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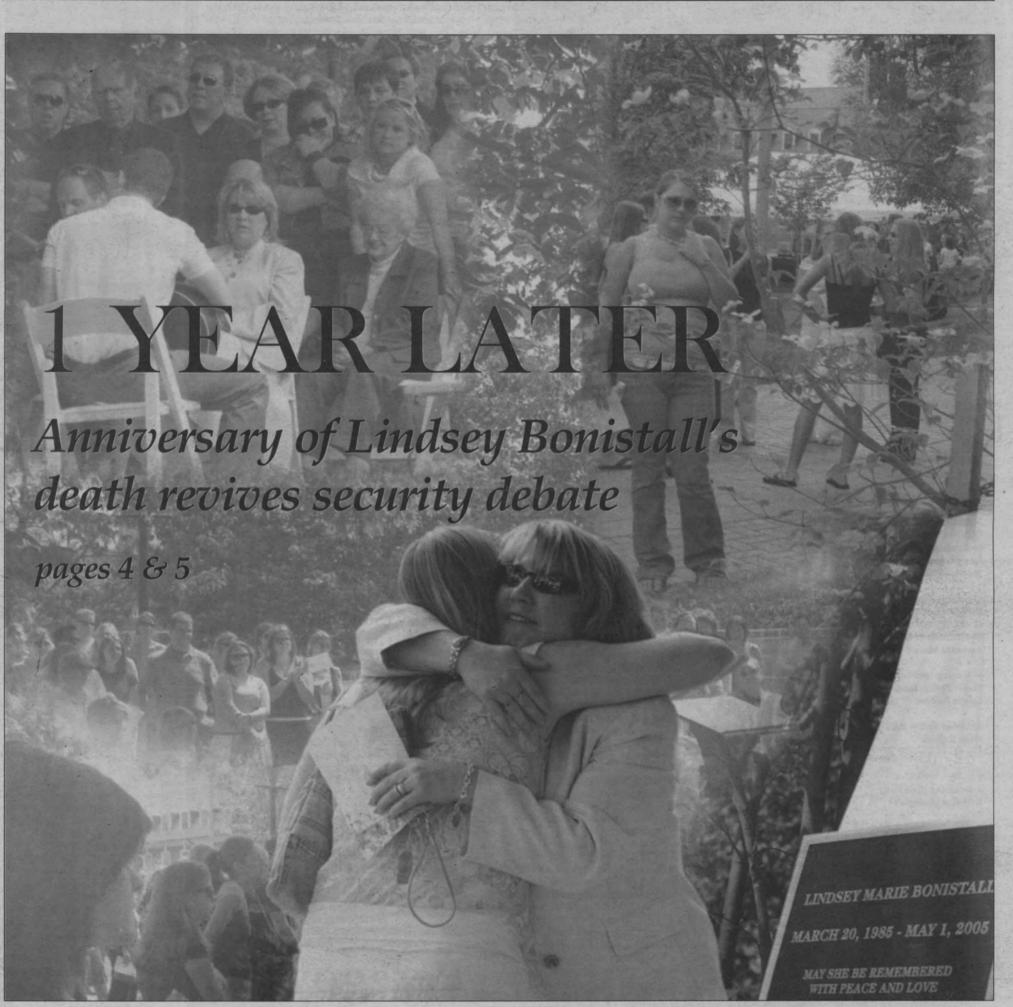
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Former runningback charged with robbery

Former university running back Lonnie Starks was arrested early Saturday morning after he was caught breaking into an apartment on the 800 block of Elkton Road.

The victims, whose names were not released, know Starks, as they are current members of the university football team, the press release said.

Starks, who was the football team's second leading rusher in 2004, entered two different apartments through unlocked back doors, according to a press release

Starks began to place things into a large black bag, police said. The first defendant woke from the noise to find Starks, who ran from the apartment after being found.

The first player followed Starks into another football player's apartment and called for help to detain

The defendant was in the process of packaging items from the second apartment into a bag. He tried to flee but was restrained by the first victim and the resident of the second apartment, who was awakened by the noise, the press release

Newark Police Lt. Thomas LeMin said Stark was caught trying to steal food, alcohol, video games and systems and prescription medi-cine. No weapon was found on

Starks at the time of the arrest.
University football head coach K.C. Keeler was unavailable for

Starks is being charged with burglary, criminal mischief and wear ing a disguise during a felony. He was moved to Howard R. Young Correctional Institution in default of bail, LeMin said.



Lonnie Starks was arrested for breaking into football players?



A CLOSER LOOK: TIMELINE

March 2004, Starks was charged with second degree burglary after stealing books from another university student's dorm room. Charges were never followed through as the defendant never appeared in court.

February 2005, Starks announces he will be leaving the university to move closer to home.

March 2006, three football players are arrested for armed robbery of an ex-football player,

May 2006, Starks is arrested for breaking into two current football players apartments and attempting to rob them.

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Super seniors aren't feeling very super

BY JOYCE ENG

Come May 27, the Delaware Stadium will be teaming with graduating seniors, commencement speakers and proud family members recording every second of the day but there will be a few empty seats.

Many students from the Class of 2006 will have to wait a little longer to don the

sacred cap and gown.
Seniors Nicole Maneri, Stephanie
Checton and Frank Hopkins will wait until December to finish their requirements. And senior Alan Wright will hang around campus until next May.

Maneri said she and Checton figured they would have to stay an extra semester

since they are transfer students.

"It's hard to get all of your requirements out of the way in four years," she said, "but I'm happy to stay in school."

Checton said she is in no hurry to leave.
"I'm not ready to graduate," she said. "I
don't know what I want to do afterward."

Administrative Academic Advisor Renee Fisher said it is not surprising students do not mind staying past their expected grad-

She said she believes many students like being in school longer to fulfill requirements because they can soak in the college atmosphere for a few more months or years instead of entering "the real world."

"I think those who stay really enjoy college, getting an education, don't want to leave right away and want to make the best of their time here," she said.

Wright said he is happy to stay in col-

lege for another year.

"I'm in no rush," he said. "I'd rather avoid getting a real job for as long as possi-

Wright changed his major from biology to physics and picked up a minor as well, which deterred his progress.

Although it is common for many students to stay beyond the standard four year matriculation period, Fisher said academic advisors do everything they can to help stu-

dents graduate on time.

As part of senior checkout, an e-mail is sent two semesters in advance to students who have at least 90 credits. It informs them of their impending commencement and urges them to check their information and track their credits. Follow-up e-mails and letters are sent to students and parents as the big day

"We really try to work with students and help them," Fisher said. "If students are having trouble or are behind, we get them advisement and work through it with them so

they can still graduate.

'I would say on a whole, out of however many seniors we have here — 1,600 — only one or two are surprised that they can't graduate, and those are the ones who don't take responsibility and don't check their e-

Fisher said she does not think it is hard to complete requirements in four years if students regulate their advisement and actually

want to graduate on time.

"I know transfer students and students who switched their majors three or four times and still graduate [on time]," she said. "It depends on if you really want to graduate and make the effort.

"There are different requirements, but some overlap. If you go from Arts and Sciences to the business school, you might have to stay because some credits might not



THE REVIEW/File Photo

For various reasons, some seniors will not graduate this month.

Wright said he believes it is not difficult to fulfill requirements in four years, but most students stay longer because they change majors and do not know what they want to

"Most majors are designed to be done in two or three," he said. "I think that most stay because they end up deciding they'd rather do something else and have to stay out of necessity to complete whatever new major

they've chosen.
"I think that if a student doesn't want to stay longer, they won't change their major because extra time is almost an inevitable

consequence of switching."

Transfer students often fall behind, as

Hopkins, an agricultural business management major, transferred to the university

He said he was not surprised he would not graduate on time.

"It's not necessarily hard to graduate in four years because a majority of my friends are graduating, and they took summer class-es and stuff," he said. "But I think it's harder for transfers and double majors, and I knew right away when I came that I would have to

While Hopkins said he is excited to elongate his collegiate lacrosse career, he is anxious to graduate.

"I do want to graduate and get a job," he said, adding that he hopes to go into the mar-keting field. "I want to make my own money

and not rely on my parents."

But for the rest of the year, he said he is going to relish being a student and hanging out with friends before he makes the final jump into adulthood, something graduating seniors will have to do in a few weeks.

"When we were coming back from Spring Break," Maneri said, "our friend was all upset and said, 'I only have six weeks left.' And we were like, 'We don't!'"

The unavoidable question: what's next?

BY KATHY DAGENHART

'What are you doing after graduation?' It is a question that cannot be avoided; it is inescapable and unavoidable; it is torturous and nagging.

Your college years are over, so what is

For many seniors who, in less than a month, will collect their hard-earned diplomas in front of parents and friends in a filled-tocapacity stadium, it is a question they have not yet been able to answer.

According to an undergraduate place-ment study conducted by the MBNA Career Services Center in 2004, an average of 8 percent of graduates are still seeking employment when they pick up their cap and gown in May

There is good news, however.

MonsterTRAK's 2006 Entry Level Job Outlook, an annual nationwide survey of employers, college students and recent graduates, reports a strong job market this year. The survey determined 72 percent of employers plan on hiring 2006 graduates in the spring or summer, an increase of 8 percent from last year. In addition, 37 percent of employers anticipate employing more entry-level employees than in 2005.

Senior Brett Townsend said he is ready to

end his college experience.
"It's been five years," he said. "I just want to get out of here."

Townsend, a math education major, said he feels as if he is already in "the real world"

"Finally. Wait, already?" - Senior Pam Martin on graduation

because of the eight-hour days he spends stu-dent-teaching. He said his schedule, which requires him to get up at 6 a.m., has caused him some pre-graduation stress as well as

sleep deprivation.

"Also, I don't think I'm even checked-out yet for graduation," he said.

Townsend said he is often asked about his

post-graduation plans, much to his dismay.

It bugs the hell out of me," he said. "Mind your own business.

Although Townsend does not have a job lined up, he said he wants to teach math somewhere in the south, away from his

"You stay cramped up in one state for 22 years of your life," Townsend said. "You realize that it is time to change.'

Townsend said he will miss his college years and is in no hurry to get a job, make money or to settle down.

He said he hopes his future holds a lot of happiness and that he is a positive influence on the lives of all of his future high school

"My ideal job will be a perfect husband, a perfect father, a perfect grandfather, a perfect teacher and a perfect coach — all at the same time," Townsend said.

Some may call senior Danielle Rabin an

overachiever. She is the president of the Public Relations Student Society of America, former vice president of her sorority, Delta Gamma, and has had five internships working in public relations, her desired field.

Rabin, however, does not know what she is doing after graduation.

Rabin said she thought she had prepared herself for landing her dream job out of college, gaining experience wherever she could. After four recent unsuccessful interviews in New York City for various public relations jobs, Rabin said she is dealing with a "reality check" and a substantial amount of stress.

"I feel like I've done the right thing my whole life," Rabin said. "I've always worked hard and didn't always do what I wanted and now it's coming back to bite me in the ass." Rabin said her feelings about graduation

are bittersweet.

"I am excited to be starting a new chapter in my life," Rabin said, "but I am also sad to leave my friends and independence behind."

Rabin will be moving back home to New Jersey after graduation. She said she is not looking forward to dealing with the lack of freedom, privacy or money.

Senior Pam Martin, an animal science and biology major, said she has mixed feelings on her rapidly-approaching alumna status.

"Finally. Wait, already?" she said.

Martin said graduating has caused her more stressed than usual and she is paranoid that something will happen to cause her not to

'My classes are challenging and I'm so scared that I'm going to fail one and therefore not graduate," Martin said. "That has never happened before, but I'm stressing myself to

This summer, Martin plans on bartending and working at the animal hospital where she has been an employee for several years to save

money.

She said some of her family and friends

do not approve of her plans.

"Some people are pissed that after four years of tuition bills and hard work, I'll be bartending all summer, like I took my education for granted or something," she said. "I tried to look for a job. I really did."

Martin said she is not ready to trade in her jeans and hoodies for a business suit just yet.

"I'm not ready to be corporate," she said.
"I just want to be 21 for a while."

Martin said she is scared about life after college because she does not know what to expect. She is worried about money - paying back loans and paying for her apartment, where she will be living with her sister and another friend this summer.

"I don't really know what life is supposed to be like after college," Martin said. "It's

New evidence could show prostate cancer more widespread

A massive genetic screening effort spearheaded by an Icelandic com-pany has identified a DNA pattern that appears to increase men's chances of getting prostate cancer, especially the faster-growing forms of the dis-

If confirmed, the finding could spur men carrying the DNA variant to be especially diligent about getting periodic tests for the disease. Carriers are diagnosed with the cancer might also be advised to seek aggressive treatment instead of waiting in the hope that the disease progresses slowly, as is sometimes recommended.

The researchers concluded that men with the variant are approximately 60 percent more likely to get prostate cancer and that the genetic glitch is responsible for about 8 percent of all prostate cancers.

They also found the high-risk DNA pattern is about twice as common

in African-Americans as in European whites.

House Republicans move to abolish bilingual ballots

A group of House Republicans wants to do away with bilingual ballots and translation assistance at the polls, a reflection of how tensions over immigration are pervading other issues.

As Congress readies to reauthorize the 1965 Voting Rights Act, lawmakers are lobbying their colleagues to let the act's language assistance

provisions expire.

The 56 lawmakers support the act, but say language assistance to vot—provided throughout most of California — undermines national unity, increases the risk of election fraud, and puts an undue burden on state and local governments

The Senate and House are to conduct committee hearings next week on reauthorizing the Voting Rights Act. Rep. Steve King, R-Iowa, principle sponsor of letting the language assistance provision expire, plans to submit his proposal as an amendment in the House Judiciary Committee this week.

The proposal's backers say U.S.-born or naturalized citizens should know enough English to vote, particularly because a command of the language is a requirement for citizenship.

Army re-evaluates the role of National Guard in combat

National Guard troops in Iraq, which once constituted half of the U.S. Army's fighting force, have been dramatically reduced and could be phased out of major combat responsibilities next year as military officials debate their role in future conflicts.

The debate over the Guard is occurring partly inside of a larger process as the Army pursues a plan to reorganize how it trains and deploys activeduty and reserve forces overseas. Some officers are suggesting the Guard's

combat role be reassessed. The Guard reached a high of 50,285 troops deployed to Iraq in March 2005, a force that included eight combat brigades and a division headquarters. Today there are 23,000 Guard members and two combat brigades. The

Guard combat force will shrink to one brigade later this year as the Pennsylvania National Guard returns home. With 351 Guard soldiers killed in Iraq and another 2,867 wounded, many active-duty officers avoid criticizing the force. But some regular Army officers have suggested that many of the Guard units were too cau-

tious, overly concerned with casualties, and simply did not have the intensity of training to match the active-duty force. Guard units were not able to quickly master the difficulties of the counter-insurgency fight, say some

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

Pizza delivery driver robbed

A 25-year-old pizza delivery driver was returning to his car at approximately 1:40 a.m. after making a delivery on Lehigh Road, when he was approached in the Park Place Apartments parking lot by an uknown suspect, Newark Police said.

The suspect, armed with a knife, demanded the victim to turn over his money, Lt. Thomas LeMin said. Both men struggled over the knife during the robbery, but the suspect was able to flee with the victim's cash in a

white vehicle, possibly a Hyundai Elantra or Kia, LeMin said.

The suspect is described as a 25 to 28-year-old man, 5' 11" to 6' 1," of an average to muscular build and short close-cut hair, LeMin said.

The victim was not injured in the incident.

Vehicle damaged in hotel parking lot
A Range Rover belonging to a 31-year-old woman from New Jersey
was broken into late Thursday in the Homewood Suites parking lot, located at 640 S. College Ave., Cpl. Scott Simpson said.

Between approximately 6 p.m. Thursday and 6:14 a.m Friday, both the windshield and the passenger side window were broken, Simpson said. Both a Coach purse and black planner were removed from the vehicle.

The total property stolen is valued at \$630 and the total damaged property at \$1,700, Simpson said.

Police are not further investigating the incident.

Kevin Mackiewicz



THE REVIEW/Mike DeVoll

A pink Dogwood tree was planted between Perkins Student Center and Memorial Hall to commemorate the life of sophomore Lindsey Bonistall, who was murdered last May.

Remembering Lindsey Memorial held in honor of Bonistall

BY CAITLIN GINLEY & CAIT SIMPSON

Sunlight shone through the wooded grove Saturday afternoon as approximately 100 students, residents, faculty and family members gathered to remember the life of Lindsey M. Bonistall.

Junior John Visconi sat in front of the crowd with

his guitar in his lap, explaining why he chose to dedicate a song to Lindsey's memory.

The wind lightly swept through the grove as he softly sang "Somewhere Over the Rainbow." Some joined in singing under their breaths while others brushed tears from their faces

Prefacing his song, Visconi said this version of a childhood classic was able to touch more than 2,000

people in rush hour on a California freeway.

"Within four minutes, this song changed their lives," he said. "That was the effect Lindsey had on us."

One year after her death, Lindsey's presence will be

memorialized by the dedication of a pink Dogwood tree.
University President David P. Roselle said the tree

was planted on the side of the path between Memorial Hall and Perkins Student Center where Lindsey, an English major, would have walked often between her classes and The Review.

"It's fitting that we gather here in the height of spring to celebrate Lindsey," Roselle said. He commented on her vibrant personality and how

she touched so many members of the university commu-

Junior Nicole Gengaro, a friend of Lindsey's, spoke about how her life would be if Lindsey was still alive.

"I can picture how messy your room would be," Gengaro said. "Or what interesting food you'd have in our fridge.

She said the past year was hard but she has tried to

stay positive for Lindsey's sake.
"I held back the tears knowing you'd hate it if I cried," Gengaro said.

Junior Jon Little, another friend of Lindsey's, said she could brighten any day. He recited lines from the

song "Bless You" by John Lennon.

"She'll always be part of my life," he said.

Senior Christine Bush, Lindsey's friend and former roommate, addressed her old friend in a reflection on their time together.

"You were my biggest fan and knew me well,"

Bush said. "I was lost without you.
"I have learned that life will always go on...I feel privileged to have known you.'

Mark Bonistall, Lindsey's father, said the memorial was spectacular and he was impressed by the wonderful things said about his daughter

"Obviously, Lindsey controls the weather," he said,

commenting on the beautiful day.

Bonistall said he thinks his daughter would have accomplished a great deal had she not been murdered last May.

"I think she would've changed the world in a positive, positive way," he said.

The memorial was a testament to her ability to

affect others, Bonistall said. "I'd love if Lindsey was here and could see how everyone was touched by her," he said.

Mr. Bonistall made sure to keep the memorial positive by focusing on his activist group, PEACE OUTside

campus, which works to promote safety off-campus.
"We have a quote on our T-shirts: 'Peace cannot be achieved by force. It can only be achieved through understanding," he said. "That's what I believe."

Newark Mayor Vance A. Funk III said the commu-

nity turnout was moving and found the ceremony touch-

ing. He recalled the times Lindsey had interviewed him for her newspaper articles

"She was by far the best reporter I had ever been interviewed by," he said. "She was always calling me back to check her facts.

"I really enjoyed working with her."

Lindsay's cousin, Amy Bonistall, said she would

have appreciated the service.
"It's hard," she said. "We just cherish her life. It's a

day by day thing.

Monsignor Michael Szupper, after offering a prayer to Lindsey, compared the Dogwood tree to her bubbly

"May this tree be a tree of memory, of honor, of love," he said. "Our memories of Lindsey this day are beyond words, but memories are strong

Mark Bonistall said the tree would serve as a con-

stant reminder of Lindsey every spring.
"When springtime comes, I'll be looking at that tree and the birds and smiling and remembering Lindsey," he

Peace Outside Campus Victim's sister

Organization promotes offcampus security

BY RACHEL SEAWELL

"Peace out" was Lindsey's big sign off, said Kristen Bonistall, Lindsey Bonistall's sister and co-founder of PEACE OUTside

Campus.
The organization is dedicated to promoting safe environments in offcampus college communities not only at the university, but nation-wide, following Bonistall's murder a

Recently accepted as a Registered Student Organization, PEACE OUTside Campus is meant to be a symbol of Lindsey's enthusiastic, kind and free-spirited personality, but also serves as an acronym the organization's goals: Prevention, Education, Advocacy, Certified Off-campus housing, Empowerment, Off-campus safety, University collaboration and Trusted

"We were trying to think of a way to capture our goals but also a piece of Lindsey and her memory, with the Peace Out in bold," Kristen "Peace is an overall concept,

and it's a big one."

She said the main topics of concern include precautions students can take to protect themselves and their personal property while living in an off-campus community, how they can safeguard their apartments against those who perpetuate crime and understand their leases and their rights when it comes to landlords.

Kristen said students can learn how to protect themselves by being aware of the resources available. Such resources include the local police force, campus police and taking self-defense classes that are offered on campus and in the com-

munity.
"We don't want to scare people, we want to educate people," Kristen said. "Our goal is to empower students and their families to be more proactive in safeguarding themselves against those who perpetuate crime. It's really about 'peace of mind' for those who are living off campus.

The organization was estab-lished by Bonistall's friends and family to promote safe environments in off-campus communities for college students across the country, but with the university being its first

point of interest.

"This is where Lindsey's friends are and where she went to school," Kristen said. "Also, a group of students from the university who knew Lindsey and wanted to become involved approached us.

The organization's president, junior Jon Little, said it is currently trying to focus on upperclassmen who are living off campus and to improve off-campus housing in gen-

"This group is a part of the foundation that Lindsey's family started, The Lindsey M. Bonistall Foundation, and one of our main



THE REVIEW/Stacey Kleber

The Bonistall family established PEACE OUTside campus to raise awareness about safety issues off campus.

goals is to start up off-campus hous-ing that is certified by the universi-Little said.

Kristen said the group would also like to become involved with the parents of college students, to them feel comfortable with their children living off campus and make them knowledgeable about the safety measures their children should

These efforts include verifying the locks were changed on doors before moving into an apartment, knowing who has keys to an apartment other than the landlord and just simply keeping the door locked, even if someone is home.

"I think most students don't understand that they do not live in a bubble," Kristen said. "They are living in a community where it's a town full of college kids and things hap-

There are currently 10 students involved in PEACE OUTside Campus at the university, and 19 stu-dents involved at the University of Kentucky where Lindsey's cousin attends college. Focusing mainly on universities in the Northeast, Kristen said other colleges in Michigan, Pennsylvania and New York have expressed an interest in starting a chapter of PEACE OUTside

Campus.

Mark Bonistall, Lindsey's father and co-founder of the Lindsey M. Bonistall Foundation said he believes the one thing that would make the organization stronger is to

have more student participation.
"The PEACE OUTside Campus

chapters are only as strong as its membership," he said.

Although the organization has not yet held many activities, it held a benefit with Homegrown Cafe and Caffe Gelato May 1, in which part of the proceeds went toward PEACE

OUTside Campus.

Ryan German, Caffe Gelato manager, said he was approached two weeks ago to participate in the

"Lindsey worked for us a short period of time last year and we just thought it was important that we supported an organization that could help prevent violence in the future," he said. "I think [the benefit] went well. People came out to support PEACE OUTside Campus to our restaurant and some of the other places that were participating. I think that organization definitely raised some money that will help in the

Sasha Homegrown, said the restaurant participated in the event because Lindsey worked there as well.

"It was a nice thing to do," she said. "We definitely had a lot of people come in and support [the bene-fit]. We donated money to the foundation as well and allowed for people to make additional donations.

In another event on Friday, PEACE OUTside Campus set up a kiosk in Trabant University Center selling T-shirts and wristbands to help raise awareness about the newly established RSO.

Both Kathleen and Mark Bonistall were present to talk with

Throughout the day, numerous students approached the stand and were asked by members of the organization to fill out surveys accessing their knowledge of offcampus resources and how they

think safety can be improved.

PEACE OUTside Campus is actively looking for students who are interested and concerned about offcampus safety and promoting cooperation with between community and university.

addresses safety

BY MOLLY KERESZTURY

Just six months after sophomore Lindsey Bonistall was brutally murdered in her Towne Court apartment, Kristen Bonistall, Lindsey's 23-year-old sister, discovered her Boston apartment had been burglarized

Although Kristen was home in New York when a burglar pried an air conditioning unit from a window and slipped into her apartment, the breakin served as a chilling reminder of her sister's death and her own vulnerabil-

"For me, after Lindsey, the thoughts that ran through my mind were 'oh my God, what if my roommate was home? What if he was after more than just a laptop?" "Kristen said.

Speaking to approximately 150 people in the Trabant University Center Thursday night, Kristen shared personal experiences, as well as numerous tips to prevent crime in an effort to promote off-campus safety.

The evening was sponsored by PEACE OUTside Campus, an organization founded by the Bonistall family following Lindsey's death to raise student housing safety awareness

"We want to make sure Lindsey isn't just another statistic," Kristen said.

After black and white home videos traced Lindsey's life from pigtails to cap and gown, Kristen addressed a tearful audience on the importance of investigating window locks and security precautions to investigate before

signing a lease and moving in.

To illustrate how easily break-ins can occur, PEACE OUTside Campus members surveyed university students and found a startling amount were careless about locking their doors consistently and knowing who had keys to their apartment. Ninety percent of off-campus students polled did not know if their locks had been changed prior to moving in and 90 percent said they kept their doors unlocked if they were home.

To illustrate her point, Kristen pushed the results of the survey as a plea for students to take action and become educated about protecting themselves. "I'm so disturbed by how lax so many students were here," she said, "It's not like there should be a sense of fear, but it's being naïve."

The facts Kristen presented made an impact on senior Jessica Lyons. A current resident of Park Place, Lyons said she is nervous about living in an area with a dangerous reputation.

She also said she plans to take some precautions, like finding out exactwho has copies of her keys.

"I've been in my apartment twice when maintenance people have come in," Lyons said. "All of the sudden, there's a 'hello?' from my living room." The surprise encounters were made worse because both times, Lyons was clad in only a towel when the apartment employees entered her living

She said Kristen's pointers on security alerted her it was necessary to ask her building questions about who had keys to her door.

"She was really thorough on questions to ask the landlord," Lyons said, "It's really valid to know."

Although Lindsey's unexpected death last May caused a flurry of questions about campus safety, Kristen said many students at the university are not as aware of risks because, unlike schools like Temple University, students generally fell secure on campus.

"The fact that it appears to be a sleepy, homey and safe environment is more of a reason to have these talks," Kristen said after her speech. "The

criminals know that it's an open door community."

But junior Jonathan Little, a former floor-mate and friend of Lindsey's,

said he is aware of the dangers on Delaware's campus.

"Personally, I was in Paris last fall and I felt safer there than here," Little said. "But I've been more aware of crime here since Lindsey passed away."

When he returned from Fall Semester in France, Little joined PEACE

OUTside Campus to promote a safer environment and help the Bonistall family implement the organization's goals on campus.

The presentation on off-campus safety was its first planned event, but Little said he thought the night went well and hopes more students will sign up for PEACE OUTside Campus after the evening's large turnout. As a recently designated RSO, he said the group hopes to achieve university certified off-campus housing

In addition to the information Kristen provided on deadbolts and smoke detectors, Cpl. Frank Besaw of university police spoke to the audience about self-defense and how breaking the barrier between public safety and the students was the best way to strengthen campus safety.

'I wish I had a magic wand where I could wave it and all bad people

would go away," Besaw said. "I don't, but I do have knowledge."

Besaw, who has three daughters, encouraged the mostly female audience

to enroll in Public Safety's Rape Aggression Defense program.
"So please, give me a chance," he said. "Work with me, I can help you out."

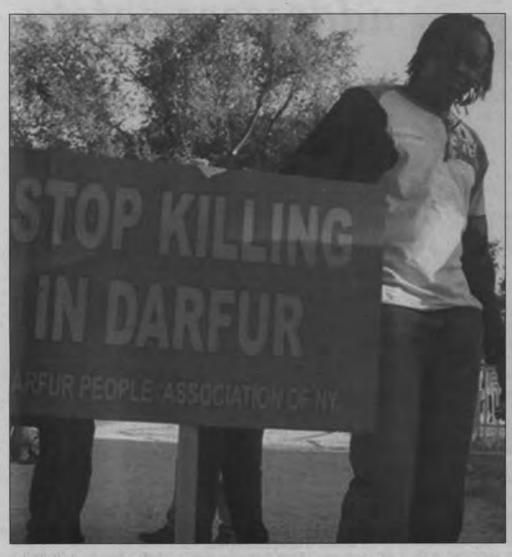
Although one year has passed since Kristen lost her only sibling, she said the pain has not faded.

"Everybody says time heals all wounds, but Lindsey's death is such a scar," Kristen said before she took the podium, her voice cracking slightly.

However, Kristen said educating students about off-campus safety and

ways they can avoid dangerous situations has helped her channel the pain. 'We can't actually change people's desires to perpetrate crime," Kristen said, "but what we can change are the opportunities they have to do it."

Darfuris speak out against genocide





courtesy of Kate Ogden

Darfuri refugees and the organizer of the "Rally to Stop Genocide in Darfur" spoke with The Review following the march on the National Mall April 30.

BY MEG VANDEVENTER

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Hundreds of bodies are piled on top of one another in a dark room, starving and questioning if death could really be any worse.

These refugee hideouts house some of the millions displaced after the Sudanese rebel army, the Janjaweed, torched and destroyed a region more than 130 times the size of

Darfuri refugees and activists proved not all hope will be lost in Sudan when the U.S. government finally recognized the ethnic cleansing in Darfur as the first genocide of the 21st cen-

Following the "Rally to Stop Genocide in Darfur" on April 30 in Washington, D.C., activist and rally organizer David Rubenstein sent an e-mail May 5 to the Save Darfur Coalition announcing the first step toward peace:

"Earlier today, the Sudanese government and two of the main Darfur rebel factions signed a peace agreement to end three years of fighting that has killed hundreds of thousands and displaced millions from their homes.

Rubenstein said, between the media coverage and 800,000 million postcards sent to President George W. Bush, Deputy Secretary of State Robert Zoellick was dispatched for peace talks in Darfur.

In interviews with The Review following the rally April 30, refugees shared their struggles to survive and Rubenstein shared his views on the crisis.

William Mayom

He awoke from his sleep to the sounds of bombing and screams of sheer terror. William Mayom was 9 years old when the home he once knew became just another statistic.

"I remember hearing yelling, 'the enemy is coming, the enemy is coming,' "Mayom said.

The village had been attacked by a rebel army in Sudan in

a region known as Darfur.

'I could never forget when I watched my dad get killed,' Mayom recalled. "My aunt, my brother, my sister — they were

Mayom managed to escape with another group of refugees and traveled on foot for more than two years before reaching Kenya, where the United Nations rescued some of the survivors. He said many died trying to make the journey.

"There were lions and snakes and many others constantly killing off the others," he said. "We walked day and night, day and night, until we came to Kenya."

Mayom said his village was among the first to be targeted by rebel groups in 1991.

When he reunited with his mother in 2001, she could not

"Everybody just assumed I was dead," he said.

Twelve years later, in 2003, those very same rebel armies attacked Sudanese military installations and the government in Khartoum turned on its own people — genocide ensued.

Peter Mayan

Peter Mayan remembers the Janjaweed arriving on horseback after the Sudanese Air Force bombed nearby villages. The rebel armies attacked surrounding areas in a ritual practice of genocide, all too familiar in Darfur.

'Many of my people were raped and killed," he said. Mayan fled Darfur after the first attacks began on the western region in Sudan. He took refuge in Cairo and received aid from various Christian religious groups.

'The truth of the matter is that these raids have been going on for years," he said. "Only now we are finally getting recog-

Mayan said everybody thought hope was lost in Darfur. When he returned to visit his village in 2000 he found nothing but destruction and grass grown over the place he once called

"You see, the white-empowered Arab nationalists believe they are better than everybody else," he said. "They are racist. They want to rid the entire country of my brothers.

Sudan is controlled entirely by its wealthiest 25 percent, leaving the black population powerless to Arab authority, he

"You always wanted to ask why but by asking why, you do a lot of stuff," he said. "You can get yourself killed."

Mayan said he can remember a time when his cousin

would go to mosque when he went to church. He said the African people in Darfur were never divided by their religious

"We have Muslims and we have Christians but you can't even tell who is who," he said. "First and foremost, we are black, we're African, we're human."

The Sudanese military is made up of 75 percent of Darfur's

men who are convinced to believe the Muslim tradition is the only way. Mayan said if given the opportunity, he would be able to convince his people to first see themselves as Dafuri.

"The government was telling them, 'hey, let's go fight against those infidels,' "he said. "They don't know what they

Mayan said if he could return home, he would tell the people there is hope

"Because the American people got the message and they working on it," he said. "Something good — it's coming."

Mayan said he felt content knowing there is a foreseeable

end to the suffering.
"Genocide will not be going on again," he said. "That is the best thing we could tell them.'

Mayan said he ended up in Buffalo, N.Y. alone and wondering if he would ever see his family again. He said he was 14years-old when he was separated from his mother, who was sent

"My family couldn't all go live in the same countries so they asked me, 'Are you a young man? Are you strong? You can go to the United States."

"Save Darfur" rally organizer, David Rubenstein

Rubenstein had not always believed peace was possible. When he looked out over the crowd of more than 50,000 activists at the Washington, D.C. rally, he was overwhelmed. When Berklee student vocalists, the Voices of Mercy,

arrived on stage and sang their songs of hope, tears rolled from

Rubenstein said grassroots protests across the country were responsible for the government taking action.

The first step has been taken, he said, but the American people must continue to make strides in saving the people of

"That's the wonderful thing about youth, they have lots of time, they have lots of energy, they have lots of idealism," he said. "And that's what gets things launched."

Rubenstein said the world does not have to be the way it is. Each person can help to make the difference and this rally was

"In the history of civil movements, it all started with college students taking a lead on this and letting adults know what's important," he said.
"We can change the world."

Alumna brings refuge to Sudan

BY IAN PALKOVITZ

Stephanie Weber sits in a burning hot classroom in the heart of Sudan. She is learning to speak Arabic, listening carefully to her Sudanese friends. As usual, the ther-

mometer has climbed past 120 degrees.

As she looks out the window, she sees a giant wall of sand and dust rushing across the arid city. Her jaw drops in amazement as the dust fills the air, her throat and her lungs. Soon it begins to rain, streaking down through the dusty air, splashing onto the thirsty ground. It is the first rain this year.

Weber, who graduated from the university in 2004 with a degree in nursing, has always had a desire to help African people. In 2001, she spent six weeks visiting refugee camps in Sudan.

She said she fell in love with the country and people and returned in January 2006 to learn Arabic, familiarize herself with the culture and prepare to work as a nurse in the

refugee camps.
"Since I was a little girl, I've been drawn to Africa," Weber stated in an e-mail message. "I knew I wanted to work in a foreign country because I love foreign peoples. So I read about many different countries and the problems the people faced. But no country kept my interest as Sudan did. I began to

want to help the victims of war.' Political science professor Daniel Green said a humanitarian crisis in Darfur, a region in Eastern Sudan, began in 2003 when the government sent forces to quell a rebellion in the area. Since then, the Sudanese government has clandestinely supported the Arab Janjaweed militia, a group many people accuse of committing brutal crimes against humanity, including

"These Arab horseman attack the peo-ple of Darfur who have much darker skin," Green said. "They attack, kill, rape, burn villages and torture the Sudanese.

Green said the Sudanese government disavows the existence of any genocide or a connection to the Janjaweed militia, but substantial evidence indicates otherwise.

"Nobody who looks at this with an

open mind and honest intentions can deny that a great crime is being committed there and innocents are being slaughtered," he

Even in the midst of a war, Weber said



Former nursing major Stephanie Weber is visiting refugee camps in Sudan.

the Sudanese people have proven to be amazingly resilient.

'The focus in "The focus in life here are on relationships with people and not on agenda or schedules," she said.
"I absolutely love the people. I love their warm hospitality and the way they are so

curious about me and want to know me. I have found the Arabs and Muslims to be especially warm and welcoming to me and genuine."

Weber said many of the refugees have been gathering in camps on the outskirts of Khartoum, the capital of Sudan.

"Northern Sudan is very brown, sandy, hot and dusty because it's in the middle of the Sahara," she said. "Even though the Nile [River] is nearby, the land is incredibly dry

"These people captivated my heart." - alumna Stephanie Weber, who is working as a nurse in Sudan

and brown. The refugee camps outside of

Khartoum are even more dry and brown."

The streets are dirt and there are often water shortages. Weber said people live in mud-brick huts and burlap shanties.
"I spent a night with a Sudanese friend

who lives in a more settled refugee camp," she said. "I slept outside, in the courtyard, on the hard sand in my sleeping bag under

Weber said she went to Sudan for the refugees and victims of war.

"These people captivated my heart," she said. "I just visited the area today, and

these people have nothing but [they] become so excited when you simply wave to them and talk with them.

They are a forgotten and oppressed people, and any foreigner who travels there who is friendly is an instant sign of hope.

There is disagreement among the Sudanese about western civilizations' roles in bringing peace to the nation. Weber said some Sudanese want the United Nations and American peacekeepers to intervene, but others believe more soldiers would only lead to more bloodshed.

"I am torn," she said. "I don't know what will change the situation besides a change of heart in the Northern Government of Sudan, the Janjaweed and the other soldiers in Darfur."

Weber said the political situation between Sudan and the United States is strained, making it difficult for America to have a positive influence on the situation.

"In order for Americans to help here in

Sudan personally, they need to be trusted by the Sudanese," she said. "My ability to work and thrive and survive here in Sudan is impacted by the general relationship between our two countries."

Senior Michael McKain, a former member of the university's College Democrats, said Sudan has been torn apart by ethnic, cultural and religious differences The war has had immense human come Entire villages are scattered, broken and

"According to current reports, there are 2.5 million people who have been driven from their homes as a result of violence," he said. "Nearly 3.5 million are living in famine or near famine conditions and around 400,000 have died or been killed so

This month, Weber is temporarily returning to the United States to raise money to help support a Sudanese man named Reverend John, who is creating a village for orphans in Southern Sudan. Before she returns to Sudan, Weber said, she hopes to get more specific training as a nurse and network with other people who are planning on working in Sudan.

This desire to live and love and nurse overseas is now ingrained in me more than when I first came here in January," she said. "This return is simply a detour, not defeat."

Students receive awards for community service

BY JESSICA O'BRIEN

Junior Vincenza Carrieri-Russo was teaching dance class as a senior at A.I. Dupont High School in 2002 when she decided the children sitting in the waiting room needed something more. She brought a basket of books for the children to read.

"It just developed from there," she said.

Almost four years later, Carrieri-Russo's book basket idea has become a non-profit literacy program called Success Won't Wait. The program has collected more than 30,000 books, set up 150 book baskets and built three libraries throughout Delaware.

Carrieri-Russo was one of 46 student volunteers honored at the Town and Gown Committee Student Volunteer Award Ceremony May 1, where she received the Nikki Woolf Volunteer of the Year award for her dedication to Success Won't Wait.

Nikki Woolf, a student at the university, was killed in 1993 when she was hit by a car while crossing I-95. Her parents established the award in her memory a year later, to honor students dedicated to volunteering like their daughter had been.

Her father, Dennis Woolf, presented the award to Carrieri-Russo and said his daughter had been dedicated to working with VOICE, a group of students who volunteered at the Delaware Psychiatric Center.

Carrieri-Russo said serving the community has simply

"Volunteering has always been a part of me," she said. "I didn't choose volunteering — volunteering chose me."

Senior Mary Akhimien echoed this sentiment when she

said volunteering has always been an important part of her

She was honored for her work this year with Delaware Futures, a Wilmington-based program that provides mentors for high school students who have the potential to become successful college students.

"I help the students prepare their college applications and personal statements and make sure they're on the right " she said.

Akhimien began working with Delaware Futures in November and said she feels like she has made a difference

"The student I mentor is actually coming to visit here and sit in on some classes," Akhimien said. "She might come here too, so I guess I'm going to give her a taste of university life." university life

Carson Henry, the volunteer coordinator at Delaware Futures who works with Akhimien, said she has truly risen to the call of duty and helped the program in every way she can, especially by working to improve the life of her stu-

"She's guiding her in the whole decision-making process and her future," Henry said. "As far as Mary's concerned, very rarely do you see an undergrad making such an impact. Being so busy working in her various student organizations and still finding time to mentor a high school student is really a feat in itself."

Senior Chelsea Erickson is another busy student who has found time to serve the Newark community. She was one of three students honored for founding the Fellowship in Serving the Hungry, a food distribution program organized by the Lutheran Community Services.

Erickson said the group donates groceries to Newark

"We have a lot of contact with the families," she said. "Hearing their stories and how the food has helped them

Bruce Heggen, pastor of the Lutheran Student Association, has worked closely with Erickson and other students involved in the program.

He said Erickson's organization, responsibility and personable nature have helped make the program a success.

"She's got a good sense of what needs to be done and how it needs to be done," Heggen said. "Administratively, the's just a year complete person." she's just a very capable person.

Original 'Rent' star brings unifying story to university

Anthony Rapp, author, actor and original "Rent" cast member, spoke to more than 800 people Tuesday night about his experience with the show and his feelings about being a member of the gay community in the Trabant University

The event came just three days after the 10-year anniver-The event came just three days after the 10-year anniversary of the opening night of "Rent" and was sponsored by several university's student organizations, including Student Center Programs Advisory Board, HAVEN, the Resident Student Association, the Interfraternity Council, the Panhellenic Council, The Review, E-52, Harrington Theatre Arts Company, Professional Theatre Training Program, the Sexuality and Genders Task Force and the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Student Union.

"I would thank all the sponsors, but they involve too many acronyms," Rapp said, jokingly.

Jenna Maple, vice president of variety events for SCPAB, said it felt like an important time to bring the Illinois native to speak with all of the diversity issues facing the university.

"We need to accept the diversity around us and realize

that there are issues going on on this campus that we need to change," she said. "We need to be more accepting of diversi-ty in all realms and it's something that the campus as a whole is trying to work on. Bringing activities like this could even further people's awareness

Senior Jared Lander, HAVEN President, said he wanted to bring Rapp to the university because he felt previous speak-

ers on campus had not attracted enough attention.

"We needed to bring a big name so a lot of people would listen," he said. "When you have smaller speakers, not that many people come and only people interested in diversity come. We wanted someone that would bring them in and then

Maple said the popularity of "Rent" is something signifi-

"I think that it's important for us to take that message onto our campus and accept the diversity around us," she said. "I think that it's really impressive that this many organizations

stepped up and are supporting this event on our campus."

Rapp spoke for approximately one hour, after which he entertained questions from members of the audience and sang

"Seasons of Love," from "Rent," a capella.
"I've been traveling on-and-off for the last four months or so and the response has been wonderful, but you guys and [the University of Florida have been the rowdiest," Rapp said, fol-

lowed by cheers and applause from the crowd.

Rapp said he has been speaking at schools since 1997, reaching out to young people like so many adults have done for him since he started in the business, working professional-

ly for the first time at the age of nine.
"I've been publicly out since 1992," he said. "My advocacy work has been a very big part of what I've been doing over these 10 years as well.

"When 'Rent' exploded in the public eye, it became an opportunity for me to talk about these issues on a much larger scale than I had been able to simply in the bio of a playbill."

Rapp said he doesn't understand why people invest so much time and energy into fighting against something that has nothing to do with them.

"It's one thing if you're fighting against murderers or child slavery," he said. "But it's sad and upsetting to hear what some of the people are saying. I strongly believe that Mr. Christ would not be having it."

Rapp said people have told him over the years that "Rent" has made the impact of HIV and AIDS become more real to

"It has moved them to take action, to volunteer, to donate time and money and to help raise awareness and reach out,"

Rapp is now on the board of Friends in Deed, a crisis center for people with life-threatening illnesses and organization upon which the late writer of "Rent," Jonathan Larson, based the popular song, "Life Support."

Rapp said he is not currently involved with any youth

organizations, but acknowledges the troubles adolescents face

in the gay community.

"I heard a phrase from a young person in Austin, Texas, once," Rapp said. "'There is only one you for all time. Fearlessly be yourself.'"

Rapp said he appreciates the role the straight population

is playing in the gay community as well.

"One reason I love the Gay-Straight Alliance is because it has straight in the title," he said. "Nothing is going to happen unless we have straight allies helping us out."



Anthony Rapp spoke to more than 800 students Tuesday.

Rapp proceeded to read a chapter from his newly released book, "Without You: A Memoir of Love, Loss, and the Musical 'Rent.'"

The crowd fell silent as he read an anecdote about an evening he spent with the late Jonathan Larson, a man who Rapp said he befriended right before his death.

Freshman Sam Rauchwerger said she has seen both the

play and movie versions of the musical.

"I was really moved when I was listening to the kids who got in line and said, 'I came out,' "she said. "It's amazing that one man coming [to the university] could motivate people to tell about their personal experiences in front of such a large group of people."

Immigrant strike brings change to Newark

BY KRISTY RIVERO

Staff Reporter
Newark restaurants shared a common experience with businesses throughout the country May 1 an economic loss. The immigration strike last Monday attracted millions to major cities from Los Angeles to New York, and even Wilmington, where hundreds gathered to protest the efforts of the Bush administration to enforce immigra-

The demonstration lured immigrants out of the kitchens of Newark restaurants and

into marches that lasted throughout the day.
Paul Thompson, owner of the Trap
Seafood Restaurant, said his restaurant was forced to close from a lack of immigrant workers that came to work that day

Thompson, whose entire kitchen staff is composed of immigrants, said he was unaware of their intentions to not show up

"They didn't say a word," he said. "We had to shut down."

Eduardo Cardenas, owner of Newark Deli and Bagels said he was affected by the strike, but unlike Thompson, he knew his employees planned on attending the marches in Wilmington.

"This is a family business and they did-i't want to leave me," he said. "They howed up early in the morning to do their ork and then left for the afternoon.'

Since Cardenas was aware of their intentions, he said he called former employees to come in and help him.

The only other accommodation
Cardenas said he

to make besides recruiting more help was a sign for his cus-tomers that read, 'No daily specials

Joe Van Horn, general manager of Shaggy's, said the restaurant was severely affected by the strike because all showed. However, was one noticeable prob-

"We didn't

get a delivery from our linen company," Van Horn said.

Shaggy's was forced to improvise, he said, and used paper napkins.

Iron Hill Brewery was another one of

the more fortunate businesses. It was only mildly affected by the strike.

Manager Chris Berghaus said the

majority of the restaurant's immigrant workers came in.

Like Iron Hill Brewery, managers at Timothy's and Deer Park Tavern also com-

"We are aware of the social pressure and so we try to be understanding and respect that."

- Iron Hill Brewery manager Chris Berhaus

mented they were fortunate not to experi-ence any serious effects from the strike. For the owners and managers of the

restaurants that did feel the impact of the strike, the experience did not end Monday.

The aftermath includes internal tension between the immigrant employees that did not come to work and their employers.

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Thompson said he has several ideas about how to deal with the situation.

"I have two or three thoughts about what I'm going to do," he said. "They hang the Mexican and American flags in the kitchen, but now, the Mexican is coming Second, they are going to learn to speak English. If they are in this country they need to assimilate, so if you can't speak English, then you can't work here.'

Thompson said he has struggled with the option of firing the staff but said it would cause a negative effect on the business.

"I'd be cutting my nose off to spite my face," he said.

Thompson said he has not decided if he will dismiss his staff, but he said he believes he is too dependent on his immigrant employees and plans to diversify

"I can't afford to shut down if they get another hair up their nose," he said. Newark Bagel's employees, however,

experienced an opposite reaction.

As a show of appreciation, Cardenas said he gave his employees money to thank them for coming in to do their work and for

informing him of their intentions in advance.

At Iron Hill Brewery, Berghaus said he has reacted mildly to the few that did not come in to work.

"We are aware of the social pressure and so we try to be understanding and respect that," he said.

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Groundskeeper disputes wages

BY MEGHAN LOBDELL

An article on the beautification of campus was published in the April 25 issue of The Review, describing how approximately \$1.5 million is funneled into landscaping each year and that many prospective students decide to attend the university based on the attractive appearance of the campus.

Thomas Zebley, a worker in the facilitiesgrounds department for almost 18 years, said he wrote a letter to the editor to The Review out of frustration after reading the article on campus beautification.

"I spoke on my own, but there is probably a 50-50 consensus of what I wrote," he said. "Not all people feel that way and some will not say it in public for fear of reprisal.

Zebley said he voiced his concerns because others would not.

"A lot of people do not want to put targets on their backs, so to speak," he said. "I am catching a lot of flack from both sides."

Groundskeepers, whose normal tasks include cutting grass, picking up litter and clearing leaves, work 40 hours per week at an hourly wage of \$14.48 — totaling \$579.20 per week, he said.

As expressed in his letter, Zebley said he does not feel this is enough to keep up with the cost of living, which has recently escalated with growing gas and electrical prices.

According to Zebley, many workers depend on overtime hours to supplement their salaries to make a living. However, the department started cutting back on these overtime opportunities two years ago by hiring outside contractors instead, he said.

He said the outside contractors mainly install the landscape and when they finish, the grounds crew maintains the area. However, this often takes away from their normal work rou-

Zebley said he does not personally work a lot of the overtime shifts because he is a single father.
"I work it when I can," he said, "but some

Zebley said he thought the headline for his letter, which read, "Grounds crew not respected by administration," was misleading. He said he does not feel their work goes unappreciated by the top administrators at the university, but by the lower-middle management within the

He said the real problem is that the new director and assistant director of the department are trying to balance the budget by cutting back overtime and expecting the workers to make up for it during normal hours.

"I have asked the assistant director of grounds and the director why when funds come in for landscape projects, the work is given to the contractors first and then supplemented by the grounds crew, instead of the other way around," Zebley said.

He said he has also told them repeatedly that we can work along with the contractors.
"For instance, over Winter Break, contrac-

tors were in doing work that could have been done by the grounds crew," he said.

Zebley said since the letter was published, employees in other departments, including many custodians, have spoken to him about their problems.

Joe Bennett, a caretaker in the facilitiesgrounds department for six years, said he thinks Zebley's letter was written in a rushed, impassioned state and contained a combination of fact and fiction.

Bennett said the department works together as a team but not everyone shares his same

"Each of us as a member of the team has our own opinions as they may pertain to our organization and thank God we live in a country where we can express them freely," he said.

Zebley had the right to express his opin-ions in the letter, but Bennett said he disagrees with some of the statements. In the past decade, money has been invested into the grounds department, specifically with the purchase of

Bennett said he agrees with Zebley in that

In last week's issue, the following Letter to the Editor was published in response to the

"In the April 25 article on the beautification of the grounds, everyone said what a great job has been done. I'd like to point out that we in the facilities-grounds services department do so

University President David P. Roselle said, "there is over \$1.5 million in endowment funds where the spending is designated for landscape improvements." However, the department has cut back on our overtime, and most landscaping is done by outside contractors. When we do get overtime, the university is cutting back on allowing us to take compensation time for the

It's a shame that we give so much but get so little in return. Our work, as was stated in the article, brings students to this university. With so much money coming in, why has the university cut back our overtime? We have a hard enough time feeding our families and paying our bills. Gas has risen to astronomical prices, electricity more than 50 percent and we only got a 3.5 percent raise this year.

It's crucial for us to be able to supplement our normal salaries with overtime so we can survive. Ask Roselle how much of the \$1.5 million goes to the grounds crew in overtime."

University Groundskeeper

maintainance work is often given to outside contractors, but believes there are certain decisions which, due to weather, time and manpower constraints, require the grounds department to be supplementation with additional workers.

"I am all for the U of D employee and keeping our work ours," he said. "However, like snow removal where outside contractors assist with removal from stairs for example, it is a necessary supplement to our workforce."
"The U of D as an employer may, like

most, have room for growth, but working at the U of D is no sentence to Devil's Island either,"

Bennett said he empathizes with Zebley and other workers because of the strain the increase in electric and gas prices has put on them, but feels it is a typical struggle for many

"In the big picture, our neighbors, the U of D and our local neighborhood businesses are all dealing with these challenges of life," he said.

In addition, he said, as employees of the university, the workers are offered educational

benefits. If utilized, this can open more doors for employment and increased compensation.

He said many of his fellow workers have other jobs and run businesses on the side to make more money.

"I guess I missed the room at my orientation six years ago where we could attach ourselves to the breast of the university and all our needs would be met," he said. "With the hustle some of my coworkers exhibit to supplement their income I guess I am not alone in making

that fateful wrong turn."
University President David P. Roselle, who was personally addressed at the end of Zebley's letter, said he was unaware of the issue until he was contacted for this article.

"My reaction to the letter is to note that the author, as is the case for all employees of the university, is welcome to discuss any unhappiness with his supervisors," he stated in an e-mail message. "If such discussions do not result in what an employee considers a fair resolution, they are then welcome to avail themselves of the grievance process.

Students relay message of hope

BY BECKY POLINI

As dusk fell on the Field House Saturday evening, more than 1,400 people gathered to participate in the university's 5th annual Relay for Life, raising approximately \$170,000 for the American Cancer Society.

From 6 p.m. to 9 a.m., scores of students volunteered their night to raise awareness, hope and money for cancer research. Teams consisting of 15 members each signed up at the beginning of the year and set a minimum fundraising goal of \$1,000. During the event, a member of every team walked on the indoor track at all times symbolizing the never-ending battle for a cure for cancer.

Junior Megan Graham, co-chair of this year's Relay for

Life, said being up all night was just part of the job.

"Relay begins around dusk, and that signifies the dark hours of fighting cancer," Graham said. "When the sun comes up, that's supposed to signify there's still new hope

Relay for Life was started in 1985 by Dr. Gordy Klatt, and today millions of people nationwide participate

Graham said there were 117 teams participating at the

university. Last year the university raised \$185,000.

"It's a uniting factor at UD," she said. "I hope people can realize how much this affects everyone on campus most everyone from all walks of life has had some experience with cancer.

The night included performances by the D-#Sharps#, Chris D'Esposito and the Delaware Repertory Dance Company. Relay for Life participants enjoyed more than 300 Domino's pizzas, sang karaoke and played games like "Red Bull Pong," and "Pie the RA."

Junior Kelly Enfield was with a team of Silver Wings

members, a resident student organization on campus. She offered face painting in exchange for donations and said Relay is something she looks forward to every year.

In between face painting, Enfield took laps around the

"I'm not walking for cancer," she said. "I'm walking for the end of cancer

Participants fought back sleep by reading magazines, chugging Starbucks and playing cards. For those who opted for a pre-dawn catnap, YoUDee walked around waking them

A spokesman for the mascot said YoUDee's job was

fairly easy.
"It's such a harmonious event," he said. "There's no YoUDee-bashing.

Junior Rick Buccos came out to walk, despite his

"I thought I'd help out other people," Buccos said.
Sophomore Laura King, Team Relations co-chairwoman, said she participates in the event in honor of her aunt, who died of breast cancer.

"The weekend we did it last year was exactly a year after she died," King said. "It's worth it and it has run so much smoother than I expected."

Junior Sam Pyser, Equestrian Team captain, said although she knew she wanted to be a team captain last year,

the organization of her team began in January.

"We had a Relay for Life captain's meeting once a month and we'll have another one at the end of this month,

just to re-cap," Pyser said.

As a team, Pyser said it surpassed its fundraising goal of \$1,000.

Another Team Relations co-chair, sophomore Sarah Taglioli, said she has been planning this year's Relay since

"It's very much a success," Taglioli said. "You don't realize it until the luminaria ceremony, when you can see every committee person crying because we affected so many people."



THE REVIEW/Debbie Carle Relay for Life raised approximately \$170,000 Saturday.



Bone marrow drive draws hundreds

BY JEFF RUOSS

Senior Barbara Wojtal had many reasons for wanting last Wednesday's bone marrow drive to go well. Not only is she the president of the Student Nurses Organization, she is also a cancer survivor.

"I did not need bone marrow — I was very lucky," Wojtal said. "But a lot of the kids I was treated with did need the bone marrow trans-

Although she was unable to donate because of her experience with cancer, 201 people came out to help the cause.

Junior Brendan Taubman was one of them. He said if the day ever came when he was asked to be a donor, he would be more than willing to go through with the process since he has known people who needed bone marrow transplants.

"A friend of the family had leukemia,"
Taubman said. "And my mom had another kind

of cancer, so I thought I could come here and help someone else.

Senior Chris Rossman also had a personal experience, which motivated him to add his name to the donor's list.

"A very good friend of mine from high school had to have bone marrow transplants," Rossman said. "A short while after, he got an infection in his blood and died.

"That definitely influenced me coming in."

Wojtal said this year's drive was the result of an e-mail she received from one of her nursing professors about an alumnus who needed a bone marrow transplant.

"They were looking for a donor and couldn't find one, and they contacted us and asked if

we could come up with something," she said. Wojtal said she then contacted the Philadelphia bone marrow registry to begin

plans for a drive.

"I found out it took a little more work than doing it next week," she said. "So we planned it to be for this semester."

Wojtal said she was happy with the

"We only had about 20 definites, so the fact that so many people have just shown up is amazing," she said.

Alice Kaplan, bone marrow recruitment supervisor for Philadelphia's National Marrow Donor Program, said this was the largest turnout the university has ever had.

This is not the first time we have come here, but this is the biggest turnout I have ever seen here before," she said. "This is the 'college time of year' as I call it — some have a good turnout, some don't - but 200 is a nice number to have.'

According to the NMDP, more than 30,000 children and adults in the United States are diagnosed with a disease where a blood or marrow transplant could be the cure each year. Of the 30,000 cases, only approximately 30 percent can be matched to someone within their families — the other 70 percent come from outside donors.

Kaplan said there are many reasons the organization tries to reach out to the college age

"First off, you are in the data bank until you are 61, so getting you in at an early age helps keep the list filled," she said. "Also, someone who is 18 usually has a body that can produce better blood cells because they are so

young."

Kaplan said donors may back out at any time, but the longer they wait to remove their names from the list, the less chance the patient

"If there is a match found, the donor and patient are notified," she said. "If the donor doesn't really want to be on the list anymore, we have just given a sort of false hope to the patient.

Kaplan said having minority donors is important for the NMDP because a high percentage of the registry is Caucasian of European descent.



THE REVIEW/Kat Lafata

A student swabs his mouth for bone marrow testing at the drive Wednesday.

"You are most likely to find a donor in someone of your same ethnic or racial back-ground," she said. "So there is a greater per-centage of Caucasian patients finding donors than African-American or Hispanic.

"There is a critical need to get more diver-

Senior Jamie Moyer, a member of the Student Nurses Organization and volunteer at the drive, said she was impressed by the turnout, considering many students were nerv-

ous about donating.
"I think some people hear 'bone marrow' and think it's going to involve needles, but it's

really not that bad," Moyer said.

Kaplan said the initial test, which was performed at the drive, is nothing more than filling out a questionnaire about yourself and then a mouth swab. The actual donation process is much more involved and can include lab tests, shots, blood extraction and surgery, which removes marrow from the lower back

Possible risks can range anywhere from bone or muscle pain, difficulty sleeping, bruis-ing around needle areas, headaches, infections and any risks included with anesthesia, Kaplan

Costs of Iraq war could surpass Vietnam

The cost and the duration of the War in Iraq have escalated beyond military and economic experts' predictions, reaching a \$261 billion total since operations began, according to a Congressional Research Service report.

Congress has requested an additional \$71 billion for war funding for 2006. This would bring the grand total for all military engagements in the global War on Terror, according to the CPS report to an estimated \$420 billion.

according to the CRS report, to an estimated \$439 billion.

The report estimated that by 2010, the total cost could reach \$636 billion and go up to \$811 billion by 2016.

According to experts, the reasons for the extreme rising costs of the Iraq war are difficult to pinpoint.

Daniel Goure, vice president of the Lexington Institute, said one of the reasons for the increase is due to more rapid equipment replacement because that equipment

is being excessively used and wearing out at a faster rate.

"Everything in the military had a usable life," he said.

"But the usable life depends on how active it is.

'We absolutely had no sense of it being anywhere near this long, intensive or costly."

Goure said, in some cases, troops are operating below their capabilities due to equipment. The National Guard, for instance, is operating much lower, due to decades of equipment under-funding.

However, in other cases old, damaged and worn out equipment is being replaced and, in many cases, equipment is being added that was not there to begin with, he said.

Steve Kosiak, director of budget studies at the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, said military operations have gotten to be more expensive.

"It's a combination of things," he said.

The equipment is typically more expensive to operate and maintain, Kosiak said. Better security and living conditions are provided for people deployed overseas and the special pay people get when they go into the military operations is higher than it used to be.

But, Kosiak said it is not entirely clear why the war is costing quite as much as it is.

The CRS report states, "the Department of Defense has provided little systematic information publicly about how and why war costs are rising, including the key variable of the number of deployed troops."

Kosiak said the initial estimates of the cost of the Iraq

war was much less than what it is turning out to be. In part, the excessive replacement of equipment was not expected.

"This was not in mind initially because the administration thought this would be a quick war," he said.

In comparison to past military engagements, such as operations in Bosnia, Kosovo and Haiti, hundreds of millions to a couple of billion dollars a year were spent at most, Kosiak said. The Gulf War, in today's dollars, cost \$85 billion

"So this is far more expensive than those," Kosiak

Vietnam cost \$635 billion and \$435 billion was spent on the Korean War, he said.

However, if the CRS estimates are correct, the Iraq war

may cost more than those in the future.

Experts say if the United States were to face another crisis, or to engage in a war with Iran in the near future, these high costs would not seem to hinder the country's abilities to do so. The issue is whether the United States could sustain another ground war or occupation in terms of

"It depends on what kind of war you want to fight," Goure said. "Could you use air power and sea power? Certainly, but frankly, I don't think you could invade Iran successfully if you had the entire U.S. military lined up on the border with brand new equipment."

Kosiak said that the government could respond with the services of the Navy and the Air Force because little impact had been placed on them thus far during the Iraq

However, ground forces such as in the case of the

Army would be less ready because of their involvement in military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"What we couldn't do probably, almost certainly, is another large occupation anywhere," Kosiak said. "Even

another minor occupation at this point would be difficult."

Jeffrey Miller, economics professor, said compared to the overall budget, the amount that is being spent on Iraq is

relatively small.

"We're talking about a budget in the neighborhood of

However, Miller said he does in fact question whether the United States has the resources to take on such an effort like Iran because of the stress placed on manpower.

Miller said he read a recent report that suggested Navy personnel are being retrained to function as Army or

Furthermore, the simple fact that the high cost of the War in Iraq does not hinder the U.S. economy leads to more questions in terms of administrative decisions with future war planning, he said.

"You're more likely to go into something if the stress isn't as great on the economy or on the population," Miller said. "In some ways, what's happening is a bit scary."

Stuart Kaufman, political science professor, said the money being spent on the War in Iraq is trivial. The main source of President George W. Bush's budget deficit now is tax cuts, not military spending.

"The implications of the war for the United States' ability to respond to a future crisis has nothing to do with the money," he said. "The United States can easily raise all the money it needs to address any foreign crisis that it might face.

Kaufman said the cost is that we have a military now that is exhausted.

"We have been stretched to do a job that is too big for its size," he said. "You simply need more troops to do the occupation of Iraq."

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Growing gas prices already affect Newark.

The impact of gas prices

Rising costs at the pump put dents in students' wallets

BY MICHAEL LORE

In Los Angeles, the cost for one gallon of gasoline is roughly \$4. Luckily, in Newark it is a whole dollar less.

Lately, gas prices have increased steadily, affecting people's lives and putting a dent in their wallets.

Some people said the prices have not affected their travels, while others are reconsidering going out and performing regular tasks like running errands.

Sophomore Mike Benak said the price

of gas has had an impact on his life lately.

"[Gas prices] went into consideration when I bought my car," Benak said. "I always try and find the fastest route some-

Junior Steve Disantis, however, said he is not affected by the high prices.

"It's not going to stop me from driving," Disantis said. "Luckily I have 0 percent [annual percentage rate] on my credit card, so it doesn't bother me much.

As a result of the higher gas prices, the automobile industry has been creating hybrid cars that are more fuel efficient. Even though these cars get more miles to the gallon, people like senior Ryan Morgan are still driving 'gas guzzlers' like Hummers and Escalades.

Morgan drives a Sport Utility Vehicle and said he is going to get a smaller car

"It's good to move all my stuff with," he said. "As soon as I graduate, I'm trad-

To combat higher gas prices, the American Petroleum Institute has been mixing ethanol with gasoline.

John Bisney, spokesman for the API, said 10 percent of every gallon of gas contains ethanol.

"That is an amount that is safe for all vehicles to use," Bisney said. "Most of the cars on the road, about 96 percent, still can't handle ethanol blended higher than 10 percent.

He said, by 2012, the API will use up all of the Congressionally allotted ethanol.

Although adding ethanol to gasoline

makes it more efficient, Bisney said transporting the substance to gas stations has

"It tends to blend with water very well while gas doesn't," he said. "Because of that, you cannot send it through the normal pipeline system. Ways to solve that problem are building a whole new pipeline system for ethanol or bringing it separately to terminals in rail cars or tankers.

Newark city employee Patrick Bartling blames the high gas prices on the War in Iraq.

Bartling said he believes that if the United States was not in Iraq, Americans would not be paying as much for gas.

"The federal government needs to step up and face fears domestically," he said.

Contrary to popular belief, Bisney

said, the majority of the United States' oil imports come from Canada, Mexico and

riowever.

Venezuela, not the Middle East.

Roughly 20 percent of imports are from Middle Eastern countries, he said.

Bisney said the API has been doing research with inferior grades of oil to find a more efficient fuel for transportation.

"We're trying to find ways to make these inferior grades of oil more useful to refineries," he said. "We're also investing some money in wind-power, solar and geothermal energy."

The future for gas prices is uncertain, but sophomore Jake Cohen said he thinks

they will go down from here.

"I don't think they can go higher than this without people revolting or blowing up gas stations," Cohen said.

mons is proher than it used to be.

Newark partnership discusses train safety

Representatives for CSX came to the Downtown Newark Partnership meeting Thursday to discuss ways to keep pedestrians, namely college students, on their toes around Newark train tracks.

The meeting came just a month after a 31-year-old

man was killed after being hit by a train.

Maureen Feeney-Roser, the board's assistant planning director, said the issue came to the board at the request of the university.

'The university approached us and said that CSX would be interested in showing the partnership their promotional items and they were looking to garner our support," Feeney-Roser said.

David White, CSX representative, presented a variety of promotional ideas, including T-shirts, coasters and posters with various messages detailing the quickness and sometimes surprisingly quiet way in which trains approach.

Ideas proposed at the meeting ranged from attention-grabbing restaurant coasters to bathroom stall door posters.

"If we put up vanilla messages that said 'stop, look, listen,' then that would be ignored," White said.

He said he felt the T-shirts, which will be giveaways at various places and events in the city, will be the most effective tool of all to the college community. The shirts, called a "fashion statement" and made specifically for young adults, will display various messages and be glow-in-the-

"This is cool to a college student," White said.

Regardless of what appeals to students, the message will come in all forms and will be clear.

'If you're crossing the tracks, just look," White said. Josh Lukin, another CSX representative, said these types of materials have been used in markets in or near the Jacksonville, Fla., area, where the corporation is based.

"Our goal is to develop materials that will really speak to the students," Lukin said.

The university is the first college to take part in the campaign, with colleges in Indiana and South Carolina soon to follow, Lukin said.

"We felt this area would be a good place to start based on the recent incidents and the location," he said

Lukin said the problem of trainrelated incidents is increasing nationwide. One particular instance occurred at the University of South Carolina, where students jumped on trains and rode them across the campus. White ar Lukin said CSX would fully finance

campaign and they just need the city's support. The board answered with a resounding "definitely with regard to the proposed pro-

Mayor Vance A Funk III said he felt CSX presented valid ested in getting to work on the campaign soon.

Funk said he has noticed an alarming number of students walking on the train tracks.

"Some of these incidents could be avoided if some of the people were being looked after," he said.

The meeting also focused on the increased use of iPods, causing students to be less alert.



A night in the life of a delivery driver

Crazy tales of the late night deliveries

BY ADAM ASHER

The mood is playful in the kitchen of DP Dough, one of Main Street's more popular late-night eateries. The workers joke with each other as they make calzones now so they can save themselves some time

Each takes approximately 10 seconds to put together before it is thrown in the oven. It is 11:30 on a Friday night and they have about an hour and a half left before it

A Friday night for a delivery driver is not the average student's weekend scene. On the weekends, drivers make up to 60 deliveries a night, most of them to stu-

Senior Rachel O'Holla, a driver for DP Dough said to tolerate the job you have to expect the drawbacks of dealing with drunk people.

"You have to enjoy it if you're going

to do it," she said.

Reggae music played in O'Holla's Suzuki Reno as she laughed and told a story about a man she once delivered to who answered the door wearing nothing but a pair of sneakers.

"I've encountered some weird peo-

ple," she said.

She drove up to a house on Chambers Street and waited at the door for a few minutes longer than usual. When she got back to the car, she said, "You won't believe what just happened."

When she went up to make the deliv-

ery, a woman answered the door crying hysterically, confused as to who ordered food. The woman yelled up the stairs and a

half-naked man came down and picked up the food, O'Holla said.

Senior Alex Seeman said he has also encountered some strange customers. He once delivered to a group of girls who were mud wrestling outside of Ivy Apartments.

When the food came they proceeded to change in front of him while they paid, he



D.P. Dough delivery drivers recount hectic nights at work.

"There are certain places where you're more suspicious of people," Seeman said, who keeps a small bat in his car in case of an emergency.

Drivers often take precautions while

delivering to these areas.

O'Holla said she sometimes brings a male employee with her when she goes through a bad neighborhood.

However, while there are risks to delivering, usually customers just want to

be friendly.

Seeman said he has been offered shots when making a delivery. Customers have invited him into their homes to play drinking games and have tried to flash him for free food. However, he said he has never given away a free calzone and DP Dough has a strict policy about driving while

"This is a headache," Seeman said while waiting for a freshman outside of Dickinson Residence Hall. Leaning back in

his seat, the rain poured down outside the car as he explained the chain reaction that

was about to take place.
One person takes a few minutes coming downstairs to pick up his food, he said. This will delay the rest of the food from being delivered on time and potentially decrease the driver's tips. Since delivery drivers essentially work for tips, how quickly students retrieve their food is just as big a factor as how fast he delivers food.

Seeman said the staff at DP Dough is well aware many clients are intoxicated when they visit the restaurant or call to place an order.

However, it sometimes becomes a problem when the customer is too drunk to remember their phone number or complete the order, he said. People often call in and place their order while talking to other people and getting other orders, extending what should be a 30-second phone call to unnecessary lengths.

Cell phone service can become a prob-

lem, as well. Seeman said many freshmen do not know their dorm phone numbers and lose cell phone service, which results in lost food for them.

"You have to have patience," he said.
"It's like playing in a pool and getting mad

that you're wet.

O'Holla said it is not always easy to take intoxicated customers with a grain of salt, but employees do not have a choice.

"You just get used to drunk people,"

Nick Vezina, a manager at DP Dough and former university student said his schedule revolves around customers' social

"Our work week depends on when the other side is having fun," Vezina said.

He said if you were to walk into the restaurant at their busiest hours, you might find yourself walking into what feels like

another late night party.
"[It is] a lot of somewhat intoxicated individuals yelling and screaming," Vezina

O'Holla said it can be an issue if people are fighting or throwing up, but usually employees just point and laugh at cus-tomers who fall asleep halfway through

When the bars let out at I a.m., DP Dough remains busy for hours in the restaurant, as well as on the road.

"All I have to do is drive around — it's kind of fun," O'Holla said as she drove through the rain to pick up more orders.

When it is hectic in the restaurant, the car provides a peaceful break, she said.

While driving around, O'Holla said, she sometimes swings by the bars to pick up her off-duty co-workers. They do the same for her when she needs a ride

"It's like a free taxi service when you

work here," she said.

Much of the staff is comprised of regular students who share their customers' interests.
"When I don't have to work, I'm one

of them," Seeman said.

When the staff members are not work-

ing, they all have fun together.

"The camaraderie is great," Seeman said, explaining that off-duty employees often come in after a night at the bars just to visit their friends who are working

Working or not, the staff of DP Dough has fun, and since they are at work until approixmately 4 a.m. on weekends, their party continues until the sun comes up.

Riding shotgun with University Police

BY TYLER MAYFORTH

"We're going to scare some freshmen," the police officer said. "This is going to be fun."

It was 8 p.m. on a Saturday night and I was sober — out for the night with a six-year veteran of the University Police. I had joined the officer for a ride-along, and the night began with a trip to West Campus.

The officer found no suspicious characters there. Police

officers are not out to hassle people, she said.

"I am not looking to get people into trouble," she said. "I am not looking for the slightly tipsy person. I am looking for the person who cannot stay on the 6-foot sidewalk. I am interested in finding the grossly outrageous person.

It was not long before a call came across the radio. Two drunk, underage students were causing trouble at the Delaware Field House. To be specific, they were drinking at the "Relay for Life" charity walk. When the officer arrived at the scene, two other policemen were interviewing one of the inebriated males. When he failed the breathalyzer test, he was

"Y'm gonna' fight this," he yelled.
"No chance," one of the officers said, shaking her head.

With the drunk students taken care of, the officer moved on to Pencader Way. There she issued warnings to two students who turned the wrong way on the one-way road. When a driver is pulled over, his or her name is run through the com-

puter.

"It's usually the delivery people from Pizza Hut or Domino's who have a warrant out for them," the officer said. They look shady already, but when the report comes back, it's like 'gotcha.

The rest of the shift was uneventful. Back at headquarters, shifts changed. The midnight shift officer grabbed a handful of breathalyzer straws.

"We're probably going to need these tonight," he said. The first stop of the shift was at the parking lot of the Ray Street complex. Across the lot, three guys were lugging a case of Keystone Light toward a residence hall.

They can't be 21," he said as he hit the gas. "Fuck." He intercepted them just in time. The beer porters looked shocked, frightened and worried. But they were not students. The officer issued an ultimatum — either one of them would take the fall, or they all would. Scissors fell to rock in a game to decide the guilty party, and the officer issued a court sumBack in the car, the officer said he is not out to get stu-

We don't put the beer in their hands, they put it on themselves," he said.

After breaking up a party at the Christiana Commons, the officer was radioed to the new pedestrian bridge near Ray Street. Someone was up there messing around, he was told. He raced the car to the Chi Omega parking lot, and jumped out of

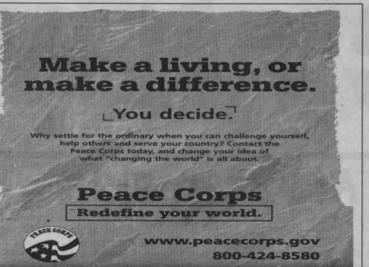
"You might want to follow," he said, hurriedly. He dashed up a hill near the construction and hurdled a

low fence. At the top, the suspects were gone.

Shortly after 2 a.m. in the morning, the officer was called to a potential alcohol overdose at the Christiana Towers. On the 10th floor, a 21-year-old was throwing up in the bathroom just a little too much to drink her roommates figured. The officer breathalyzed the student and cared for her until the paramedics arrived. With the student in the hands of the para-

medics, the officer headed back to his car.

It was nearly 3 in the morning. Most students had left parties and begun the trek home. But for the police officer, four more hours remained before he could call it a night.



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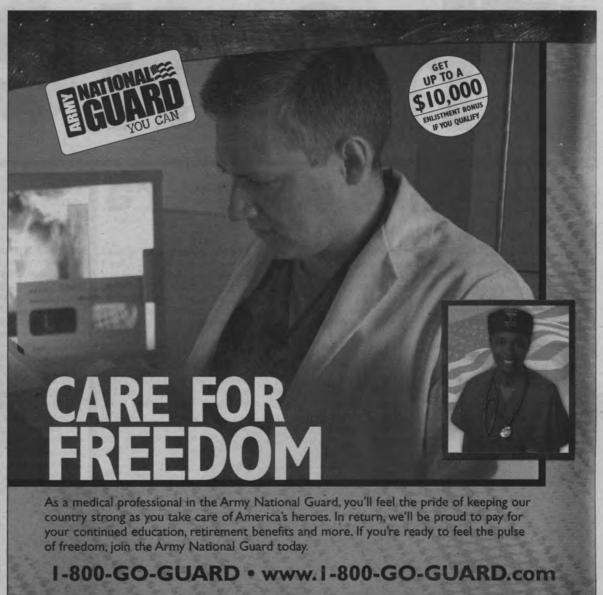
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NEWSY

Christine Alhambra

Student Affairs News Editor

I feel like I've learned more about journalism in this past semester as student affairs editor than I have in the past four years of school.

There may have been times I dreaded coming into The Review all day on Sundays, but I can honestly say I'm leaving with a truly valuable experience. I've enjoyed everything I've done here, from staff reporter, photographer, copy editor and, finally, student affairs editor.

What I love

most about writing for The Review and this career in general — is that it gives you the opportunity to write about things you would otherwise nothing about. You get to become an expert in something totally random. In what other profession would you get to learn about everything acupuncture to stem cell research?

I remember coming into The

College is

amazing.

Everything about it rocks

me to the core.

Review two years ago as a student in English 308 and looking up to the editors, so I can't Ing up to the editors, so I can't believe I finally got here. Dane, I remember when I first found out you were going to be my partner — all I could think was, "Wasn't he the one that ate the cockroach?" But you've been awesome to work with. Thank you for all of your help. To the rest of the staff: I

feel so lucky to have been able to work with such talented and

hilarious people. I look up to all of you. Andy and Erin, I don't know how you do it. I had half the responsibility you did, and I barely kept it together juggling school, work and The Review.

You guys are amazing.

I have to thank my roommates and friends for helping me get through this crazy semester — I'm sure on Sundays you guys knew to stay away from me. It's my last semester of college and I still haven't mastered

time management. I love you guys and couldn't have done

it without you.

Lastly, thank you,

Mom and Dad. I can't even begin to thank you for all your love and sup-port and for all the sacrifices you've made for me. I appreciate you both so much. I am so lucky to not only have the "cool" par-ents everyone talks about, but also the most loving parents anyone could ask

400 words won't do it jus-tice, but I'll give

it a try.

I would like to start by thanking the entire staff for their hard work, dedication and ability to call me at 8 a.m. every Tuesday. To Erin: you've been my world this year. Without you, I would never have made it through. You mean everything to me.

Sandy, you've been a mentor, a leader and a true friend. Chris, seriously, do I

even need to say anything? Monica, minus the violent outbursts, you're a true friend. And yes, we are the same person. Dana, may the schwartz be with you. But really, why else would I come in on Saturdays but to see you? Christine,

thanks for being a great friend. I'll see you at Grotto I'm sure. Natalie, I know you'll do amazing next year. Carson, I don't

want to thank you but I know I have to.

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This year has been an amazing one. So much so that Editor in Chief

> So, thanks. Same goes for you, Brian. Just kidding. You've been great this year. Hold on, though, let me deliver this cheeseteak. Devin, good luck next year and thanks for not killing

> me because I turned this in late. Mike, thanks for your constant sarcasm and providing me with entertainment by picking fights with The Dong. Trust me Steph, I'll let you know if the office is infested

with rats. Satullo, I'll see you at Kate's. You better get me in this time. Pat, through it all,

you've stood out as one of the best writers on staff. Thanks

for keeping me on my toes.

Greg Price, thanks for the smokes, I owe you a few packs. And Tim, thanks for gracing us with your presence. Julia and Tim, you guys have

been amazing this year.

To all of my friends outside of the Review: thanks for understanding. If you want him, you can have late-night

Andy back. And Dan Mesure, Dan Mesure, thanks for taking my job. Good luck next year. Dan and Cait, I know you'll do an amazing job.

everyone on staff, I'm confident we've left the paper in good

Lastly, I must say that if there is one food hate the most, it's ham. Just ask my mom, it's the forbidden food at family dinners.

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News Features Editor

Well, almost everything. I took an alternate route to the library the other day. Standing on the brick path that normally leads me to the library was a woman. Her dark sunglasses set her apart from a pastel-clad crowd gath-ered behind her. And the radio she held in her hand made it very clear why she was there. She told me, bluntly, that

I would need to go around. The crowd milling behind her

had convened to honor Lindsey Bonistall, the journalism student who was brutally murdered in the Towne Court apartments last year. I asked, politely, if I could simply pass through the congregation on my way to the library.

"Listen, there's no food in there," she said defensively.

So, thought I was really trying to infiltrate

a memorial service to score some free grub on my way to the library. And after that, I suppose I was heading over to South College Avenue to punch an old lady in the face. Would have rounded out a nice afternoon for a punk ass college kid like me. So here I say farewell to

you, college-student-hatingsecurity-guard lady.

To be honest, I feel a lit-

tle bad for her. Maybe the last time she really had fun was in '84. Maybe she just needs drink

As I write this farewell ode, I'm trying to figure out what to wear to an anything-but-clothes party. Do I shrink wrap myself, throw on the armor of Sir Pabst Blue Ribbon or just slip into an old

Bitter old security guards just aren't faced with choices like that on a Saturday night. But maybe they should be.

I'm going out tonight to get drunk, I might do a keg stand. I know I'll shotgun a few beers. I'll probably sing along with my friends and Journey. I'll defi-nitely dance. Badly.

In three weeks, more than 3,000 seniors will leave college behind. If we're lucky, the real world will toss each of us in a job some place. I'll pack up my clothes and my books. But I'll leave room for the shot glasses and the Balloon mug. And you should, too.

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Copy Desk Chief

never come. When people told me college goes by so fast — that four years is like nothing — I didn't believe it. But here I sit, writing my senior goodbye. I've dreaded this day for a long, long time.
To The Review staff: what

do I say? As a groupie for the do I say? As a grouple for the past three years, I've given a great deal of my college life to this place, and I don't regret a second of it, although sometimes I thought I would.

remember walking up the dark, smelly stairwell to The Review office for the first time, thinking, "Will they give me a story?" They did, and some-I survived. Honestly, no matter how much others make fun of this paper and criticize it, the people who create this paper care more about students than the administration ever will.

The Review gave me a place to

truly be myself. The acceptance of everyone and their quirks is incredible. We're all certifiably crazy, and we know how to have a good time. I can honestly say that in the Review office, I've been surrounded by the brightest, wittiest and most genuine people I've ever met.

There are so many people to mention — both past and present staff — and not nearly enough space to express my gratitude. But to Monica, Erin,

I'm proud to be graduating with you all, and wherever life takes you, I know you will do great things. As the old-timers, we've truly been through the good and the bad, and I love you all like family.

To the young ones: Mesure and Ravi, you and your crew continued my undying love for The Review's sports desk. Thanks for always making me laugh. Cait and Citino, so glad I got to know you two

better. Love to the entire Monday crew and all the honking that came with it - I'm sure you'll all be hearing my laugh in your nightmares.

To all my friends, many of whom requested shoutouts in this baby and won't be get-ting them, I love you, too. Thanks to my parents, who gave me four amazing years at Delaware. I've had the time of my life, and couldn't have asked for more.





Bunch Senior Goodbyes

My head is pounding, I can't stop yawning and it feels like the spawn of Satan is trying to extract itself from my stomach just another Sunday

morning hangover settling in as I trudge up the steps of The Review. And this is on a good

Excuse me, but what the hell is a bar-hopping, beach-bound, future teacher doing as Executive Editor at The

I honestly have no idea. I once told my roommate Margo to slap me if I ever took

on more responsibility than a desk editor. Obviously I did (and somehow avoided the slap).

And as I proceed with writing this, I'm going to shamelessly thank the staff who have made me never regret a minute of it.

To my fellow graduates, the real world will be lucky to have all of you.

Greg and Tim, my heart swells for the both of you. It was an absolute pleasure. Pat and Natalie, you are both amazing writers. Christine, your sheep-ish 'can I pitch?' always made me

I'm terrible

at writing good-byes. I could've easily filled up this box with shout-outs and

inside jokes, but

who wants to read that? I would-

A year ago I made a pact with myself to end every sen-tence of my goodbye with "in my pants." Well, one sentence will suffice. Instead, I decided to

begin with an inspirational

quote on newspapers, but after searching online I realized there

aren't many to choose from, unless you think Bob Woodward is inspirational.

Goliath. Another said the only thing

true in a newspaper is an ad. Dolly Parton claimed she

uses newspapers for toilet paper. Let's be hon-est, the newspaper

industry has seen better days. As

more citizens turn

on CNN or look online for their

news, newspaper reporters are told to

clean out their cubicles and find work where there

is still an audience.

campuses, newspa-

college

Bob

Erin Biles

Executive Editor

smile. Mike, your dry humor cracked me up time after time. Devin, you took editorial to a whole new level. And lastly, to Sara and Dana, all I have to say is watch out, Newark.

Steph, from Jackson's class to this? I can barely believe it.

Carson Shane and Brian Andrew, if you actually left when I said "get out," I probably would have cried.

Monica, behind The

caring friend. I knew that I could break the cynicism, and I'm glad I did.

Christopher, my eyes tear up at the thought of telling you goodbye. The minute you strode into this office well-dressed and talking about Vanity Fair, I just knew. I could not think of anyone I would rather drink straight from the bottle with. I love you, the mister and your little dog, too.

Andy, somehow the part-nership of a meathead and a redhead worked. I say 'I hate you' but you know it means

love.

Cait and Dan, your combined potential is endless. Carry on, my babies.

And lastly, to my mom and dad: I came here crying and will leave sob-bing. Without bing. Without the both of you I never would have made it past that first day.

California here I come. I hope ready. you're

Pevin Varsalona T h e summer sophomore

m o r e
year, I
got myself an easy job, a new
library card and a stack of the
classics. I was determined to
read "the greats" in the time I'd
get paid to watch – literally, just
watch – the town tennis courts.
I thought it was brilliant. My
dad thought otherwise.

"I spent a summer doing
that," he said, "but then I realized fiction doesn't beat true
stories. So I started reading

stories. So I started reading newspapers instead."
I can't remember if my

I can't rememb dad's remark had anything to do with my pursuit of jour-nalism, but I always recall it when people ask me why the hell I'd want the most hated job in America.

When I took my first journalism course two years ago, it felt natural. My mom gifted me with writing talent, my dad taught me to be critical of every be critical of every-one and everything around me. Then, I discovered I had a passion for story-telling.

Most journal-ists aren't hot-

Editorial Editor

shot, egotistical, Washington snobs like Bob Woodward and Judith Miller. Many of us aren't intellectuals like Thomas L. Friedman and we can't churn out witticisms like Maureen Dowd. We'll spend our entire lives painstakingly crafting our writing styles, but won't ever come close to describing the human' condition like only Nicholas Kristof can. If you only read The New York Times, you're missing half the story —

stories. My favorites are the stories about folks who are fervent about the uncanny things they do, the students who devote too on, the students who devote too much of their free time to activism or the people who somehow make it through life on only a few saved pennies. These people don't make the front pages, but their tales are often the funniest, the most touching, and are endlessly inspirational. I wish I had more time to tell their stories. I didn't do enough of that

The rule of thumb says that journalists are one part crazy. two parts tough skinned. But that leaves out a certain element of heart that pushes us to tell those sincere stories — the best

It would only be fair to acknowledge anyone and every-one for the impact you've unknowing-ly made on my life. Without you, there are no stories.
Thank you for being you.



Hartnett Mike

Copy Desk Chief

pers are plagued by censorship more than readership. In the last few years, several college papers have been censored by the administration, while others have been shut down complete-

ly. Could that happen here?

It's no secret that members of this university's administration would like to censor us, or even shut us down, leaving UDaily as the only source for

Scary, I know.

The Review is entirely student-run and we don't pay any rent to the univer-

office space. Shouldn't we be humble, not investigative and critical?

The Review recently pub-lished an article on administrators who secretly use Facebook. In response, we received a letter from a student who complained that we were acting unprofes-sional and should stick to the "feel-good stories that this paper is intended for." Feel good? If The Review were intended to be "feel-good," who would investi-

gate campus hate crimes, drug busts, illegal fraternities, noise violations, white supremacist profes-sors, fatal train acci-dents or prying administrators on Not Facebook? UDaily.

In my two invaluable years at this newspaper, I'm proud to say The Review has always acted as a mirror to this university. We never censored ourselves, we never catered to the administration, and hopeful-ly we will never have to use it as toilet paper in my pants.

To say I don't deal well with change would be the understatement

of the century.

My mom
tells me I go into every milestone of my life crying and come out at the end crying. I'm not sure if I have enough teams not sure if I have enough tears to do justice to my amazing four years at UD, and this is definitely not enough space to say thanks to all who have made my college experience what it is. But I'm going to try my best.

down to it, college isn't about how high your GPA is or how many nights you went out with your friends. It's about learning who the real true people are in your life and cultivating those friend-

Sara Satullo

National/State News Editor

Many of your freshman-year friends have drifted away by senior year. Out of your core group of friends, many have been there since the beginning and many you've picked up along the way. They've watched you grow up and given you the room to do it. They haven't been afraid to tell you when you're doing the wrong thing. But they back

you up no matter what, even if you didn't their advice. I'm lucky enough to be leaving college with many of those

special people.

My friends have shaped who I am today. The thought of not being a five-minute walk from them scares the hell out of me. They make me laugh until I'm rolling on the ground — sometimes in the yards of churches — and we're always a little bit too loud. We may not always follow the rules to a "t"

but I know I have an amazing support system as I move into the next phase of my life.

These last four years have exceed-ed my wildest expectations. Delaware, you were my favorite hello and you are truly my hardest goodbye. Schwartz, Dana meet Kate's me at because you're right, that is the only way we'll make it through





I'm leaving with no regrets because I know I've lived my senior year to the fullest. Oddly enough, I've learned many things, especially during my many nights at Klondike Kate's attempting to earn a plaque on the wall of foam.
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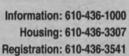
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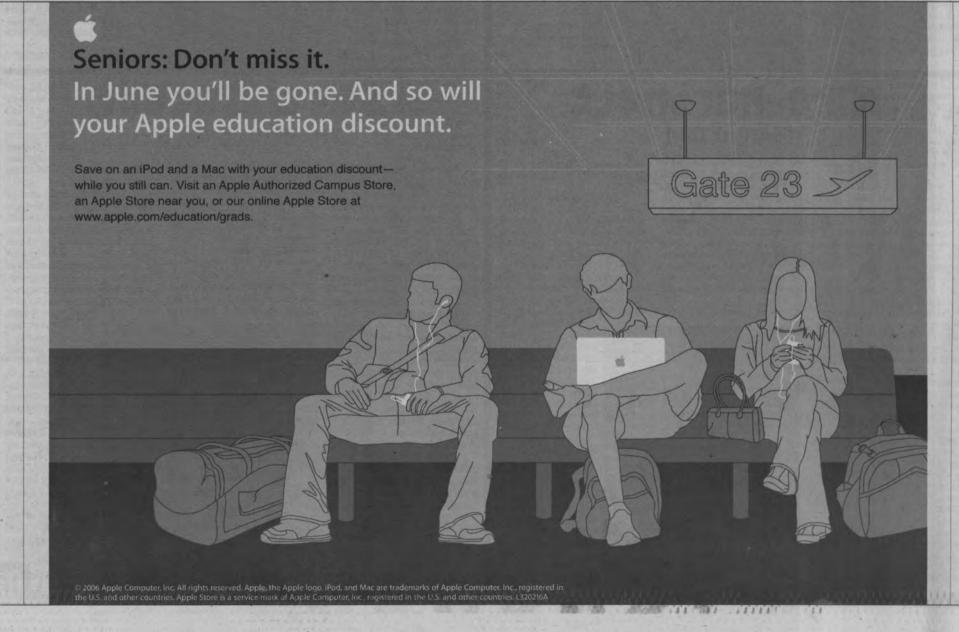


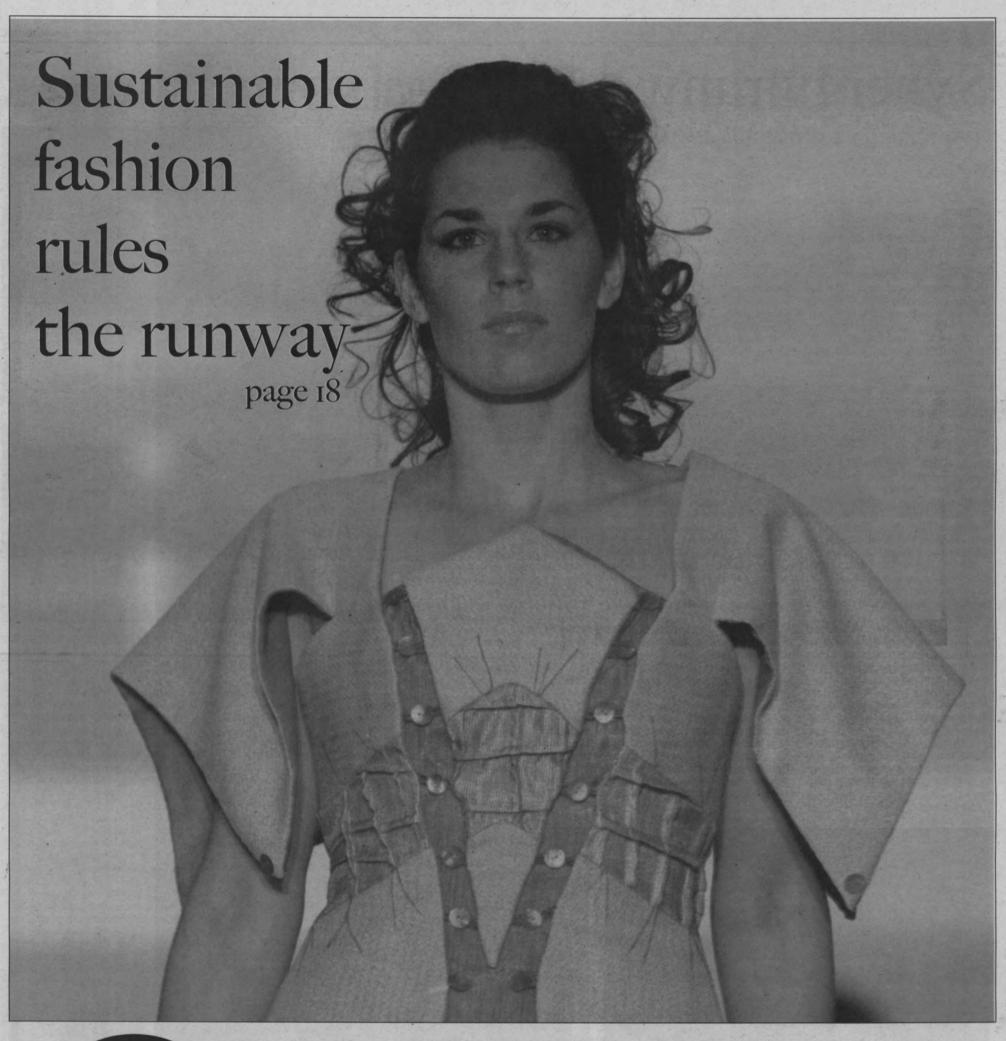
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Synergy runway show a vogue success

Apparel majors debut collections in annual fashion show

BY CAIT SIMPSON

Though Michael Kors was not on-hand with a disparaging remark, the pressure was on for the dozens of apparel design majors featured Saturday night.

Synergy, the RSO dedicated to fashion, held its annual fashion show where upper level apparel design majors showcase their collections in a competition.

Trabant Multi-Purpose Room was filled to capacity with a long, black runway backed by one large screen and flanked by two smaller

This year, the theme was "Fin d'Illusion: An Awakening to Reality," with collections branching from a "sustainability" prem-

Belinda Orzada, fashion and apparel studies professor and Synergy advisor, says any senior who wants to may enter the com-

"It's their prerogative," Orzada says. "They just have to take certain 300-level classes so there are no younger designers."

Planning for the event started last fall, she says, but the addition of a fashion promotion course helped in the organization this year.

A video montage kicked off the show with clips of the designers in the early morning hours amid a hodgepodge of Red Bull and half-dressed mannequins.

The blank canvas competition followed in which dozens of designers entered ensembles from their 300-level class projects.

One by one, models walked down the runway ranging in anything from a long, elegant maternity evening gown to a flowery biki-

Meagan Edmond swept the judges away with her ensemble, a long navy and white-striped dress with Hawaiian-inspired flowers. She was awarded first place in the blank canvas competition.

The senior collections competition featured 20 design students. They had complete control over their shows, from collection names to music selections. The students were given an overall theme, "Sustainability," to develop a cohesive collection of three to four

The segment started with Meghan Campbell's "East Meets Best" collection, featuring two dresses and a skirt and jacket com-bination with Eastern purple accents, and ended with Kristin Willersdorf's "Self Sufficiency" collection, a striking contrast to the beginning of the show with natural lime, tan and pink fabrics.

Each designer's models paraded onto the stage and took turns down the runway. After the models were finished, the designer came on stage to take a bow.

Some broke the pattern of skirts and dresses. An audience favorite, Kelly Shaw's "Pretty 'N' Pink" collection was modeled by sassy girls decked in purple and

Another designer, Meghan Russ, showcased her three wedding dress designs.

From earth tones to vibrant pink, each designer made the theme her own.

Orzada says the judges had several categories to score, including originality, appearance, fit, use of fabric and cohesiveness.

Rae Nicole Philadelphia-based freelance designer and competition judge, says she looked at how the design-

ers' apparel fit the models.
"One important factor is whether they knew what kind of girl they were aiming for," Styer says. "The ones that stuck out knew what their model looked

Brenda Greene was taken completely aback when her name was called at the end of the competition. She had just been awarded first place in the senior collections segment.

"It was so exciting," Greene says. "I didn't expect it-there wasn't any time backstage for me to compose myself."

Greene's collection, entitled "Seasonal Adaptation," was comprised mostly of hemp and a sheer pinkish-red fabric with rainbow threads throughout.

"When I went shopping I just fell in love with this red, sheer fabric," she says. "The cord and embroidery are all just pieces pulled from that fabric. I braided it myself.

Greene used both materials to create three transformable outfits. Her outfits were the product of three months of hard work. She started developing her sustainable

concept months ago.
"When I learned the theme, I really had no idea what I was going to do," Greene says. "I started working with the idea of sustainability throughout the seasons.

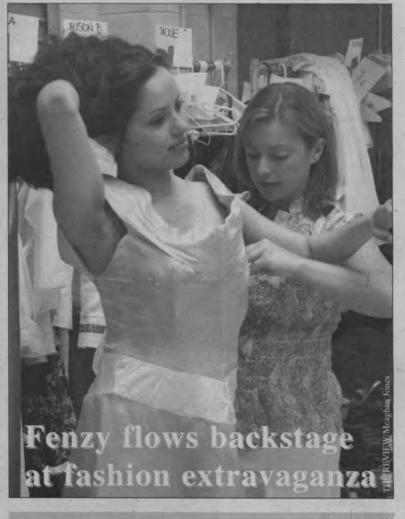
"For example, this jacket has sleeves that can come off to be a vest if it's warm out."

Chaos ensued after the lights came back on as the designers were mobbed by friends and family members. Orzada, looking on at the frenzied scene of flashing cameras and bouquets of flowers, says she was pleased with the event.

"It was definitely a success."







BY DANA SCHWARTZ & **MONICA SIMMONS**

"These shoes are killing me," eight-year-old model Sydney Castagna says as she leans down to adjust the strap on her heels.

More than 40 models echo her complaint in a narrow hallway adjacent to Trabant University Center's Multi-Purpose Room. The models are poked and prod-ded by student designers as the deadline for the Synergy fashion show looms. Unfazed by the designers' pre-show jitters, the majority of the models awaiting their runway time work for Wilmington's Barbizon Modeling School and Agency, who gener-ously donated their services for the occasion.

"I just stand there with my arms in the air and let them dress me," junior Ashley James, one of the models waiting to strut down the runway, says. Decked in a sequined ice skating leotard, she says this is her first Synergy show.

James says each designer fits collection to the different models, but last minute adjustments are still being made up until the first model takes the runway. Designers pass around doublesided tape and pins as they strug-gle to make each piece conform to the curves of real bodies.

However, this does not overshadow the time and effort put in by Synergy executive board members to pull off such an extravagant runway show. Posters outline each collection and Polaroids indicate the sequence of costume changes. The room is framed with racks of each carefully crafted

name, neatly waiting to be plucked from its hanger.

"The show is a lot more organized this year," senior Cassandra Neuhs says. "In the past there were a lot more pieces, but the designers were limited this year to pieces for class, blank canvas and the senior collection."

Even veteran models noted the show's exceptional organization helped ease their nerves

Alumna Yolanda McCallum, BE '05, who now works as an agency director for Barbizon models, says her biggest fear as a model is not an unusual one

"It's definitely falling down," she says. While other shows have forced her to wear clothes she didn't like, the craftsmanship of the

Synergy pieces impressed her.
The flurry backstage is silenced by booming techno music indicating the start of the show. Nervous expressions fade from the models' faces, postures stiffen and chins lift as the lights

In this instant, no amount of organization can prepare the anxious designers for what lies ahead. The still clothes are ripped from their hangers, shoes are thrown to the side and undergarments are discarded as the models swiftly exchange one garment for another.

Each limp outfit comes to life as the models take the first step from the chaos of backstage to the spotlights of the runway.

When the garment takes center stage, months of preparation boil down to the judges' approval and, within seconds, the garment once again hangs quietly on its hanger and a new one is given a design, marked with a model's chance in the spotlight



Senior lines thrill Trabant audience

Greene's personality shines through in line

BY KIM DIXON

It's 6 p.m. Friday before the Synergy fashion show. Room 305 in Alison Hall West is a pool of designers and models preparing themselves for the daunting task of a dress rehearsal. The room is a mosaic of garments, dress forms, ironing boards and frenzied fash-ion students. Without a defining outfit on, it might be hard to dis-tinguish senior designer Brenda Greene from the crowd.

Clad in a vintage purple T-shirt with a picture of Brenda Walsh from "Beverly Hills, 90210" on the front, slim, green cargo pants and green flip-flops, Greene playfully mocks herself—even if she doesn't mean to.

Tall and thin, the 22-year-old has the frame of a figure skater and the lean muscles of a runner, which is fitting because she quali-fies as both. Along with being a graduating apparel design major, Greene is part of both the university's track and figure skating teams, which doesn't leave her with a lot of free time.

"I would rather do a lot of stuff because when I have free time I just get bored anyway," she

Greene's everyday life is a seemingly rigorous schedule of practices and projects, but she describes it with ease, as if playing two college sports with a full schedule of classes is completely

"People always ask me how I do it and I really don't know,"she says. "I feel like when I'm busy, I'm more productive. During the summer, I'll plan on doing some projects and since I'm not as busy, I'll end up putting it off."

As the treasurer of Synergy, Greene is in charge of selling tick ets and arranging the show's

As the dress rehearsal comes together, she calmly takes her place at the end of the impromptu runway, queuing models and designers until it is time for her to dress her own models who strut down the hallway to the Bodyrockers' song, "I Like the Way You Move." The designers deal with missing models and musical malfunctions, but Greene handles it like a seasoned pro.
Originally from Hanover,

Originally from Hanover,
Mass., Greene discovered her
interest in fashion from her interest in figure skating.

"I used to doodle and design
my own skating dresses and then
we took my designs to a woman
who would take my designs and make them," she says. "It was cool to see my design actually

Greene says she is drawn to elaborate, colorful designs. Her attention to detail is apparent in the collection she chose for the fashion show.

The garments are from a project she did in class that focused on sustainability and transformation. Each piece can be converted into something else with the simple removal of button-on panels.

The collection utilizes two fabrics — a cream colored, textured blend and a pink, printed sheer silk. Greene's designs incorporate unusual lines with innovative color schemes and each piece handmade. She even handbraided every button loop using

pulled thread from the sheer silk.

"I love really intricate designs and I get mad at myself

because I think, 'What did I get myself into' when I design things," she says. "It is a lot of extra work but I like how it turns out in the end."

It is the extra attention to detail in tasks like embroidery that

set Greene's designs apart from her classmates'. But, in tune with the rest of her life, she is up for the

extra work.

"I like the extra challenge," she says. "If I didn't challenge myself I'd feel like I was copping out."

Some of Greene's favorite things to design are formal dressperformance or active wear and figure skating outfits — representing her three passions. She also loves bright colors.

"When I go to a dance or something I refuse to wear black because I know everyone else is going to be wearing it," she says.

After graduation, Greene says she doesn't have any solid plans. In fact, her career choices are as varied as her lifestyle. Greene has applied for both Disney on Ice and as a designer for Free People, a brand of Urban Outfitters Inc.

She says she wants to do
Disney on Ice for a year or so
before she works in design.

When asked if she had to

choose skating, running or design-ing for the rest of her life, she struggles with picking just one before settling on fashion.

"I'd do fashion because that's what I can make a career out of. But, you can't really take running away from me unless I lose a leg or something," Greene says.

"I like doing different things," she says. "I guess it's just my personality."



Sims keeps it simple

BY CHRISTOPHER MOORE

Lauren Sims knows fashion. As the president of Synergy, she is responsible for organizing the annual fashion show. Sims isn't just at the helm of the show, she's also a participant with her "Juxtaposition." collection,

Sims says the journey of gar-ment creation is ultimately reward-ing but the road there is tedious. Add the countless stresses related to organizing a show of this magnitude and you're looking at one of the

busiest students at the university.

"Typically, I start with an idea, inspired from a current trend, some I saw in a magazine, something I just noticed in my day-to-day life," she says. "Then, I draw several sketches of possible design ideas and narrow those down to the one I'd like to construct."

From there, Sims says methods of construction vary, but draping, or assembling the piece directly on a dress form, works best for her.

"It's a much more visual process and you can really see the garment coming to life," she says.
"The amount of time it takes to construct a garment from idea to finished product really varies depending on how much time is spent working on it and how complicated a design it is."

Her inspiration for her three pieces follows the overall theme of the show — sustainability.

the show — sustainability.

"Primitive people, living during the Ice Age approximately 500,000 years ago, were the first to use the skins of animals to protect their bodies from the elements," she says.

"Today, the leather tanning industry stands out as perhaps the most pro-ductive byproduct industry in the world, further proving its long and dependable existence.

"In my collection, I used this durable material, that has sustained itself as a means of clothing people

for centuries, in order to stabilize my garments and ensure their wearabili-

She says her fellow apparel design majors have spent endless hours in their Alison Hall headquarters and, although they've endured countless all-nighters, their bonds

remain strong.

"It's a fun atmosphere that we create in the studio. The girls in our major are a very tight knit group and only grow closer spending so much time together during the semester we're enrolled in collections," she says. "We are always chatting away, listening to music and running ideas past each other on how to do things if we run into a problem."

Sims says her experience at the university has taught her many invaluable lessons.

"The first is that you should never conform to anyone else's style but your own," she says. "Listen to what inspires you and what you feel passionate about when designing a

In fashion, she adds, one should

never take the "easy way out."

"Putting the extra effort in to do something properly will always pay off in the end when it comes to the aesthetics of a final garment," she

Following graduation, she says she would ultimately like to make her future designing for a reputable

fashion company.

"I would like a position where I get to use my creativity," she says. "It's most important to me that I go to work every day loving what I do and feeling that I'm making a contribution, no matter how small it may

Wherever Sims goes, it's clear her fashion taste alone will get her far in an industry that continually returns to the classics for inspiration.

"I find that you don't need to use hot pink in order to create something striking."



THE REVIEW/Mike DeVoll

Brenda Greene (left) accepts first prize for her collection, "Seasonal Adaptation."

Texan showcases her 'avant-garde' taste



THE REVIEW/Meaghan Jones

Caitlin Stevens converses with other designers backstage in preparation for the show.

BY JENNA ALIFANTE

Houston, Texas, is a long way away from Newark, Del., and from the catwalks of New York City for that matter. However, for Caitlin Stevens, a couple thousand miles weren't going to prevent her from exploring her diverse interests and passion for art.

Growing up, Stevens divided her time between her mother's home in Houston during the school year and her father's Wilmington, Del. address during summer.

This exposure to two very different environments encouraged Stevens to cultivate her creative talents. Although fashion wasn't necessarily her first love, Stevens did have a knack for design in high school.

She resourcefully created her own Homecoming dress after her mother taught her how to sew. Nonetheless, in an area where couture fashion was hard to come by, Stevens felt like an outsider when it came to conveying her attraction to

design. "Ew, what a shallow industry', " she says people told

Even so, Stevens marched to the beat of her own drum and expanded her repertoire with each passing year.

She says her look went from preppy to risquè after growing six inches between her freshman and sophomore years of high school. Eventually she resorted to comfort, coming to school in pajamas or sporty attire. This need to merge comfort and function would later influence her design philosophy.

During this time, Stevens' enthusiasm for art increased, but she soon realized the profession would not afford her the life she desired.

"I love art," she says, "but I decided I actually wanted to

eat when I grew up."

After much deliberation, Stevens packed her bags and returned to her summer home for college. She enrolled in the university in 2002 as a psychology major, a far cry from the

colorful sketches and sewing machines of her youth.

This alternate course would not last. During her sophomore year, Stevens switched majors to apparel design and soon came to know the meaning of dedication.

Stevens says last fall was the most demanding time dur-

ing her tenure at the university. The semester of collections, as she calls it, is one in which fashion majors literally don't

Stevens recalls a particular weekend in which she arrived at the "sweatshop," or sewing lab, in Alison Hall West at 9 a.m. on Saturday and didn't leave until 10 p.m. on Sunday.

Nonetheless, the scene isn't one of complete silence and concentration.

"It's social," she says. "There's music and we bounce ideas off each other."

In these close quarters, Stevens says she became extremely close with the people she worked alongside.

Meghan Russ, another senior apparel design major, witnessed Stevens putting together her collection that won a slot in the Synergy fashion show.

"It's very fun, colorful and catches your eye," Russ says. "Each piece is different from the next with a lot of versatili-

Stevens' approach, focusing on contrasting colors, and what she calls "avant-garde" combinations, is a take on her own sense of style.

The tall, thin senior, donning flowered shorts, an orange shirt and playful curls, exudes an effervescence her fellow designers use to describe her collection.

She says she considers more subtle colors to be unbe-

coming on the female form.

"I don't think pastels are flattering," Stevens says.

Great-fitting long jeans, big, dangling earrings and wifebeaters are among her must-haves. Not one to consider herself overly trendy, Stevens says she wants her prospective clients to be able to go to the store, buy her clothes and wear

"It's more important to be comfortable, functional, feminine and classic," she says.

Despite only resting her imaginative mind for three to four hours a night at times, she says she definitely made the

"I would rather do this any night of the week," Stevens

Stevens says she sees herself working under other people for at least five years and hopes to start a business with her sister who's in finance. Still, the Texan doesn't rule out moving back to her roots one day.

"I love the people down there," she says. "I would move back when I retire.

Foley finds inspiration in unlikely places

For up and coming fashion designers, inspiration is an important element of the creation process. While others look to celebrities and the media for ideas, senior Megan Foley is a bit more unconventional.

"I don't read fashion magazines," Foley says.

"When you're thinking about fashion, you always want to be thinking forward, not what's already out." So when the time finally came for Foley to assem-

ble her collection for the annual Synergy fashion show, she wanted to get away from her usual, more conven-

tional pieces and try something more daring.

Titled "Renewed Impressions: A Revitalization of Style," Foley describes the pieces as "wearable art," rather than clothes meant for an everyday lifestyle.

An example of her new approach is a dress, which can be seen on the advertisements for the fashion show,

made of canvas kimono sleeves that can become pants.

The dress' print was inspired from an unlikely source — Foley's older sister's artwork. It's just anoth-

er example of Foley's original ideas put to fabric.
"I try to expose myself," she says. "I go to art museums for inspiration. I'm really just inspired by the whole process of creation."

Synergy's spring fashion show at the Trabant University Center isn't Foley's first foray into fashion competition. In fact, her garment recently won the "Best in Show" award at the Fashion Group International competition in Dallas, Texas, trumping 300 other gar-

Yet, the Synergy fashion show is something special. "If you're an apparel design major, it's what you work toward your four years," Foley says.

Foley, whose favorite designers include Chanel and

Victor and Rolf, began her university career as a merchandising student but knew she also "wanted to do something a little more creative" and added apparel design to her repertoire.

The anticipation for the fashion show is evident in Foley's enthusiastic tone when speaking of the event. She says it's her opportunity not only to show off her work but also surprise those who are familiar with her more conservative pieces

"When I first showed my professor and classmates, all they could really say was, 'Whoa,' " she says.

For her collection, Foley also took a "recycling"

approach and visited local Salvation Army stores to buy old dress shirts. It is this infusion of vintage articles and forward thinking that results in Foley's work.

She attributes her creativity to the university's ever-improving fashion design program. Although she jokingly says the main attribute she's learned from the major is "sleep depravation," Foley credits her ability to "think outside the box" and newfound confidence to the

With an internship at BCBG under her belt, Foley's post-graduation plans could go many different ways, even in the fierce marketplace of apparel design.

"I think the hardest part is getting an interview," she says. "Luckily, the school is really good about contacts. I want to work for Nordstorm's or Ralph Lauren.

As graduation quickly approaches, Foley says she has nothing but fond memories at the university, especially as a member of Synergy, adding it's a great club to be involved with because of the "fun group of peo-

Foley says she has high hopes for the fashion show's first-time attendees. Not only is the show a chance to show her work to new faces, but an opportunity to illustrate a bigger picture — the university's apparel design program as a legitimate stake in the world of new fashion.

"I hope they see how strong the program is," she "We can be put on the same level as a school like FIT. There's a lot of talent here."



Megan Foley snaps on the last panels of her artistic evening gown.

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Synergy fashion: the next frontier



Rock staples craft impressive results

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Pearl Jam's latest on par with early-90s best

"Pearl Jam" Pearl Jam J Records

Rating: 🌣 🌣 🌣 🌣 Folk legends like Woody Guthrie and Neil Young built their careers on timeless protest songs at the height of political unrest. On a large scale, war and conflict have the capacity to destroy nations, but somehow bring out the best in musicians.

Since their stint on Change," a Democrat-endorsed concert series in 2004, grunge-rock legends Pearl Jam have been busy in the studio writing new material, furiously watching news coverage of the latest bombings in Iraq. The result is 13 cathartic tracks teaching the world a lesson in revolution.

Music fans may not have high expectations for Pearl Jam's venture back into mainstream rock music, especially after its last two commercial failures, the experi-mental disappointments "Riot Act" and "Binaural." However, lead singer Eddie Vedder and his bandmates are back with a White House-sized chip on their shoulder.
The band wastes no time reminding

the public it has not lost a step since it last recorded. Opening tracks "Life Wasted" and "Severed Hand" pulse with a raw and live intensity, unmatched by most bands today, a testament to a band that has been around for 16 years.

During the bridge in "Life Wasted," an audible laugh from Vedder can be heard, which epitomizes the atmosphere surrounding the album. One may construe the laugh as a reflection of situations the government has gotten itself into, a laughable comedy of errors.

Or it can be seen as a distraught wail from a broken man who has had enough and needs change for the good of his conscience. It can be inferred from the

remainder of the album that it is the latter.

The blistering lead single "World Wide Suicide" firmly cements the album's theme, courtesy of Vedder's incendiary lyrics aimed at the current administration.

After an opening guitar riff straight out of The Who's back catalog, Vedder sneers, "Medals on a wooden mantle /

Next to a handsome face / That the President took for granted / Writing checks that others pay." To say the band disagrees with the President's decisions is an understatement, to say the least.
Not every song on "Pearl Jam" focus-

es its rage on politics, how-ever. Vedder looks toward

the sky for an answer on the aggressive, "Marker in the Sand." Over visceral guitar and pounding drums, Vedder questions God's influence on the current war.

"Now you got both sides / Claiming 'killing in God's name' / But God is nowhere / To be found conveniently." While it may come off as blasphemous to some, Vedder sheds light on the conflict and points out it is truly root-

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ed in semantic differences, not ideology.

The album switches gears with the melancholy "Parachutes." Guitarist Mike McCready's arrangement is reminiscent of White Album-era Beatles, with traveling bass lines and an uncharacteristically relaxed vocal accompaniment not heard since the surprise hit cover "Last Kiss.

The song serves as a beacon of positivity that shines through the dark imagery on the rest of the album. Preaching the road-weary cliché that "love will conquer Vedder pleads for peace.
"And love / Wish the world could

glow again with love / One can't seem to

"Pearl Jam" is not without its low points. "Comatose" suffers from the band's attempt to cram five minutes of material into two-and-a half, leading to a faux-punk song devoid of focus. They also reach into their archives in an attempt to reproduce their classic ballad "Black," but come up sounding derivative on "Come

While Pearl Jam did not necessarily reinvent the wheel for its eighth studio album, it successfully delivers an impressive outing that is on par with classic albums "Vs." and "Ten."

Pepper's 'Stadium' a jam-packed goodtime

Red Hot Chili Peppers Warner Bros. Records Rating: AAA1/2

There is nothing in rock music quite as ambitious as the double album. Artists rang-ing from Bob Dylan to the Foo Fighters have all fallen victim to a world where complacency goes to die and the phrase "b-side'

With "Stadium Arcadium," the band's first new material since 2001, the Red Hot Chili Peppers sought the guidance of long-time collaborator Rick Rubin, who pro-duced their last four studio albums. While its last two efforts showcased a departure from the funk-infused party rock of its past, "Stadium Arcadium" borrows heavily from "Blood Sugar Sex Magik," its boisterous

breakthrough album.

The sprawling 28-song set takes the listener on a two-hour ride, complete with space-age P-Funk grooves, raucous send-ups, and acoustic balladry, showcasing their endless versatility. So confident is the band that bassist Flea exclaimed "Stadium Arcadium" their best work to date on their official Web site.

Such conviction has been the last nail in the coffin for many bands, but the Chili Peppers manage to deliver, albeit infre-

Lead single "Dani California" is actually the third part in a trilogy of songs about a fictional teenage girl, ostensibly named Dani (the other two songs in which she appears is "Californication" and "By The Way," from the band's last two albums).

The song follows the same formula as

their previous singles, with Flea and gui-tarist John Frusciante trading dueling riffs while lead singer Anthony

Kiedis utilizes his rhyming dictionary to describe "all the women he has ever dated," according to an interview with MTV. While "Dani California"

represented their grand reintroduction to the world of pop music, the band returns to its roots on "Hump De Bump." Complete with a

Beatles-esque opening and a trumpets-andtrashcans breakdown, the song captures the raw excitement that people have come to expect from the Chili Peppers.

This energy carries over to "C'mon

Girl" and "Storm in a Teacup," which fea-tures two of the best call-and-return verses on either album, guaranteed to be live staoles in the near future. These are also where Frusciante showcases his importance to the band, complementing Kiedis with mesmerizing vocal harmonies and electric guitar

When a band can collaborate with someone who played with The Beatles, the results will probably be successful. Long known as the unofficial "Fifth Beatle," organist Billy Preston appears on "Warlocks," which sounds like an amalgam of their last two albums, striking a balance between juvenile enthusiasm and melodic

An endearing characteristic of the Chili Peppers' music since their debut album has been the presence of free-form and unintelligible lyrics, which are scattered throughout "Stadium Arcadium."

Exhibit A - "21st Century," which features Kiedis scat-rapping over a classic Flea bass line, "All the creatures on the beaches / Makin' waves in the motion picture / Won't you keep this in between us? / Search and

seizure wake up Venus."

Fortunately this weak link has yet to derail their success, but it begs the question how they could make it this far with elementary school wordplay. In fact, Kiedis shows his maturity one track before, with "Hard to Concentrate."

Written for Flea and his wife's marriage, Kiedis shows his soft side, whispering over a relaxing bass line and faint bongos, "All I want is for you to be happy / And, take this woman and make you my family / Finally you have found someone perfect / And, finally you have found yourself." However, like all double albums there

is an inordinate amount of filler and repetitive tracks. "So Much I" sounds identical to the superior "Make You Feel Better" with different lyrics, and "If" suffers from a bad case of overwrought sentimentality, which is ill-fitting on such a fun album.

Ultimately, "Stadium Arcadium" does not live up to the lofty expectations set by the band. While it is admirable for a band to venture into such uncharted and unsuccessful territory, double albums come off as overzealous.

As is the case, a single disc of "Stadium Arcadium" standouts would have



Mosaic seniors: One last scandal

Moore reunites with Boyce at Betty Ford

BY CHRISTOPHER MOORE

Managing Mosaic Editor

How do you walk away from The Review after almost three years of pathetic addiction? Perhaps there is a 12-step program, Maybe there is an in-patient rehabilitation center where Star magazine is delivered weekly and "Oprah" reruns flow like boxed wine. Or maybe I should just go cold turkey throw up the deuce and just go cold turkey — throw up the deuce and walk away. Before I leave, though, allow me yearbook-it-up here for a moment.

To my family-in-print, you have all earned my love and respect. Miss Simpson, I expect you to remain on your toes with the latest celebrity gossip. Mr. Mesure, I expect "Captain Jack" to be played at the appropriate moments, followed by a "yer" for good luck. Keep the spirit of The Dong alive and remember Paris, Mingey and what rhymes with baguettes. Señor Citino, always follow every questionable com-ment with a drawn-out OK and two olè-snaps. Keep in mind that the theme from the Carousel of Progress is only remembered by a select few and the word "is" never fits between "Brian" and "crazy." To everyone else, an obvious thank

My deepest apologies to the Death Row children who have endured my 30-year dictatorship. Jenna and Kim, you have mighty big pumps to fill, I'm so very proud of you both. Wesley, the straight cash you receive from your new job will subsidize your balling lifestyle. Carter, please keep away from the guerilla and separate the clips from the articles — in all seriousness, you know I'm the president of your fan club. Natalie, you have been a wonderful constant to have on staff; I'm so glad you were able to return to Mosaic and reach the finish line with to return to Mosaic and reach the finish line with us. Joyce and Dane, you now have the heady responsibility of becoming just as insane as the rest of us. Holy yearbook, Dana Schwartz, how can I go on without your side ponytails and judaic wisdom. "So cute — delete it." Hopefully we'll be able to coordinate my Bat Mitzvah to fit your schedule. OK, bye, miss you already, call me like every five minutes.

The Dong: The world sees the screaming and the slaughter, I get to see the laughter and the gentleness. "Who can take a nothing day and suddenly make it all seem worth while?"

and suddenly make it all seem worth while To those who've gone before me — Leah Conway and your ballroom dancing ways. Jamie Edmonds, who never cared what time she arrived for class. Brian Downey, who loved Natural Light and Diane equally. Katie Grasso, who taught me how to drink like a lady. And Tarra who turned me into everyone's worst nightmare — I thank you all.

And how could I forget Andy Amsler (smells like ham)? How do I squeeze all of your

antics into an 800-word article?

Your sweat-pant wearing, ratemy-

smoking, 112-listening, pepperoni roll-loving, PDF-ing, word-mispronouncing ass has become one of the best parts about working up here. So what if Saturday night's outfit works for Sunday morning. So what if you leave me notes on my car (um, stalker?). Who cares if you secretly like chili dogs? So what if you know all the words to "Check on it." Someday I'll need a lawyer to defend my big mouth, liberal ways. In the meantime, though, we'll plant trees and wear the same black polo shirt on purpose. Please keep in mind that "people like two points

And Erin Biles, where do we go from here? You love the South Dakota trash almost as much as I do. I don't know how you put up with Mandy's shit — from "Oceans 11" not being nominated for an Oscar to trying to microwave anything he can find; your patience is nothing short of saintly. We shop, we love expensive sunglasses, we drink and we laugh — I've sunglasses, we drink and we laugh — I've learned how to utilize an apron and you've learned the art of "are you kidding me?" I might just miss you most of all. Wherever you go, always keep a menthol cigarette, a copy of "Thriller" and a spare photo of ham to remember the days when we ruled the world simply by whispering, "I hate him." Just remember, though, people in California don't wear sweatnants.

I think one of the best parts about college, though, has been meeting my soul brother and my soul sister, Carson Walker and Laura aka Joyce aka "Welcome, Gail!" Boyce respective-

Doge, you're one of my best friends, and not just because you like Star magazine as much as I do, but because you don't treat me like a token. From Fridays spent perusing used CDs to "Seal Bites Woman's Face," you're ugly orange ensembles and relentless humor have made it worth at least two snaps in a z-formation. My endless love, Tigs. WWF for life, motherfucker. Laura, I would list our greatest hits but you're reading my mind as I type so I'll just call you

An obvious thank you to my father for

teaching me the importance of storytelling.

Thank you to Bert's Music for being the best record shop on the planet. Thank you Truman Capote and Joan Didion for indirectly showing me how to find my voice. And thank you Pet Shop Boys for creating the soundrack to

And finally, to the Mister and the Yorkie, my love for you both knows no bounds. Thank you for putting up with the "idiotic newspaper."

So I guess I have to walk away, but I leave you with the words of the timeless philosopher Stevie Nicks, "And the days go by / Like a strand in the wind / In the web that is my own /

Exclusive: Dong flips car, eats bag of cats

BY MONICA SIMMONS

Janet Malcolm once wrote, "Every journalist who is not too stupid or too full of himself to notice what is going on knows that what he does is morally indefensible." Malcolm's theory is that by cozying up to a subject and then using their quotes against them, the journalist is the ultimate con man.

Perhaps she's right. Perhaps all journalists lack an ethical compass and try to defend an industry which essentially has no defense. But if my time at The Review has taught me anything, it is not to let our adver-saries define us. Even if our profession is saries define us. Even if our profession is immoral, that doesn't necessarily mean it's not vital. I believe real journalism, that which struggles against the current of secrecy and corruption, is necessary despite what bloggers, politicians or even the Leader of the Free World says.

Our mistakes are what strengthen us. Our mistakes are what allow us to look our foes in the eyes and say, "We're stronger than this." Complaints may amass, accusations may fly and tempers may flare but this

tions may fly and tempers may flare, but this paper will live on because of what we learned when we failed. I'm proud to have worked with people who have not only stood by me, but have had the courage to stand against me when I was wrong.

I thank those who challenged me with

their authority. Professors Jackson and Jenkins, thank you for your guidance and passion. It sparked a fire for this profession that will hopefully stay burning for years to

Katie Grasso, you are my most influential mentor. You paved a path I struggled to follow, but when I strayed, you always came back to lead me around the next bend. Thank you for your kindness, courage and

I thank those who challenged me with support. Hartnett, you would have made an excellent pope, but alas, you were stuck with me as a desk partner. While I know we have disagreed many times, I thank you for unseating me from my self-righteousness. Devin, you more than anyone have walked this journey alongside me only to race ahead. I know it is only a matter of time until your name will garner the esteem it

deserves, but remember it all started on the road to West Hartford, Conn.

I thank those people who challenged me to look beyond the daily crisis with laughter. Carson, thank you for lending an ear to my self-absorbed rants and rumors. I feel I do not deserve your friendship and am privileged I can share our next challenges together. Brian Citino, my protégé, remember those who intimidate, dominate.

I thank those people who challenged me with their humility. Steph, your patience is astounding. You have grounded me and lent some perspective to my chaotic life. My Mosaic Staff, I'm very proud of you. Jenna and Kim, I know you will continue our lega-

cy and lend some credibility to this section.

B-ri, let "Final Countdown" die already.

CC, thank you for understanding the importance of a circa 1987 photo of Stevie and Lindsey. The helicopter is waiting out-

Finally, I thank those people who challenged me with their support. Andy and Erin, I know my behavior often times dictated otherwise, but I have a wealth of respect for the two of you. Thank you for knowing when I needed room to breathe and when I simply needed to be put in my place. Thank you most of all for giving me a drink when

you most of all for giving me a drink when it simply felt like things were falling apart.

Dan and Cait, if there's one thing I can leave you with, it's the reminder to surround yourself with people who criticize you relentlessly. Don't let others' opinions dictate your outlook on what this paper means to you and this campus.

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This would not be my goodbye if I did not pay tribute to my pathetic fetish with all things West Wing. It feels appropriate that as the Bartlett administration exits the White House, I, too, am facing the blank canvas that is my future. So, in true Bartlet fashion, I look ahead and ask one question: "What's



Mosaic seniors: One last scandal



Cat Fight: Natalie goes beserk on Hilton trash

BY NATALIE TORENTINOS

It's scary to realize how fast time flies. Before I know it, I'll be old and gray, rambling to my grandkids about the good ole' college days, and The Review certainly has been a big part of it. Not only is it a learning experience, but one where I felt like I grew as an individual. I'm naturally shy, and I know I don't speak up as much as I should, but working here has forced me to at least partially conquer

I'll never forget the first time I walked into the newsroom as a scared little sophomore, hoping that an editor would give me a story to publish for my English 307 class. Eventually, it did happen and I was hooked. After years of having no idea what I should do for a career, when I sat down to type in my story, I knew that I could see myself doing this for a living. There's something about the daily grind of a newsroom and camaraderie between reporters and editors that I really enjoy being a part of.

The journalism professors here have truly inspired me to pursue this field of study. Professors Jackson, Jenkins, Yagoda and Kerrane, I can't thank you enough for everything you've taught me.

I have to thank the editors I've worked with who have been such great co-workers and talented writers.
First of all, to the people I worked with last spring: I owe a lot to Katie Grasso for hiring me and making me feel welcome during my first semester here; Laura, Brian and Leah, we all missed you this year and I hope

you're enjoying your work thus far.
I'm also glad that I got to be a

part of the news staff last semester as news features editor, even though it's the most difficult one to find stories for - Brian, thanks for being a great

To current Mosaic staffers: Kim and Jenna, you've been so wonderful to work with as fellow features editors, and I know you two will continue to do a great job next year managing Mosaic. And Jenna, I looked forward to eating your cookies every Saturday morning!

Dana, Wes and Carter, you're all very talented and I wish you the best. To Wes and Carter, I know you'll keep the Mosaic legacy alive next year with your creativity.

Monica, you did a great job with layout. Your writing is always sharp and fun to read - I know you'll go far in all your endeavors.

Chris, thank you for encouraging me to apply for a staff position in the first place. It is hard to imagine Mosaic without you. You always know how to make us step back from what we're doing for a minute and laugh, and that's something I admire a great deal. Whenever I pitch a story idea in the future, I'll think of the Mosaic freestyle rap session. You and Monica did such a great job managing the best section in the paper.

Andy and Erin, thank you for putting out a paper that is much improved. You put in the time and effort needed to make The Review what it is today. I see more and more people picking up the paper every Tuesday, and that's due in large part to what you've accomplished. what you've accomplished.

To the rest of the Review staffers, ood luck in everything you do. Puff Natty is signing out.

Dana: 'So cute, delete it!'

BY DANA SCHWARTZ

A close friend of mine had it right when she said she wanted to run around campus grabbing every underclassman by the cheeks, quoting Billy Madison, screaming, "Stay here. Stay here as long as you can. For the love of God, cherish it. You have to cherish it."

It may sound crazy but what does everyone expect of us? The best four years of our lives have come and gone extremely too fast and now graduation is sneaking up on us. Even running to the bars to hide from it won't work. So go ahead, kick me while I'm down and make me write a senior goodbye. I'm sure things won't get emotional.

When I was first hired to be on staff I didn't know what Katie Grasso saw in me. But I can't help but smile looking back at the past year-and-a-half because I can see it now. So, thank you Miss Grasso, I am forever in debt to you. Being a staff member of this newspaper has taught me professionalism, given a new meaning to hard work and a true sense of pride in the words "I

As my first partner, Kim has to deal with the first goodbye. I think we actually cried when we found out we weren't going to be partners again — who does that? We do, but not without good reason. To have a partner who works off of your every move, making everything you do better is truly a blessing. Every time you write something you blow me out of the water. You are truly talented. I am so proud of you and I hope I've made you proud of me too. In 40 years, I'll show my grandchildren our picture with Matthew McConaughey and tell them we wrote about his butt — after all, they should be proud of their grandmother.

It's only appropriate to jump into saying goodbye to my cur-rent partner, Wes. Working with you this semester has been a great pleasure. Getting work done has never been easier. Without your amazing knowledge of music and pop culture our desk would have taken a great hit. Long dashes for

As for the infamous Mr. Christopher Moore, you are my proudest obsession. I'm not exactly sure when we realized we were meant to be together for life, but it could have been when we bumped into each other shopping for the perfect Jewish hus-band. OK, not true, but it might as well be. I love you dearly, don't ever forget that. OK bye, miss you already, call me like every five minutes.

Dear Andy Amsler, change your clothes when you get up in the morning. Erin Biles, people don't truly know how dangerous we would be if thrown together on a night out. It's probably better if we keep it that way.

Monica, welcoming you to the Mosaic family was a proud moment and to outwit me in the sarcasm department makes you a

true champ.

Natalie, you're going big places fast. Someday I'll get to say that I worked at this dinky little newspaper with you. Jenna, you can always make Saturday deadlines enjoyable with your cooking. Good luck next year even though I know you won't read it.

Carter, do us proud in the

entertainment department. I have complete faith in you and I will be watching your every move, so good luck

To the ghosts of Deathrow past — Leah Conway, life just wasn't the same without you this year and I will never forgive you for that. OK, I will but I am still a little bitter. Laura Boyce, you are the true goddess of Deathrow. I miss seeing you at Kate's dancing with your hair in a drunken mess. B-Ri, thunder and lightning were greatly missed this semester.

As for my Aussie partners in crime, Amy and Megan, I had huge shoes to fill and I hope I made you proud. Without the two of you and my other Aussie love, Christina, in my life it just wouldn't be complete.

To the 151 girls and my field

hockey teammates who I am proud to call sisters, thank you for loving me. Without you guys behind me through everything I wouldn't have made it out of this experience sane. You have all been inspiration for crazy editorials and media darlings — what will I do without my muses? To know that you all will go out of your way to pick up the newspaper to read what I wrote, no matter how boring, means the world to me. I would be nothing with-

I'm not sure what moment I am most proud of — being hired as entertainment editor, seeing my first byline in print or writing this senior good-bye. The Review holds a special place in my heart, right next to the Deathrow family of past and present. I will never

be the same, so thank you.

P.S. — Sara Satullo, meet me at Kate's — it's the only way we're going to deal with this.



THE REVIEW/Christopher Moore

Dana Schwartz plays lookout while Erin Biles handles her business in the men's room at Kate's.

'You go and save the best for last'

Tim Parsons: 'Is it really over?'

Is it really over?

It seems like it was yesterday that I got that first phone call from then-Review Editor and legend Rob "The Mime" McFadden assigning me my first story. After a lot of fretting over how to talk to the players afterwards and hours agonizing over how it should be written, I wandered into the office that Sunday afternoon. Unfortunately, I came in during budget, so I got this awful glare from the entire staff when I opened the door. I was so freaked out and confused, but I managed to stumble to a computer and my first story was published. It's been an absolute whirlwind in the 3 years since and I wouldn't trade the experience for the world.

Whether covering swimming or football, every experience was a great one which only made me a better writer. But my best experience had to be the 2004 football season. Coming off the school's first football National Championship since 1978, all eyes were focused on Newark and it was so exciting to be around the team

Is it really over?

Thanks to the former Sports staff – Bob Thurlow, Dan Montesano, Rob McFadden and Matt Amis for giv-

ing me a chance and keeping me onboard as a reporter.

Thanks to Katie Grasso for thinking I was good

enough and hiring me to the staff.

Thanks to Andy Amsler and Erin Biles for being

such wonderful people and great leaders who pushed this paper to bigger and better things.

Thanks to the current Sports staff – Dan Mesure, Greg Price, Ravi Gupta, Steve Russolillo, Kate Dieffenbach and Kenny Riedel for being such a great group of people to work with. I know the paper is in good hands with all of you.

Is it really over?
I'll miss all of the great times we had in that dank, stuffy room we called an office. From basketball on the white board, "Bumper Chairs" and the amazing Photoshop creations, these are times I will remember for-

And most importantly, thank you to my parents. Without your support, I would never have made the 450-mile trek from New Hampshire to be here right now.

To all my friends, thanks for the wonderful memo-

ries. Good luck in the future.

Is it really over?

Yes, I guess it really is.



Two goodbyes from a Sports lifer

BY GREG PRICE

Last Wednesday Tiger Woods lost his father Earl, 74, to a long battle with cancer. Tiger stated in a press release how much he will miss his father, who was his mentor and role model throughout his life.
On that same Wednesday I lost my grandmother,

Ann Altomare, 83, to a three-year stance against cancer. I know, because she told me, she lived a full life, having traveled the world and worked as a nurse and with vari-

ous charity groups.

This is probably the only time I will ever have anything in common with Tiger Woods. Earl was Tiger's role model, my grandmother was certainly one of mine. She always taught me two things: work hard and be happy.

It's safe to say I applied those tenets of wisdom to my life and my time on The Review Sports desk. I know the times I have spent working at The Review can never be repeated or topped, only remembered.

With that said I wish to thank as many people as possible who made my time at the paper not only possible but

To Tim Parsons, thank you for assigning me my first story, a women's soccer article that I looked back on and realized it should never have been published. But it was a start. Also thank you to Katie Grasso, a former Editor-in-Chief who hired me for the Sports desk for some absurd

The Sports section became very important to me during my tenure and I cannot think of more capable hands Steve Russolillo, Ravi Gupta, Kenny Reidel, Brendan Reed and Jason Tomassini. Each of you work diligently and there is no better group of guys for the job.

To Dan "The Man" Mesure, my partner in crime for the past year-and-a-half, I had one of the best experiences

of my young journalistic life working alongside you and wish you nothing but luck as the new Editor in Chief. You and Cait Simpson, the new Executive Editor, deserve your positions and should achieve great things while at

To Andy Amsler and Erin Biles, I want to thank you both for all the hard work and dedication you applied week in and week out, while maintaing the monster staff that is The Review. There was never a time either of you refused to help me when I needed it.

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There are far too many names to mention but here's a shot. Thank you to Monica Simmons, Christopher Moore, Brian Citino, Kyle Siskey and Stephanie Andersen. All of you made my experience so worthwhile.

With that said, my future is uncertain. But to be honest, I like it that way. When I first joined the staff I had no clue what I was in for. I now leave the staff with far more knowledge and experience. I think my grandmother would have been proud. And I know she would expect me to work just as hard in the "real world" as I did while at The Review



Death Row 4 life

BY CARSON WALKER

I find it only fitting that my last stand at The Review appears in the section that gave me my start. I love the news, but my heart will forever be embedded in

When I first started writing here nearly three years ago I was petrified. But, I remember how excited I was when I opened the paper and saw my name in lights for the first time — "CARSON WALKER: Staff Reporter."

It was some obscure story for Tina (thanks) about cell phone

trends, and I am pretty sure no one read it, except for my Mom, Dad, Kelsey, extended family, maybe Nicole, Al and Katie, and of course, Leah (who, I don't know how she did it, but she always managed to put up with the long hours and rants about the Review, you are the best.) -

Thank you guys and gals for always reading my stories, no matter how insignificant they were. This will probably be the last time my name appears in the Review, and somehow I wouldn't be sur-

prised if they were the only ones who read my last story too.

Somewhere in that first semester of writing I decided the Review was the place for me.

From writing about emergency poops my first semester on staff (long story, but let's just say that I had an incident at a urinal when the jackass next to me broke any and all unspoken etiquette, I digress.) to editing 30 million pages a Monday, so many people have been there for and with me.

From my time on Death Row ... thank you Katie, a.k.a. mama bear, for hiring me. Tarra for bear, for hiring me. Tarra for always telling me like it was. Miss. Hicks, what can I say, you liked to yell at me and I loved it. Amy and Meg, you guys were the best teachers ever, thanks-Eyebrows! Leah and Laura, you guys are the classiest of classy gals. Thanks. Tigs, I'll get to you later. To my ex-partner, Jenna, you kept me sane when I couldn't remember why I was working here. Thank you. Finally to news this semester

and all the raucousness (made that one up). To all desk editors, even P-Dubbs, thanks, you made 14-hour Sundays bearable and even enjoyable. Now for the hard

First, Mike and Devin — you guys are two of the most hardworking, fun partying people I know, don't change that, even if the music is a bit loud.

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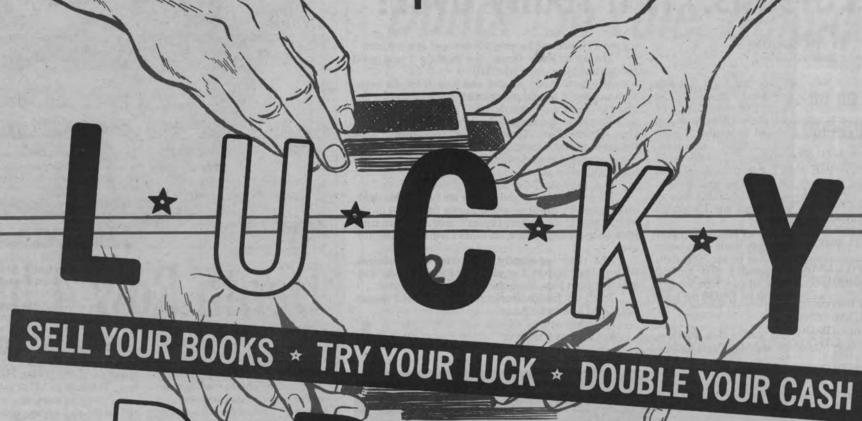
Greg and Dan and hell, all of sports, you stay classy and keep raising the back section bar.
Cait, Brian: I don't know if I

can ever tell you how much you both rock. I know it sounds dumb, but you have become two of my best friends and I just might have to skip Mondays next year when I need my managing news

Last but certainly not least, Chris and Monica. How do you say goodbye to two people who, it seems, you just said hello to? You both bring the best and worst out of me. When we all started here at the same time, I never thought I would be close to either of you. With Chris it was when he told me to answer the phone because he had a tranny calling (that was a good first impression) and Monica, I knew we were destined for greatness when I realized that a for greatness when I realized that a copy editor was really running the show. You guys are great, and hon-estly typed words can't do our friendships and bonds justice, so I ain't gonna touch it ... OHHHKAAAAY!!!!!

I guess these are the last few words I'll type here, it's been fun. And now ... now life happens.

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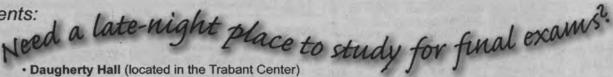
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SPORTS

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Streaky season ends in title loss

Men's lax falls to Hofstra

BY BRENDAN REED

As the temperature grows warmer and the daylight dwells longer, spring is slowly turning into summer. Skirts and sandals have replaced long johns and galoshes. Pretty soon, you won't find kids in classrooms or cafeterias, but rather pools and playgrounds.

If you had to relate the 2006 men's lacrosse campaign to a playground device, it would undoubtedly be the see-saw. The season featured the highest of highs and lowest of lows: long winning streaks, disappointing losses, individual achievements and unfortunate

The season ended Sunday night for the Hens after the NCAA announced the 16-team field for this year's tournament. The Hens found themselves odd men out with their bubble bursting after the team was not given a berth in the tournament.

"The team and the coaching staff were disappointed," head coach Bob Shillinglaw said.
"We were kind of surprised about some of the teams that got in.'

Of the eight at-large bids to gain entry into this year's tournament, only one team had as many wins as Delaware's 12. Twelfth seeded Harvard, which drew the No. 5 seed Syracuse, finished with only six wins. Out of 57 Division I teams, only five managed to win 11 or more games this year.

"At the end, it's a subjective decision,"

Shillinglaw said.

Delaware found itself in a similar position last year. It lost the Colonial Athletic Association tournament title game by one goal tournament by way of an at-large berth. The winner of the CAA tournament gets an automatic bid in the NCAA tournament.

But this year, after losing in the CAA title game to Hofstra, the Hens could not find the luck from the year before. Delaware scored first

but it would be its only lead.

After falling behind 7-2 at the half, the Hens rallied. Junior Cam Howard scored twice in the third quarter to narrow Hofstra's lead to 10-6, but that was the closest Delaware would get. Hofstra beat Delaware for the second time season, winning the CAA title game 12-6.

The season began with high hopes as the team looked to build on a successful 2005 campaign. Delaware returned almost all of its starters from the year before, when the team earned its first NCAA berth since 1999. The Hens were quick out of the gate to the tune of a 7-0 start and a No. 9 national ranking. In an early season 16-2 thumping of Wagner, mid-fielder Alex Smith set a new NCAA record by

winning all 21 of his face-off attempts.

"To run that kind of streak, I think in any sport, to go 7-0 is pretty impressive,"
Shillinglaw said.

But the season started to slip on the Hens, as they dropped four of their next six games including a 9-8 loss at CAA opponent Sacred Heart, which sported a measly 2-8 record. Delaware also lost its next game to rival Hofstra, possibly the nation's most improved

"They've got some dynamic outside shooters," Shillinglaw said. "Our coaching staff kind of predicted them to have the type of year



Junior Adam Zuder-Havens was part of a strong Delaware attack front. The Hens were one of five teams in the nation to win 11 or more games.

that they had. About four years ago, most of their players were freshmen. This year was a culmination of them all playing together in the

Delaware used the experience gained from last year's postseason to pull off a thrilling 13-12 win over Towson in the CAA semifinals when junior Dan Deckelbaum scored the win-ning goal with only four seconds left. The Hens

avenged losses to Towson from last year's title game as well as a regular season loss this year.

Before the title game at Hofstra, Delaware learned that six players from the team had been named to the All-CAA team. Howard, Deckelbaum and Smith were first team selections while junior midfielder Jordan Hall and

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Softball picks up final tournament spot

BY MEGAN BIRMINGHAM

The softball team grabbed the final spot in the Colonial Athletic Association tournament with a double-header sweep Saturday against top-

The Hens defeated Hofstra 2-1 in 11 innings and 4-3 on Saturday after-

noon in a pair of comeback victories.

Delaware, which improved to 3322 (10-10 CAA) after this weekend's.
three game series, will be the No. 4
seed in the conference tournament.

Head coach B.J. Ferguson said it

was an exciting day for Delaware softball.

"That was our goal, the whole season, to get to the conference tournament," she said. "It was a total team Freshman Quinn Megargel helped lead effort."

With the score tied, Hens freshman Kim Ovittore led off the 11th inning

with a double to right field. Freshman catcher Quinn Megargel was walked and freshman Jessica Kozlowski singled to load the bases. With one out, junior Michelle Plant run.



the softball team to the playoffs.

hit a groundball and Ovittore beat the throw home for a Delaware win..

Junior starting pitcher Carolynn Sloat allowed only one earned run on six hits, while striking out 10 batters. Her record improved to 19-14.

Plant said the whole team real-

ized it had to step it up.
"It was the most intense game of the season, because we knew it was do or die," she said. "Everyone really wants to go to the conference tourna-

Hofstra (33-17, 14-6 CAA) scored first in the second game.

However, the turning point came in the sixth inning, when the Hens rallied from a 3-0 deficit to take the lead.

With the bases loaded, sophomore Katie Lee scored on a single from Megargel. Delaware then tied the game when ovittore and sophomore Barbara Traynor scored on a single from Plant.

Finally, freshman Courtney Kelley hit a single to center field, which allowed Megargel to score the game-winning Senior pitcher Lindsay Jones allowed three runs, one earned, on six hits with six strikeouts.

Ferguson said she was happy with the team's perform-

ance in the doubleheader.

"The first game was what we needed," she said. "The second was just a bonus that guaranteed us our spot."

Delaware was shut out 9-0 in the third game of the

series on Sunday afternoon. The Hens honored seniors Lindsay Jones and Jenny Gilkins before the game, which marked the end of Delaware's regular season.

Ferguson said the team will have Monday off to prepare

for the upcoming playoffs.

Plant said the team plans to go into the tournament with the mentality that anyone can win.

"Coming in fourth seed, other teams might take us lightly," she said. "But we're just going to try to show that we're the team to beat."

This is the fourth time in five years the Hens have qualified for the CAA tournament. The weekend also marked the first time Hofstra was swept in a conference doubleheader since 2000.

The tournament begins this Thursday when the Hens travel to Atlanta to face off against regular season champion Georgia State (26-26, 19-6 CAA).

And in the words of Megargal, Delaware will try to "just play their game."

An alumnus' rise from UD to majors

BY TYLER MAYFORTH

In the past month, university alumnus Kevin Mench has decimated Major League pitching. The only thing bigger than his new found fame in Texas - or his enormous head legend in Delaware.

Tom Lemon, who coached Mench during his three years as a varsity member of the St. Mark's High School baseball team,

said he will never forget the ball he hit in his senior year.

"It happened during the state championship game at Frawley Stadium in Wilmington," Lemon said. "He absolutely crushed this ball that went no more than 10 feet off the ground and hit the 400-foot mark on the center field wall. I think the dent is still there today."

Delaware head baseball coach Jim Sherman recalled a



Former Delaware slugger Kevin Mench is turning heads in the Major Leagues with the Texas Rangers.

tape-measure shot Mench had against Northeastern in 1998, when the Hens were still in the Atlantic 10.

"He turned on this pitch, and I mean it just went," Sherman said emphatically. "The ball had to have gone over 550 feet."

Hens' slugger Bryan Hagerich remembers a story about Mench told to him by an umpire before a game.

The ump told us that Mench hit a home run that was fair, but he called foul," Hagerich says. "The ump realized he messed up on the call and apologized. Mench said, 'It's not a problem, I'll just hit another one," and did that at-bat.

Mench's stories might not have been told if not for Wilmington College head coach Brian August. Mench was not highly recruited out of high school, even though Lemon said he

had extraordinary talent at a young age.

George Mason showed passing interest in the outfielder, but Sherman saw potential, enlisting the help of August, then a Hens' star third baseman, who played alongside Mench in high school. August said Sherman came to him with a wish.

"Sherman came up to me after practice one day, and said, 'You need to talk to Kevin,' "August said. "Sherman told me, 'We have to get him here.

Whatever August told Mench it worked, as the slugger agreed to play for the Hens. When Mench entered as a freshman, Sherman says he was astounded by his size.

"Kevin had and still has the typical power hitter mold," Sherman said. "When he came out for the first practice, he looked like a man-child."

Thus began the legend of Mench. In his freshman year, he melted his aluminum bat with his hot hitting, as he finished with a freshman record 19 home runs, hit .403 and drove in 67 runs. Sherman said Mench opened a great deal of eyes

"Anyone could see that he was more special than most of the other kids," Sherman said. "He was a man among boys." If Mench's freshman year awoke those who were sleeping,

Mench's sophomore campaign helped the blind to see

Mench filled Delaware record books like red Solo cups at a college party. He finished 1998 with a .455 batting average, an NCAA-leading 33 dingers and 72 RBI.

Sherman said he remembers a weekend double-header series against Maine when Mench hit eight homers in four

"The wind was blowing in really hard, and everyone else only could manage soft singles," Sherman said. "Kevin came up, and his hits were cutting right through the wind. He looked

like a 28-year-old man playing against 18-year-olds."

Although Mench suffered a power outage in his junior year, hitting only 19 home runs, he still caught the eyes of Major League scouts from his beloved Phillies and the Texas Rangers. Mench said he was on the links, not on the diamond, when he learned he was selected in the 1999 Amateur Draft.

"I was just starting my round when someone first called with the wrong number," Mench said. "I was on the third hole when they called to tell me I was picked.

The Rangers selected Mench in the fourth round. From the moment he stepped on minor league dirt, he ripped the pitching. Mench led every team for which he played in home runs and RBI, including in 2000, when he was named Rangers' Minor League Player of the Year after he hit 27 long balls and drove in 121 runs. After two more solid seasons, Mench got the call to play for the Rangers.

Mench said when he received the call, he realized a lifelong aspiration.

"When you're a kid playing Little League, you always dream of playing in the majors," Mench said. "I am able to ful-

Mench had a solid first year, and after spot duty with the Rangers in 2003, solidified his spot with a breakout 2004 season, when he hit .279 with 26 homers and 71 RBI. Statistically, 2005 was a re-run. In that year, Mench tied a Major League record by hitting a home run in three consecutive innings against the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim.

Mench entered 2006 with high hopes after a blistering spring training, but fell victim to turf toe. The cause? His shoes were a half-size too small.

When he re-entered the line-up on April 21 against Tampa Bay, Mench hit a grand slam in his second at-bat. He went on to homer in the next six games to set a Major League record for consecutive games with a homerun by a right-hander. Mench said he is pleased with the record, but is more focused on helping his team win.

"Braveheart," Mench's favorite movie, ends with Mel Gibson's narration of Scotland's victory in the war with England. How does Mench's story end? For this big name from the small state, the legend continues with each swing

This is part one of a two part series about Kevin Mench. Check out part two in next week's issue.



KATE DIEFFENBACH

Callin' it quits

Well, it looks like it's time to say goodbye. That's right, your favorite Review sports editor will not be returning to the staff next year. But don't worry girls, I have plenty more

big butt columns for you.

After much deliberation and thought, I've decided it would be in my best interest to pursue other opportunties next year. In other words, I'm sick and tired of missing the Eagles play every single Sunday when I'm sitting in a staff meeting. mean, c'mon, can you blame me? My inability to watch the games was surely the reason the Eagles didn't reach the Super Bowl last year. So I'll return to the TV this season in hopes of sparking yet another NFC championship season.

But I digress.

My time at The Review surely has been interesting. Being the only girl on the sports staff, I get a lot of mixed reactions. I get the, "Wow, that's so cool!" and the, "You're a girl, what do you know about sports?" Nonetheless, it's been a great ride. I've had the pleasure of writing sto-ries about great performances by the football team, and I've even had the chance to bash them.

So although I called K.C. out on his playcalling during the homecoming game this season, I was just mad. As a Delaware football fan, I hate to see them lose. I still bleed blue and gold and you bet I'll be back in the front row at every game next season. Sorry, K.C. I didn't mean it, honest! I am convinced you still should've run the ball.

One of the toughest things I've had to do as a sports editor is talk to former men's basketball coach David Henderson after the team lost to UNC Wilmington in the CAA tournament. Boy did that stink. Fellow sports editor Ravi Gupta and I had to ask that awful question we both dreaded so much, but I have to give Ravi the credit. He actually said those fateful words, "So coach, do you think you'll be coaching at Delaware next season?" I then had to write the story citing Henderson's subpar numbers and labeling his Delaware career as pretty much dismal. A week later I attended the press conference where athletic director Johnson announced Henderson's termination. I guess it's all just the nature of the game.

Ravi and I seem to get ourselves into all the sticky situations. I remember the first football game we covered together this year at home against Holy Cross. The Hens scored and we secretly high-fived each other under the table. Sports Information Director Scott Selheimer didn't appreciate that too much and he made it known over the press box's PA system. Oops. Sorry, Scott.

But, more than anything, my favorite experience has been writing on something I felt so strongly about. I got to write about Serena Williams and big butts! All I could think was, "I'm getting paid for this?" It's just

All in all, working for The Review has been one heck of an experience. I've learned so much about how to be a journalist and how to ask those questions no one else wants to. I've had the excitement of people responding to my columns in pure rage because they think I'm some evil girl who knows nothing about sports. You know who you are!

So to those of you who have read my stories or liked what I've had to say this year, thanks for your read-ership. And for those who haven't liked it, thanks for your readership. Goodbye and farewell ... for now.

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Delaware looks to the future

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senior defenseman Taylor Bloor were named to the second team. Redshirt freshman midfielder Beau Davis was also selected to the All-Rookie team.

Statistically, Howard was this year's best player as he finished with 29 goals and 27 assists. His 56 points were by far the best on the team, as Hall and Deckelbaum would finish second with 36 each. Junior Marty Kupprion had a breakout season as he scored 23 goals and four assists.

At goalkeeper, sophomore Tommy Scherr did his part in replacing last year's captain Chris Collins. Scherr played in all 17 games this season and finished with a 57 percent save average.

Next year, Delaware will again return almost its entire starting lineup. Smith and Howard are virtually locked to receive pre-season All-American votes for next season and Shillinglaw is thrilled about his new recruiting class.

"We are very, very excited," he said. "We had most of our guys commit by about mid-September. We have about 15 kids coming in, including another Canadian from Jordan Hall's area, who have good size and



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Goalie Tommy Scherr will be among many returning starters.

are extremely fast."

The lacrosse team will have all summer to think about this season before workouts begin again in the fall. Maybe, at this time next year, they'll be on the high-end of the see-

Johnson & Johnson to clean up Hens

BY GEORGE MAST

Staff Reporter

Johnson is soon to become a common name around the hardwood of the Bob Carpenter Center as new head coach Monté Ross has turned to two local talents to right the sinking ship of Delaware men's basketball.

Although they are not related, Darrell and Brian Johnson

share a lot more in common than just a last name.

Both players agreed to verbal contracts with Ross earlier this month and said they signed their official letters of intent in the last week. However, Ross was not able to comment because the university has not processed the letters.

Darrell Johnson, a 6-foot-4-inch senior guard from Wilmington's Howard High, is the first

Delaware high school recruit to come straight from high school since 1996.

Ross didn't have to look much farther

down the road to find Baltimore native Brian Johnson. He is currently finishing a prep year at The Winchendon Massachusetts School. The 5-foot-10-inch point guard grad-uated from Mount St. Joseph High School in Baltimore one year ago.

In the past two years the Hens have fall-en into the cellar of the Colonial Athletic Association and haven't come close to reaching a winning season. Delaware finished 11-20 and 9-21 the past two seasons, but Darrell and Brian do not seem too concerned.

They both echoed similar sentiments about their faith in Ross and their own goals

to spark new life into a sputtering program.

Darrell said he loved his interaction with

"They made me feel at home," he said. "They have a brotherhood [here] and they have what it takes to help me.

Guard Darrell Johnson.

For Brian, Ross was also a major factor in deciding to play for Delaware.

"[Delaware] was a good fit for me coming from coach Ross's background in dealing with St. Joes and having a winning tradition," he said. "Basically that's what we're trying to do at Delaware, build a tradition on winning. Coach Ross isn't going

Judging from the success both players found in high school

and the praise given by their coaches, they might be a part of the answer the Hens need.

Darrell, a New Castle resident, was a three-year starter at

Howard and averaged 20.5 points per game this year. He was honored for his hard play by being named first-team All-State.

Howard's head coach, Al Booker, described Darrell as an

energetic player with an all-around athleticism.

can really lock down on defense," Booker said. "[Darrell] always wanted to guard the best guy on the court, so his defense is where it needs to be at for this level."

Darrell's mother, Carrie Johnson, said her son's passion for

basketball began at a young age.

"He's been bouncing the ball since he was four or five," she said. "He would go to sleep with the ball, wake up with the ball — that basketball used to get him in trouble. Basketball has been in his spirit all his life."

Darrell said he is excited about being able to

play in front of family and friends on a regular basis but admitted that it may add some extra pressure to his

He still carries his childhood dream of playing in the NBA but for now will stay focused on his dream for Delaware.
"I want to be a part of the team that turned

them around," he said.

At less than six feet tall, Brian the other half of the Johnson duo, may be a head shorter than most players on the court this year, but what he lacks in size he makes up for in determination and winning experi-

He started four years under head coach Pat Clatchey at Mount St. Joseph High and accumulated 115 wins on his way to leading the team to three con-Baltimore Catholic League titles. On top of these

accomplishments he earned Catholic League Player of the Year ward his senior season. Brian was also a two-time first-team Baltimore All-Metro choice

"I have always described Brian as the consummate and ulti-mate point guard," Clatchey said. "He has the ability to make others around him better. He has a very high basketball IQ, takes care of the ball and doesn't make a lot of turnovers.

One advantage Brian has over other incoming freshmen is an extra year of maturity.

'Going to the prep school this year really helped [Brian]



Brian Johnson hopes to be integral for men's basketball.

out a lot," his father, Erik Johnson, said. "It helped him to be more focused, especially in his class work and also helped him out playing basketball."

Brian admitted that his smaller size may be a disadvantage but he's not about to let it stop him.

"I'm not scared to play anybody," he said." There's not anything that's going to intimidate me.

While he knows playing time may be hard to come by this year, Johnson said he is mentally ready for the responsibility of playing point guard at the college level.

"I think I'm the right person to run the team," he said. "I think it's a perfect fit. I'm the extension of the coach, the person who gets the ball to the right people at the right time."

Delaware is going to need help from where ever they can

get it after losing a little over 40 percent of their scoring output from seniors Harding Nana and Rulon Washington. Ross, who took over for former head coach David

Henderson April 4, inherited four scholarships and will have two remaining after the letters from Brian and Darrell are officially

Former NFL player speaks about being gay

BY MICHAEL LORE

Esera Tuaolo, a 6-foot-3-inch, 300 pound ex-NFL defensive lineman began his speech last week at Smith Hall not with a tale of athletic achievement, but with a song special to him.

He sung an a cappella version of Sara McLachlan's "Angel." Tuaolo heard this song on the radio while contemplating driving his car off a cliff in Hawaii because he could no longer deal with his secret.

In 2002, two years after retiring, Tuaolo announced he was

Growing up as the youngest of eight children in the "banana ghetto" of Hawaii, Tuaolo thought he was different than other



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Esera Tuaolo said he wished homophobia could be eliminated from all sports.

children since he was a child.

One day on the playground Tuaolo heard his friends calling another boy names like "faggot" and "homo." He asked them what it was and they said, "He's gay. He likes boys."

"I saw a part of me in that kid," Tuaolo said in a speech about diversity and awareness in the gay community. "That's

about diversity and awareness in the gay community. "That's when I found out what it really was. I took that child within me and threw him in a closet.

"That's when I started living the double life. That's when I started being bigger, stronger and faster than anyone, so no one

His nine-year career began in 1990 when he was drafted by the Green Bay Packers. He played for four other teams and went to Super Bowl XXXIII with the Atlanta Falcons.

The event was co-sponsored by HAVEN, the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Allies group on campus and the East and South East Asian Union.

Jennifer Sun, co-president of ESAU said the idea for the two clubs to join began last fall.

"No one would expect the Asian students to come together with HAVEN, but we did and we brought Esera here," Sun said.

Tuaolo said no one had any inkling he was gay because he hid it so well by dating women and going to strip clubs with the

While playing in the NFL, he found his life partner, Mitchell Wherley.

He said his life was always a struggle of ups and downs. He

received a scholarship to play at Oregon State, drafted by the Packers and went to a Super Bowl, but those happy events also

"Watching players and their wives embracing in public [at the Super Bowl] was bittersweet because I couldn't do that with

Tuaolo said many times he thought about killing himself.
Living a double life was very hard, but a few things kept
him going. He said playing football was a way to get an education and to give back to his mother who raised all eight children

after her husband passed away. Tuaolo was nine years old at the

"The best feeling in the world was when I took my mom to a mall and told her she could buy anything she wanted," he said.
"Just to see the smile on her face was the most incredible thing

Not only was football a means to give back to his mother, Tuaolo also used it to release pent up anger.

"I went out there and was able to destroy people within the safety of their uniforms," he said.

Tuaolo got inspiration after reading David Kopay's autobi-ography. Kopay played in the NFL in the 1960s, and was one of the first professional players to announce he was gay.

"It was the first time I read a book from cover to cover since

high school," Tuaolo said, jokingly. "It gave me hope and pos-

When he came out on "Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel" in 2002, Tuaolo said a weight was lifted off his chest.

"I felt as light as a feather," he said. "But when I stepped on the scale, I was still 300 pounds."

He said he came out because he wanted to be happy and did

it for his children.

In 2000, Tuaolo and Mitchell adopted twins, Mitchell and

"I always wanted to be a father," he said. "It's everything and more than I expected."

Tuaolo said he thinks adopting the twins was his next step at that time. Another step was coming out with his autobiography, Alone in the Trenches

He said he hopes his book will help save lives like Kopay's

Tuaolo is also working with the NFL to eliminate homophobia and plans to speak at the rookie symposium.

He ended his lecture by saying the gay and lesbian community is still struggling for equality in today's society.

"The war is still going on," Tuaolo said. "We're not living

in the era of the Cleavers anymore."



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Nicole Patricia Betz

Congratulations to our graduating UD Blue Hen. Our hearts are bursting with pride for our beautiful girl who has worked so hard and achieved so much success. Your spirit has soared these past four years, your determination to achieve your goals is always consistent and your love for dance continues to reach new heights. Your smile and enthusiasm has been contagious and your passion for life makes you unique. There truly is only one Nicole Betz in this world and we are blessed she belongs to us!

> God bless, Mom XO, Dad, Carl & Chris

Michael John Bok

May the good Lord be with you down every road you roam.

And may sunshine and happiness surround you when you are far from home.

And when you finally fly away, we will be hoping that we served you well, for all the wisdom of a lifetime, no one can ever tell.

But whatever road you choose, we are right behind you, win or lose.

And may you never love in vain.

And in our hearts you will always remain- forever you, forever young.

Love, Mom, Dad & Jeff

Nicholas George Alexander

Congratulations, son, as you turn the final page of this chapter and begin a new exciting future. God bless you always as you become all you were meant to be. We love you!

> Love, Dad & Mom

Elizabeth Marni Beigel

Dear Elizabeth, We could not be prouder of all your achievements.

This is not the end but the beginning of your life and we know you will continue to amaze us.

Congratulations on your graduation!

Love, Mom & Dad

Charles Russell Apple

Dear Charles, Humans are humbled by weather, mortals hide. Awestruck as a child, you would run outside to witness that power. You are following your bliss, realizing your dreams.

The next two years will be phenomenal. We are so proud.

Congratulations and love,

Mummy & Daddy

Kristin Ann Berglund

Dear Kristin, Congratulations and love from your mom, dad and sister. We are so proud of all you have achieved during these four years. You are our shinning star. We wish you happiness and success. We will always be there for you.

Love, Mom, Dad & Kim

Laurie Meredith Bickman

Congratulations Laurie! You have made us so proud. You have shown us what dedication and commitment can do. Believe in your dreams! May the sunshine that you have brought to our lives continue to light your way.

We adore you,
Mom, Dad,
Mitch & Grandma

Erin Elaine Biles

Rained, tripled, too many shoes, cried, made new friends, rowed, swam?, laughed, wrote, edited, shopped, rented, made even more friends, sun 'n surf, researched, managed, waitressed, fell in love, continued to laugh, matured, studied all four years, GRADUATED.

Proud Parents & Brother!

Eileen Blauser

Leeny, Congratulations on your graduation from University of Delaware! We are so proud of all of your accomplishments!
Wishing you a lifetime of happiness!

Love, Mom, Dad, Rob & Chris

Jamie M. Bredehoft

Jamie, "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."
- Eleanor Roosevelt
Congratulations on achieving another milestone in your life!
It has been fun and exciting... and... the best is yet to come!
Love, Dad, Mom & Jen

Jennifer Marie Burns

Congratulations Jenny! All of us are very proud of you.
Good luck in the future.
We know you will succeed in everything you do.

Love always, Mom, Dad, Laura, Danielle, Nina, Grandma, Bop Bop & Gram

Glenn Creighton Catlin

Congratulations! You have done so well and we are very proud of all of your accomplishments. Always remember: "To accomplish great things we must not only act but also dream, not only plan but also believe."

With our love and best wishes, Mom, Dad, Diane & Amy

Rebecca Emily Brawer

Becky,
Nobody can be more proud of
you than I am. Although I
would have liked to have been
included more in your college
experience, it is a testament to
your intelligence, independence,
fortitude and sticktuitiveness
that I was not. For this, I am
most proud, as these exceptional
qualities of yours will carry
you in good stead all the days
of your life.

As you embark into the "real" world know that I will always be here to guide you (only) as your passion and compassion for people and things around you will transform you from a world class child to a champion among women.

Adam Murdock Cairncross

Congratulations Adam!
We are all very proud of you.

Love, Mom, Dad & All Of Your Family

Karen Anne Chapolini

Dearest Karen, Congratulations and best wishes as you end one chapter of your life and begin another. We wish you only good things in your new endeavor as a nurse. Your patients will be so lucky to have you.

With love, Mom, Dad & Gail

Rachel Elisabeth Cirone

From Bridgemen to Blue Hen, from Blue Hen to future success! You have worked so hard and deserve the honors given to you. I pray the Lord blesses your future job just as He has blessed you in school. Rachel, I am proud to be your dad!

Rachel Elisabeth Cirone

Radiant, Amazing, Caring, Honest, Exceptional, Lovely. Rachel, we are both very proud of you and all that you have accomplished. "I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord..., "plans to give you hope and a future." Jer. 29:11

Papa & Grandma

Christina Mary Campbell

Dear Christy, Congratulations on your achievement. Your hard work has enabled you to reach this goal!

We are proud of you, our special gift from God. Each life you touch is positively affected because of your talent and your zeal.

Your future is so bright!

Love, Dad, Mom, Eamon,

Sarah, Sean & Mandy

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CONGRATULATIONS!

There have been many tough times but even more good ones. It is time to take our memories and everything we have learned and step out into the "real world" to begin our new lives.

Good luck and best wishes!

A Fellow Graduate

Gary DiFilippo

Congratulations! We are so proud of you. You made the most out of every minute you were at UD. We were not surprised by any of your successes as student, teacher, in the lab. Your interest in playing softball and hockey did shock us. Thank you for letting us share in your undergraduate experience through your twice monthly phone calls.

Good luck in your next endeavor.

We are sure you will make your graduate experience as rewarding as the last four years have been.

Love, Mom, Dad, Same, Mike, Grandma & Nana

Max Andrew Cohen

As this chapter in your life closes, we are so proud of all of your accomplishments at UDel. We wish you all the success the world has to offer as you move onto the next chapter.

All our love, Ma & Molly

Courtenay Valentine Cotton

Congratulations, Courtenay, on your successful college career. We are so proud of you. Your early computer experience at age two-and-a-half paid off. We know that you have a wonderful future awaiting you.

Always the best.

Love, Mom & Dad

Ross A. Cunningham

Dear Ross,
CONGRATULATIONS!
The last four years went fast but
you made the most of them.
We are proud of you and all
you have accomplished!

Love, Mom & Dad

Robert John DiStasi

Dear Rob, Can you believe you are finally done? Seems like yesterday you were packing your belongings to leave for school. Rob, we are so proud of you and we wish you all the best on your graduation! We love you!

Mom, Dad, Jess & Kate

Jamie LeaAnne Doughten

Our greatest gift in life is you.

So proud of you.

Mom, Dad & Jimmy

Joseph Patrick Durante

Joe, we are so very proud of you and your accomplishments. Do not ever stop dreaming and always know that we are behind you 100%. You have become all that a parent could ever hope for. Congratulations!

We love you!

Dad, Mom & Jillian

Erica Paige Elfenbein

Dear Erica, These four years went by so fast. You have grown into a beautiful woman. We are so proud of the person you have become. May all your dreams and aspirations come true. You will be an awesome H.S. Chemistry teacher. We wish you love and happiness always. Congratulations! We love you! Mom, Dad, Scott & Rachel

Megan Maloy Foley

Hi Megan! Congratulations! You worked so hard and we are very proud of you. We love you so much.

> Love, Mom, Dad, Kate & Peggy

Sarah Elizabeth Dussault

Sweet Sarah. Four years flew by! There have been great times and hard times. You have proved yourself as a student, friend, daughter and sister. You are caring and considerate. While you focus on your future, you have had a blast in the present. Delaware has given you the experience of a lifetime. From the first day you have sought excellence in yourself as well as never missing a good party. Words cannot express how proud we are of you. So, from all of us to our "Little Woo", CONGRATULATIONS!

> Love, Mom, Dad, Mary, Mike & Lane

Gina Maria Esposito

Your dedication, perseverance and selfmotivation are qualities you possessed during your entire educational career. You would set a goal and achieve it. Obstacles never foiled your plans; your critical thinking overcame them. You are a leader and the world is lucky to have you in it. Congratulations to our daughter... how proud you have always made us! Love always, Mom & Dad

Justin W. Frenzel

Justin, We are so proud of you!
We know deep in our hearts that
you will succeed in anything you
do. Best of luck working for
Price Waterhouse Cooper in
September.

With all our love, Mom & Dad

Anthony Michael Furst

Dear Anthony,
Thanks for four great years. You
never cease to amaze me and I am
so proud of you. I cannot wait
to see where life leads you.

Love, Mom

Christopher Payne Furst

Dear Chris, It seems like yesterday we were moving you in as a freshman! As usual, you did a great job over the past four years and I am very proud of you. I am sure you have a bright future ahead.

Love, Mom

Lindsey Leigh Garner

Lindsey,
It has been a long time coming now and your family celebrates your great achievements. Mom and Dad are extremely proud of you and your accomplishment. While your life has been filled with many challenges, you persevered. You have become quite a woman.

Kelly Marie Gast

Congratulations Kelly! You have made the most out of the past four years by studying abroad three times, playing piano, soccer, and volleyball, volunteering, being an active member of the Wesley Group, and your independent study was amazing. We could not be more proud of the person you are.

Love, Mom & Dad

Allison Kari Geiman

Congratulations Allie!
We are so proud of all you have accomplished so far in life and know you will forever make us proud. You have always been a very special person and you are loved very much!

Mom, Dad, Greg, Jaime, Jeremy & Chip

Meghan Elizabeth Gelburd

It seems like only yesterday when you were dancing around with your bouncy brown curls and now you have the key to the world before you.

We are so proud to be your parents and share in your accomplishments.

We will always be here for you.

Love,

Mom & Dad

P.S. Your new Audi TT is in the driveway!

Jason Lawrence Gibson

To our son, Jason:
Proud we have been!
Proud we are today!
Proud we will be on your graduation day!
Best wishes as you enter
a new phase of life!

Love and support always! Mom & Dad

Jamie Allison Herskowitz

Jamie, Congratulations!
We are so proud of you!
Just yesterday we drove you to
Delaware to set up your dorm!
Remember how it poured and
that Daddy used a 'Linens &
Things' plastic-bag as his
raincoat? And, like everyone
else, you were pretty nervous
about move-in day until that guy
slipped you his number and
invited you to a party that night!

Continue to shine. You are a beautiful and intelligent woman. We wish you a bright, successful future filled with love, happiness and good health.

Love, Mommy, Daddy & Kara

Gina Marissa Golba

Gina, Where have these four years gone? Once again you have made us so very proud! You are beginning a new chapter of your life and we know you will succeed at anything you put your mind to. All the best to a beautiful, talented, incredible young woman.

We love you so much.
Love, Mom, Dad & Anthony

Amy Kathryn Green

Amy,
We are so proud of you and all
your accomplishments.
Congratulations and may all
your dreams come true!

Love, Mom, Pop, Ryan & Jeff

Michelle Christine Grimes

Michelle, You are the best daughter we could ever ask for. We are so proud of you. You worked hard to get where you are today and we know the future holds great things for you.

Love always, Mom & Dad

Julia Elizabeth Hagelberg

Dear Miss Julia,
Dickinson, Courtney Street, West
Main Street: four great years with
terrific friends and experiences.
Now, an incredibly wonderful
future ahead! We are so proud of
you and we love you very much.

Mom, Dad & Daniel

Jamie Kristine Haigh

Congratulations Jamie!
Graduation closes one phase of your life and opens the next. Your family is so proud of you and your many accomplishments, and you continue to amaze us. Always remember to reach for the stars! Sea el viento bajo alas.

Love, Your Family

Rebecca Ellen Hameroff

To our dearest Becky, We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments including excellent grades, your cheerleading championship and your new business career. To our Becky, we love you very much and we wish you health and happiness in all of your future endeavors.

Love, Mom, Dad & Your Entire Family

Corrine Michelle Handy

We give praise to the Lord for your great accomplishment and we congratulate you on this wonderful achievement. Your graduation is yet another milestone in life. May you continue to successfully attain your life's goals. We support and love YOU with all our heart.

Sincerely, Mom & Dad

Stephanie Lauren Hans

CONGRATULATIONS Stephanie!
After seventeen years of hard work
at school you are now ready to take
on the "real world." Perhaps we
should warn the world. We are so
very proud of your accomplishments.

You are the greatest.

Love and kisses,

Mom, Dad, Tyler & Rachel

Patricia Leigh Hansen

We are so proud of you! You have grown from a beautiful, gifted child into a brilliant, successful woman. Your journey through medical school now begins and we will be with you every step of the way.

Love, Mom, Dad,
Thomas & Ginger

Christopher William Horbal

What a great five year opportunity you had at Delaware.

We know it has become your second home, but it is time to take what you have learned and venture out into the real world.

We love you and we know that UD has prepared you for this new page in your life.

Very proud parents,

John & Debbie Horbal

Michael Hartnett

To Michael, Devin and your friends at the Review, We are very proud of you and all the work you have accomplished. We will miss coming to see you at Delaware. Congratulations. We love you.

Mom, Dad, Katie, Tim, Bridget & Tara

Joshua B. Hauserman

You are at the end of one journey and onto another. You have done a great job! We are all so proud of you and know that whatever you do, you will do well. You are a wonderful son, sibling and friend.

Enjoy your future. Have a good day!

Good luck! I love you!

Pamcakes

Lydia Leclair

CONGRATULATIONS on a job well done!

- * Environmental Science Major * Wildlife Conservation & Photography Minors
 - * 2003 England
 - * 2004 Costa Rica
 - * 2005 Antarctica
 - * 2006 Tanzania

We are so proud of you!

What is next?

Love, Mom & Dad

Chevenne Elizabeth Hudak

We cannot express how extremely proud we are of you and your accomplishments. Through all of your trials and tribulations you continued to stay positive and continue on. We love you very much. Congratulations! Love, Mom, Dad, Zach & Aaron

Pamela Marie Hudak

It is hard to believe that four years have passed since that rainy Labor Day weekend in 2002.

We are very proud of all your hard work and dedication in pursuit of your Bachelor of Science Degree.

Good job "99."

Marguerite B. Innes

Maggie, Your grand work and fantastic travels -Fiji, Peru, Amazon - are incredible! Your writings, ceramics and photography are marvelous! Your Alpha XI Delta family is a true legacy! Congratulations to you and your wonderful roommates and friends! Love.

Mom, Dad, Nina, Sam & Texas

Dayna Bernice Jallice

The moment we first held you in our arms, your beautiful bright smile gave our lives so much warmth and happiness. You have accomplished so much and realized your dreams of going to Italy. We are so proud! You will always be Mon Petit Chou. Love, Mom

Evan Spencer Kass

Congratulations on your accomplishment. We are so proud - even those who are no longer here are watching and wishing you the very best of everything life has to offer. Now is your chance to make the world a better place. "Il faut cultiver notre jardin." - Voltaire Love always, Mom & Dad

Lyndsay Atkins Kopp

Lyndsay, In all of your international adventures, you have returned home the same genuine and sincere daughter and sister we have always known and cherished. We are incredibly proud of all that you have accomplished throughout your UDel college experience. As for now, China and the world awaits! We love you! Love, Mom, Dad, Alli & Maxwell

Melissa Beth Marin

Melissa,

We are all so proud of you and all you have accomplished.

Remember that when one door of happiness closes, another opens.

Do not look so long at the closed door that you do not see the one that has opened for you.

We all love you,

Mom & Dad, Lori, Scott & Zachary, Seth & Nicole

Lauren Clare Nahodil

Lauren,

The road to your college graduation seemed like a long one, but now we are wondering where the time went.

Four years of hard work, some tears, a lot of love and hopefully a fair share of laughter have brought us to this moment.

We are proud of your accomplishments, have faith that you will do well in your nursing career and know that you will continue to enrich the lives of those you touch.

> Love. Mom & Dad

Sean Marcus O'Sullivan

Sean, Congratulations on completing a very challenging four years. You have approached it with the same level of commitment and desire to succeed as you have everything else.

You have graduated and now begin an exciting new time in your life. Our pride in your accomplishment is indescribable. You have shown yourself to be a man with values and integrity.

We love you and have all good wishes for your ongoing success wherever your journey may lead you.

> Love, Mom, Dad & Neil

Stephanie Lynne Andersen



You have experienced a beautiful dawn and a fruitful day's work, so now rest a moment to enjoy the splendid sunset. But tomorrow is a new dawn, maybe some clouds and rain that day, but the challenges and hard work will only make that day's rainbow and sunset even more glorious and meaningful!

And as each new day dawns our steadfast love and prayers will always embrace you...

Love always, Mom, Dad & Stacie

Lauren Elizabeth Bereski



Congratulations to our
wonderful daughter and sister.
You are very special to all of us.
We are very proud of you
and your accomplishments.
We are sure you will be successful
in achieving your goals.

Good luck.

All our love, Dad, Mom, Kenny, Derek & Craig

Rebecca A. Cooper



Only the best for the best. - Mary & Frankie

This is only the beginning. - Sue

I will always admire you for your achievement and I hope to live up to the high standards you have set. - Jess

Wonderful sister, Congrats! - Tasha

My little bug is and will be a great success.

Love, Mom & Dad

Becky Corlett



From Thomas Road to Ray Street dorms to Lerner School of Business.

London for Winter Session.

Chapel Street, roommates x 3.

Managing Klondike Kates "front line!" January 13, 2005 Lucky 21!

Senior Year, roommates x 4.

Graduation is here!

Where did the time go? We just dropped you off at preschool...

Love, Mom & Dad

Holly Janet Grasso



Holly,
Our honor graduate, you have made
us so proud. Wind ensemble,
principal horn - your sound hasbeen
glorious. The "real" world awaits,
but we know you have grown to
the challenge.
Love, XoXo Mom & Dad

Hols, Congrats and welcome to the real world - you will be great.

Thanks for being a great sister!

Love, Beth

Brian P. Hubbard



Dear Brian, Congratulations on obtaining your Environmental Engineering Degree, Class of '06, University of Delaware. We are very proud of your life accomplishments. Continue to strive to be the best you can be.

Love, Mom & Dad

Thank you UD, We felt Brian was "home away from home."

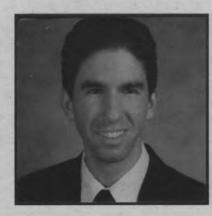
Nicholas Aren Kabobjian



Nicky,
You have always made us so
proud. Congratulations on your
achievements at UD
We wish you all life's best
for future success.
May love and kindness guide
you in all your endeavors.

Love, Mom, Dad, Richie, Sam & Sadie

John M. Keating



We love you and are so proud of you. Your hard work and dedication really paid off.

Now, on with the next phase of your life.

Good luck in Law School.

God Bless!

Mom, Dad, Michael & Grandmom

Jessica Longo



We could not be more proud of you.
Once again, you never disappoint;
your hard work and determination
have paid off. Now you begin a new
chapter in your life. Any choices
you make, we are always behind
you. Your compassion, spirit and
outstanding character are the
qualities that make you so beautiful.
Always be true to yourself and what
you believe in.

Love and blessings, Mom, Dad, Marissa, Grandma & Grandpa

Elizabeth Nicole Love



Congratulations, Liz!
You did it. You persevered.
You reached your goal.
We are so proud of you.
May our loving God continue to guide you on the journey of your life. May God strengthen you to trust that He is with you in each new beginning in your life.

We love you, Your Family

Ryan Marshall Ludwig



Congratulations Ryan.

We are very proud of you and all of your accomplishments.

You challenged the world of academia and succeeded beyond our expectations. As you meet your new career challenges, we will enjoy watching your success.

Ski fast, catch each wave and enjoy life!

We love you, Mom & Dad

Suzanne Michele Martincavage



The best is yet to come.

We love you Suzanne,

Mom & Dad

Christopher Cornelius Moore



Since this picture was taken, your life has really started to unfold. Your ability to express yourself through your writing is quite impressive. I hope and pray that you will accomplish all the things that you have ever dreamed of so far in your young life. Congratulations on graduating from the University of Delaware in May 2006.

"Dad"

Stephanie Ann Patrizio



Time to relax a little and plan for the future. Now, the immediate future will have food, drinks and a party. For the long term, remember that "Stercus accidit." We know that you will continue to "Carpe Diem" and it is good on occasion to "Carpe Vino." Also remember to keep our Thursday night tradition. Congratulations on another venture ended and another venture beginning.

Dad, Mom, Carl & Teresa

Tiffany Nicole Reed



Tiffany, We are exceedingly proud of your transformation from an insecure kindergardener, a petulant middle schooler, an inquisitive high schooler to a self confident and determined college graduate. As you continue forward in life, we trust that you will use your charm, wit and effervescent personality to overcome those obstacles that may lie in your path.

Love, Mom & Dad

Colin Michael Regnier



Keep smiling!

Congratulations!

We love you!

Mom, Dad & Adam

University of Delaware Alma Mater

Hail to thee proud Delaware, In loyalty we stand.

We give thee thanks for glorious days Beneath thy guiding hand.

Full often will we praise thy name, They colors proudly bear;

We lift our voices now to sing All hail to Delaware.

Denah M. Stelacio



Ahhhhhhhhh! You made it; you worked hard to achieve this success. Take time to cherish the moment and celebrate - you deserve it. We are all glad to be part of YOUR special day.

Congratulations on a job well done!

Love, Mom-Moms, Pop-Pops, Mom, Dad, AJ, Annie, Brutus, Shane & Timothy too!

Jennifer A. Stettler



Congrats, Jenny! You have worked so hard and had a lot of fun doing it. Great friends and memories of UDel will follow you everywhere. These have been the best four years of your life with many more to come. We are very proud of you and will always be there to help. Good luck with the next steps of your life.

Love, Mom, Dad & Andy

Ashley Rose Vallillo



Ashley, We are so incredibly proud of you and your accomplishments at the University of Delaware.

Although it will be difficult for you to close this chapter in the novel of your life, consider these poignant words from Dr. Seuss:

"Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened."

"Now...get on your way, your mountain is waiting."

All our love, Mom, Dad & Nicky

Cherish K. Wilford



It is in hoping that we dream, in dreaming that we seek, in seeking that we find our life's desire... Cherish, because you dared to dream, may all your dreams come true as you embark upon your next phase of life.

Congratulations as you graduate! We are proud of you and love you.

Mom & Dad

Hillary Marlene Wright



Hillary, we are so proud of you. Your college years have gone by so fast. Our baby girl is now a college graduate and a confident young woman ready to start the next chapter in her life. Believe in yourself as much as we believe in you, remembering scriptures you learned as a little girl - 2 Timothy 1:7 and Philippians 4:13. God has truly blessed our family. Always remember how much we love you. Love, Mom, Dad, Heather & Jerome

Jaclyn Beth Weinstein



You have got what it takes... and it starts from within.

Congratulations!

We are so proud of you!

Love, Mom, Dad & Michael

Lydia Jean Kuebler

Dear Lydia, Congratulations on your college graduation and best wishes for all that follows, professionally and personally. I am so proud of the woman you have become and proud to call you my daughter. I love you very much - Mom

> Congratulations to you. Lydia - Stacy

Suzanne Michele Martincavage

Suzanne,

We are so proud of you and what you have achieved.

Robert Weldon Lovely

Rocky, we are all so proud of you. Congratulations! You are not only an outstanding graduate but an outstanding son and brother. We wish you well in all you do and know you will be GREAT at all your choices in life.

HoooooooRahhhhh!!!

Suzanne Michele Martincavage

Congratulations Suzanne.

We are proud of you.

Joe & Jen

We love you always, Rachele & Brian

Jonathan McAllister & **Michael Foster**

Congratulations to our grandsons Jonathan McAllister and Michael Foster on being the third generation to graduate from the University of Delaware.

> Love, Mom-Mom & Pop-Pop Sharlene & Warren Foster (Class of 1951)

Owen Crowley McBride

Owen, Obviously we are very proud of you. What a big step you have taken. We hope we have done our best to set you on your way. The rest is up to you. We love you forever.

Mom & Dad

Lindsay Beth Orr

Dear Lindsay, You have brought more love and joy into our lives than we could have ever asked for. You are the perfect daughter. We are so proud of you. God certainly smiled on us the day you were born.

Your accomplishments over the past four years at UD are the fruits of your hard work and dedication. You have laid the foundation for a bright future at Villanova Law School and beyond.

As your days at UD wind down, remember the words of Mitch Albom, "All endings are also beginnings. We just don't know it at the time."

> Love, Mom & Dad

Rachael Khoury Peterson

Since you were little, you were focused, multi-talented, organized, caring, outgoing, extremely reliable, and determined to reach your goal. Pursuing the scariest rides at Hershey; delivering homemade cookies to old folks; helping a Saudi princess raise money for cancer; taking over ACS camp. You have demonstrated the character that has made you successful these last four years and ready for the next step. Congratulations. Well done! Courtney will always be watching, Dad cheering, and MaMaLo writing recipes and giving advice.

We love you very much and are so proud.

Rachael Khoury Peterson

Rachael dear,

You deserve the very best of everything that life will offer you.

May all your dreams and plans be successful.

Congratulations!

You have been a terrific granddaughter and niece.

With our loving wishes,

Grandma Vivian Peterson & Aunt Hillary Peterson

Elyse Anne Meccio

Congratulations Elyse! We are all so very proud of your accomplishments! Who would have thought when we started taking our "road trips" that you would end up here, a graduate of the University of Delaware. We knew it was a good match for you way back then. We all love you very much. Love, Mom, Dad & Justine

Justin Charles Mercer

You made it! All those days and nights studying in the library paid off. Now you can appreciate with pride the effort it took to attain your first of what will be many major accomplishments in your life.

With love and admiration,

Mom & Dad

David Merson

Congratulations on receiving your college degree. We hope you have wonderful memories of college life. We wish you success and happiness as you begin your career, and remember we will always love you.

Love, Mom, Dad, Rachel & Jill

Amanda Nicole Mikelberg

We are so proud of you and all you have accomplished.
Throughout life's journey, remain confident of your gifts.
May God watch over you and help you realize your dreams.

Love, Mom, Dad, Michelle, Meme & Papi

Ryan Eric Morgan

"An investment in knowledge always
pays the best interest."
- Benjamin Franklin.

Congratulations to our award-winning
scholar! We are so proud of you and
your hard work, success, and
accomplishments. WELL DONE!
We love you,
Mom, Dad, Joy, Brad & Jack
YMB

David Neill Myerson

We are so proud of you!
Congratulations and best
wishes as you move on to the
next phase or your life - MCAT.

Love, Mom, Dad & Kate

Amy Nicole Popovich

Dear Amy, Four college years have flown. Was it not yesterday that you walked across this very stage to receive your Concord High School diploma? You have always achieved your goals overcoming any obstacles incurred. Do not ever lose sight of your strengths and abilities; they will carry you far. The path you are about to choose will be both exciting and scary but you would not have it any other way. Your values are strong, so stick with them as they are the YOU we love and adore.

> Love, Mom, Dad & Jill

Douglas Kenneth Norquest

Congratulations on your double degrees.

Job well done - you are the best!

Love, Mom & Dad

Clare O'Keefe

Clare, "Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined."
- H.D. Thoreau

Stay true, Clare! We are so proud of you.

Love, Dad, Mom, John & Tess

Nicole Marie Ryan

Nikki, The time has gone so fast. We remember so clearly the day we dropped you off and now you are graduating. And you did it successfully in four years!

We are incredibly proud of your scholastic achievement, but more importantly of who you are.

The same genuine traits that made you such a terrific kid - funny, adventurous, caring and sensitive - have created a beautiful woman.

Your heart and soul make you very special and someone who will have a huge impact on other people's lives, just like you have had on ours.

Thank you, baby, for all you do.

We love you.

Mom, Dad, Jim, Steph & JD

Matthew Martin Orensky

Matt, Your persistence and determination have paid off! We really appreciate your hard work ethic and selflessness.

Congratulations on your success and graduation. You have grown into a wonderful person and every day we are so proud to be your parents.

We love you, Mom & Dad

Noelle Lauren Panzarino

Congratulations on your graduation from the University of Delaware! What a fast four years! We are so very proud of you and all your accomplishments. Best of luck, happiness and success in all your future endeavors.

Love, Mom, Dad & Scott

Tejal D. Patel

Great accomplishment, Tejal!

We are proud of your
hard work and dedication.
You have succeeded beyond all
our expectations and hope for an
even more successful future
career as a NURSE.

With all our love,
Nikhil, Mom, Dad & Ba

Jacqueline Rose Piccigallo

Dear Jackie, Congratulations and cheers on the completion of four years of hard work, fruitful creativity, impressive production and results. We are very proud of your achievements. On to Grad School!

Love, Mom, Dad, Paul, Grandparents & Family

Scott Brian Pogrow

We are very proud of you for all that you have achieved these past four years. We know that you will be successful in any career path that you choose. You are a very special person and we love you very much.

Mom & Dad

Amy Nicole Popovich

It all began one March morn,
a little girl to our family was born.
Little did we know she would be like
no other, crying at everyone except her
mother. Well, she certainly has
grown into one fine lady.
Congratulations, Amyyou made it baby!
Love, Mom-Mom, Uncle John,
Aunt Donna, Uncle Dennis,
Aunt Lisa, Eric & Kyle

Matthew Quiroz

Mr. & Mrs. Alberto Quiroz and Family are overjoyed to congratulate their son, Matthew, on his graduation.

With great love & pride,

Mom & Dad

Sara K. Satullo

Sara,
From Dickinson to Ivy to Maida
Vale to Alpha Xi Delta, you have
never ceased to surprise, delight
and make us proud.

You have worked hard, played hard, explored widely, accomplished much and befriended many. Little did we know in June 1984 when we did your birth announcement as a newspaper front page that you would graduate from UD as such a promising journalist. It is a lovely surprise on a road that has had many twists and turns.

May there be many smiles and nice surprises to come.

Love, Mom & Dad

Michelle M. Riess

It is hard to realize you are all grown up. You have always made us so proud, and you can count on us to be close by in everything you do, so go out there and conquer your dreams.

Congratulations bebe.

Love, Mom & Dad

Ryan Patrick Ritz

Ryan, Over the years you have given us so much to be proud of.
You followed your dreams and worked hard to accomplish them.
You are truly a unique and special person.
We are proud to be your parents.

Love, Mom & Harry

Heidi Helene Roll

Our Dear Heidi, Congratulations and good luck on your graduation from the University of Delaware. We are so proud of you. The future is yours. You deserve the best. May God always hold you in His arms.

Love, Dad, Mom & Jackie

Christopher Josef Schama

As you move on to new adventures, we will be there to support you and believe in you. We are so proud of all that you have accomplished. You have become the type of man we always hoped you could be.

Congratulations!

Love, Mom & Dad

Lisa Angelina Segal

We are so proud of what you have accomplished. You have so much talent and you have channeled it into a bright future. Continue to work hard and the world will be yours. We will always be there for you.

We love you, Mom, Dad & Brian

Barry H. Shainker

Mazel Tov, Barry, on your most outstanding accomplishment to date. You have become a scholar and a mensch and we are deeply proud of and honored by all your accomplishments.

All our love, Mom, Dad, Stephanie, Dit, Gram & Grandpa

Kim Sharrah

Dear Kim, We are very proud of all your accomplishments. You have excelled in everything you do. We wish you a bright, exciting future as a graduate of the University of Delaware. We love you and will always be there wherever your path in life takes you. Good luck.

Love, Mom & Dad

David B. Silowka

We are so proud of your effort for four years in Chem. Engineering.

Dad would be so excited for you.

Love, Mandy, Lara, Conor, Jeff, Nikki & Mom

Lauren Sims

Lauren, We could not be more proud of you as you graduate UD! You have successfully achieved so much.

Keep reaching for all your goals!

Never give up! And always remember, we love you!

Mom, Dad, Jennifer & Molly

Stacey Channing Spencer

Congratulations Stacey! We are so very proud of you. You have a lot to celebrate. Graduating in Biochemistry was not easy, but your hard work and perseverance made your dream come true.

We love you very much,

Mom, Dad, Chris,

Pop-Pop, Linda & Don

Anne Marie Stevens

We wish you the hindsight to know where you have been, the foresight to know where you are going. We wish your pockets be heavy, your heart be light, and GOOD LUCK pursue you all through your life!

Congratulations!

Mom, Dad, Maureen & Kelly

David Barry Sherman

We are very proud of all of your accomplishments through your college years.

You worked very hard in school, working part-time as well as being president of "Educate for a Cure," an organization that raises money for cancer research and treatment in memory of your friend, Erin Donnelly, who died of cancer as a student of University of Delaware at the age of 21.

We wish you happiness, good health and success in your future career.

Love, Mom, Dad, Steven, Michael, Your Grandparents & Uncle Ron

Nicole Sposobiec

WOW! You did it, girl. Your father and I are so proud of you. How time flies - it seems like only yesterday when we dropped you off at Delaware. Here we are four years later watching you graduate. Just remember we are here for you as you decide your next path in life.

Love, Mom & Dad

Julia Marie Thompson .

Congratulations on your magnificent accomplishments!

I love you and am so proud of the great woman you have become.

Mom

University of Delaware Library

Graduating '06 Library Student Assistants

Thank you for your service to the Library!

Best wishes on your future academic and career endeavors!

The Library Staff

Lucas Matthew Watkins

Luke, You know we are so proud of you - you did it!
Now the question is:
when can you quit Mobil?
PPPLLLLTTT!

Love, Mom, Dad, Josh, Grandma A., Grandmom & Granddad W.

Monica Lynne Simmons

Moni,

Congratulations on reaching another wonderful milestone!

We are all very, very proud of you and all of the great things you have accomplished.

Continue to set your goals higher and higher and do not settle for anything less.

The future will be everything you want it to be!

Love, Mom, Dad, Jess, Matt, Both Grandmoms, Kelly & Joe

Michael Brett Valente

Mike, Congratulations on four very successful years! Your academic accomplishments have made us very proud. We look forward to seeing your continued success and happiness. We will always be there to support you and encourage your efforts!

Love, Mom & Dad

Krista Lynne Webb

Krista, We could not be prouder!
You made it through everything
and you kept smiling!
We love you and we know you
will be one of the best teachers.
The children in your classes will
be very happy and learn a lot.

Love, Mom & Dad

Rebecca M. Wood

Congratulations Rebecca! We are very proud of you. It seems like yesterday you were in high school and now you are graduating from college. We wish you much love, happiness and success.

God bless you, Bec!

Love, Mom, Dad, Rick, April, Ashlin, Chip & Keesha

Rebecca M. Wood

Congratulations Bec! I cannot believe you are graduating from college. I remember the days when you used to ride with me and we would stop and get roasted potatoes.

You were just a little girl, but it seems like only yesterday.

Love, Grandma Wood

Jessica Kate Victor

Dearest Jessica, Congrats! Wishing you much happiness, love and success!

> Love always, Mom, Dad, Doug, Nan,Pop, NJ,FLA, & Cali Contingents

Andrea Lee Wilcox

Congratulations Andrea! The past four years have gone by so fast.
These college memories will stay with you for life! Good luck as you start your next chapter in life's journey. We know you will succeed! We are very proud of you and love you very much.

Love, Mom, Bobby & Tara

Denah M. Stelacio

Congratulations Denah!

We watched as you finished high school and began college; strong and determined to achieve, also intimidated of the unknown. You tackled the challenge successfully being recognized as CHEPP's Most Outstanding Senior and a Student of Promise. We knew you could do it and are proud of you! To every end there is a new beginning. Your strength, principles, education, golden rule observation and heart provide a solid foundation for your new beginning. We wish you success and happiness in all your future endeavors.

Love, Mom & Dad

Julie Libertore

Class of 2006

The 2006 UDLAPS Library Student Assistant Scholarship Recipient

CONGRATULATIONS!

Best wishes in pursuit of your graduate degree in Librarianship!

UDLAPS

The University of Delaware Library
Assembly of Professional Staff

Chang-Yeub You

Congratulations on your graduation! I bless you kindly. I know you had many painful memories and hard work in life as an International Student, but you could overcome. I am proud of you. After you graduate school you will get a job and have some problems then, but I trust you will accomplish in all.

Young Sang You

Megan Marie Yanno

Our little Moo-moo has grown up! From a scared 17 year old at Pencader to an "emerging" sophomore at Gilbert, then a confident junior to 77 E. Park. Now our baby girl is a graduating senior, ready to take on the world! Cherish the memories of your Lax girls, Sigma Kappa sisters and numerous friends.

Our hearts are full of love and pride with all that you have accomplished. Your biggest fans, Mom, Dad & Andi

The Review

Congratulations and good luck to the graduating members of *The Review's* Editorial Staff.

> Andrew Amsler Erin Biles Christine Alhambra Stephanie Andersen Michael Hartnett Dan Lisowski Christopher Moore **Tim Parsons** Greg Price Sara Satullo Dana Schwartz Monica Simmons **Natalie Torintinos** Devin Varsalona Carson Walker Pat Walters

We will miss you! The Review Staff

The Review

The Review is honored to congraulate the graduating seniors of our Business and Advertising Staff:

Katie Corridin
Sarah Dixon
Matthew Emmons
Chrissy Ferrara
Lauren Nihodil
Tejal Patel
Denah Stelacio
Wendy Yip

Thank you for your dedication and hard work over the years.

Congratulations! We will miss you!

With love, The Review Staff

Class of 2006

Congratulations on your accomplishments at the University of Delaware!

Whether you are moving on to
your first "real" job,
further eduacation,
voyages around the world,
or even just back into
your parent's basement,
we wish you success, happiness and
fond memories of your experiences at UD.

Good luck!

The Review Staff

Best wishes to the University of Delaware Class of 2006!

And then we'll fight! fight! for Delaware,

Fight for the Blue and Gold,
And when we hit that line,
Our team is there
with a daring spirit bold
And when we strike with might
Let foes beware





And then we'll fight! fight! for Delaware,

Fight for the Blue and Gold,

Delaware will shine to-night,

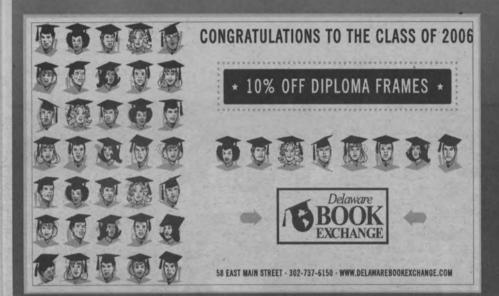
Delaware will shine.

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