.

Before the speech, Bollinger released a statement saying, "It should never be thought that merely to listen to ideas we deplore in any way implies our endorsement of those ideas, or the weakness of our resolve to resist those ideas or our naiveté about the very dangers in such ideas."

But it seems the Columbia audience did show this naiveté. Ahmadinejad's hatred is nothing to laugh about, but this is the harshest reaction a room full of America's brightest students and scholars could convey.

In an interview with "Good Morning America" before the speech, Bollinger further defended the invitation to Ahmadinejad, saying, "It's extremely important to know who the leaders are of countries that are your adversaries, to watch them to see how they think, to see how they reason or do not reason, to see whether they're fanatical or to see whether they are sly."

Ahmadinejad has, for the past few years, given clear evidence as to what category he fits. His speech only confirmed this — he exhibited an absence of reason — an intellectually vacant mind that is devoid of any rational thought.

And he was greeted by the audience at Columbia with applause.

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Parallels found between mercury and autism



Ribbon Dancer

Elena Chin

Speculation shows the danger of mercury in children's vaccines

Oct. 10, 2002, a Thursday. I was standing by the kitchen table. My parents took my three-year-old brother to The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. They came back and told me the diagnosis.

"Michael has autism."

Even before Michael was diagnosed, our instincts told us something was wrong. A neighbor mentioned he might have autism when he was non-verbal at three years old. But he had changed.

If you look at photographs before his childhood vaccinations, he looks like a happy-go-lucky toddler, smiling into the camera and saying "cheese." In pictures after the vaccinations, he seems distant and unfocused. He no longer looked into the camera.

My mother started looking for answers on the Internet, trying to learn more about the mysterious disorder. She began buying groceries at a natural health food store, cutting gluten and

casein from my brother's diet. Amidst the devastation of the diagnosis, we discussed possible explanations.

After months of research, my family began to believe thimerosal, a mercury-based preservative found in vaccines, was the cause of my brother's radical change. Our suspicion was not unfounded.

In 2007, the Centers for Disease Control estimated one in 150 children have autism in the United States. This result is much larger than research completed in the early 1990s, which found the prevalence of autism to be one in 500 children. Autism and the use of thimerosal in vaccines have shown a parallel increase — which demonstrates a relationship between them.

Nearly all children today are vaccinated. There is a link between the age of children at the first sign of autistic tendencies and the age of children when they are first vaccinated. Visible signs of autism occur in children ages 12 to 18 months, where it becomes apparent the child has speech and communication problems. Vaccinations are administered in intervals starting at infancy until age 12 to 18 months.

The similar symptoms of mercury exposure and autism also seem too coincidental to be unrelated. Mercury has long been known to be harmful. The Mad Hatter Syndrome of the 1800s, for example, was caused by a mercury solution used to turn fur into felt. The hatters breathed in the toxic fumes and were exposed to

the poisonous mercury, which caused autism-like symptoms.

In another study, children with autism were found to have increased retention of mercury in the body and an impaired ability to release mercury from the body. There is also a connection between mothers of autistic children, as they usually have a higher than average number of amalgam fillings and have been administered the RhoGAM injection, both of which contain mercury components.

The number of children with autism has significantly grown as the amount of vaccines administered has increased. Currently, there is no federal law which bans the use of thimerosal in childhood vaccinations. But some state governments are taking action.

In California, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed the Mercury-Free Act into law, which took effect on July 1, 2006. The act, which was signed by Schwarzenegger as a precaution, prohibits administering mercury-containing vaccines to pregnant women or to children under age three.

Oprah Winfrey, whose book club recommendations always become bestsellers, recently catapulted the topic into the public arena. On Sept. 18, Winfrey hosted Jenny McCarthy and Holly Robinson Peete on her show to discuss McCarthy's new book, "Louder than Words: A Mother's Journey in Healing Autism," about her son, Evan. Both celebrity moms have sons with autism, and both believe the cause of the

condition to be the thimerosal in vaccinations.

Even though McCarthy believes thimerosal to be the main cause of autism, she said she is not against vaccinations. And neither am I. I am against the mercury-based preservative, thimerosal. But while the government and CDC are researching the link, perhaps each child should be evaluated as a unique case when receiving vaccines.

The childhood vaccination schedule should be different for each particular child. Parents should take time to think about the potential consequences. Vaccinations are not "one size fits all."

Since all typical children are different, all autistic children are also different. While some autistic children remain nonverbal and unresponsive, Michael can swim like a fish, beat me in Candyland, read me bedtime stories and say "I love you." There are too many parents who will never hear their child say these three words.

How many more families will be affected by this disorder before the government pauses to think about the epidemic? How many more children will never smile into the camera? How many more parents will hear those devastating words?

"Your child has autism."

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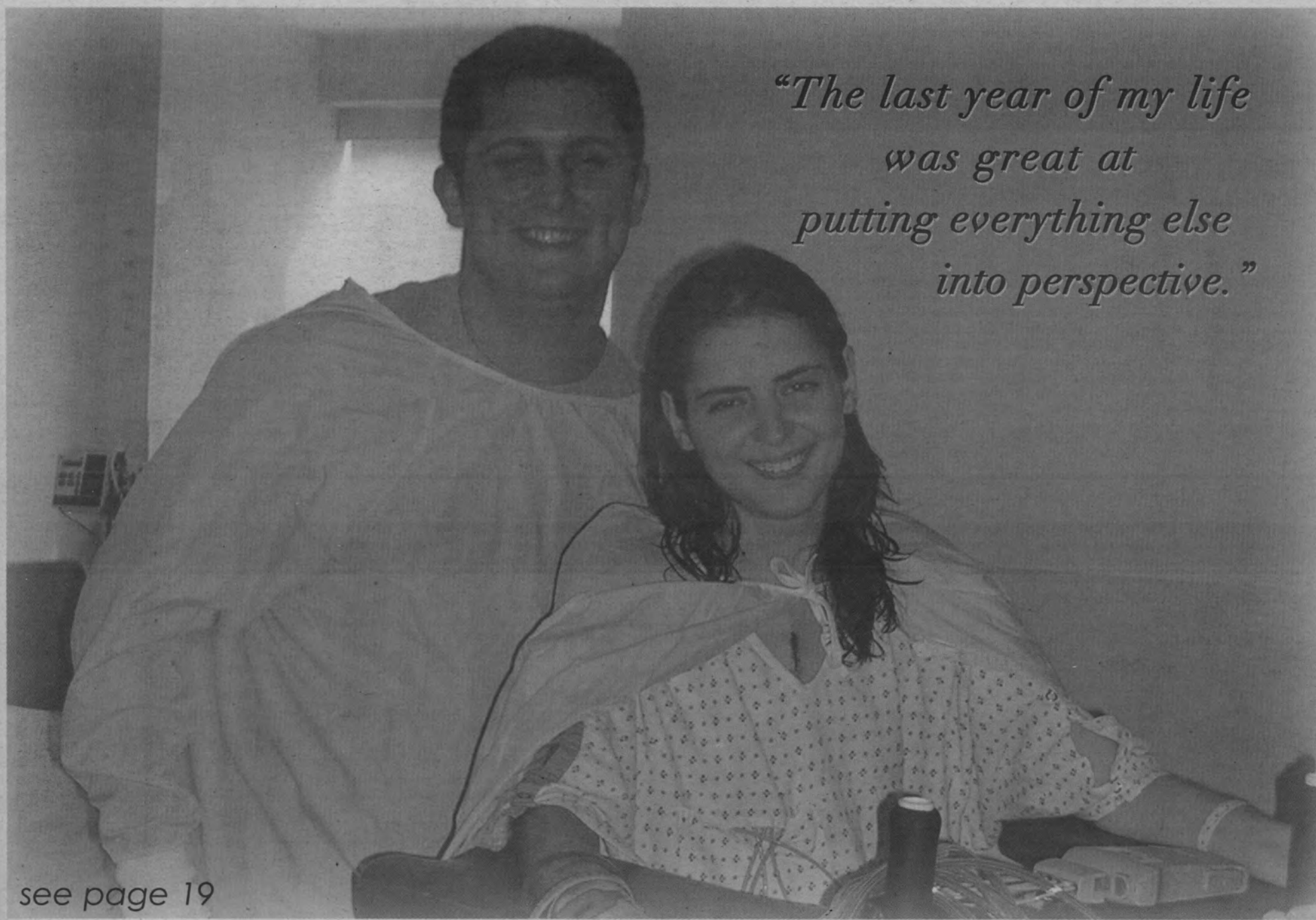
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Telling the story from the inside out

BY JESSICA EISENBREY

Staff Reporter

Mike Sager has lived with crack addicts in Los Angeles, in a ghetto of North Philadelphia with kids from Puerto Rico, in Mexico with a 600-pound man and in a Palestinian refugee camp in the Gaza strip, but the most inspiring places he's lived are the not-so-exotic ones.

His stories have taken him from the living room of Roseanne Barr to the bedroom of a 92-year-old man. He has lived with a 17-year-old boy, experienced high school all over again and lived a day in the life of a beautiful woman.

Sager, a writer-at-large for *Esquire* magazine, has just released his second book, "Revenge of the Donut Boys: True Stories of Lust, Fame, Survival and Multiple Personality," a book of profiles of ordinary and not-so-ordinary people.

Sager will be at Lieberman's University Books tonight at 7:00 p.m. for a reading and signing of this book.

After attending law school for three weeks, Sager says he soon realized being a lawyer wasn't for him.

In 1978 he got a job working as a copy boy for *The Washington Post* and worked the graveyard shift, from 7 p.m. until 3 a.m.

He eventually worked his way up to staff writer, but decided to make a switch from newspaper to magazine reporting in 1984.

"It was just kind of time for me to move on. I felt myself getting really frustrated and sick of what I was doing," Sager says. "I just decided if you're not happy then it's time to move. To me, it's really important to follow your heart."

Sager's first book, "Scary Monsters and Super Freaks: Stories of Sex, Drugs, Rock 'n' Roll and Murder" published in 2003, was mainly a collection of crime stories, he says.

One story in the collection was that of adult-film star John Holmes, but despite the story's popularity Sager says he often questions why.

"I never knew whether it was because people thought it was great writing or whether it was just because the guy had a big penis," he says.

When the book was published, Sager says he was able to put that part of his career to rest. He could then begin to focus on writing the stories in his second book, which are commonly referred to as works of literary anthropology since he often lives for an extended time with the people about whom he is writing stories.

When ordinary journalists would say there is no story, Sager says he enters the world of the average person and finds the story.

Ben Yagoda, professor of journalism and organizer of a lecture by Sager at the university, says he admires this aspect of Sager's work.

"I think one of the things about good journalism of that kind is that there really is no normal," Yagoda says. "Everybody's different and everybody's interesting if you just know where to look and spend enough time talking and observing."

Sager says those ordinary people are the ones that have inspired him most.

The 92-year-old man in the story titled "Old" gave Sager an entirely new outlook on life, he says.

"I remember at one point we were in his garage," Sager says. "It was 113 degrees out and we're searching for paperwork. I came across this dusty box and it had trophies and plaques in it, and I took one thing out. It had been presented to him by Harry Truman, and the old man said, 'You know, I'd forgotten all about that.' All he really remembered was his

grandson and the time with his family. He forgot all about how the president had given him an award."

He says this story has taught him when to concentrate on his work and when to put it aside.

"I'm extremely driven for work," he says, "but I also know when not to be driven and when to go coach my son's basketball or soccer team or take time off when I have to."

Sager says one of the reasons his writing has been successful is that he is able to incorporate a human element into each story.

"Everybody's afraid of what they don't know and of course you're going to be out of your element sometimes, but it doesn't change the fact that people are just people," he says. "And I think a high amount of my success has been because I can see that. Everybody has all these things that make them just humans."

Sager says even in stories with drug addicts and gangs, he is able to find the soft spot in the individuals and exploit their weaknesses.

"Even with the evil people, I find the

humanity in them," he says.

John H. Richardson, a writer for *Esquire* magazine as well as a lecturer at State University of New York at Purchase, says he admires how Sager is able to express what people are thinking in his writing.

"He's bold in the way that he elbows his way in there and dares to tell the story from inside people's minds," Richardson says.

It's because of this added human element and ability to read his subjects' thoughts that Sager says he becomes fond of all those individuals in his stories.

"I fall in love with everyone I write about," he says.



Courtesy of Mike Sager

Teaching the 'Real Love' from Liverpool to New Castle

BY ADAM ASHER

Entertainment Editor

In 1971, Joel Glazier found himself in London on one of the university's early study abroad trips. Every day after classes he and his friends would take a walk down to Abbey Road and the Apple building in the hopes of catching a glimpse of their favorite band, The Beatles.

After a while with no luck, the boys walked to the site where the back cover of "Abbey Road" was

photographed, and there he was — Paul McCartney, riding his bike with his wife and kids. McCartney was one of the three Beatles Glazier would run into by the end of the day.

"He was actually the least friendly of the four," Glazier says with a laugh.

It's been more than 40 years since The Beatles first appeared on "The Ed Sullivan Show," but Glazier says he remembers the performance that changed his life like it

was yesterday.

These days, at 55 and living in Wilmington, Glazier is not the only man obsessed with the "Fab Four." Beatles shirts still grace the bodies of many university students, commercials pound the music into viewers daily and this summer, Green Day added its name to a long list of chart-topping bands scoring hits written by one or all of the band's members.

"I was the right age at the right time," Glazier says nostalgically as he sips his coffee at Brewed Awakenings on Main Street.

He's wearing a black shirt with John Lennon's face on it, proudly displaying his undying love for the band as he flips through the pages of *Beatology Magazine*.

Since 1976, Glazier has been around the world and back again lecturing on the Fab Four on topics ranging from The Beatles' connection with Judaism to its influence on pop and world culture to the conspiracy behind Paul McCartney's possible death and cover-up. He was the first American to speak at the International Beatles Convention in Liverpool, England and the only man ever to teach a class at the

university on The Beatles.

He points to the "You Know My Name" section in the magazine. "I'm the dean," he says giggling, and sure enough, there's his name. "Dean of the 'Paul is dead' theory."

Despite his modest laugh, the title is not far-off. Glazier once gave a Liverpool crowd full of skeptical Beatles fans his famous lecture on the clues to McCartney's death, many of which can be found on the band's album covers. Glazier says he had the audience floored.

He says even McCartney's cousin and friends in the audience gasped when they heard evidence of his deadly car crash during the making of "Strawberry Fields Forever," and replacement by a body double, who has since refused to get blood taken or be fingerprinted.

Most recently, Beatles fans of all ages eagerly awaited the release of one of the most talked-about movies of the year, "Across the Universe." More new versions of classic songs once again had fans experiencing the joy of hearing The Beatles in a new and different way.

Glazier saw it before most at an advanced screening in Philadelphia.

"I hope it will introduce a younger generation to the music," he says. "It transcends generations."

Glazier says he has seen the generational transcendence of the music in action during his 28 years as a teacher in New Castle County.

"It's the perfect teaching tool,"

Glazier says. "It lends itself to almost any topic."

This is a theory he has put into practice. Glazier says he has seen first-hand how The Beatles can change lives during his career teaching social studies, English as a second language and gifted programs at a number of high schools throughout New Castle.

"Yesterday" is a perfect song to teach the past and present tense," he says.

Today, Glazier will be boarding a plane to Scotland for the John Lennon Northern Lights festival before heading off to Liverpool to join thousands in celebrating Lennon's birthday. He says he expects to be busy when he gets back.

"I tend to get a slew of calls from radio stations in October," he says. "October is 'Paul is dead' season."

Although the famous theory has caused controversy around the world, Glazier says he still doesn't know what to believe.

"I've never really thought about it," he says. "I like to present the clues and the story and let the listeners make up their minds."

Now retired, Glazier says he has a few upcoming talks scheduled, but his love for the group, what they believed in and how they changed the world will never die.

"Some play golf," he says. "I'm a Beatles fan."



Courtesy of Joel Glazier

Battling through a year of turmoil

Student returns to university after double-lung transplant

BY SAMMI CASSIN

Entertainment Editor

Sophomore Allison Mansmann has pink fingernails. She is talkative and energetic and she has pink fingernails.

This might not seem like such a grand epiphany to most, but to her, this is huge. It means that for the first time in 23 years, she can take a breath deep enough to reach her fingers without the help of an oxygen tank and walk from her house to the car without feeling like she is going to pass out.

But the journey up to this point has been a long one. Mansmann has suffered through enough tests and hospital visits to last a lifetime, and now, nearly six months after her double-lung transplant, the only lingering sign of her cystic fibrosis is the scar on her chest.

Mansmann was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis when she was three years old, but until college, she never had anything more than monthly flare-ups. However, during her sophomore year, she noticed the symptoms were getting increasingly worse, and she was having trouble doing normal, everyday activities.

According to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, cystic fibrosis is an inherited chronic disease of the lungs and digestive system that forces the body to produce a thick and sticky mucus and makes it extremely difficult to breathe. It can cause serious life-threatening lung infections and cause the body to stop absorbing food.

"The best way I can describe it is it was like breathing through a straw while your nose is closed," Mansmann says. "The first minute you're fine, but after a little while you are gasping for breath, and that's what I felt like every day."

Cystic fibrosis patients can have a wide variety of symptoms ranging from salty skin and weight gain to incessant coughing, shortness of breath and frequent lung infections.

Mansmann says the disease used to be considered a childhood illness since few children lived to see their teens, but now, thanks to recent research and advances, cystic fibrosis patients have the chance to live to adulthood and beyond.

Every year 1,000 new cases of cystic fibrosis are diagnosed, with more than 70 percent of those patients diagnosed before the age of two, but with new medicine and technological advances like transplants, more people are living past their teenage years and well into adulthood.

Because of chest pains and bleeding in her lungs, she was forced to take a medical leave from school and check herself into a hospital so she could be tested to see if she was eligible for a lung transplant.

"I think I was in denial," Mansmann says. "I was like, 'Are you kidding me?' I thought a transplant was something I would need when I was 40. But I was dying and I needed it."

When she found out she had qualified for the transplant, Mansmann says she didn't automatically activate herself on the list.

"I couldn't bring myself to activate my name," she says. "I feel like I only did it because I was getting worse and I wanted to be prepared."

One of the deciding factors for Mansmann was a family friend who had undergone a double-lung transplant due

to cystic fibrosis before her. She remembers seeing him breathing normally and without help from oxygen, while sporting a good-natured grin.

"It looked like he had never faced a day of illness in his entire life," she says. "He was a powerhouse of health and strength."

It was then Mansmann decided to go through with the transplant.

In order to prepare for the transplant, Mansmann had to work double-time to get herself in shape, and says she was only ready because she pushed herself so hard.

"Preparing for a lung transplant is like preparing to run a marathon," Mansmann says. "I was exhausted every day and every night. I was on a ton of medication, being tested everyday, exercising, all on no lung capacity, but I kept pushing myself because I wanted to be ready."

She says she couldn't believe it when she found out she had received a donor — it was a heavy concept to grasp.

"I was so happy to finally get the transplant," Mansmann says. "But someone had to die for me to get these lungs and it's difficult, because another family's loved one

died and they gave me their lungs. It's such a selfless thing to do."

As she drove through the University of Pennsylvania campus in the ambulance that would take her to her surgery, Mansmann says fear was the farthest thing from her mind. All she could think about was how excited she was to have a normal life and go back to school.

"I was driving through the Penn campus and I thought 'I know I'm gonna go back to school, I can feel it,'" she says.

Mansmann says she remembers the first time she realized she was breathing on her own and thought she had died and went to heaven.

"I realized I was breathing on my own with no oxygen and it was almost too easy," she says. "I was on the ventilator so I had this huge, scary-looking mask on my face and I was cracking up. The doctors probably thought I was crazy, but I was just so happy."

Jessica Abbruzzese, a friend of Mansmann since they met during their freshman year of college, says Mansmann never puts herself first and always worried

about her friends, even when she was in the hospital.

"Even though she was going through a tough time I never heard her complain about it once," Abbruzzese says. "She is always concerned about everyone else and making sure her friends are doing well. All she really wanted was for her friends to keep her company."

But Mansmann says she realizes nobody is perfect, and even she has bad days.

"I would be lying if I didn't admit that there were times when I knew it would have been easier to just let go and stop fighting, and I really did almost give up twice," she says. "But both times someone called or visited me or I received a card or note from someone praying for me and my resolve was rekindled."

Mansmann's boyfriend, Andrew Nasca, says he would try to keep Mansmann's spirits up by surrounding her with friends and family, but she helped him stay positive as well.

"Allison is an amazing person and she has this energy about her that is so captivating that it just makes you wonder how you ever met someone that special," Nasca says. "Her appetite for life is what kept me going and looking to the future knowing that things will get better."

On Tuesday, Oct. 9, the university's Italian club, which has been looking for a special cause to donate money toward, will be sponsoring an event at Santa Fe Mexican Grill to raise money and awareness for cystic fibrosis. Abbruzzese, the president of the Italian club, says the group chose the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation because a few of the members know people with the disease and wanted to do something about it.

"My goal is to raise as much money as possible for Allison and the CF Foundation," she says. "My ultimate goal is for people to become more aware of what CF is and how it affects the lives of millions of friends and families."

Although Mansmann didn't help plan the event, she will be there, and has organized events in the past to raise money for cystic fibrosis and plans to do more in the future.

"Right now I'm a political science major, but I don't want to do that anymore," she says. "All these doctors and nurses and therapists and everyone else did so much for me. I don't want to be in a cubicle on Capitol Hill. I want to do something where I can help people."

What Mansmann says she most wants people to get out of the fundraiser is that there are a lot of misconceptions about organ donations, and organ donations from one person can save up to 50 lives.

"I don't know how I will ever thank my donor's family for their unbelievable generosity," she says. "I became a donor after my surgery and if one person becomes a donor because of this, that's enough."

The best part about being healthy again, Mansmann says, is having regular things to think about instead of life and death.

"It's wonderful to have normal, everyday problems back again," she says. "I started to get extremely stressed out about a test this week, then I stopped and rationalized what I was doing and started to laugh at myself. This time last year I was dreaming of having these simple problems again. The last year of my life was great at putting everything else into perspective."



Courtesy of Allison Mansmann

Allison Mansmann, who has suffered from cystic fibrosis her entire life, has recently returned to campus after a double-lung transplant.

It's hard to mess with a perfect product

"Across The Universe"

Revolution Studios

Rating: ★★ 1/2 (out of ★★★★★)

It's not hard to see why a movie like "Across The Universe," a musical based on songs made popular by The Beatles, has received all the hype in the world. It was directed by Julie Taymore, who has won numerous awards including a Tony for her Broadway hit "The Lion King." In addition, the political atmosphere in this country is perfect for marketing a film set in the Vietnam War era and most of the dialogue in the film was originally written by one of the most revolutionary bands in history.

Unfortunately, Taymore should have been more careful in dealing with elements that are already a success. The problem with her project is not her mis-use of Beatles anthems or over-done visual effects, it's her dependence upon them. At times it seems as if the soundtrack was arranged before the movie.

Almost every character's name is a Beatles reference and most of the covers are cut short in order to make room for more unnecessary songs.

"Across The Universe" consists of two well-crafted but clumsily put-together stories — one of classic love and another of frightening war.

The film follows three passionate young people, Max (Joe Anderson), Jude (Jim Sturgess) and Lucy (Evan Rachel Wood), who are ripped apart by their opinions and actions in a time of war.

The first story is of Jude, a confused young man from Liverpool, home of The Beatles, who comes to America in search of his father, and Lucy, a regular suburban girl who is captivated by Jude's sob story and falls for him after her boyfriend is killed in Vietnam.

Their romance intertwines with the story of

Max, Lucy's rebellious older brother and Jude's best friend. When he leaves the comfort of home to spite his parents, he loses his status as a student and winds up being shipped off to Vietnam.

Each story could be its own brilliant movie. Classic Beatles tunes like "I've Just Seen a Face" and "Blackbird" combine with captivating lighting and choreography to show the campy excitement of young love and the heart-breaking agony of loss. In addition, the politically-charged use of songs like "Strawberry Fields Forever" and "I Am the Walrus," leaves the audience on the edge of its seat, feeling just as inspired as the characters.

Still, the arrangement of the movie leaves something to be desired. The clashing of the two plotlines has potential for greatness but falls flat due to countless forced Beatles references. Characters named Jo-Jo, Sadie and Prudence — who conveniently enters through the bathroom window — appear throughout the film in both love and war situations and add little to the plot besides more opportunities to sing.

Flaws aside, outstanding interpretations of old favorites like "I Am the Walrus," in which Bono plays a Ken Kesey-like character named Dr. Robert, and Eddie Izzard's "Being for the Benefit of Mr. Kite," sung in front of a psychedelic circus, make "Across the Universe" worth seeing.

— Adam Asher, aasher@udel.edu

ACROSS THE UNIVERSE



Cook's unlucky shot as the leading man

"Good Luck Chuck"

Karz Entertainment

Rating: ★ (out of ★★★★★)

As a stand-up comedian, Dane Cook knows how to work a crowd. His film career, however, is another story, and recent roles in "Employee of the Month" and "Mr. Brooks" haven't promised him a steady acting career.

In the latest slap-stick sinker "Good Luck Chuck," luck is the last thing Cook has going for him.

As a child, Charlie (Cook) receives a hex from a gothic girl after he refuses to show her his manhood. The curse, which follows Charlie to his adult life, deems him a "good luck charm" for any girl that sleeps with him, allowing the girl's "next guy" to be Mr. Right. The hex doesn't work out so well for Charlie — who has more than enough sex, but can't keep a girl beyond a one-night stand.

When Charlie meets the clumsy Cam (Jessica Alba), a penguin worker at something resembling Sea World, he believes he's found his mate. However, there is a catch-22 — if Charlie sleeps with the love of his life, she will move on to the next guy.

So the two lovebirds are set for the punt with a script made for some good laughs, right? Wrong.

First-time director Mark Helfrich and writer Josh Stolberg seem to hit every pot-

hole on this road to the garbage dump. There are a few laughs, which are forced by shock-value instances such as grapefruit masturbation and a three-breasted woman.

Overall, the script doesn't flow, there's no chemistry among the cast and, to make matters worse, Dan Fogler's supporting role as a plastic surgeon kills any ambition the film initially had. Fogler's over-the-top Jonah Hill impersonation is nothing more than irritating.

Alba, who has never proven to be much of an actress, still lights up the screen with her perkiness, but Cook invades her charm with an overwhelming interpretation of his role. Cook's lack of leading-actor skills deadens the script down to ash, in what resembles a sad imitation of Jim Carrey.

The absence of romance in this hit-and-miss comedy leaves little on the plate. With recent raunchy masterpieces "Superbad" and "Knocked-Up" still on the minds of college students, "Good Luck Chuck" finds its place at the bottom of the B-list.

Paper-thin characters parade from scene to scene in a torturous screenplay. One begins to wonder when the "Candid Camera" crew will come out from behind the theater screen, only to inform the audience that it's a nationwide episode of "Punk'd." Sadly, this isn't the case. This form of comedy is what seems to sell these days, and somewhere audiences must be laughing.

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'Fighters' stay safe

"Echoes, Silence, Patience & Grace"

Foo Fighters

RCA Records

Rating: ★★ 1/2 (out of ★★★★★)

Over the years, the Foo Fighters, led by former Nirvana drummer Dave Grohl, have earned its place as one of our generation's most relevant rock bands. While the band's last two albums may have been a far cry from the well-composed hard rock sounds of its first three albums, its newest release, "Echoes, Silence, Patience & Grace," reaffirms the band's ability to cry, caterwaul and croon behind an immense wall of sound.

"Echoes," the band's sixth studio release, starts with the single "The Pretender," a screaming anthem for a never-ending struggle to stand out. Although it may not be the group's most original piece of music, the single, along with the next two relatively forgettable songs, highlight the band's ability to scream, shoot and shove heavy riffs down listeners' throats. It's not terrible, but this is nothing Foo fans didn't already know. However, once the final note on the third track, "Erase/Replace," fades out, the album takes a completely different turn.

"Long Road to Ruin" kicks off a new Foo sound. Optimistic, elaborate and both musically and lyrically more complex than previously seen, this song kicks off the album and announces a more mature sound for the rock veterans.

Judging by the lyrics, it's clear Grohl has gone through some serious life change, like becoming a father for instance, and remains bitter about accepting his past, yet is steadfast in his high hopes for the future.

"Seems like only yesterday / Life belong to runaways / Nothing here to see, no looking back / Every sound monotone / Every color monochrome / Life begin to fade into the black / Such a simple animal / Sterilized with alcohol / I could

hardly feel me anymore," he sings on "Come Alive," which first starts as a quiet reflective piece and builds to a stunning, classic Foo Fighters climax.

The band samples a few different sounds throughout the album in addition to the heavy stadium rock fans might normally expect. Songs like "Statues," which adopts a piano-pop style one might normally expect from an artist like Ben Folds, and the instrumental folk jam "Ballad of Beaconsfield Miners," show Grohl and company's versatility and raw talent in genres previously untouched by the band.

There are still plenty of hard-rock anthems to pump fists to, like "Stranger Things Have Happened," and "Cheer Up, Boys (Your Makeup's Running)," but overall the boys are at their best displaying their newfound affinity for a well put-together song over a tune that's made for no reason other than sheer loudness.

After some powerful rock anthems, blistering solos and heartfelt compositions, the band finishes "Echoes" with a slow, honest-sounding piano ballad about what's missing in life.

"Wish I were with you I couldn't stay / Every direction leads me away / Pray for tomorrow but for today / All I want is to be home," Grohl sings tenderly on "Home." The final track offers listeners a look at the vulnerable side of the Foo, and reminds us why the band has managed to stay relevant after all these years.

— Adam Asher



"Ripe"

Ben Lee

New West Records

Rating: ★★ 1/2 (out of ★★★★★)

"And for once in my life / I saw what I wanted / And took a bite / I picked the fruit from the tree / And it was ripe."

This lyric, which appears on both the inside cover of Ben Lee's new record and in the title track "Ripe," encompasses the overall theme of readiness and maturity that runs throughout Lee's seventh album.

Lee describes his style as "quality pop." Combined with catchy melodies and simple-yet-exposing lyrics about love and life, that is exactly what listeners will find in "Ripe."

The first single from the album, "Love Me Like the World is Ending," sets the mood for the rest of the record with its lyrics about living every day like it's your

last — "Baby, can you hear the message I am sending / Love me like the world is ending."

The track is followed by several happy-go-lucky, I-love-being-alive songs.

With its combination of catchy, sing-along "quality pop" hits, sense of humor ("What Would Jay-Z Do?") and newfound maturity, "Ripe" brings a unique attitude to pop music and displays a pleasantly low-key and charming sound that is sure to be the perfect music for driving in the summertime, windows down.

— Adam Asher



"Ultimate Victory"

Chamillionaire

Motown Records

Rating: ★★ 1/2 (out of ★★★★★)

Chamillionaire, known for his trunk-bumping southern anthems, brings a familiar subject matter to an entirely new forum with his sophomore disc "Ultimate

Victory." Coming off the chart topper "Ridin," he criticizes today's rappers and the culture that elevates them to stardom.

Where tone and content meet ("Rocky Road" and "The Ultimate Victory"), Cham is able to string together semi-intelligent lyrics of struggles in the ghetto industry.

It's where he falls into old patterns, like "Rock Star," though, that detracts most from the disc. Singing the majority of his choruses, Chamillionaire's authentic delivery is undeniable, even if it's his own brand of "crap." A stand-out track is the cliché yet

hypnotizing, "The Bill Collecta," featuring "Ridin's" partner Krayzie Bone.

When he mixes the serious content with playful hooks and beats, Chamillionaire has the potential to reach the crossover status he has yet to enjoy.

While Chamillionaire does misstep on "Ultimate Victory," his effort to shift what is marketable and popular is an admirable advocacy. And if his goal of resuscitating Hip-hop is reached, it would certainly be more than a marginal win.

— Ted Simmons, tsim@udel.edu



delawareUNdressed The cheating haze



Sarah Niles
Columnist

There are many black and white issues when it comes to relationships and dating, but cheating always seems to fall into a gray area.

Many couples choose to discuss the parameters of cheating early in their relationship to avoid a painful conversation in the future.

While one person in the relationship may consider any sort of flirting to be crossing the line, the other may feel that as long as a condom wasn't required they did nothing wrong. Clearing up these discrepancies before any extracurricular action takes place helps to predict the appropriate punishment for straying.

Once these rules are laid out, though, it's often difficult for our sexually-charged generation to stick to one partner.

In some instances, a couple may decide an open relationship is the best route for them. As these low-commitment relationships are becoming more popular, it seems as though it's an appealing option for those who want to be free to explore while still having someone to go home to each night.

The idea of an open relationship may sound nice, but unless you're the type who never gets jealous, finding out your partner was out hooking up while you were in cramming for an exam might be harder to swallow than you'd think.

For those in traditional relationships, cheating fits into two broad categories. The obvious physical form of cheating probably occurs more frequently than it's counterpart — emotional cheating.

These days you have to be really

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sneaky to regularly get away with physical cheating. With the Facebook paparazzi, it's common for tagged pictures to act as hard evidence. Although we go to a fairly large school, so many social circles overlap that the grapevine isn't very long and it wouldn't take much time before someone would let you know of your partner's infidelities.

While it's common that these two go hand-in-hand, emotional cheating is much harder to detect and can be difficult to stomach.

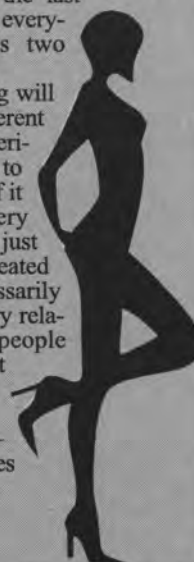
Emotional cheating can happen without anyone realizing what they're actually doing. This usually starts with regular

flirting or conversations of questionable nature and then morphs into something deeper. If you find yourself wishing you were dating someone other than your actual boyfriend or girlfriend, then you should probably cut ties.

If you realize your partner has cheated, or is regularly cheating, it can be tricky to decide what you should do next. On top of the feelings of sadness and betrayal you're experiencing, if the cheater is exposed publicly, you're also forced to deal with the constant advice and badgering from those who think they know what's best for you. Although these people are just trying to help, the last thing you want or need is everyone and their mother's two cents.

The issue of cheating will always be viewed in different lights. Unless you've experienced cheating, it's hard to say how you would feel if it actually happened. Every situation is different and just because someone has cheated before, it doesn't necessarily mean they'll do it in every relationship. Sometimes people need to experience it before they can truly understand it.

Just remember — what goes around, comes around.



fashionforward Eco-friendly fashion

Recycling is a major hobby of mine. Nothing makes me happier than separating plastic and glass bottles from my usual trash and sending them to a better, more useful place.

Depositing my recyclable tokens of love into their appropriate bins gives me an irreplaceable, warm fuzzy feeling deep inside.

So whenever I discover a new opportunity to become more environmentally friendly, I seize it.

And others, namely those in the fashion industry, are also catching onto the eco-trend, by designing organic clothing collections and reusable shopping totes, thus making it easier for people like myself to get his or her green fix.

And by organic clothing, I don't mean hemp-inspired wear and hippie-esque garb, although there's nothing wrong with those. I'm referring to pesticide- and fertilizer-free cotton bags that replace toxic-releasing plastic bags.

A popular reusable carryall is the "I'm Not a Plastic Bag" canvas tote, made by British accessories designer Anya Hindmarch and U.K. environmental activist organization We Are What We Do. The bag is so trendy it can be seen on celebrities such as singer Lily Allen and actress Keira Knightley. But how often is it used for its actual purpose?

I'm willing to bet not often, considering the fact that its popularity is based on its cute factor, and not earth-saving ways. Of the many thousands sold, I would love to see the predictably low statistic of how many were religiously brought to grocery stores and shopping centers.

Environmental posers are, dare I say it, almost as bad as people who litter. So if you're going to financially support a green product, also use it in its intended way so it can actually help Mother Nature.

If having a plastic-bag-deprived life is too much to bear, then there's an easier way to be eco-conscious and hip without having to worry about risking your integrity or fashion sense.

Chemical-free fabrics and fair labor practices are showing up in the collections of major designers as well as large clothing corporations you probably already buy from. H&M, Levi Strauss & Co., Victoria's Secret, Nike and Target are only a few familiar stores already on the organic clothing bandwagon, so you can be chic and save the beautiful planet we all call home in one simple trip to the mall.

But why is it so important to buy organic? By doing so, you will dramatically reduce the exposure of harmful chemicals that eventually end up in water supplies and natural habitats. A cotton T-shirt alone takes approximately one third of a pound of pesticides to produce.

The only drawback to organic clothing, however, is that it's generally more costly than non-organic clothing. This is because organic clothing requires special care when producing it. When put in a larger perspective, though, I believe the cost of organic clothing is a lot less than the innumerable cost of destroying our planet.

So if there's anything I'd like to impart onto you before I'm through, it's to be eco-trendy. Follow what much of the world is doing, and that is becoming green, one organic shirt at a time.



Larissa Cruz
Columnist

mediadarling Time to leave the limelight

Just when you thought O.J. Simpson learned his lesson and would stay out of the media spotlight, he's back in the news faster than a white Ford Bronco speeding down the highway.

While in Las Vegas on Sept. 14, Simpson and a few of his buddies decided to gather some sports memorabilia, which Simpson says belonged to him, from some collectors in a casino hotel. Simpson led the crew into the room with his namesake memorabilia and began threatening the two dealers in possession of the goods, shouting "Don't let nobody out of here. Think you can steal my shit and sell it?"

It's tough to fault O.J. here, though. Isn't that what any of you would do if you were trying to get back something that lawfully didn't belong to you?

Unfortunately for Simpson, it hasn't worked out too well. He was caught, spent a night in jail and is now being charged with 10 felony counts, ranging from first-degree kidnapping to assault with a deadly weapon, and could face 60 years in prison if convicted.

Apparently what happens in Vegas doesn't really stay in Vegas. At least not for O.J.

According to CNN reporters, Simpson attempted to get back autographed footballs, jerseys and even a picture of the former NFL star with J. Edgar Hoover. Yes,

that's right, the J. Edgar Hoover who formed the FBI that almost put Simpson behind bars in 1995 in the famous double-murder case of Nicole Simpson and Ron Goldman. The same FBI that could have a hand in the present case and could ultimately send him away for good.

But the best piece of the "memorabilia" Simpson took was the suit he wore when he was acquitted in 1995. I guess O.J. thought the suit would bring him good luck when he realized he wasn't walking out of the hotel room without legal consequences.

Of course with O.J., it's never that

simple. The media circus begins with Simpson and continues with the men surrounding him on both sides of the situation. One of Simpson's own buddies, Thomas Riccio, sold him out and sold a recording of the incident to TMZ.com. On the other side of the scandal, one of the collectors he threatened had a heart attack shortly after the incident and the other was found to be violating parole.

Simpson posted \$125,000 bail, but didn't make a plea. He returned home to Florida on a U.S. Airlines flight and flew economy, receiving the economy meal as other passengers took pictures with cell phones and cameras — only the best for our favorite Hall of Fame meathead.

Simpson was involved in what some say was the trial of the 20th century and could now be involved in the trial of the 21st century. Too bad a snappy rhyme like "if the jersey is signed, keep an acquittal in mind," might not work this time.

With Britney Spears making a comeback at the MTV Video Music Awards, the Spice Girls reuniting for a world tour and Sylvester Stallone making another "Rocky," it seems Simpson felt left out.

Too bad none of us really wanted to see Simpson back in the media again, in the middle of yet another ridiculous lawsuit. Sorry O.J., but I think I speak for a lot of people when I say we're tired of you.

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Diagnosing Main Street's musical craze

Stone Balloon's closing contributes to cover bands' popularity

BY KENDALL ROY

Staff Reporter

The source for the sickness is yet to be determined. How the madness occurs, nobody can be sure, but an epidemic craze has spread up and down Main Street, infecting Newark nightlife. Symptoms to be on the look-out for include: sweat dripping, drink spilling, fist pumping, crowd jumping and Journey singing by a massive crowd of students who have succumbed to the "cover band fever." Like a drug of choice, they're everywhere at your disposal.

Local big-name cover bands, such as Mr. Greengenes, Burnt Sienna and Chorduroy, have students literally lining the steps and sometimes out the doors of bars on Main Street.

Senior Sean Monaghan thinks the popularity of these bands is mainly due to the social scene they provide to the bars along Main Street.

"I can say that if I know I'm going to The Deer Park on Thursday, I purposely dress down because I know my shoes will be dirty, my shirt will be soaking wet with sweat, but I'll be one happy camper," Monaghan says.

Only one month into school, The Deer Park Tavern's cover bands have been drawing such a massive crowd that there is little or no standing room. Bouncers occasionally have to regulate how many people are allowed on the second floor where the bands play by issuing a "one-up-one-down" policy.

"The floor moves almost a little too much for my comfort when everybody jumps up and down on it," Monaghan says.

The "Wedding Crashers" scene becomes all too real when Jefe, lead vocalist for Burnt Sienna, performs the song "Shout." Everyone in the room shimmies down to their knees quietly repeating "A little bit softer now..." then pops back up screaming, "A little bit louder now!"

Lizette Torres, manager of Klondike Kate's, says the rise in cover band popularity could be linked to two social factors: the Dewey Beach crowd and the loss of The Stone Balloon on Main Street, which many students feel was detrimental to the college scene.

"When The Stone Balloon was here

that's where all the bands were," Torres says. "I think a collaboration of both Dewey Beach and Newark resulted in these cover bands appearing and really wanting to play. Everyone wanted to play at these venues, both Dewey and The Stone Balloon. Now, it's just stemming from Dewey because we no longer have that venue of The Stone Balloon, that huge stage or that area. So, it's limited more to places like Kate's, Shaggy's and Deer Park where it's a little bit smaller of a place."

Delaware's Dewey Beach kids know when the school year ends, it doesn't mean the party does — it just migrates south. Venues like The Rusty Rudder, Bottle and Cork and The Starboard, which line Delaware Route 1, have been an outlet for cover and original bands to play and make a name for themselves, Torres says. For some cover bands, their efforts to entertain proved profitable as they gained a following from college students in Dewey. Once back in the Newark area, they encouraged their peers to experience the cover-band hype for themselves.

The Stone Balloon was a legendary landmark in Newark for more than 30 years before closing in December 2005. The lot where it resided is now being turned into condominiums on Main Street.

Over the years, The Stone Balloon attracted not only some of the now big-name cover bands, but also nationally-known acts like Pat Benatar, Chubby Checker, David Crosby and even Bruce Springsteen. Its closing raised the question of where the major cover-band artists would perform for the college scene in Newark.

Jim Bauerle, owner of the Stone Balloon, had a strong relationship with Deer Park owner, Robert Ashby, and the two worked out an arrangement.

"He kept me informed of what was happening with the bands and with The Stone Balloon so that I could secure them for The Deer Park," Ashby says.

Ashby's alliance with Bauerle certainly secured, and perhaps saved, big-name cover bands from going elsewhere and disappearing from Newark's night-life.

Chorduroy, for instance, has been playing at Deer Park every Sunday for four years and has no problem drawing in an audience



even if it's the start of a school week.

Approximately 20 minutes before his gig, and after the stage had been set up, all the equipment plugged-in and fine-tuned, Hub, Chorduroy's lead singer, takes a few breather moments to hang out and mingle with his audience.

"People," he says. "That's what I love most. It's the people that come out and see you and there's always new friends to be made. I'm a people-person and so I really enjoy them as well as the music. I don't think I could live a day without both."

The cover-band craze has sparked as much criticism as it has appreciation, especially for some students on campus who are tired of the same Thursday or weekend night routine.

The debate remains widespread among bands and artists who produce original music and the attitudes are varied.

Nick DeMaio, from the Wilmington rock/indie-soul band Jetsetters, has no qualms about his opinion toward cover bands.

"I respect them because they are true to their craft, but overall, I think they're cop-out phonies," DeMaio says. "They're not a sell-out because they don't have anything to physically sell. They don't even have any original music to sell. I'd say that they are cop-outs. They spend a ridiculous amount of time making sure that they're playing someone else's songs the right way."

When it comes to his band, DeMaio says it will never turn from original to cover band if given the opportunity, but it has considered covering some songs during its sets in order to connect with the crowd.

DeMaio says he and the Jetsetters intend to steer clear of the Newark cover-band pandemic, sticking to places far away from the scene and outside of Delaware.

"We aren't trying to be a 'Newark' band or even a 'local' band," he says. "We will spend more time in every state that isn't our hometown. Delaware isn't even really recognized by most major national acts, so why should we? And, cover bands and real bands don't play sets together. You either show up

to a bar to hear original music, or some dude with a mohawk singing [Oasis'] 'Wonderwall' out of key."

Not all original artists feel so strongly against the cover-band obsession. Richard Derke from the high-energy rock band The Future Unwritten, formerly known as The Relay, says he thinks Newark is overwhelmed with cover bands and university students should make more of an effort to see original artists perform. With that thought in mind, his feelings toward artists who choose the cover-band motif to express themselves musically is bit more passive-aggressive.

"I like both," Derke says. "Original bands can even be either really good or completely awful, and you pretty much know what to expect with a cover band," he said. "Even if they aren't the best band, if you've had enough drinks and they are playing songs you like, you'll have a good time."

Hub describes the relationship between all musicians or performing artists as a "brotherhood," and it is their passion for music and love for performing that drives each individual.

"I think of it this way," he says. "Take people who like classical music, for instance — that's been played again and again for 200 years. You don't look at that person that's the first violinist in the philharmonic as a degenerate to the musical culture. You look at that someone as a person who has expressed themselves through music and as a professional. We consider ourselves professionals and conduct ourselves as so. If musicians strive to be professional, there's room for you whether you are a cover, original, orchestra or big-band. Whatever it is you seek, you can find."

Whether it's irritating, sad, comical or the most awesome way to spend a weekend night, the diagnosis as of now is, "If you can't beat 'em, join 'em."

Playing the doctor-patient role, Hub offers his fans and anyone willing to simply appreciate music this remedy: "Get 'em up, get 'em up, get 'em up!" he chants with a grin. "And drink down."

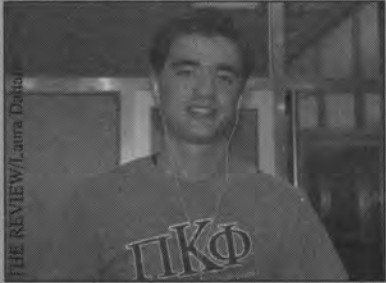


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Chorduroy, playing here at The Deer Park Tavern, is one of the many cover bands regularly filling venues on Main Street.

Voices on campus

What's on your iPod right now?



"Changes"
by Tupac

— Chris Murray,
junior

"Love Like Winter"
by AFI

— Melanie Gingras,
sophomore



Which TV season premiere are you most excited about?



"Family Guy"

— Tyler Wiechman,
freshman

"America's Next
Top Model"

— Erin Dodge,
sophomore



What's your favorite fashion trend?



"Overalls"

— Jesse Lynch,
sophomore

"Long necklaces"

— Jenna Chopak,
sophomore



Professor looks to sky for a new discovery

BY JENNIFER HEINE
Copy Editor

While it may seem like some professors at the university are in their "own worlds," others are helping to discover planets in this one.

Harry Shipman, Annie Jump Cannon professor of astronomy at the university, along with other scientists at the university and around the world, contributed to the discovery of a unique planet 1,000 light-years away using a new technique.

Shipman says the star which the planet orbits is very late in its life-cycle, unlike the sun, which is a middle-aged star. It was thought such stars would engulf their planets, but this didn't happen for V 391 Pegasi. There was debate if planets such as Earth would survive when the sun becomes a red giant until this planet was discovered.

"Conventional wisdom is when stars get very large, they somehow destroy their planets, and that didn't happen in this case," Shipman says.

An international collaboration called the Whole Earth Telescope, which focuses on studying pulsating stars, observed the planet. WET, which involves astronomers from 15 different countries, is managed by the Delaware Asteroseismic Research Center. Judi Provencal, director of DARC states in an e-mail message the research center is sponsored by Mt. Cuba Observatory in Greenville and the university's department of physics and astronomy.

The planet was discovered using a new technique that detects the reflex motion planets induce on stars, Provencal says.

Shipman says Roberto

Silvotti of the Italian National Institute of Astrophysics led the team to discover the planet in an indirect way.

"It took a long six-year effort by a worldwide team of people to keep observing it with a whole bunch of very small telescopes," he says. "We haven't found it directly, but we've detected signs of its back-and-forth motion."

Susan Thompson, associate director of DARC, says the planet was discovered by measuring brightness variations, and the team used telescopes and charge-coupled device cameras as their tools. As a planet goes around a star, the star tugs on it, making the planet travel in a circle. She says the pulsation periods get longer as the star moves away from the Earth and shorter as it moves closer.

"You need to look at the star for a week straight each year to see this variation," Thompson says.

Shipman says the team across the globe took readings often, sometimes every 10 seconds.

"All of us around the world measured the brightness of the star very carefully and very accurately," he says.

Provencal says there are two types of planets — classical and dwarf — as defined by the International Astronomical Union.

A classical planet is a celestial body that orbits the sun, has sufficient mass to overcome rigid body forces so it assumes a nearly round shape and has cleared the neighborhood around its orbit, according to the IAU.

The difference between a classical planet and a dwarf planet is that a dwarf planet has not cleared the neighborhood around its orbit and is

not a satellite, according to definitions from the IAU.

The controversy surrounding Pluto's status as a planet is because of its size. Other planets were discovered beyond it that were larger than Pluto, so it was debated what these objects should be called, Provencal says. Pluto is now considered a dwarf planet.

"We have to remember that Pluto itself hasn't changed," she says. "It is still Pluto, whether we call it a classical planet, a dwarf planet or a supergiant potato."

Members of the team have also made other achievements in the astronomy field.

"Harry Shipman and I have also discovered the first evidence of hot chromospheres (a part of a star's atmosphere) around hot white dwarfs, and done some important work on a white dwarf star called Procyon B," Provencal says.

Shipman says he felt encouraged to be an astronomer because of his experience as an undergraduate at Harvard University. In the 1960s, only the astronomers welcomed undergraduate researchers at that university, although he has always been interested in astronomy.

"I looked up and wondered what was there and was lucky enough to find someone to pay me to find answers," Shipman says.

Shipman has also written many books and more than 200 articles about astronomy.

Thompson says she became interested in astronomy as a child with a cheap telescope in her home of Wisconsin.

"My father took me out to look at Halley's Comet," she says.



Orchestra keeps high standards despite empty seats

BY LOUIS THIBAUT

Staff Reporter

The Newark Symphony Orchestra hosted its first chamber concert of the season on Saturday at the United Methodist Church on Main Street. Two-thirds of the 250 seats were vacant. The vast majority of those who did attend were over the age of 65 — relics of a time in which the fine arts were an integral part of general education.

Senior Hilary Sophrin was one of the youngest to attend the concert. She says the quality of the performance is excellent, but she is surprised more students haven't heard about the orchestra.

"I know classical music isn't the most popular thing in the world, but I'm surprised not to at least see fine arts majors attending," Sophrin says.

NSO music director Roman Pawlowski says the problem is a complex one.

"We're sensitive to the cultural climate of society, and the arts are not presently a priority," Pawlowski says. "Those who had substantial music education when they were young are interested, and they tend to be of a certain age. We find it a real challenge to attract those who have been denied access to the arts."

NSO cellist Susan Kiley says small volunteer orchestras such as the NSO fulfill a vital role in the music community. For one, they allow rising musicians to showcase their talents and attract the attention of large, professional orchestras.

"Nobody goes directly to a professional orchestra right out of school," Kiley says. "A group like this is a niche between school and a professional orchestra."

She says they also help support other struggling music programs, which tends to generate an overall interest in the fine arts.

Kiley says in the late 1980s, before the university had its own

symphony orchestra, music students would play for the NSO and receive college credit.

"Now we're playing in Delaware's recital halls," she says.

Pawlowski says the program quality of community orchestras is often on par with that of professional orchestras. The difference lies within the objectives of the group.

"The important distinction to keep in mind is that we're not a business," he says. "We're a community orchestra and we aim to learn and enjoy music. In fact, most of our players and members are subscribers to the Delaware Symphony Orchestra, so you can see there's a real exchange. We're preparing an educated audience."

But the educated audience remains small, and some suggested approaches defeat the purpose of the NSO.

"Dumbing down programs to the point of being entertainment instead of fine art is out of the question," Pawlowski says. "If we dilute the content we are doing a disservice to the community. People will believe that, just like they thought, there's nothing to classical music."

He says some of the requests the orchestra gets show the lack of distinction between art and entertainment.

"We've had people request that we play symphonic arrangements of Beatles tunes — there is such a thing, but even though The Beatles were great musicians in their own right, that's clearly entertainment," Pawlowski says. "On the other hand, we've played some of Leonard Bernstein's 'West Side Story,' which has a degree of artistic depth."

He says he hasn't given up yet. "Every year we have a table set up on community day," he says, "and every year someone comes up and says, 'I had no idea Newark had an orchestra.'"

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All smiles on a 25th anniversary

BY ADAM ASHER

Entertainment Editor

A physical expression can change the meaning behind a person's words. It can change a rude comment to a funny one or add seriousness to an otherwise casual conversation.

On Wednesday, Scott Fahlman, a research professor at Carnegie Mellon University, celebrated the 25th anniversary of his simple discovery that changed the way emotions are communicated through computers today.

Colon + parentheses = smiley face.

"Some people can't stand them and it's kind of fun to watch them hate these things," Fahlman says. "I get as impatient as anyone else but I'm happy to be associated with them."

Fahlman says the idea for what some call the "emoticon," a name he never liked, came about in 1982. While using a primitive version of the Internet, a colleague of his didn't get a joke put on an online message board and overreacted. The incident caused the staff to consider a way to not be taken so seriously online.

Fahlman stepped up to the plate.

"It occurred to me to just turn my head sideways and you could make a nice little smiley face," he says.

There is no patent on the smiling sequence of characters.

"I can't prove that no one ever did it," he says.

However, due to the primitive but exclusive nature of the 1982 internet-like program used to post the smiley, not many people had the actual technology to spread the good word. He says the sideways smiley was only able to spread due to colleagues and alumni checking the message board and from there it was easy to track.

"Within a week or two we got messages from other universities with it," Fahlman says.

It's no secret the Internet has grown by leaps and bounds since 1982. It's becoming more common to hear instant messenger phrases like "jk" or "brb" peppered into casual

conversation.

Sophomore Lindley Austin says she casually lets it slip into her daily life, stating a preference for the classic yellow smiley over anything too complicated. She says in online conversation, emoticons help convey thoughts more clearly.

"I think they're a good thing because you can't hear people's tone of voice online," Austin says.

Although she says she gets annoyed with some of the newer versions, like the exploding emoticon, Austin thinks online emotion is more than just a trend and will be around for a while, with more variations on the original formula.

It's difficult to go more than a few days without seeing some form of it. Be it a big, heart-shaped grin, a gold lipstick-wearing wink or just the classic smile, Fahlman's creation is everywhere, whether it's welcomed or not.

Professor Stephen Bernhardt, who studies expanding literacies, says although some may not want to recognize it as a permanent fixture, Fahlman has unknowingly contributed to a major change in our language.

"I think much of our language use is increasingly mediated by computers," Bernhardt says.

Fahlman says this isn't the first time language has changed due to new ways of communication. However, he says he believes his creation signals more of a trend embraced by a younger generation than a change to the language as a whole.

"In the old days when people were paying by the character a similar thing happened," he says. "When it got to be that you could send e-mail with a keyboard that went away, but when people are typing on a telephone keyboard it came back again."

He cites abbreviations as another byproduct of a society that increasingly depends on a machine to talk to other humans. Nevertheless, Bernhardt says the emoticon might be more than just a cute trend.

"I think they serve a need and they add to the expressiveness," he says. "There are a lot of pressures on

people to be literate in electronic media and I think generally people rise to that challenge."

Fahlman says he is less certain of the staying power the smiley has.

"Maybe this is how some of these people are going to communicate for the rest of their lives," he says, "but I kind of doubt it."

Bernhardt says like it or not, the best thing to do is sit back, relax and smile at the new version of the English language, complete with colors, shapes and winks.

"It doesn't help to wag your finger at it, or claim that language is disintegrating or that people are becoming less literate," Bernhardt says. "People are just becoming differently literate."

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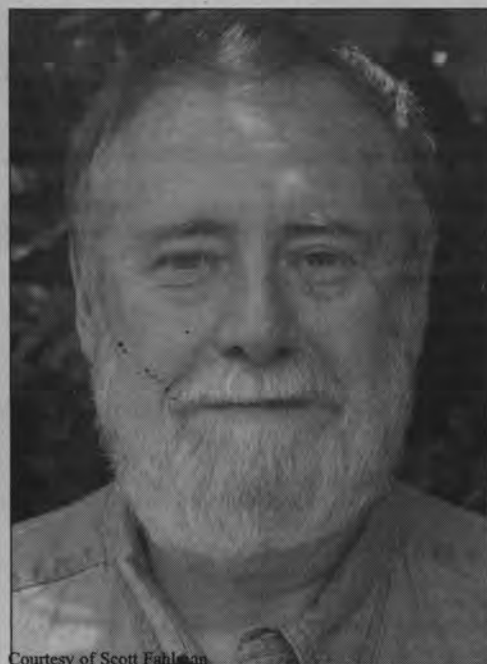
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UD vs. DSU goes national

Controversy brought to question by ESPN column



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THE REVIEW/John Transue

BY MICHAEL LORE

Managing Sports Editor

ESPN.com Page 2 columnist and '94 graduate of the university Jeff Pearlman may not be welcomed back to his alma mater Oct. 13 for Homecoming.

In a recent column for one of the biggest sports' media outlets, Pearlman warned a fictitious football recruit, to not attend the University of Delaware. His number one reason — the university's racist actions.

"The University of Delaware's persistent refusal to face Delaware State University in football is cowardly, pig-headed, self-righteous and, worst of all, oozing with racism," he wrote in his column on Sept. 20.

Pearlman's recent column spurred a national debate over a topic that has been talked about in the state of Delaware for several years.

Delaware football head coach K.C. Keeler might have rejected Pearlman's requests for interviews, but decided to address the issue at a Monday afternoon press conference.

"I want a D-II team on the schedule every year because those are games we should win 90 percent of the time," Keeler said. "I want I-A games every other year. After that, I want to play as many games in [Delaware Stadium] as we can."

"If Delaware State wants to fit into that, then great. I'm not going to be the guy scheduling that. That is for other parties to work out. I think we'll play them sooner than later."

Former Delaware football head coach Harold "Tubby" Raymond said he told former-university president David P. Roselle in 1990 that the university should be playing DSU in football.

Seventeen years later, the two teams still have not stepped on the same field.

Raymond said he is concerned that people think race is the main reason the two schools do not play.

"I think the reason has been not coming to an agreement as to how they'll be compensated," he said. "There are some administrative problems."

University athletic director Edgar Johnson said a lot of factors come into play when scheduling football games, including relationships with other university athletic directors, where each team has an opening in its schedule and whether to make the games home or away.

After all of those factors are agreed upon, a contract is signed.

Johnson said he and former DSU athletic director Chuck Bell were friends, but never made an overture to play the Hornets in football.

"Chuck and I had lunch one time and the conversation never came up about playing," Johnson said. "I think they were waiting for me to make an overture and I didn't do it because I had a full schedule."

Delaware State has had multiple athletic directors in the past few years and Johnson said it takes a long time to schedule games, especially when long-going relationships between athletic directors are not present — like his relationship with new DSU athletic director Rick Costello.

Johnson said he plans to contact Costello and DSU after the football

season when things settle down.

"At some point I will call him," Johnson said. "I plan to do it."

While Johnson scoffed at the racist claims, he and other university officials have yet to directly deny those accusations.

The claims that Delaware is racist are being questioned by Keeler, Johnson and others though, because the university plays DSU in 11 sports, just not in football.

Delaware State, located 46 minutes from the University of Delaware, "was founded in 1890 as the State College for Colored Students, and began as a land-grant college for agriculture and mechanical arts," according to its Web site.

University President Patrick Harker, who took office July 1, said he will review all aspects of the university, including athletics in the upcoming months.

"The issue of playing Delaware State is a part of this review," Harker stated in an e-mail message.

Johnson said money is also not an issue why the two universities do not face each other because Delaware Stadium sells out whether the Hens play West Chester University, James Madison University or DSU. He also said games are scheduled well in advance, as the Hens have tentative schedules up until 2011 — including two home games and one away game with South Dakota State University.

The thought of a Delaware in-state rivalry has been compared to the likes of a University of Michigan-Michigan State University or University of Virginia-Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University rivalry, but Johnson said a large factor why those teams play each other is because they are in the same conference.

Delaware plays in the Colonial Athletic Association and DSU competes in the Mid-Eastern Atlantic Conference, not guaranteeing that yearly in-state battle for First State bragging rights.

"Name the place and the day and we'll be there," Costello said in Pearlman's column.

Keeler said he has not been as involved with football scheduling as he would like to be and looking at next year's tough schedule, including away games at the University of Maryland, Furman University and four tough conference road games, he asked athletic director Edgar Johnson if he could be more involved.

Raymond said even though the rivalry will be good for fans and the state of Delaware, he thinks the excitement of the game might fizzle out after the first few meetings.

"I can't see it lasting like a Michigan-Michigan State," he said.

Pearlman, who said he has been trying to start this Delaware-DSU football rivalry since he was a student at the university, said the university needs to go on record and give a clear reason why it will not play the Hornets.

"It's called doing the right thing. How about it would be fun, a great day for the state and one hell of a rivalry?" Pearlman said. "It would show that the world won't explode if they play each other."

commentary



KEVIN
MACKIEWICZ

*You can't handle
the truth*

It's back.

The Hornets have awakened once again, but this time the buzz is being heard across the nation. The University of Delaware now has to deal with the after-effects of a recent column written by ESPN.com writer, Jeff Pearlman.

It was one thing when local papers brought to light that Delaware will not play Delaware State University in football, but with Pearlman's column garnering attention on ESPN.com's Page 2, the controversy of the issue spread to the entire country. He said he never received so much attention for a column, as he had more than 400 comments within the first day his article was published.

Pearlman, a '94 Delaware graduate, blatantly stated in his column the reason for the Hens not creating a rivalry in football with the Hornets is mainly because of race. He wrote, "Delaware's persistent refusal to face Delaware State University in football is...oozing with racism."

Whether or not this stands as the reason for the void of DSU in Delaware's schedule, this is the university's opportunity to show not only the state, but the entire nation, racism plays no role in why the two teams do not have a yearly showdown. With serious and unfortunate situations that still arise in the country from racism, most recently the Jena 6, the administration of Delaware needs to make a stronger stance by knocking down claims they will not face the Hornets because of race.

I do not believe race is a factor in why the two teams have yet to play each other, I think it comes down more to the university being afraid of losing prestige. The Fightin' Blue Hens have been the state's team for ages. Since football lies as the big athletic moneymaker, the university is terrified to lose against a smaller DSU.

See ADMINISTRATION page 30

Pigskin Pass stirs friendly competition

BY SEIF HUSSAIN

Staff Reporter

Before the Hens won for their fourth-straight victory of the season, defeating Towson University 27-7 Saturday, another group of Delaware athletes were hard at work. However, they were not competing against, but rather in collaboration with, Towson athletes in the second-annual Pigskin Pass.

The Pigskin Pass involves students from both schools working together to benefit the Special Olympics. The event was comprised of a 58-mile relay race from Rullo Stadium in Delaware to Towson's Johnny Unitas Stadium.

Students from each university gathered friends and family to sponsor them. Delaware students ran halfway to Towson, and then the rest of the race was run by Towson students, until Delaware's mascot YouDee presented the game-ball right before kickoff.

Senior Alicia Greco, who ran in the event, said participants can run as much or as little as they want. Greco said it was a lot of fun because she got to run with her friends while maintaining a 10-minute mile pace.

Susan Groff, a non-student administrator of the event, said the two schools team up to help the Special Olympics organization.

"The idea behind it is that the [Student Athletic Advisory Council] on each campus does it as their community service project, so the Delaware kids do it for Special Olympics of Delaware, and the Towson kids do it for the Special Olympics of Maryland," Groff said.

She said she was surprised by the overwhelming amount of donations this year, especially in comparison to last year.

Students raised more than \$25,000 this year, in

comparison to approximately \$12,500 in the event's inaugural run. Delaware took a strong lead in the fundraising efforts, raising approximately \$14,000 of this year's total.

"I'm surprised a little, I'm more pleased though, so hopefully we can continue to raise more money each year," Groff said.

Senior Evan Bowen, who helped coordinate the event both years and served as a chairman this year, said it is easier to raise money for the event than it would seem.

"People are very willing to support you, especially when you explain to them what the whole thing is all about," Bowen said. "I thought it was going to be harder, but you know, it's a great cause and people really do come out for it."

Freshman Kiley Friedrich was the most successful volunteer at raising money for the event. She led all participants with raising approximately \$1,400. Friedrich said she had a lot of experience helping with Special Olympics.

"I've been working with the Special Olympics since I was eight, doing volunteer work," she said. "This was really just a great way for me to keep doing that."

Bowen said all of the participants felt motivated by each other, if not in direct competition with their fellow fundraisers.

"The competition is more between the two schools, but it is exciting when you see people who are able to raise a lot of money, especially at your own school, and it motivates you to raise more yourself," Bowen said.

Greco also said the friendly competition is a positive factor, although the football teams battled it out later in the day.



THE REVIEW/John Transue

Ice hockey ranks No. 7 in preseason poll

After last year's fourth-place finish, Hens strive for championship

BY EDWARD KEALY

Staff Reporter

The Delaware men's ice hockey team has high hopes that big expectations and strong team chemistry will translate to a successful 2007 campaign.

Delaware finished last season in fourth place in the American Collegiate Hockey Association National championship Tournament. The team currently is ranked No. 7 in the ACHA preseason poll.

Senior captain Joe Colletti said the team's strong finish and high ranking are why the Hens have big expectations coming into this season.

"After last year and what we've been through, we know we have the talent to win it all," Colletti said.

Senior assistant captain Justin Wehrenberg agreed that last year's season has set the stage for another national tournament berth and a run at the championship.

"We're going to take it one game at a time and we need to get to the playoffs first," Wehrenberg said. "After finishing fourth this past year, we only really have one goal in mind and that's to win it all."

The Hens understand what it takes to win a championship and they will hopefully be able to put it all together, he said. The team constantly emphasizes the importance of practice and offseason workouts

in order to build a sound team.

Colletti said last year's success helped the players realize how the hard work would finally pay off for them.

"We know if we slack off we're not going to get anywhere," he said.

Senior goalie Jim Depfer said the Hens look to older players to step up and take on leadership roles. Senior leadership is vital in molding the younger players into future leaders for the program, he said.

"We've got a great group of seniors this year and all of the other guys who have been around for three years now have a feel for the team, the coach, our system and how everything works on and off the ice," Depfer said. "It makes it a lot easier on the younger guys."

Colletti said the Hens' best strength is their team depth. They have some new players, but because they have a lot of veterans, it should be easy to get the freshmen to buy into the system.

"Everyone has game experience and our top-two lines have played a lot over the past two years," he said. "We've been young in the past, but this year is different."

Team chemistry also serves to be a great asset for the team. Wehrenberg said this squad is more close-knit than past year's teams.

"Everybody gets along with each other and we're all basically best friends," he said. "The way that you perform well on the ice is the type of relationship that you have off the ice and it definitely carries over for our team."

Wehrenberg said the team's one weakness has been the inability to defeat Pennsylvania State University.

"I hate to bring it up, but I'm 0-11 against Penn State," he said.

Wehrenberg said Delaware's goal for this year is to finish in first place, which means the Hens have to defeat the Nittany Lions somewhere along the way.

"We've got to get it in our heads that we're a better team and we've got to beat them, first mentally, and then physically on the ice," he said.

Wehrenberg said he is proud of what the program has become and how the program has evolved over the past few years.

Ultimately, the Hens have one goal in mind and that is a national championship, Depfer said.

"Over the last four years we've really built it up to be a good program," Wehrenberg said. "It's kind of depressing because I only have one more year left, but it was nice to be part of the growing process."

"Hopefully we just pick up where we left off last year and go a little farther next time."



THE REVIEW/Virginia Rollison

The Hens open their season Friday against West Chester University.

Delaware forgets former woes with big win

BY KEVIN MACKIEWICZ

Managing Sports Editor

TOWSON, Md. — The past shall not be repeated.

Delaware (4-0, 3-0 Colonial Athletic Association) needed the easy 27-7 win over the Tigers to show it has forgotten about the last two meetings against Towson. The Hens lost 35-31 in 2005 and 49-35 last year.

Hens' head coach K.C. Keeler said the win was incredibly important not only for the entire team, but most importantly, it helped raise the defense's confidence, which was criticized often last year.

"It's been the best defense we've [had] in the last couple of years," Keeler said.

The No. 11 Hens' showed Towson (2-2, 0-2 CAA) they are a new and improved squad compared to the last time the two teams squared off.

Last year the Tigers traveled to Delaware Stadium and with quarterback Sean Schaefer's arm, compiled 435 passing yards and five touchdowns.

The Hens knew going into Saturday's match up they would have to step up in order to stop Schaefer from hurting the defense with the aerial attack. The defensive unit managed just that. Schaefer was limited to 136 yards and one touchdown before exiting with an injury in the fourth quarter.

Delaware sophomore defensive end Matt Marcopelle said it was crucial the defense applied heavy pressure on Towson's offense all night. The unit managed six sacks, bringing the season total to 15. Last year, the Hens had 13 sacks all season.

"We got the pressure; we had to make plays and get a 'W'," the 6-foot-2-inch, 250-pound Marcopelle said.

The Hens not only put the last two years behind them, but the offense showed it can forget early mistakes. On the first play of the game, senior quarterback Joe Flacco's pass was intercepted by the Tigers' defensive back Drew Mack.

"We put that behind us," Flacco, who went 22-for-33, throwing for 274 yards and one interception, said of the team's shaky start.

On the Hens' series following the interception, they attacked the Tigers' defense. Delaware took 12 plays to march down the field, ending with a one-yard touchdown run up the middle by senior running back Omar Cuff. He finished the night with 109 yards on 27 carries and scored three touchdowns.

Cuff said to be able to come out against a solid Towson team and play dominant was huge for team-morale and confidence.

"This win was very important because everyone has been talking about how Towson is so good, and two years ago we lost to them back here and then back at home," he said. "That just tells a whole lot about our whole team and our character."

Delaware's offense has outscored its opponents 155-61 in the first four games of the season. At this point in the season last year, the offense had only outscored opponents 113-93. With an improved team on both sides of the ball, Delaware has made the beginning of this season appear easy.

"We're a different team than we were last year," Keeler said, giving credit especially to the defense.

The Hens' defensive unit held the Tigers' offense to 157 total yards, the first time a Delaware team has kept an opposing team to under 200 yards during a game since 2004.

Keeler said that with the improvements on defense, it is the best defensive unit Delaware has had in a while.

"It's really nice to see our defense hang around and get some swagger," Keeler said.

The Hens look to extend their winning streak as they take on Monmouth University (0-3, 0-1 Northeast Conference) Saturday at Delaware Stadium.



Photo courtesy of Kevin Whitlock

Joe Flacco (above) has thrown for 200+ yards in 9 straight.



Photo courtesy of Kevin Whitlock

Saturday's game saw a Johnny Unitas Stadium record of 10,856 fans.

Football Standings

Colonial Athletic Association
South Division

	Conf.	Pct.	All	Pct.
Delaware	3-0	1.000	4-0	1.000
James Madison	1-0	1.000	3-1	.750
Villanova	1-0	1.000	3-1	.750
Richmond	1-0	1.000	2-1	.667
William & Mary	0-1	.000	2-2	.500
Towson	0-2	.000	2-2	.500

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Delaware (11)	7	10	7	3	27
Towson	0	0	7	0	7

Senior running back Omar Cuff led the Hens with scoring by compiling three touchdowns. He ran for 113 yards on 27 carries. Senior quarterback Joe Flacco threw for 274 yards while going 22-for-33 with one interception. The defense was led by sophomore defensive end Matt Marcopelle who recorded three sacks for a total loss of 27 yards. The defense held Towson to 157 total yards. The Tigers' running game was held to -16 yards.

Administration must give answers to the public before it is too late

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A loss against the Hornets would prove detrimental to Delaware's program because this affects the university in several ways.

First, the recruiting of Delaware could take a hit because the potential players from neighboring states like New Jersey and Pennsylvania would take a better look at DSU. A Hornets' win over the Hens would automatically raise the credibility of their program.

DSU has attempted within the last few years to make a better name for their football program by making claims they want to move up to Football Bowl Subdivision. Two weeks ago, the Hornets moved into the Top-25 in the Football Championship Subdivision after a 20-7 win over Florida A&M University.

Second, with DSU making a better name for its football program, this must make the Delaware administration nervous. They are aware the Hornets have the ability to travel to Newark and shock the fans with an upset.

Delaware gets nothing out of a win over DSU. Delaware already has the money and funding it needs and would gain nothing out of a game versus the Hornets.

Delaware State would also come out the financial winners by playing Delaware in a match-up because each home game, the Hens bring in approximately 22,000 fans compared to the Hornet's attendance of approximately 6,800.

Delaware athletic director Edgar Johnson said the Hens would receive the same amount of funding for a game against DSU as they do against West Chester University, a Division-II school. Pearlman disagreed with the administration in his column for scheduling the Golden Rams every year.

Even though countless fans would much rather witness an in-state rivalry, Delaware uses the West Chester match-up in its schedule as an automatic-win. Delaware defeated the Golden Rams for the 14th-straight game earlier this season. But if the Hens took on the Hornets year-in and year-out, there would be no guaranteed victory.

Delaware State, of course, has the bigger advantage as to why they should play the Hens. For the Hornets, a win in the Colonial Athletic Association would look great as they come from a lesser Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.

If DSU took the 46-minute trip to Newark and came out the winners, this would be a huge boost for its program, but not for the Hens.

Delaware's administration does not want to have to bother listening to complaints from alumni if they lost because the Hens want to keep hold of the prestige of being the state's prime university for as long as possible.

But as no one truly knows why Delaware has avoided this game, it would be to the university's advantage to come out and tell the truth. Because if nothing is said, somewhere down the line, the controversy is going to grow.

Yes, it will happen. Delaware and the Hornets will eventually face each other in the FCS postseason. And when this happens, if they still are not playing each other in the regular season, Pearlman's column will come back to haunt the university.

If the university thinks it has to dodge questions now, just wait until these two teams eventually face each other on the field in November, or even December. The administration will have no other choice but to answer the questions as to why Delaware never scheduled DSU in a regular season match-up.

The entire nation will come together and give the Hens a hard time for never making this in-state rivalry occur.

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Linebacker tackles another trade: cutting hair

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Staff Reporter

Game day is when players focus on passion, energy, the playbook and winning. But some Delaware athletes add a quality haircut to their game day preparation. Junior linebacker Brian Brown cuts the hair of many of his fellow football players, as well as students. He has quickly become one of the most popular barbers on the campus.

Brown developed a passion for cutting hair as a teen in Fayetteville, Ga. Working at a local Chick-Fil-A restaurant, he noticed a barbershop nearby where a friend of his worked for the same pay. Instead of cutting chicken, Brown decided he wanted to cut hair.

He earned his license when he was just 16 years old and has been cutting hair ever since. The Hens' linebacker said he has come a long way from the days of sweeping up hair at a local barbershop.

"It was a blessing that I had that opportunity," he said. "I had my own chair and a few customers and pulled in around \$300 a week."

The 6-foot, 225-pound linebacker came to Delaware to play football, but knew he still wanted to continue cutting hair.

Over the past two years at Delaware, Brown has built a loyal and legitimate customer base of athletes and students through word-of-mouth and through the internet.

"I have a Facebook group, it's called 'Brian Brown gives the sharpest cuts in town,'" Brown said.

Some football players included in his regular customer base are junior defensive back Fred Andrew, junior tight end Robbie Agnone, sophomore linebacker Walter Blair and senior running back Omar Cuff. Brown said he cut Cuff's hair right before the 39-8 victory over the University of Rhode Island.

One of his most loyal customers, Brent Gaines, had Brown completely change his hair style when he first started cutting his hair.

"I had long hair, very long dreadlocks, and Brian cut it all off," Gaines said. "He has been cutting my hair ever since."

One thing Brown, who has 37 career tackles, said he takes pride in is that he charges less than any barber shop around campus. He charges \$10 per haircut and all customers will have the comfort of getting their hair cut right in his apartment.

When asked who he feels is the best barber on campus, Brown gave a very proud answer. "I am the best barber on campus without question," he said. "After working in a barber-shop for two and a half years, no one has my skill."

"He does the job well, and cheaper than all the local shops," junior Chris Murray stated in an e-mail message. "Getting a haircut with Brian also comes with excellent analysis of any college or professional football team."

Brown said he has many goals on and off the field that he would like to accomplish in his junior year.

"Hopefully we can go all the way and win a national championship," Brown said. "I know that I need to do my own part."

Junior Alex Taliaferro said he is a satisfied customer of Brown, as well as one of the administrators of his Facebook group. He stated in an e-mail message that Brian not only gives the usual friendly buzz cut, but can also shake things up.

"When it comes to getting a haircut on this campus, I believe Brian Brown is hands down the best," Taliaferro said. "In all honesty, I dread having to go home to get a hair cut because the barbers in my local area have been known to be butcher a few heads."

"I found it humorous that recently I had got a mohawk from Brian and I thought I was going to be one of the first but he told me that he had cut six or seven mohawks this year. Other than that, it's just good sports talk and other things you would expect guys to talk about at the barber shop."



Aaron Love (above) caught seven passes for 107 yards Saturday night.
Courtesy of Kevin Whitlock

Weekly Calendar

	Today 9/25	Wed. 9/26	Thurs. 9/27	Fri. 9/28	Sat. 9/29	Sun. 9/30	Mon. 10/1
Men's Soccer		St. Peter's 7 p.m.					
Women's Soccer				@ Old Dominion 7 p.m.		@ William & Mary 12:30 p.m.	
Volleyball	UMBC 7 p.m.			@ George Mason 7 p.m.	@ James Madison 7 p.m.		
Field Hockey				William & Mary 7 p.m.		Old Dominion 1 p.m.	
Men's XC				@ Paul Short Invitational (Lehigh)			
Women's XC				@ Paul Short Invitational (Lehigh)			
Golf							

Athletes Of The Issue



Amy Pickard

Freshman forward Amy Pickard continued her impressive rookie campaign, scoring a goal in each of the last three games for the women's soccer team. Pickard scored the first goal of her collegiate career in a 7-0 romp of Saint Joseph's University, and she has proceeded to score important goals in each of the last three games against Georgetown University, University of Texas-San Antonio and Baylor University.

Her goal against Georgetown on Sept. 16 was the only tally for the Hens in a 3-1 loss. Against Texas-San Antonio on Sept. 21, she led the team with five shots and scored one of two goals for Delaware in its 2-0 win.

Her most impressive game yet came against Baylor on Sept. 23 when she notched four shots and scored Delaware's only goal of the game, tying the match in the 68th minute.

Pickard has started in all seven games this season for the Hens and leads the team with four goals. She also has one assist this season and has tallied 14 shots.



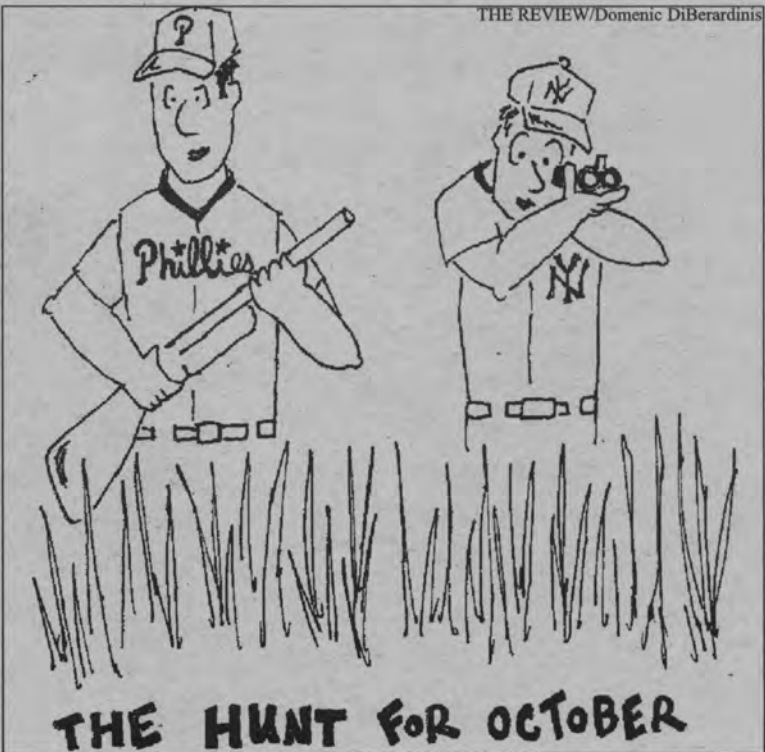
Matt Marcocelle

The Hens' punishing defense anchored by sophomore defensive end Matt Marcocelle, held Towson University to seven points en route to their fourth straight victory. Co-captain Marcocelle sacked Towson quarterback Sean Schaefer three times and recorded six tackles in Saturday evening's game.

He was named the Colonial Athletic Association's Defensive Player of the Week on Monday because of his game-high three sacks for a loss of 27 yards Saturday.

The Hens now have 15 sacks on the season. Delaware only recorded 13 total sacks in 11 games last year, finishing the season with a 5-6 record.

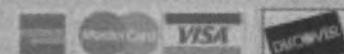
Marcocelle has provided leadership to a younger defensive unit that features freshman defensive back Anthony Walters and junior linebacker Walter Blair. In the third quarter Saturday night, Marcocelle helped silence the Tigers' crowd by putting a punishing hit on Schaefer that resulted in an eight-yard loss and ending a potentially promising drive.



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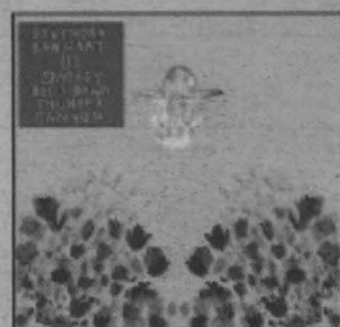
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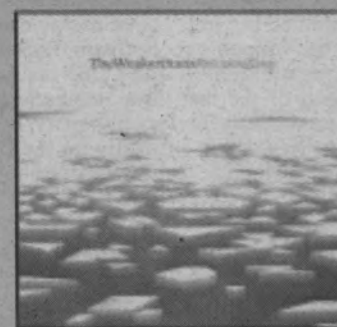
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