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BY DEVIN VARSALONA

Administrative News Editor

The Epsilon Rho chapter of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity filed a lawsuit against the university and an eviction appeal to the city last week following the university's recent suspension and the city's subsequent eviction of the fraternity.

ATO filed the eviction appeal Feb. 3 to the Newark Board of Adjustment and the lawsuit Feb. 4 in the Delaware Court of Chancery. The fraternity was suspended from campus in late January and evicted Feb. 1 from its Courtney Street residence.

According to Newark City Attorney Roger Akin, fraternity members may reside in the ATO house until the public hearing for the eviction appeal Feb. 24.

Scott Mason, associate director of Student Centers, stated in an e-mail message ATO may not recruit or participate in fraternity events while the legal matter is being reviewed.

Akin said the fraternity's eviction was based on ordinance 32-51(b) of the Newark Zoning Code, which states all residents of a fraternity or sorority suspended from the university for a period longer than a year must vacate the premises.

Cynthia Cummings, associate vice president of Campus Life, said the fraternity was suspended based on numerous alcohol and safety violations from a Sep. 11 party. The violations included ineffectively monitoring underage drinkers and exceeding building occupancy limits by approximately 200 people.

The university investigated the fraternity following the death of freshman Rachel Payne. Payne was fatally struck by a CSX train at 3:25 a.m. Sept. 12 after leaving the ATO party unattended, according to Newark Police.

Her blood alcohol level was 0.236, nearly three times the legal limit, but the fraternity was found not guilty of serving her alcohol.

Akin said the fraternity filed its eviction appeal based on two claims, and sent a letter to City Building Director Ron Sylvester, who issued the eviction. The appeal stated the city's reliance on the university's suspension decision is premature. It also said the university's suspension decision is invalid and improper.

Jason Powell, ATO's lawyer, said the city has been reasonable in allowing the fraternity to bring the dispute with the university to a resolution before beginning the eviction process.

The true dispute, he said, is with the university. The fraternity alleges the university's judicial system was unfair and did not follow due process of law in dealing with the charges brought against ATO, Powell said.

"The university has a judicial system which has to have certain components that are constitutional in nature," Powell said. "If they don't, then the process to come to that disciplinary decision is wrongful and that's our allegation. Until that's addressed, the city's position to rely on the suspension is premature."

John Brennan, senior associate director of Public Relations for the university, stated in an e-mail message the university does not agree with the fraternity's claims and has sought legal counsel to defend against them.

"We do not believe that any denial of due process took place and will be supporting that position in court," he said. "The Office of Judicial Affairs works very hard to ensure that any student or organization brought up on disciplinary charges is made aware of the charges and has the opportunity to defend them. That was the case with ATO."

Brennan also said the sanction imposed on ATO is in accordance with the Student Guide to University Policies.

"Given the tragic circumstances, we believe the sanctions were entirely reasonable," he said. "Student organizations have a responsibility to conduct their activities safely."

Powell declined to expand on why the fraternity feels the university's suspension is "invalid and improper," as stated in the eviction appeal. He said he is hopeful and confident the Court of Chancery will agree with the fraternity's position.

Akin said if the Court of Chancery rules in favor of ATO, it will issue an injunction against the suspension and the legal basis for the eviction would be void.

However, she said if the court does not favor ATO, a decision on the fraternity's eviction will most likely be reached on the evening of the eviction appeal hearing. Any party to the case who wishes to voice their support for or against the appeal can testify to the board as well as appeal the board's decision to the state Superior Court.

Mason said the university has no say in the city's eviction policy or their decision to change it.

The Court of Chancery will review the case in an open hearing Feb. 22 at 9:30 a.m. in the Wilmington Courthouse. The Board of Adjustments hearing is scheduled for Feb. 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Newark Municipal Building.



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A student from Montana has a greater chance of acceptance than someone from a state with many more applicants, Hirsh said.

Mortenson said the solution to increase male attendance is not lowering admission standards, but changing their early development.

Male students need more motivation to strive toward higher education before they begin to give up sometime around middle school, Mortenson said.

"Boys tend to tune out and give up, you need to engage boys more in the process," he said.

Greater results from pri-

Commentary

GREG PRICE



Why no respect?

Early last Tuesday morning, as I began to peruse the Delaware sports web site, I came across something truly astounding.

The site read "Delaware Receives 19 votes in the USA Today ESPN WBCA Women's Basketball Top 25 Poll."

The Hens have only received more than one vote in the poll once before last week with three.

Clearly, the women's team has earned every one of the nineteen votes and maybe more. They have currently won 14 straight and have an overall record of 16-2, including a 9-0 Colonial Athletic Association record mounting their 11th straight.

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Now, I've been asking else, how does the CAA in offensive team? Well, 28th place, averaging 58.5 points a game. Not to mention 10-1 in the top 25 poll.

If it is common knowledge that most women's sports get overlooked by men's sports.

Here's a funny anecdote. After the women's team defeated George Mason Jan. 16 at the Bob 72-56 I was talking to star power forward Tara Malcolm.

One of my questions was "Why did you run a 2-3 zone today?" Malcolm then said with a snicker, "Oh, we always run a 2-3."

I was mortified. Not only had I embarrassed my paper and myself, but I had also insulted a great athlete and the entire women's team. Running a 2-3 zone is something any regular fan could pick up simply by attending a game, which I hadn't done until I began covering the team.

Luckily, I later learned Malcolm and her teammates took no offense and, in fact, they all laughed it off.

What they have not been laughing off is the bare minimum of attention they receive for being one of the better basketball teams in the country. The men's basketball team, which has struggled all year due to injuries to five scholarship players, receives far more attention than the women's team.

Consider this — more than 38,000 fans have plunked down money and enjoyed the comfy seats at the Bob to watch the men's team win five of their nine home games.

The women's team averages 1,057 fans per home game, totaling 8,457. They have not lost a single game at the Bob all season long and have an 11-game home win streak dating back to last season.

I really have no idea why this lackluster support for a winning team has occurred.

Some reasons have been thrown out for why men's sports control the fan and media's attention: like the style of play is very different or some view women in sports as un-lady like and goes against a societal norm.

Women playing sports at any level is not un-lady like, in fact it's a great thing for everyone involved. Players get to play the sport they love, coaches get to teach and be apart of the game and fans witness highly competitive games and are fully entertained.

Secondly, the style of play is different. Women's teams are far more fundamentally sound than men's teams. They play the game the way it was intended to be played, a team sport with every team member working as a unified whole without the flash and hype so deeply embedded in the men's game today.

The women's team will have a chance to break their all-time attendance record of 2,642 in a single game on Feb. 11 when they square off against Old Dominion, ironically the very team they set the first record against. The university is asking faculty and staff to come help break the record. What I am asking of the students is to help them not only break the record but to show support for your team, one that has earned respect all year long.

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Who popped out this day?

1930 - Jim Loscutt
1959 - Lawrence Taylor
1961 - Denis Savard
1962 - Dan Plesac
1973 - Oscar De La Hoya

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MADDEN BOWL 2005

The Review offers play-by-play analysis

BY STEVE RUSSOLILLO AND RAVI GUPTA

As it nears that time of the year when the media over-research, over-analyze, and over-obsess about the Super Bowl, The Review finds solace going beyond the numbers and storylines of the game.

We support a more interactive method of predicting who will win the title in Jacksonville.

How can there be such a technique to determine the winner of the big game? Simple, assign two of the most avid Madden 2005 players you can find and have them duke it out. So we updated the rosters, edited the player attributes, and pressed start.

Welcome to 111 Harrington C., the site of Super Bowl XXXIX, where Steve's Philadelphia Eagles will attempt to defeat Ravi's Super Bowl-defending New England Patriots.

The Pats have just won the coin toss and elect to kick off the festivities. Place kicker Adam Vinatieri lines up for the boot. We will be back at halftime for first half statistics and analysis.

Halftime: 3-0 Patriots

Welcome to the Blue Hen Halftime show, where we will give a quick recap of the first half.

The first half displayed two seemingly over-excited teams that failed to provide any significant scoring. The play was sloppy, as the teams combined for three turnovers and zero touchdowns. The Patriots maintain a 3-0 lead off of Vinatieri's 27-yard field goal in the second quarter.

Terrell Owens has demonstrated no signs of weakness, and safety Rodney Harrison has not shown a what he has in store for wide receiver Freddie Mitchell yet.

We will return with stats and analysis shortly.



THE REVIEW/FILE PHOTO

The Patriots' Rodney Harrison lays a big hit on the Eagles' Brian Westbrook during the third quarter of The Review's Madden Bowl.

End of 3rd quarter: 7-3 Eagles

Thanks to an impressive third-quarter showing by the Eagles, we can now watch so we have an interesting game on our hands.

The Eagles marched down field methodically, running all over a normally stout Patriot defense.

An extremely time-consuming drive for the Eagles, with first and goal at the 20-yard line, Hineson McNabb took matters into his own hands, running a QB sneak up the middle into the end zone.

The touchdown gives Philly a 7-3 lead, but more importantly, gives them all the momentum entering the fourth quarter.

For the play-by-play, let's send it over to Steve and Ravi for fourth quarter action.

7-3 Eagles, Patriots ball at Eagles 33 yard-line — 1st and 10 with 4:30 remaining ...

R: Tom Brady comes to the line and the call is a handoff to the strong side. Dillon darts through a large hole behind the fullback and breaks it down field. He jukes left as Brian Dawkins dives and tackles nothing but air. With only real estate in front of him, Dillon sprints down the field and dives into the end zone.

untouched for six! Run, Corey, run!

S: It was so crucial for the Patriots to finally get something going on the offensive side of the ball. The Pats kept their cool and decided to stick with the running game. Fullback Patrick Pass and guard John Andruzzi made tremendous blocks opening up a hole big enough for Andy Reid to fit through. The drive only took five plays for the Pats to go 73 yards and reclaim the lead.

10-7 Patriots, Eagles ball at their own 20-yard line, 1st and 10 with 4:15 remaining ...

S: McNabb steps up to the line with four wide receivers and drops back in the pocket looking for an open target. T.O. is wide open, flying deep down the sideline and calling for the ball. McNabb airs out a 50-yard bomb. T.O. gets his hands on the ball — Oh No! The ball is hobbled and falls to the ground.

R: Clearly the Eagles were ticked off about the way they were just manhandled, and wanted to flex some muscle of their own to start the drive. Too bad T.O. can't walk the walk.

10-7 Patriots, Patriots ball at Eagles 30 yard-line, 3rd and 2 with 2:25 remaining

R: The Patriots line up in a Power-I formation, with Dillon at tailback. The call is a toss to the right as Dillon scurries past a diving Trotter. He finds room toward the sideline and breaks free as he stuff-arms linebacker Mark Simoneau in the jugular. Dillon is now all alone as he strolls into the promise land! YAHITZEE!

S: The Patriots kept the score close all game long and now have exploded for a ten-point fourth quarter lead.

Philly has not been able to sustain their energy and it looks like they are

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THE REVIEW/FILE PHOTO

Senior Sara Stephens currently holds school records in the 100-meter and 200-meter butterfly.

Swimmer eyes record books

BY CHASE TRIMMER

The name Stephens shows up in the Delaware swimming record books 38 times between sisters Sandy and Sara.

Senior Sara Stephens has mastered the butterfly, with record times of 56.06 in the 100-meter and 2:05.53 in the 200-meter. Her older sister, former Hens' standout Sandy Stephens, is still the owner of the best performance in both the 100-meter and 200-meter breaststroke with respective times of 1:04.26 and 2:20.15.

But the elder sister has the upper hand in the battle over Delaware's archives.

Sandy Stephens currently has the fastest recorded time in the 200-meter individual medley. Her record-setting time of 2:05.62 in the 2002-2003 season beat the former best that Sara once held by 2.46 seconds.

"The difference between Sara and her older sister Sandy is that Sara just wants to beat anyone and everyone she swims against," said Delaware Swimming & Diving

head coach John Hayman. "Sandy, on the other hand, was not so concerned about the competition as she was with the clock."

This season Sara Stephens has cemented herself as one of the best swimmers in Delaware history and proved how dedicated she is to her sport.

Stephens, a graduate of St. Mark's High School, in Wilmington, has the best time in seven out of 14 individual events for the Hens this season, including a 200 individual medley time of 2:09.98 at Towson on Jan. 8, and was the Bucknell Invitational Champion of the 100 and 200 butterfly Dec. 4-5.

Stephens and the rest of the swim team train six days a week, including two double sessions, amounting to about 22 hours per week, Stephens said. "We probably average anywhere from seven to eight thousand yards a day and when we do doubles it's more like ten or twelve thousand."

Stephens has been successful

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UD announces class of 2005

BY ROB MCFADDEN

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Ten high school seniors have signed National Letters of Intent to play football at Delaware, head coach K.C. Keeler announced Wednesday.

In addition, two other student-athletes are expected to start classes next week and several will join the team in the fall as non-scholarship walk-ons.

Keeler said he was excited about the incoming recruiting class and proud of the efforts of the Delaware staff.

"We fought off some really good schools to land this group," Keeler said, specifically citing Division I-A schools UConn and Pittsburgh, as well as defending Division I-AA national champion James Madison.

Delaware's 2005 recruiting class includes tight end Josh Baker (Chesapeake, Va.), line-backer Brian Brown (Fayetteville, Ga.), wide receiver Mark Duncan (Rockville, Md.), offensive lineman Jon Herrman (McKees Rocks, Penn.), offensive lineman Matt Hesselton (Smyrna, Del.), defensive back Aaron Hicks (Accokeek, Md.), kicker Zach Hobby (Oldsmar, Fla.), defensive end Rob Mahler (Brick, N.J.), linebacker Matt Marcorelle (Ft. Pierce, Fla.) and offensive lineman Corey Nicholson (Frederick, Md.).

Of the 10, Keeler said Hobby is the only one that will definitely compete for playing time next season, though the offensive linemen may also be given a shot. Last season's starting kicker, Brad Shushman, was a senior.

Per NCAA rules, Keeler is not allowed to comment specifically about players that have not yet signed or enrolled in classes, but he said two running backs are expected to enroll next week and an announcement will be made once they become official.

The two running backs are believed to be Chris Haslon, a New Jersey native that signed with Purdue last year, and Danny Jones, who signed with Delaware last year.

Baker, a 6-foot-3 235-pounder from Western Branch High School, was the first player of this year's class to verbally commit, informing Keeler of his intentions after the Hens' victory over Towson on Sept. 11.

"Everyone else came in trying to steal him from us," Keeler said, "but we held on to him."

According to Baker's coach, Lew Johnston, Furman, James Madison, Richmond and William & Mary offered Baker scholarships after his commitment.

As a senior, Baker was named second team All-State, second team all-region and first-team All-Tidewater Area. He plans to major in criminal justice.

Brown, a 6-foot 210-pounder from Sandy Creek High School, also played full-

back and punter. He was named first team all-area by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution and plans to major in business marketing.

Duncan, a 5-foot-11 175-pounder from Sotiland High School, was named first team All-State as a defensive back and returned three kickoffs for touchdowns last year. He plans to major in criminal justice.

Herrman, a 6-foot-3 285-pounder from Pittsburgh Central Catholic High School, will likely play center at Delaware. As a senior, he was named first team All-State at the highest level of Pennsylvania high school football (Class AAAA). Herrman, who also punted, plans to major in accounting.

Hesselton, a 6-foot-6 340-pounder from Smyrna High School, is the only Delaware native in this year's class. He reportedly turned down Division I-A offers from Duke, Temple and West Virginia and committed to Delaware early. He plans to major in exercise physiology.

Hicks, a 6-foot 170-pounder from Gwynn Park High School, has been timed at 4.38 seconds in the 40-yard dash. He played both safety and cornerback in high school, and Keeler said he may have a chance to contribute early for the Hens. Hicks plans to major in sports management.

Hobby, a 6-foot 205-pounder from Countryside High School, is the first kicker to accept a scholarship to Delaware out of high school since 1998. According to his father, Phil, Hobby received offers from Central Florida, Navy, Northwestern, Syracuse, Temple and West Virginia. He plans to major in accounting or business.

Mahler, a 6-foot-5 245-pounder from Brock Township High School, was named second team All-State as a senior and Player of the Year in his division. Keeler said Mahler received offers from UConn and Pittsburgh, but turned them down in favor of Delaware.

"He really has a chance to be a beast," Keeler said. "He's a big, mean kid who we think we can put some weight on and he'll be a very good player in this league."

Marcorelle, a 6-foot-3 205-pounder from John Carroll High School, may also play defensive end at Delaware. Described as a "phenomenal athlete" by Keeler, he missed spring practice last year to play basketball, which may have kept him under the radar.

"We think we stole one there," Keeler said.

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Hirsh said there are many considerations that go into accepting an applicant, and gender plays a small role.

"Course selections are very important," he said. "The admissions officer factors in many things, including special talents, diversity and geography."

A student from Montana has a greater chance of acceptance than someone from a state with many more applicants, Hirsh said.

Mortenson said the solution to increase male attendance is not lowering admission standards, but changing their early development.

Male students need more motivation to strive toward higher education before they begin to give up sometime around middle school, Mortenson said.

"Boys tend to tune out and give up, you need to engage boys more in the process," he said.

Greater results from pri-

ATO sues UD, appeals eviction

BY DEVIN VARSALONA

Administrative News Editor

The Epsilon Rho chapter of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity filed a lawsuit against the university and an eviction appeal to the city last week following the university's recent suspension and the city's subsequent eviction of the fraternity.

ATO filed the eviction appeal Feb. 3 to the Newark Board of Adjustment and the lawsuit Feb. 4 in the Delaware Court of Chancery. The fraternity was suspended from campus in late January and evicted Feb. 1 from its Courtney Street residence.

According to Newark City Attorney Roger Akin, fraternity members may reside in the ATO house until the public hearing for the eviction appeal Feb. 24.

Scott Mason, associate director of Student Centers, stated in an e-mail message ATO may not recruit or participate in fraternity events while the legal matter is being reviewed.

Akin said the fraternity's eviction was based on ordinance 32-51(b) of the Newark Zoning Code, which states all residents of a fraternity or sorority suspended from the university for a period longer than a year must vacate the premises.

Cynthia Cummings, associate vice president of Campus Life, said the fraternity was suspended based on numerous alcohol and safety violations from a Sep. 11 party. The violations included ineffectively monitoring underage drinkers and exceeding building occupancy limits by approximately 200 people.

The university investigated the fraternity following the death of freshman Rachel Payne. Payne was fatally struck by a CSX train at 3:25 a.m. Sept. 12 after leaving the ATO party unattended, according to Newark Police.

Her blood alcohol level was 0.236, nearly three times the legal limit, but the fraternity was found not guilty of serving her alcohol.

Akin said the fraternity filed its eviction appeal based on two claims, and sent a letter to City Building Director Ron Sylvester, who issued the eviction. The appeal stated the city's reliance on the university's suspension decision is premature. It also said the university's suspension decision is invalid and improper.

Jason Powell, ATO's lawyer, said the city has been reasonable in allowing the fraternity to bring the dispute with the university to a resolution before beginning the eviction process.

The true dispute, he said, is with the university.

The fraternity alleges the university's judicial system was unfair and did not follow due process of law in dealing with the charges brought against ATO, Powell said.

"The university has a judicial system which has to have certain components that are constitutional in nature," Powell said. "If they don't, then the process to come to that disciplinary decision is wrongful and that's our allegation. Until that's addressed, the city's position to rely on the suspension is premature."

John Brennan, senior associate director of Public Relations for the university, stated in an e-mail message the university does not agree with the fraternity's claims and has sought legal counsel to defend against them.

"We do not believe that any denial of due process took place and will be supporting that position in court," he said. "The Office of Judicial Affairs works very hard to ensure that any student or organization brought up on disciplinary charges is made aware of the charges and has the opportunity to defend them. That was the case with ATO."

Brennan also said the sanction imposed on ATO is in accordance with the Student Guide to University Policies.

"Given the tragic circumstances, we believe the sanctions were entirely reasonable," he said. "Student organizations have a responsibility to conduct their activities safely."

Powell declined to expand on why the fraternity feels the university's suspension is "invalid and improper," as stated in the eviction appeal. He said he is hopeful and confident the Court of Chancery will agree with the fraternity's position.

Akin said if the Court of Chancery rules in favor of ATO, it will issue an injunction against the suspension and the legal basis for the eviction would be void.

However, she said if the court does not favor ATO, a decision on the fraternity's eviction will most likely be reached on the evening of the eviction appeal hearing. Any party to the case who wishes to voice their support for or against the appeal can testify to the board as well as appeal the board's decision to the state Superior Court.

Mason said the university has no say in the city's eviction policy or their decision to change it.

The Court of Chancery will review the case in an open hearing Feb. 22 at 9:30 a.m. in the Wilmington Courthouse. The Board of Adjustments hearing is scheduled for Feb. 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Newark Municipal Building.



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Alpha Tau Omega fraternity was suspended from the university and evicted from its Courtney Street house.



Cucina Di Napoli has a special permit to serve beer and wine.

Alcohol law faces review

BY AARON TRINKLE

Possible changes to current alcohol laws on Main Street are being reviewed as city council weighs the costs and benefits of implementing more moderate alcohol regulations.

Mayor Vance A. Funk III, the leading voice behind the new proposals, said he wants to change the present alcohol laws because some restaurants have not opened on Main Street after being denied liquor licenses.

The current laws declare that any facility within 300 feet of a church or residential area will not be permitted to sell alcoholic beverages for public consumption, he said.

"Permitting more restaurants to open for business would provide jobs for students and allow for a nice restaurant community," Funk said.

The major change being proposed, he said, is the provision of special-use alcohol permits to family-style restau-

rants, not bars, which would allow them to obtain a liquor license after their location and reason for selling alcohol is reviewed by the city council.

On Feb. 1, the Newark Planning Commission voted six to one for the new alcohol laws, Funk said, and he has received favorable comments from the community.

Councilman Karl Kalbacher, 3rd District, said it is the city council that will have the final say Monday about whether these new laws will be passed.

Regarding special-use permits, he said there must be detailed guidelines the city council would review when deciding if a restaurant will sell alcohol.

Not yet sure of where he stands on the issue, Kalbacher said he wants to take other opinions into consideration.

"I want to hear from the community and the public to express their opinion," he said.

Kalbacher said he is also cautious about supporting the new laws because

of the proximity of Main Street to the university and residential areas.

"It is unfair to allow alcohol consumption close to a church," he said. "And I am sensitive toward the university and the alcohol consumption that sometimes takes place there."

One way facilities are currently able to obtain a liquor license more easily, he said, is only to sell beer and wine and not liquor, he said.

Such is the case at Cucina Di Napoli on East Main Street.

Giovanni Aiello, manager of the restaurant, said he agreed selling alcohol near a church should be approached cautiously.

However, he said other restaurants should be given a chance to open the same way his restaurant was given a chance.

"If Joe Blow wants to open up a good, family-style restaurant next to me, then he should be allowed," Aiello said.

Brain growth a factor in driving

BY COREY MUNCH

Teen drivers who relish the sense of power and independence they get from driving alone might receive additional restrictions on their driving in the near future, due to the findings of a recent study.

According to a study by the National Institutes of Health, the region of the brain associated with risk management decisions might not be fully developed until the age of 25. This is a significant departure from the previously supported age of 18, and it may have major implications on driving laws around the country.

Several states have already passed laws limiting the amount of passengers a teen driver may transport or lengthening the period of supervised driving.

However, the NIH study and other research performed at Temple University may open the doors to new laws regarding teen driving.

Margo Gardner, a graduate student at Temple who assisted in the study, said it concentrated on how teens' risk-taking behavior might differ when in groups and in comparison to adults.

"Nobody had looked at differences between the groups under real world conditions," she said. "The other tests had been performed in a lab setting and we thought the disparity might emerge in a more realistic setting."

The test involved an arcade-style driving game where the subjects navigated through an obstacle course, of cones, Gardner said.

Individual teens took the test, and then a teen with several friends in the room took the test.

The study determined the influence of peers would cause the driver to take many more risks than the driver who was alone in the simulation, she said. In comparison, the adults took fewer risks than the teenage drivers did.

The distraction and pressure of the other teens caused a significant change in the driver's ability to analyze the risks on the road, Gardner said.

Recent studies by NIH and Temple have bolstered the argument for new restrictions on teen driving laws in several states.

Doug Chaplow, legislative assistant to Virginia State Sen. William C. Mims, R-33rd District, said the state recently passed a bill restricting drivers under the age of 18 from using cell phones while operating a vehicle.

"We are trying to minimize the distractions for young drivers on the road," he said.

Other states might also use this law as an incentive to pass their own, Chaplow said. If teen crash rates are reduced in Virginia, it will likely cause other states to adopt similar rules.

However, he said he was not sure if the recent law would be enough.

"This was an obvious problem that we could correct," Chaplow said. "Some of the other issues might not be so obvious. We will have to look at the issue over time."

"We are going to do every-

thing we can to help prevent more crashes."

Andrea Summers, community relations officer for the Delaware Office of Highway Safety, said she thinks the data from the studies could influence future laws, if the evidence is conclusive.

"Teen drivers are inexperienced and the distractions need to be limited," she said. "Their coordinated ability is not as good as that of older drivers."

The state has in place what is known as the "Graduated Driver Licensing Law," Summers said, which is intended to help young drivers get more experience in a safe setting.

There is data the GDLL program is effective, she said. In 1998, the year before the law went into effect, 1,001 16-year-old drivers were involved in accidents. Last year, only 498 drivers of the same age were involved in crashes.

The state proposed a bill last year that would ban the use of cellular phones by drivers on a learner's permit, she said. The bill also sought to limit the number of passengers to one.

"Every additional passenger, especially other teenagers, exponentially increases the danger of an accident," Summers said.

Sue Chesis, legislative aide to Maryland state delegate Adrienne Mandel, who sponsored three bills aimed to protect young drivers, said the proposition has been in the works for several years.

From September 2003 through January 2004, 17 teens

JUST THE FACTS

• A recent National Institutes of Health study found that the portion of the brain pertaining to risk management does not fully develop until age 25, which could impact teen driving behavior.

• A law has been proposed in Virginia prohibiting drivers under 18 from using their cell phones.

• The "Graduated Driver Licensing Law" initiative in Delaware has helped decrease the number of 16-year-olds in accidents from 1,001 in 1998 to 498 last year.

were killed in Montgomery County, Md., she said.

"We are working to eliminate distractions on the road for young drivers," she said. "It's a big step in the right direction."

In addition, the three bills each target a different aspect of driving for learners, Chesis said.

The first aims to prohibit young drivers from carrying passengers for six months after receiving their licenses. The second prohibits the use of cellular phones while driving by anyone using a permit or provisional license. The final bill increases the amount of training necessary for permit holders to receive a full license.

Those who support the bills have been wearing black wristbands, Chesis said. The bands have the words "Drive, Think, Live" on them, encouraging people to drive responsibly and defend the bill.

Del. denies BP access to N.J. gas terminal

BY CAIT SIMPSON

Delaware's Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control rejected British Petroleum's request to build a Liquefied Natural Gas terminal on the Delaware River across from Claymont on the grounds that it violates the state's Coastal Zone Act.

Neil Chapman, spokesman for BP, said the Crown Landing LLC site located in Logan Township, N.J., involves a 2,000-foot pier into the river that would stretch across the Delaware state line.

Under the proposal, ships carrying LNG would travel up the river two to three times a week, he said.

DNREC Commissioner John Hughes said the Coastal Zone Act prohibits adding bulk transfers without manufacturing purposes within state limits.

BP's proposal for the LNG site does not qualify as manufacturing under the CZA, he said.

David Keifer, conservation chairman for the Delaware Sierra Club, said the group is pleased by DNREC's decision.

"The way Sierra analyzed the problem was that what BP planned to do on land did not constitute a manufacturing facility," he said.

Chapman said the corporation was "obviously disappointed" but has sought legal council. "There are other avenues," he said. "We are looking for the best way forward."

Hughes said in addition to a formal appeal, BP could request that the federal government exercise eminent domain, which would supersede DNREC's jurisdiction.

John Burzichelli, New Jersey assemblyman, said he was unhappy with the decision because it reflected Delaware's imposition on New Jersey industry.

"The border between Delaware and New Jersey, as drawn by William Penn in 1670, is antiquated and serves no public purpose," he said. "The border extends across the river and gives Delaware jurisdiction up to the New Jersey coastline."

New Jersey officials see support of the CZA as an encroachment upon the state's right to expand industry, Burzichelli said.

The case made by BP to consider the movement of LNG as a manufacturing process would most likely be approved

in New Jersey, he said.

"Since they imposed their will on us," he said, "we have no choice but to exercise our power, which is monetary."

Burzichelli said he has pushed for New Jersey to remove all public funds out of Delaware banks if the border is not redrawn.

Margaret Aitken, press secretary to Sen. Joseph R. Biden, Jr., D-Del., said the senator is supportive of DNREC's decision along with the rest of Delaware's delegation.

Currently, some members of Congress are in support of a bill that would prohibit any state or local government from requiring authorization with respect to the location, construction, expansion or operation of an LNG import terminal except as otherwise provided by federal law.

Chapman said if BP is permitted to construct on the site, the terminal would have many positive impacts on the tri-state area, much of which is still serviced by more pollutant fuels such as coal and oil.

"It would bring new supplies of natural gas and many jobs at the terminal and construction site," he said.

Hughes said he acknowledged the positive impacts of natural gas, which is considered to be more environmentally safe than coal or oil.

"It would clearly benefit the environment to change old coal burning plants," he said. "There is no debate about that."

"But the Coastal Zone Act is a body of law that controls action in Delaware."

The CZA was passed in 1971 to prevent the spread of industrial activity in the coastal zone, Hughes said.

"The act was preservative in nature and environmentally grounded," he said.

In addition to the violation of the CZA, the BP proposal generated other complaints.

Some Delaware residents were concerned about the construction of the terminal, Hughes said, because they feared the possibility of leaks from LNG barges.

Chapman said the possibility of a leak is incredibly low because of the record of carriers of LNG.

Hughes said he does not know which option BP will take in response to DNREC's decision, but he said "there is no room for negotiation."

Lawmakers debate anti-discrimination bill

BY ADAM SILVERSTEIN

A new bill introduced into Delaware's House of Representatives Jan. 29 would prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation in housing, employment and insurance.

This is the third time a bill aimed at preventing discrimination based on sexual orientation has been brought to the House.

State representatives passed the first two bills, but the Senate rejected them.

Rep. William Oberle, R-24th District, is the sponsor of this year's bill along with Rep. Peter Schwartzkopf, D-14th District.

Schwartzkopf said the bill's objective is to address equal rights, not special rights. "All it's doing is adding the words sexual orientation to the existing law," he said. "It's to treat people the same way."

Schwartzkopf said unlike the previous two bills, a series of clauses has been added to ease fears some people the bill might lead to same-sex marriage and teaching homosexuality in schools.

The bill does not legalize or permit same-sex marriages in Delaware, he said.

Greg Patterson, spokesman for Gov.

Ruth Ann Minner, stated in an e-mail message the governor supports the bill and would sign it if given the chance.

The clauses are positive additions to the bill, he said.

"The whereas clauses should make it even more clear what the intent of the bill has always been: merely to secure equal protections against discrimination," Patterson said.

Rep. John C. Atkins, R-41st District, an opponent of the bill, said he is concerned that legal problems could be created if the bill passes.

"There is concern in the business community about lawsuits and the costs of defending those lawsuits," he said.

Schwartzkopf said the bill, if passed, would benefit all people regardless of sexual orientation.

Schwartzkopf's district includes many beach areas with larger percentages of homosexuals than other areas of Delaware, he said, but the bill can protect heterosexuals as well.

"It's not fair to anybody to be discriminated against, and people don't understand

that we're protecting everybody, not just homosexuals," he said.

The previous anti-discrimination bills faced opposition from Senate members within the committees that effectively killed the bill, Schwartzkopf said.

People who oppose the bill do not understand its purpose, he said.

"The ones that are the most vocal are usually the ones that didn't read the bill," he said. "You think we're going to push homosexuality in schools, we're not. You think it's going to support same-sex marriage, it won't."

Steve Elkins, executive director of the gay and lesbian service organization Camp Rehoboth in Rehoboth Beach, Del., said he wants this bill to finally provide gays and lesbians with equal rights in Delaware.

"My partner Murray and I have been together 26 years and we don't have the same rights other people have," he said. "I don't have any kind of assurance that I couldn't be fired because I'm gay."

Other sponsors of the bill include Rep. Stephanie Ulbrich, R-25th District, and Sen. Margaret Henry, D-2nd District.

Police Reports

MEN ASSAULTED

Two men were followed home, attacked and burglarized Wednesday at approximately 10:15 p.m., Newark Police said.

After leaving the Sunoco Mini Mart located on Elkton Road, the two men were followed to their house on O'Daniel Avenue by two cars, Cpl. Tracy Simpson said.

Upon arriving home, the men were chased inside by five individuals, she said.

One man was threatened with a knife and other was assaulted, Simpson said.

She said one of the men was threatened with a knife.

A wallet, keys, an Xbox, Xbox games, a Nextel phone, a black 2002 Lincoln LS and a Silver Ford Taurus were stolen from the two men, Simpson said.

The residents were taken to the Christiana Emergency Room, she said, and the incident is pending investigation.

STUDENT ARRESTED AT STONE BALLOON

A student was arrested Wednesday at approximately 1:30 a.m. when leaving the Stone Balloon, Simpson said.

While dispersing a crowd outside the bar, officers ordered an intoxicated male to leave the area, she said.

The male left and then returned to the scene, Simpson said, and asked one of the officers for a cigarette.

After officers told him again to leave, the man became angry and cursed at the officers, she said.

While he was walking away from the bar, the man threw his beer mug at the police car, Simpson said.

The individual was arrested and brought to Newark Police station, she said.

CAR BREAK-IN

An unknown person broke into a car on Duke Street at School Lane Apartments between approximately midnight and 10 a.m. Tuesday, Simpson said.

Pry marks were located on the driver's side door and the rear passenger door, she said.

A credit card, ATM card and five CDs were stolen from the car, Simpson said.

The car had \$900 in damages, she said.

There are no suspects at this time.

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Student groups showcased

BY AARTI MAHTANI
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More than 400 transfer, freshman and returning students were able to make and rekindle friendships while learning about 82 Registered Student Organizations and Greek groups at the annual Spring Semester Activities Night Monday.

Groups, such as student government, multicultural, religious, recreational, media, performance, political, co-curricular and honor societies groups, gathered in the Trabant Multipurpose Rooms, in attempts to lure non-members to join their organization.

The evening, sponsored by the Office of Activities and Programs, allowed prospective members to learn about organizations of interest, through talking with current members before joining a group.

Some groups promoted their organization via candy, group-inspired keepsakes, information sheets and pictures.

Senior Suki Deen, president of the Women's Leadership Organization, said the group aims to spread leadership to women through community service.

The group signed up for Activities Night to generate interest and make their group known on campus, Deen said.

Junior Sena Tsikata, president of the Delaware African Student Association, said although she noticed a smaller amount of people than Fall Activities Night, there were a number of prospective members who seemed interested to learn more about the group.

Aside from dance performances, speakers and member discussions, she said the group promotes diversity.

"[DASA] is a multicultural organization which aims at promoting respect and acknowledgement of all forms of diversity," Tsikata said.

Freshman Emily Robinson said she attended the event to find sports-related clubs.

"It's really packed," she said.

Although the number of attendees was high, Robinson said she was disappointed with the organization turnout.

"Not all the clubs I wanted were here," she said. "I'm disappointed, but it was a good time. I saw people I know."

Junior Madan Soundar said he attended the event to become affiliated with other groups.

"I wanted to look at other clubs and see what else I can participate in," he said.

Soundar said although he had a good time meeting new people and getting reacquainted with old friends,

he failed to find the groups he was looking for, such as Ultimate Frisbee.

Although sporting and recreational events were on some students' minds, there were two groups fighting to raise money for charity.

The Delaware Undergraduate Student Congress manned a table to attract organizations and students to join the DUSC United Effort and help raise money for victims of the recent Indian Ocean Tsunami.

Members of the group also said they would aid other organizations with promotion of a tsunami charity event.

A new organization, Educate For A Cure, also participated in Activities Night, informing and educating people on their group's mission to help cancer prevention.

Junior Jason Vecchione, member of the group, said students were inspired to create the organization after their friend, Erin Patricia Donnelly, passed away last semester from cancer.

"We're here to raise money for students here on campus who are researching for cancer," he said.

In addition, Educate For A Cure aspires to help fund incoming freshman who have been affected by cancer and to set up a fund in Donnelly's name.



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Junior Heidi Bock, president of Habitat for Humanity, signs up interested students at Spring Activities Night Monday.

Former landfill under investigation

BY HEATHER STONER
Staff Reporter

City officials are investigating a closed landfill located under the Cleveland Heights housing complex on East Cleveland Avenue after preliminary tests revealed low levels of pollution.

City Councilman Karl Kalbacher, 3rd District, said the landfill is located slightly north of the actual housing complex, and is owned and operated by the City of Newark.

The Newark Housing Authority is working with the city and Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control to develop a plan for further testing, he said.

"It's a very unfortunate circumstance," Kalbacher said. "Responsibility is on the Newark Housing Authority, and to a greater degree, the City of Newark to complete this investigation."

Johnnie Jackson, spokesman for the Newark Housing Authority, said the groups working with the city to draw up a testing proposal.

The development of a clean-up plan is pending the results of further soil testing, he said.

The landfill, located near the White Clay Creek, closed in the mid-1950s and the housing complex was built in 1968, Jackson said. Both the city and the Newark Housing Authority own the complex.

Kalbacher said the extent of the pollution is unknown, and there are no reported negative effects of the landfill.

"What we do know is that 36 soil samples were taken, and of those, four of them warranted further investigation because they exceeded risk-based screening levels," he said.

Qazi Salahudin and Lindsay Hall, of DNREC, said understanding the dimensions of the landfill is the first step to containing the problem.

Salahudin said it is still unknown how much of the housing complex lies on the landfill.

"It's relatively simple to clean up," he said. "If you have enough soil cover, there is no immediate danger."

Hall said city officials will develop a contract for an environmental consultant, who will draw up a work plan for DNREC to approve.

Kalbacher said a cleanup



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The Cleveland Heights housing complex was built on a landfill closed in the mid-1950s.

may involve restrictions on property deeds, periodic inspections and groundwater sampling, as well as rules against digging on the site.

"For the most part, what we don't do is dig up landfills," he said. "We want to contain them."

Lawmakers debate state inmates' release

BY ALEXIS BLASO
National State Editor

The Delaware Supreme Court will reconsider a decision made in November that could release hundreds of prison inmates who are serving life sentences, court officials said early January.

The decision sparked controversy among Delaware lawmakers.

Attorney General M. Jane Brady filed a motion Jan. 28, asking the Supreme Court to recall the mandate in the case of Evans v. the State of Delaware.

Convicted of rape in 1982, Ward Evans was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole.

Since his conviction, Evans has been evaluated for and denied parole three times. In each appeal, he argued he should have a set release date based on a 45-year sentence,

which is considered a life sentence in Delaware.

The court ruled in favor of Evans in January, but is now rethinking its decision.

Brady, who has been in close contact with the Delaware Board of Parole and the Department of Corrections, said the only sentences affected by this ruling are life sentences.

"No sentence imposed for a criminal convicted after June 30, 1990 is affected," she said, "and no life without parole sentences are affected."

The number of prisoners who could be released is approximately 200, Brady said.

Most of these prisoners were convicted of rape, murder or kidnapping.

Beth Welch, press secretary for the Department of Corrections, said inmates are continually evaluated and release dates are

based on these interactions.

"No inmates will be released until the legalities can be worked out," she said.

Lori Sittler, spokesman for Brady, said the Attorney General's office and the DOC are both concerned with the victims who will be affected by the potential releases.

Contacting the victims of the convicted inmates is not always an easy task, she said.

"It is difficult because people have moved or married and changed their name," Sittler said.

Victim's services and crisis intervention will be available to these individuals if needed and notification is ongoing.

"If folks re-experience trauma because of a prisoner's release," she said, "there are counseling options that they can seek."



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A city-wide law backed by Mayor John Street may ban smoking in public places in Philadelphia.

Phila. contemplates smoking legislation

BY SCOTT YAFFE
Staff Reporter

A recent non-smoking bill introduced by Councilman Michael Nutter could make Philadelphia Pennsylvania's first smoke-free city.

Nutter proposed a smoking ban in public buildings previously in 2000, but there was not enough support from other council members to pass.

The legislation, receiving the support of Philadelphia Mayor John Street, would prohibit smoking in enclosed spaces, public and private, similar to the smoking ban passed in Delaware in 2002.

Deborah Bolling, deputy director of communications for Mayor Street said he is concerned with the negative impacts of second-hand smoke in public buildings.

Brian Abernathy, legislative assistant for Councilman Frank DiCicco, said there are several concerns about the proposed bill.

One particular concern is the effects of requiring smokers to step outside to light up at neighborhood bars, he said.

This may cause a change in the quality of life in these neighborhoods, Abernathy said.

Several major cities nationwide have begun to follow the trend of banning smoking in public places.

Bolling said bills like these are receiving more support in recent years as large cities and even states continue to issue smoking bans.

Paul Ryan, owner of

Smokey Joe's Tavern in West Philadelphia, said bar owners should make the decision of whether smoking may be permitted.

In addition, Daniel Buchness, owner of Buffalo Billiards in Old City, said he has mixed emotions about the proposal.

"I am not a smoker," he said, "but I am against the bill as a bar owner because it will affect my business."

Fred Gatto, prevention tobacco control programmer for the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services, said health concerns are behind the initiative to ban smoking.

An average of 400,000 Americans die from smoking related causes each year, he said. And an estimated 20 percent of cancer cases could be prevented.

In Delaware, where a smoking ban has been in effect since January 2002, businesses face harsh consequences if the law is broken.

The penalties in Delaware range from \$100 for a first offense to \$250 for further violations, Gatto said.

Junior Eric Klein enjoys the smoke-free atmosphere in public buildings in Newark.

"I hope other cities like Philadelphia will continue to push for a cleaner state and make going out on the town a better experience," he said.

The Delaware Division of Public Health relies on citizens to report smoking violations to their office to uphold the state's ban.

Student engineers reinvent recycling bins

BY PAT SHIELDS
Staff Reporter

A new style of recycling bins designed by a group of seniors at the university is being tested on campus and may soon be used statewide.

Pat Canzano, chief operating officer for the Delaware Solid Waste Authority, said the project is aimed at revamping the design of Delaware's current recycling bins to make them more aesthetically appealing.

Seniors Addie Spicer, Matt King, Matt McDonald and Seth Chama were involved in the project as part of their coursework as senior mechanical engineers.

Spicer said the group started the project at the beginning of the Fall Semester and worked long hours to enhance the bins.

Canzano said that DSWA submitted the project mainly to modify the looks of the current bins, but the students went above and beyond his expectations.

"We were primarily interested in aesthetics, but they came up with new paint schemes, lids and a new locking system as well," he said.

Canzano became involved with the mechanical engineering project after he was invited to the groups presentations last year, he said.

Spicer said one of the main



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Four seniors developed a new recycling bin that is already in use at the Christiana Towers.

changes the students made to the design of the bins was to replace the current box shape with a more appealing rounded triangle.

"We made the new bins look more like the recycling symbol," she said. "The old ones looked like trash bins so people were just throwing trash in them."

Contaminants are a big problem that we wanted to try to eliminate."

The physical look of the bins

was a main concern not only for Canzano and the students but also the businesses and areas that sponsor the bins, Spicer said.

"Since site sponsors don't get anything out of having the bins," she said, "we needed to make them more appealing and nicer looking."

King said the students kept in contact with Canzano and DSWA in order to fully develop their ideas throughout the semester.

"The work we did with the DSWA was really good, they were really helpful and we kept up good communication," he said.

King said the project, which spanned the entire Fall Semester, provided the students with a lot of individual work, but each student found their teamwork was effective.

"I was happy it came out really well," King said. "At first I was skeptical and I thought it was really simple, but once we got together it all worked out really well."

Spicer said the bins are currently being tested on Laird Campus.

The next step for the project is for the students to present their final prototype to DSWA following further testing on campus, she said.

Canzano said the test bins on Laird campus may soon lead to a statewide campaign to implement the use of the bins at every recycling site in Delaware.

"We're still working some little kinks out, but we hope to finish testing and have them out by the summertime," he said.

Spicer said the entire team is satisfied with the outcome of the project.

"It was nice to be able to see the actual product sitting right in front of you."

Alaskans talk about conservation

BY CAITLIN GINLEY
Staff Reporter

Oil drilling threatens the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, which contains the last 5 percent of unspoiled Alaskan coastal plain, a photographer from the Alaska Wilderness League said Wednesday evening in Gore Hall.

Jillian Morrissey, of the Yukon-based Caribou Commons Project, voiced her concerns about the preservation of the Alaskan refuge and shared a slideshow of her own photographs of the spectacular landscape to an audience of students and local residents.

"I don't want drilling in this place," she said. "I think it's too special, too unique and too wonderful to spoil."

Congress has proposed drilling in the refuge, roughly the size of South Carolina, as part of an energy bill.

Morrissey intends to raise awareness of the Alaskan refuge while the issue is being debated in Washington, D.C.

She said she has found there is little support, even from her Alaskan representatives.

"My senators have gotten on the floor in Congress and held up a white piece of paper," Morrissey said. "And they say, 'Look at this. Don't be fooled. The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is a white, desolate wasteland.'"

The Alaskan Wilderness League is up against incredible forces, she said.

"Oil companies have money," Morrissey said. "Environmentalists have heart. The land is our inspiration."

The Alaskan coastal plain holds approximately 3.2 billion barrels of oil, she said, which equates to a six-month supply of oil in the United States.

"So the question is," she said, "is it worth spoiling acres of untouched wilderness for six



THE REVIEW/Jessica Sitkoff
Warren Smith and Jillian Morrissey discussed oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Wednesday in Gore Hall.

months of oil, when we can make changes at home to preserve our energy?"

Morrissey has spent two summers working in the refuge, taking pictures of a wide variety of plant and animal species and specifically focusing on the porcupine caribou herd. The herd, which consists of 125,000 animals, has a large migration and relies heavily on the protection of the refuge, she said.

Warren Smith, a member of the Gwich'in Nation and a native of Old Crow in Northern Alaska, spoke about the porcupine caribou's impact on his community.

"Knowing how to survive off the land is important to us," he said. "Caribou is not just an animal or a source of food. It's a way of life and it's been that way for thousands of years."

Smith said the caribou rely on the refuge for food and protection from mosquitoes and predators. The coastal plain is also known as the "calving ground," where the caribou give birth to as many as 40,000 calves.

Morrissey said she travels and gives lectures as her way of giving something back.

"Forty-five years ago, someone set aside this place," she said. "I need to give something back so that the next generation of young people will still have places like this, places where polar bears exist."

Carolyn Bookman, university alumna and Newark resident, said Morrissey and Smith's experiences made an impact on her.

"It's really interesting that only 5 percent of the Alaskan coast provides so much for the wildlife and people," she said. "And that's the land the government wants for oil."

Newark resident Sue Bookman said she was also impressed with the speaker.

"She was really inspirational and so well-versed," she said.

The lecture was co-hosted by the Delaware Sierra Club and the university Wildlife Conservation Club.

Prof. discusses racial diversity in America

BY MIKE HAZELTINE
Staff Reporter

Americans should desire to become more culturally competent, a nursing professor said Wednesday afternoon in Gore Hall.

Deborah Wilson spoke about the misunderstandings of what it means to be open-minded toward other cultures in a Women's Studies class of approximately 30 students.

Wilson said it is important to accept differences other cultures and races. She showed statistical evidence of projected changes for an increase in minority populations.

"The minority will become the majority," she said.

Teaching assistant Caroline Smith said Wilson set a good tone for the class, which is comprised of different lectures.

She said she was happy that Wilson related her lecture to her own nursing experiences and tried to connect with the students.

Sophomore Kiesha Wright said she found this evidence crucial.

"The world is evolving, changing, shaping today," she said. "You have to keep up or it's your loss."

Wilson said racial divisions are still evident in America.

"We're not melted and blended," she said, refuting the idea of America being the melting pot of races and cultures.

Racism in America more closely fits with jambalaya, a New Orleans dish where a variety of ingredients are cooked together, Wilson said.

"It cooks and makes a flavorful stew," she said, "but the ingredients are still apparent."

The nation will be entirely different when everyone completely blends together, Wilson said.

For this to happen, she said,



THE REVIEW/Tammy Lew
Deborah Wilson, nursing professor, said U.S. race relations are more like "jambalaya" than a melting pot.

people need the desire to be more accepting.

"You have to first look at yourself and figure out who you are," she said.

Culture is one thing that defines a person, Wilson said.

"Beliefs, norms, processes, they're shared," she said. "They're passed on. This is culture."

Students in the class took a

test to rate how they handle racial diversity.

Knowledge of other races and cultures is also essential, Wilson said. This can be accomplished through communication and interaction.

Smith said a lot of what Wilson said applied to her own field.

"It reinforced the importance to connect with my stu-

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Students exhibit art collection

BY RENEE GORMAN

Staff Reporter

Paintings, sculptures, prints, photos and ceramics cluttered the walls of a tiny room in the Studio Arts Building for the opening of the fourth "Art Happens Goes Forth" exhibit Tuesday.

Graduate student Louis Flanigan said "Art Happens Goes Forth" will be on display in the Studio Art Building until Feb. 18.

The exhibit showcases the artwork of approximately 30 artists from the university, he said. Most of the pieces were made by graduate and undergraduate students from the art department.

The items exhibited were primarily pieces students have worked on during the past three to four months. The event allows the university community to view what some artists have been working on, he said.

The exhibit features pieces from artists that would not usually display their work in the same show, he said. Undergraduate pieces are next to first-year graduate pieces which were next to second-year graduate students pieces and there is also a piece by a professor.

"It's almost like a goulash soup," Flanigan said.

Graduate student Jeremy Wineberg has a watercolor painting on display titled, "Gratuitous Slide." He has been working on the piece for a few months, he said.



THE REVIEW/Jessica Sitkoff

A student points to graduate student Jeremy Wineberg's painting during "Art Happens Goes Forth."

He created different modules of color that bend around four sheets of paper, from front to back. He said he wanted to create a domino effect. The method he used for completing

his work was, "a splash at a time."

The show is a good opportunity for students to "check each other out," Wineberg said. Continuing education stu-

dent Kerry Miller was in the building, signing up for a course when he decided to look at the exhibit. His favorite work, he said, is Wineberg's watercolor. Pieces are routinely displayed in the room.

"Whenever stuff is in here, I try to take a look at it. Maybe I'll learn something," Wineberg said.

Graduate student Jason Ferguson pointed to his work hanging on the wall and described how the set of three photographs titled "Social Defense Mechanism" are not the highlight of his piece. It was what was in the photograph that really mattered, he said.

Each of Ferguson's pictures contains a silver oversized tortoise shell-like case with a person crouched underneath. One photo has the silver casing by a church on Main Street, one during his Thanksgiving dinner and one by the compass on the floor in Gore Hall.

He said he created the silver casing not just for the sake of art he said, but also to conduct his own research on social defenses and interaction between people on a daily basis. Ferguson is saving the actual case for display in another upcoming university show.

Sophomore Kelly Conant has a green, glazed ceramic vessel in the exhibit. It is similar to a vase, but there could be other uses for the object, she said. It took her roughly three weeks to make.

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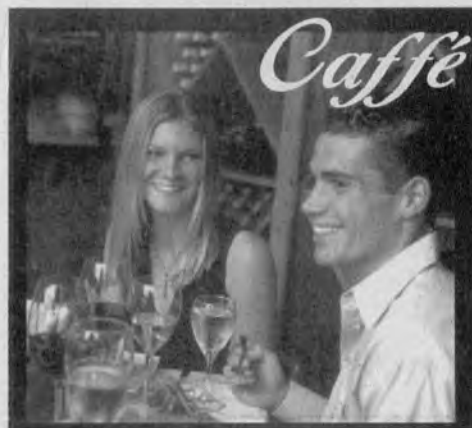
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Editorial

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Phila. smoking ban

Philadelphia City Councilman Michael Nutter recently proposed a non-smoking bill that would prohibit smoking in enclosed spaces, public and private, in the city.

The proposed ban is similar to the one enacted in Delaware in 2002.

Endorsed by Mayor John Street, the intent of the bill is to curb the negative impacts of second-hand smoke on Philadelphia residents.

The Review applauds the decision by Councilman Nutter to propose this bill for the second time, and hopes it is approved.

One needs only look to Delaware to see the benefits of a smoking ban.

Those who do not smoke or who are irritated by the smell of smoke no longer have to bask in its aroma, while those that do need only step outside to puff on a cigarette.

In addition, people will no longer come home from bars and

other public places with clothing that smells like cigarette smoke.

Previous concerns about the hassle the smoking ban would cause have been refuted. In Delaware, its effects have demonstrated that the ban is not detrimental to businesses.

The decision in Delaware and other places seems to be a growing trend to make public environments cleaner, more inviting and pleasing for everyone.

Decisions to approve smoking bans are also health and safety related.

An average of 400,000 Americans die from smoking related causes each year, according to the Department of Health and Social Services.

Banning smoking in public and private spaces ensures less people will be exposed to the cancer-causing agents found in smoke.

Philadelphia should take a step forward and join New York City and Delaware in being smoke-free.



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A student's guide to saving time and money



Laura Boyce
Boyce's Apples

As a senior in my last semester, I pride myself on using the past four years to, if nothing else, perfect the art of being a student, because essentially, despite all the other things in my life, "student" is currently my official title.

While it took the whole of Freshman year and inevitably part of sophomore year, I now know the tricks of the trade, and lucky for you I am willing to disclose how to get through semester after bloody semester saving hundreds of dollars and free time.

Consider the first week of classes the initial assessment period. Survey the scene, and do it well, noticing all aspects, because this is when you will decide if attendance or textbooks are actually necessary.

Some key things to pay specific attention to: Attendance policy. Unfortunately, some professors only allow a certain number of unexcused absences before lowering final grades. In this event, the rest of this section will be irrelevant, as attendance is necessary. However, mandatory classes factor into the necessity of buying the class text. Listen closely on syllabus day when the topic of texts comes up. The best phrase your wallet can hear is: "Tests will weigh heavily on lectures."

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THE REVIEW/Todd Miyashiro

anyway? Maybe a select few on the entire campus. Do not waste your money, buy some saddle shoes instead (so cool, really, I want a pair).

This might require taking notes and paying attention, but for this one class or two, "You can do it!"

If showing up to class is not absolutely required, the next step is to factor the class environment. Going to class the first week allows you to get a good assessment of the professor, which is key. A babler will not do. A monotone dud will not work either. The same goes for a tyrant.

These are the characteristics of professors who do not realize students have a lot on their minds. Talking non-stop, being more boring than C-SPAN or dictating to students only makes our minds wander. Paying attention is hard enough as it is, and inevitably it must be admitted when you have a class taught by one of the above it will become physically impossible to not only pay attention, but to stay awake.

Class size, room temperature and the location also factor into the problem. Whether the room is hot or cold, it can be another major distraction from whatever is going on up front.

Therefore, why even go if you are not going to get anything out of it. These are the classes you buy the book for.

When test time rolls around, reading the material ensures a much better understanding of the topic than sitting in a cramped lecture hall for a whole semester balancing your checkbook. For classes like this, I often wonder why I'm not getting paid for taking the class, because I've taught myself a whole semester's worth of subject matter in one day studying the book instead of hours of wasted time in a classroom the teacher can't keep attentive.

Some simple assessments the first week can offer some valuable insight into the patterns of the rest of the semester. Remember not to judge too quickly. A good professor can toss the aforementioned right out the window. These guidelines are strictly for those classes that can't stand alone without students' beating their head against a brick wall.

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Gay marriage opposers need a better excuse than the Bible



Christopher Moore
God Save the Queen

Gay marriage. Do these words scare you? Are you reaching for that Bible yet? Afraid the world will become one giant "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" marathon? Get over yourselves.

I find no humor in hate or ignorance. I do, however, find some amusement in hypocrisy when I watch endless reports on every news channel touting the creation of a democratic society in Iraq in one breath and in the next the big gay marriage story comes up. You know which story I am referring to: the one where the democratic society subjugates a group based on religious belief and not civil rights and basic human logic.

Preaching democracy, but wasting energy to

defend a ban on something that should be, simply put, the right of any tax-paying American, is not only insulting but it is completely idiotic. Same-sex marriage would allow for rights that gay couples would otherwise not collectively have.

Last weekend New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg announced there would be an appeal against the proposed ban in New York. Though clearly not earth-shattering, it's a step in the right direction.

I sometimes feel that it goes deeper than just the legal issues that surround the institution of marriage, though. It's OK to watch "Will and Grace" and yuck it up at the stereotype Jack McFarland embodies, but bring up civil unions for same-sex couples to some conservatives and you become someone who should be burned in the fires of hell as opposed to just simply understood and accepted.

So why same-sex is same-sex marriage so strongly protested? Let me just make it clear that "because the Bible says so" does not give me the

evidence I need. If the best argument is a book only a segment of this country's religious population looks to, and that is the basis for creating inequality and bias against a group of people in today's world, then I guess the good word is not doing what it initially set out to do.

Anyone can preach homosexuality is wrong but I have a feeling those souls have never been around two individuals of the same sex, living together, who live their lives as a couple, not a gay couple.

There are no set guidelines to distinguish a heterosexual couple from a homosexual couple. Leave the technicalities of what defines a human relationship at the door — this is not biology class.

Voting to ban marriage rights for people who, unquestionably deserve the right to be married, is completely inexcusable. You can recite your Bible verses until you are blue in the face but the one thing people tend to forget is that this country is made up of many different ethnicities who are not

all Christian, and many of them do not follow the words of the Bible.

What it all comes down to is very simple: if you do not like gay marriage, chances are you will not be getting invited to one anytime soon. Ignorance in modern times is obviously inevitable; like a bad case of Herpes, it never seems to go away. If anyone operating under the assumption that banning gay marriage will suddenly eradicate homosexuality in general, they have another thing coming.

And since this argument is so ridiculous in the first place, how about a little bargaining? The Christians can keep Rev. Jerry Falwell if the homosexuals can get hitched.

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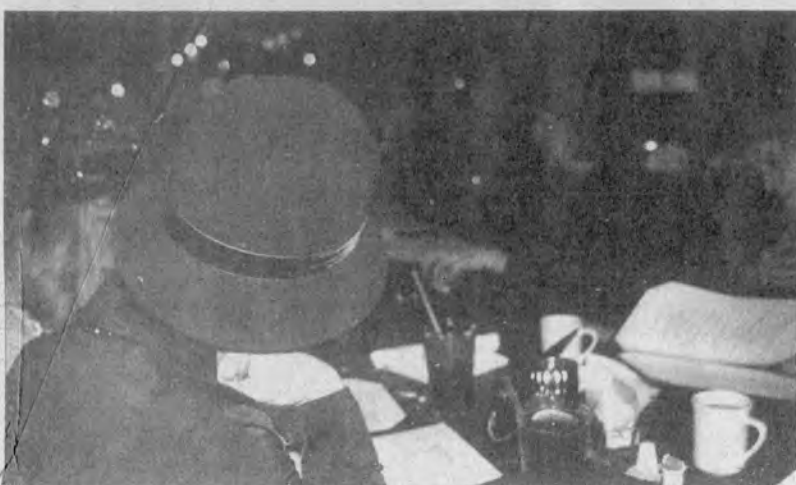
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THE REVIEW / Jessica Sidkov

A local chapter of the Red Hat Society met to celebrate Mardi Gras Tuesday night. Members take pride in their red hats just as much as their age.

BY MONICA SIMMONS
News Features Editor

Say 'sayonara' to botox. Turn off "Desperate Housewives" and stop trying to relive those golden years.

There's more to aging than seeking the secret to skin tighter than Saran Wrap.

While mainstream culture continues to obsess over a youthful appearance, an organization that prides itself on its inclusiveness is focusing on changing the way America views growing old, for good.

Notable for bright costumes and exuberant behavior, the Red Hat Society is challenging the way society expects older women to behave.

"We are expected to just go quietly somewhere and knit," says Sue Ellen Cooper, the 60-year-old founder and "exalted queen mother" of the society. "No middle-aged woman is ready to do that."

Cooper says she never expected a simple shopping trip to swell to an organization that now boasts 850,000 members worldwide.

While browsing a thrift store in 1997, Cooper says she purchased a red fedora on a whim. She forgot about the impulsive buy until several months later when she was birthday shopping for a friend. Boxing up the hat, along with a poem by Jenny Joseph entitled "Warning," she says her message was simple.

"I wanted her to know she could be as eccentric as she wanted to be," Cooper says. "I wanted her to know I would never judge her if she was a bit silly from time to time."

When several other friends requested the same gift, Cooper says she realized she had ignited some inspiration among her peers to escape from their obligations and just have fun. Word spread about the group, who ventured out in purple dresses and red hats despite stares from other middle-age women.

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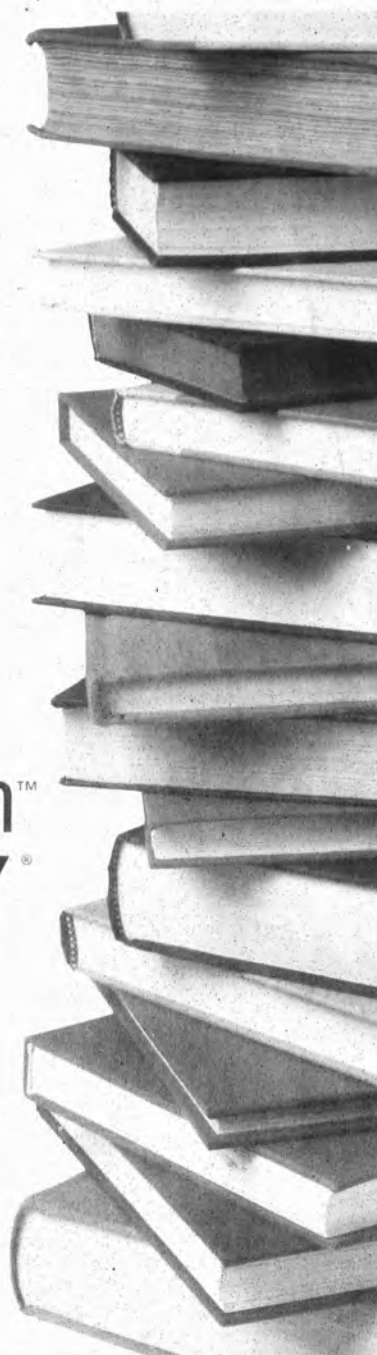
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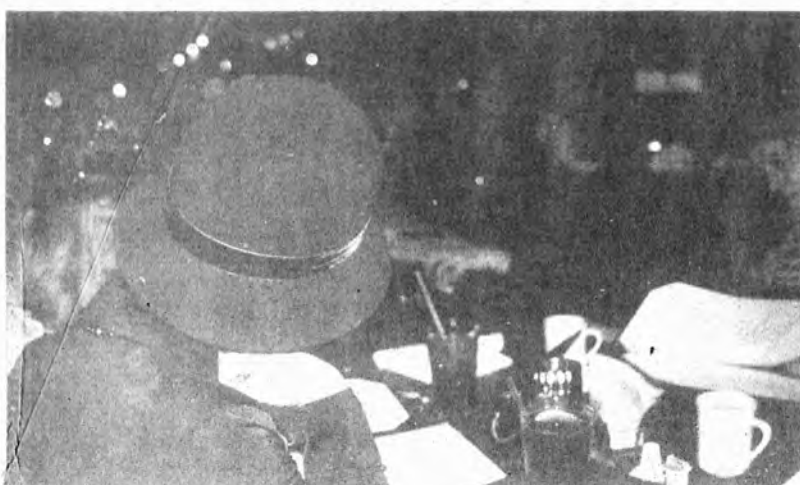
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Divine secrets of the Red Hat Society



A local chapter of the Red Hat Society met to celebrate Mardi Gras Tuesday night. Members take pride in their red hats just as much as their age.

BY MONICA SIMMONS
News Features Editor

Say "sayonara" to botox. Turn off "Desperate Housewives" and stop trying to relive those golden years.

There's more to aging than seeking the secret to skin tighter than Saran Wrap.

While mainstream culture continues to obsess over a youthful appearance, an organization that prides itself on its inclusiveness is focusing on changing the way America views growing old, for good.

Notable for bright costumes and exuberant behavior, the Red Hat Society is challenging the way society expects older women to behave.

"We are expected to just go quietly somewhere and knit," says Sue Ellen Cooper, the 60-year-old founder and "exalted queen mother" of the society. "No middle-aged woman is ready to do that."

Cooper says she never expected a simple shopping trip to swell to an organization that now boasts 850,000 members worldwide.

While browsing a thrift store in 1997, Cooper says she purchased a red fedora on a whim. She forgot about the impulsive buy until several months later when she was birthday shopping for a friend. Boxing up the hat, along with a poem by Jenny Joseph entitled "Warning," she says her message was simple.

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'Date' flick lacks originality

"The Wedding Date"
Universal Pictures
Rating: ☆☆ 1/2

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Fans of "Will and Grace" will remember the wedding episode when Grace faithfully attempts to sing to Leo. Unfortunately, fans of Debra Messing might not be as satisfied when they see "The Wedding Date."

The film tells the story of Kat Ellis (Messing), a Londoner living in the United States as an airline customer service representative. Kat receives an invitation to her sister's wedding only to find out the best man is her ex-fiancee who dumped her without cause right before their wedding.

Kat, scared and insecure, hires Nick Mercer, a rather charming male escort, for \$6,000.

The Gist of It

- ☆☆☆☆ Father of the Bride
- ☆☆☆☆ The Wedding Singer
- ☆☆☆☆ My Best Friend's Wedding
- ☆☆ Wedding Planner
- ☆☆ Runaway Bride

Nick, played by the brooding Dermot Mulroney, becomes Kat's savior during an emotional and heart-breaking week in London.

Mulroney does an excellent job portraying the emotionally detached Nick, only showing expression when he's on the job.

Messing's performance, however, is slightly less convincing. Watching her on screen, it was hard to picture her as Kat for the first half of the movie because her character was so similar to Grace from "Will and Grace."

In the beginning of the film Messing gives Kat the same neurotic and nervous qualities found in Grace. Kat runs around her apartment and the airport much like Grace would in a stressful situation.

However, toward the end of the movie Messing gives Kat a more mature disposition as she tries to overcome heartbreaking news involving her ex.

Messing's portrayal isn't entirely bad. She handles comedy effortlessly and doesn't overact her part.

The rest of the cast is wonderful. Amy Adams and Jeremy Sheffield perfectly portray Kat's sister Amy and ex-fiancee Jeffrey, respectively.

Sarah Parish fulfills the comic relief role as Kat's cousin T.J. As the quintessential loud-mouthed British instigator, T.J.'s one-liners come in handy in an otherwise dry flick.

"The Wedding Date" is based on the novel "Asking for Trouble" by Elizabeth Young. In the book 30-year-old Sophy Metcalfe lies about having a boyfriend and invents Dominic, the perfect man. Similarly, Sophy hires a male escort for her sister's wedding to play Dominic, but surprisingly falls in love with him.

Throughout the film it is rather obvious that Kat and Nick are going to fall for each other, but it is not clear how it happens. The film leaves some holes in



developing their relationship.

Kat and Nick successfully play off each other throughout the film, especially in the dance lesson scene. Perhaps they worked well together because their talent level is the same. Their acting abilities aren't stretched because their characters had no depth.

Directed by Clare Kilner, "The Wedding Date" is choppy and overly simplistic. Kilner's other credits include 2003's "How to Deal" with Mandy Moore, another elementary film with weak direction.

The movie's biggest downfall is the abundance of clichés in the plot and dialogue.

The actors themselves can't be blamed for the shallowness of the movie. Written by first-time writer Dana Fox, the film goes all wrong in the writing process. There was little to no character develop-

ment and weak dialogue in a movie based on clichéd situations.

Luckily, the cast is attractive and the ladies get to see Mulroney partially nude. Otherwise there would be no reason to race down the aisle to see this movie.

Fortunately, the film doesn't try too hard to be overly romantic. It wasn't as cutesy as other romantic comedies, but is still nothing to write home about.

At best "The Wedding Date" is an effortless guilty pleasure for singletons on Valentine's Day.

Kim Dixon is Entertainment Editor for The Review. Her past reviews include "Hitch" (☆☆☆) and "Closer" (☆☆☆ 1/2).

"Boogeyman"
Columbia Pictures
Rating: 1/2 star

Just when movie-goers thought horror movies had hit a rather large rut, "Boogeyman" lowers expectations even more. The story is based on the life of Tim Jensen, a man constantly reliving the traumatic experience of losing his father when he was young to the "Boogeyman." To free himself of terrible and haunting memories, Tim returns to his childhood home to face them dead on.

Tim, played by "7th Heaven" hunk Barry Watson, is terrified of closets, the dark and sleeping. For someone so scared of the dark, it seems Tim is constantly in a dark house with tons of doors. However, it seems as suspense continuously builds up, nothing happens.

Kate, Tim's childhood, played Emily Deschanel, both have a decent amount of acting experience, but in keeping with the less-than-stellar acting performances horror movies require, the acting seems forced and unrealistic.

The scare factor in this movie is disappointing to say the least. The buildup shows a ray of light through a dimly lit house suggesting something remotely frightening might happen, but "Boogeyman" looks



idiotic in its attempt at being truly scary.

The big confrontation scene between Tim and the Boogeyman is hardly visible with all the debris and fake purple lightning. The Boogeyman closely resembles a tornado rather than an actual person or thing. With only one fleeting glimpse of the actual Boogeyman, it makes it hard for the audience to have someone to be afraid of.

Director Steven T. Kay should have left this one alone. His other films, "The Dead Will Tell" and "Six Bullets from Now," were also disappointing.

The only slightly promising piece of this movie comes at the climax. This chilling effect is the only saving grace this movie is able to scrape up.

Keep "Boogeyman" where it belongs — in the closet.

— Jenni Wright

"Alone in the Dark"
Lions Gate Films
Rating: zero stars

"Alone in the Dark," based on an Atari video game disappointingly follows the same disappointing formula — all action, no character development and cheesy background music. Like a difficult game, it takes forever to finish.

The film combines too many genres of movies with freeze-frame action sequences reminiscent of "The Matrix," creatures that look like relatives of the monsters in "Alien" and makeup similar to Michael Jackson's "Thriller" music video. The plot centers around the intrigue shrouding an ancient Native American civilization. Gold artifacts, found by paranormal investigator Edward Camby (Christian Slater) and anthropologist Aline Cedrac (Tara Reid), lead to a terrifying discovery related to Camby's childhood experiences in an orphanage. Slater gives a tolerable performance as a clichéd version of Indiana Jones somehow maintaining a semi-haven look and wearing the same worn leather trenchcoat in every scene. Given nothing better than a lackluster script, his talent wasn't put to good use.

By far the most noticeable weakness is Reid, who proves she is no actress. Each line she utters is unconvincing and stale. While she attempts to appear intel-



tual, wearing thick-framed black glasses, simple changes in appearance aren't enough to overcome the lack of personality and intelligence she brings to this role.

Aside from poor characters, this movie fails to give engaging action scenes, a feature most horror/action films must include despite a shallow plot. Painfully and slowly, they drag on with machine gun fire and grotesque killings. The special effects do not create even slightly believable demon creatures, which seem much more laughable when the actors can't act scared.

The ending is predictable; in multiple scenes, as soon as the music swells to a fast tempo, there is certainly something lurking behind a corner of a suspiciously dark museum, an underground cave or apartment building.

Those who see this film might just experience what the title suggests — being alone in the dark.

— Natalie Torantino

SAY WHAT?

The Review asks students:

What is the worst thing about Valentine's Day?

— compiled by Brian Dawnes



Allison Wechter
Single

"Obviously if you don't have somebody."



Marissa Robinson
Single

"If you don't have a date it sucks."



Pietro Maddalena
Single

"Not having a Valentine."



Joy Poulin
Dating

"Having to spend money on your date."

THE HITLIST

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Trabandt University Center Theater: "The Incredibles," 7:30 p.m., \$3

Deer Park Tavern: DJ Rick Daring, 10 p.m., no cover

Stone Balloon: DJ Dance Party/Closing Party Lottery 8 p.m., no cover

Klondike Kate's: Weekend Shakedown, 9 p.m., no cover

East End Café: Elk-Tones, 9:30 p.m., \$3 adults \$5 minors

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Klondike Kate's: Awesome '80s Night, 9 p.m., no cover

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Dating tips for modern times

goes both ways.

I realize few people will care about my personal mishaps, so in the spirit of Valentine's Day I've decided to put together a small list of dating Do's and Don'ts for all the clueless ladies out there:

1. Don't fail the door test. Ladies, just in case you didn't know about the door test, please take note. When on a date, especially a first date, always unlock his door when you get inside. There is a universal guy code to observe if a girl returns the favor. This one is a no-brainer and is really a matter of being polite.

2. Don't talk exceedingly about your ex. This is another no-brainer. No one wants to hear too much about whom they will inevitably be compared to.

There is a necessary amount of information one needs to know about their significant other's past relationships, like why they didn't work out and if they are still friends, et cetera. But, be cautious not to go over that limit and wander into the obsessive stage.

3. Always offer to pay your way. Dating codes suggest whoever initiated the date should pick up the check, but the polite thing to do is always offer to at least pay your way.

Whoever does pick up the bill will appreciate your consideration and know you don't expect to be paid for.

4. Don't talk about yourself too much.

Nothing is worse than having dinner with someone who can't stop talking about themselves. It gives the impression that you are self-centered and have no interest in the other person. Also, try to leave your parents out of the convo for the first date. Talking about your scary, overprotective dad can be a buzz kill.

5. Be careful what you joke about. This rule is kind of a general warning not to dig yourself into a hole.

For example, don't tease a guy about his somewhat out-of-date shell bracelet. You might find out that it was a present from his grandmother and find yourself with your foot in your mouth. (That one actually happened to me.)

6. Don't get too wasted on the first date. It is a common misconception that alcohol makes an awkward situation suddenly comfortable. Don't get me wrong, having a buzz does ease the stress of making conversation. However, hanging out the side of his car throwing up because you drank too much is not attractive. Have a drink if you want, but pace yourself to avoid an embarrassing, drunken mishap.

But in the end, what the hell do I know? Some people think the mistakes you make in the beginning of a relationship help shape the kind of relationship you will have. And I guess it's entirely possible to blow it over and over and still have things turn out OK — let's hope so anyway.



THE REVIEW / Dan Lisowski

Gifts avoid breaking hearts and banks with creativity and flare

BY KIM DIXON
Entertainment Editor

The most taxing part of Valentine's Day is the pressure of spending the cash for a memorable present. But, the best presents don't have to be expensive. In fact, some of the most romantic gifts can be found for less than \$15.

However, some of the more financially challenged students might need some help in the creative department. Some wonderfully romantic ideas can convey love without breaking the bank.

For those couples who might not have been dating long, Valentine's Day brings extra pressure to give the perfect first gift. However, the gift's success is all in its personality.

Take a significant other ice-skating at the Fred Rust Ice Arena. A Student ID and skate rental for two is all it takes. Here, atmosphere is the key, and the couple can slip and fall all night for each other.

Doing a physical activity like ice-skating helps take the attention off conversation and put it on the activity at hand. Head to the park or the aquarium for a change of pace. See a high school play or ballet, or go to see a local band you both like.

Salsa dancing lessons are another great physical activity that makes for a great first Valentine's Day present. Learn the art of dancing and shake it while at the same time experiencing something new with a loved one.

Most beginners' dance lessons are free for the first class. So, if too many toes get stepped on, at least it was cheap.

Homemade gifts are the best kind to give on V-Day because they show effort and commitment. Make a personalized picture frame or a scrapbook. Mixed tapes and CDs also make for good gifts — music is universal, and personal.

The couples who have been together for a while, however, might want to put in a little more effort to give the perfect Valentine's Day gift.

Guys, give your girls a day they've always dreamed of — queen for a day. Organize a personal massage (self performed of course). Buy some massage and bath oils from Bath and Body Works and draw a relaxing candle-lit bubble bath. Rent her favorite movie, even if it's a chick-flick, pop open a bag of popcorn and stay in for the night. It will be the perfect girly day but special because it was already organized and paid for (for under \$30).

Those with musical talent can learn a love song and sing it for their lover. Performing for a one-person audience can be nerve-racking — they will appreciate the courage it takes.

However, be prepared for a guitar string to break or a sudden occurrence of laryngitis, that kind of thing might happen. Even if something goes wrong with the present plans, it's the thought that counts.

The classic, low budget V-Day present is to make your significant other dinner at home instead of dining out. Plan a living room picnic.

Take a blanket and spread it out in the middle of the living room floor with pillows. Light the room with candles (get non-scented to avoid too much aroma) and whip up a favorite dish. Warning: cooking can be stressful and takes planning, so plan ahead on this one.

Valentine's Day has its inconveniences. It doesn't get the same consideration as Thanksgiving or Christmas, so a lot of people have prior responsibilities they can't escape from.

If an all-night celebration can't occur, do something simple. Go to a favorite cheesesteak or pizza place. It might not be the most romantic place to be that night but it's being together that counts.

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Universal Pictures
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Sneak Peek HOLLYWOOD

Fans of "Will and Grace" will remember the wedding episode when Grace faithfully attempts to sing to Leo. Unfortunately, fans of Debra Messing might not be as satisfied when they see "The Wedding Date."

The film tells the story of Kat Ellis (Messing), a Londoner living in the United States as an airline customer service representative. Kat receives an invitation to her sister's wedding only to find out the best man is her ex-fiance who dumped her without cause right before their wedding.

Kat, scared and insecure, hires Nick Mercer, a rather charming male escort, for \$6,000.

The Gist of It

- ★★★☆☆ Father of the Bride
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Nick, played by the brooding Dermot Mulroney, becomes Kat's savior during an emotional and heart-breaking week in London.

Mulroney does an excellent job portraying the emotionally detached Nick, only showing expression when he's on the job.

Messing's performance, however, is slightly less convincing. Watching her on screen, it was hard to picture her as Kat for the first half of the movie because her character was so similar to Grace from "Will and Grace."

In the beginning of the film Messing gives Kat the same neurotic and nervous qualities found in Grace. Kat runs around her apartment and the airport much like Grace would in a stressful situation.

However, toward the end of the movie Messing gives Kat a more mature disposition as she tries to overcome heartbreaking news involving her ex.

Messing's portrayal isn't entirely bad. She handles comedy effortlessly and doesn't overact her part.

The rest of the cast is wonderful. Amy Adams and Jeremy Sheffield perfectly portray Kat's sister Amy and ex-fiance Jeffrey, respectively.

Sarah Parish fulfills the comic relief role as Kat's cousin T.J. As the quintessential loud-mouthed British instigator, T.J.'s one-liners come in handy in an otherwise dry flick.

"The Wedding Date" is based on the novel "Asking for Trouble" by Elizabeth Young. In the book 30-year-old Sophy Metcalfe lies about having a boyfriend and invents Dominic, the perfect man. Similarly, Sophy hires a male escort for her sister's wedding to play Dominic, but surprisingly falls in love with him.

Throughout the film it is rather obvious that Kat and Nick are going to fall for each other, but it is not clear how it happens. The film leaves some holes in



developing their relationship.

Kat and Nick successfully play off each other throughout the film, especially in the dance lesson scene. Perhaps they worked well together because their talent level is the same. Their acting abilities aren't stretched because their characters had no depth.

Directed by Clare Kilner, "The Wedding Date" is choppy and overly simplistic. Kilner's other credits include 2003's "How to Deal" with Mandy Moore, another elementary film with weak direction.

The movie's biggest downfall is the abundance of clichés in the plot and dialogue.

The actors themselves can't be blamed for the shallowness of the movie. Written by first-time writer Dana Fox, the film goes all wrong in the writing process. There was little to no character develop-

ment and weak dialogue in a movie based on clichéd situations.

Luckily, the cast is attractive and the ladies get to see Mulroney partially nude. Otherwise there would be no reason to race down the aisle to see this movie.

Fortunately, the film doesn't try too hard to be overly romantic. It wasn't as cutesy as other romantic comedies, but is still nothing to write home about.

At best "The Wedding Date" is an effortless guilty pleasure for singletons on Valentine's Day.

Kim Dixon is Entertainment Editor for The Review. Her past reviews include "Hitch" (★★★) and "Closer" (★★★ 1/2).

"Boogeyman"
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Just when moviegoers thought horror movies had hit a rather large rut, "Boogeyman" lowers expectations even more. The story is based on the life of Tim Jensen, a man constantly reliving the traumatic experience of losing his father when he was young to the "Boogeyman." To free himself of terrible and haunting memories, Tim returns to his childhood home to face them head on.

Tim, played by "7th Heaven" link Barry Watson, is terrified of closets, the dark and sleeping. For someone obsessed with the dark, it seems Tim is constantly in a dark house with tons of doors. However, as scenes of suspense continuously build up, nothing happens.

Kate, Tim's childhood friend Emily Deschanel, both have a decent amount of acting experience, but in "Boogeyman" the less-than-stellar acting performance is born from nervousness, the acting seems forced and unrealistic.

The story itself in this movie is disappointing to say the least. The buildup shows a ray of light through a stormy life, suggesting something remotely frightfully might happen, but "Boogeyman" looks



idiotic in its attempt at being truly scary.

The big confrontation scene between Tim and the Boogeyman is hardly visible with all the debris and fake purple lighting. The Boogeyman closely resembles a tornado rather than an actual person or thing. With only one fleeting glimpse of the actual Boogeyman, it makes it hard for the audience to have someone to be afraid of.

Director Steven T. Kay should have left this one alone. His other films, "The Dead Will Tell" and "Six Bullets from Now" were also disappointing.

The only slightly promising piece of this movie comes at the climax. This chilling effect is the only saving grace this movie is able to scrape up.

Keep "Boogeyman" where it belongs—in the closet.

—Jenni Wright

"Alone in the Dark"
Lions Gate Films
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"Alone in the Dark," based on an Atari video game disappointingly follows the same disappointing formula all action, no character development and cheesy background music. Like a difficult game, it takes forever to finish.

The film combines too many genres of movies with freeze-frame action sequences reminiscent of "The Matrix," creatures that look like relatives of the monsters in "Alien" and makeup similar to Michael Jackson's "Thriller" music video. The plot centers around the intrigue shrouding an ancient Native American civilization. Gold artifacts, found by paranormal investigator Edward Camby (Christian Slater) and anthropologist Aline Cedrac (Tara Reid), lead to a terrifying discovery related to Camby's childhood experiences in an orphanage. Slater gives a tolerable performance as a clichéd version of Indiana Jones somehow maintaining a semi-unhinged look and wearing the same worn leather trenchcoat in every scene. Given nothing better than a lackluster script, his talent wasn't put to good use.

By far the most noticeable weakness is Reid, who proves she is no actress. Each line she utters is unconvincing and stale. While she attempts to appear intel-



tual, wearing thick-framed black glasses, simple changes in appearance aren't enough to overcome the lack of personality and intelligence she brings to this role.

Aside from poor characters, this movie fails to give engaging action scenes, a feature most horror/action films must include despite a shallow plot. Painfully and slowly, they drag on with machine gun fire and grotesque killings. The special effects do not create even slightly believable demon creatures, which seem much more laughable when the actors can't act scared.

The ending is predictable; in multiple scenes, as soon as the music swells to a fast tempo, there is certainly something lurking behind a corner of a suspiciously dark museum, an underground cave or apartment building.

Those who see this film might just experience what the title suggests—being alone in the dark.

—Natalie Tarentino

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Trabant University Center Theater: "The Incredibles," 7:30 p.m., \$3

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4:40, 7:50, 10:20
White Noise 7:55, 10:25

Are We There Yet? (1:05, 1:55, 4:10, 7:30, 10)

Assault on Precinct 13 (1:35, 4:40)

The Aviator (1:05, 1:05, 4:05)

Boogeyman (1:30, 2:10, 4:30, 8, 10:30)

Couch Carter (1:10, 3:30, 7:05, 10:05)

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One-Bit: The Thai Warrior (1:20, 1:55, 4:25, 7:20, 10:35)

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Sideways (12:10, 3:55, 7:25, 10:15)

The Phantom of the Opera (6:45, 9:50)

The Wedding Date (1:45, 2:15)

NEWARK CINEMA
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Dating tips for modern times

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I realize few people will care about my personal mishaps, so in the spirit of Valentine's Day I've decided to put together a small list of dating Do's and Don'ts for all the clueless ladies out there:

1. Don't fail the door test. Ladies, just in case you didn't know about the door test, please take note. When on a date, especially a first date, always unlock his door when you get inside. There is a universal guy code to observe if a girl returns the favor. This one is a no-brainer and is really a matter of being polite.

2. Don't talk exceedingly about your ex. This is another no-brainer. No one wants to hear too much about whom they will inevitably be compared to.

There is a necessary amount of information one needs to know about their significant other's past relationships, like why they didn't work out and if they are still friends, et cetera. But, be cautious not to go over that limit and wander into the obsessive stage.

3. Always offer to pay your way. Dating codes suggest whoever initiated the date should pick up the check, but the polite thing to do is always offer to at least pay your way.

Whoever does pick up the bill will appreciate your consideration and know you don't expect to be paid for.

4. Don't talk about yourself too much.

Nothing is worse than having dinner with someone who can't stop talking about themselves. It gives the impression that you are self-centered and have no interest in the other person. Also, try to leave your parents out of the convo for the first date. Talking about your scary, overprotective dad can be a buzz kill.

5. Be careful what you joke about. This rule is kind of a general warning not to dig yourself into a hole.

For example, don't tease a guy about his somewhat out-of-date shell bracelet. You might find out that it was a present from his grandmother and find yourself with your foot in your mouth. (That one actually happened to me.)

6. Don't get too wasted on the first date. It is a common misconception that alcohol makes an awkward situation suddenly comfortable. Don't get me wrong, having a buzz does ease the stress of making conversation. However, hanging out the side of his car throwing up because you drank too much is not attractive. Have a drink if you want, but pace yourself to avoid an embarrassing, drunken mishap.

But in the end, what the hell do I know? Some people think the mistakes you make in the beginning of a relationship help shape the kind of relationship you will have. And I guess it's entirely possible to blow it over and over and still have things turn out OK—let's hope so anyway.



Gifts avoid breaking hearts and banks with creativity and flare

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The most taxing part of Valentine's Day is the pressure of spending the cash for a memorable present. But, the best presents don't have to be expensive. In fact, some of the most romantic gifts can be found for less than \$15.

However, some of the more financially challenged students might need some help in the creative department. Some wonderfully romantic ideas can convey love without breaking the bank.

For those couples who might not have been dating long, Valentine's Day brings extra pressure to give the perfect first gift. However, the gift's success is all in its personality.

Take a significant other ice-skating at the Fred Rust Ice Arena. A Student ID and skate rental for two is all it takes. Here, atmosphere is the key, and the couple can slip and fall all night for each other.

Doing a physical activity like ice-skating helps take the attention off conversation and put it on the activity at hand. Head to the park or the aquarium for a change of pace. See a high school play or ballet, or go to see a local band you both like.

Salsa dancing lessons are another great physical activity that makes for a great first Valentine's Day present. Learn the art of dancing and shake it while at the same time experiencing something new with a loved one.

Most beginners' dance lessons are free for the first class. So, if too many toes get stepped on, at least it was cheap.

Homemade gifts are the best kind to give on V-Day because they show effort and commitment. Make a personalized picture frame or a scrapbook. Mixed tapes and CDs also make for good gifts — music is universal, and personal.

The couples who have been together for a while, however, might want to put in a little more effort to give the perfect Valentine's Day gift.

Guys, give your girls a day they've always dreamed of — queen for a day. Organize a personal massage (self performed of course). Buy some massage and bath oils from Bath and Body Works and draw a relaxing candle-lit bubble bath. Rent her favorite movie, even if it's a chick-flick, pop open a bag of popcorn and stay in for the night. It will be the perfect girly day but special because it was already organized and paid for (for under \$30).

Those with musical talent can learn a love song and sing it for their lover. Performing for a one-person audience can be nerve-racking — they will appreciate the courage it takes.

However, be prepared for a guitar string to break or a sudden occurrence of laryngitis, that kind of thing might happen. Even if something goes wrong with the present plans, it's the thought that counts.

The classic, low budget V-Day present is to make your significant other dinner at home instead of dining out. Plan a living room picnic.

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Valentine's Day has its inconveniences. It doesn't get the same consideration as Thanksgiving or Christmas, so a lot of people have prior responsibilities they can't escape from.

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Hens to host Towson Sat.

BY RAVI GUPTA
Staff Reporter

In sports, teams live and die by their strings of victory and defeat. For the men's basketball team, this could not ring true as the Hens (9-15, 6-7 Colonial Athletic Association) are living on the edge due to extremely streaky play. For every winning streak the team puts together, it consistently enters long droughts in which it has lost up to six games before finally notching their next victory. What exacerbates this pattern is that the losing streaks often outlast the winning streaks, which can account for the squad's .370 overall winning percentage.

Here's some more bad news, the Hens lost on Wednesday to Old Dominion, snapping a 2-game win streak.

"League play is very difficult," head coach Dave Henderson said. "The teams up top are there because of consistent play by healthy players. We have not had consistency, so that is one of the reasons we have been streaky."

Delaware will look to avoid its fifth losing streak of the season when Towson (5-18, 2-11 CAA) comes to town on Saturday.

Sitting in the eighth spot in the CAA, Towson earned its first victory this year against none other than the Hens. The 86-66 shellacking on Jan. 5 capped off a six-game losing streak in humiliating fashion as the 20-point margin was the highest ever in 51 all-time meetings.

Henderson saw several broad reasons as to why Delaware was dominated by the struggling Tigers.

"We did not play well down at Towson," Henderson said. "We were going through several changes and we had just gotten [Mike] Slattery back from his injury."

Aggressive play on the boards and precise three-point shooting tipped the scale in Towson's favor as the Tigers pulled down 13 more rebounds while shooting almost .200 points better than the Hens from three-point range.

The game marked senior guard Mike Slattery's return from a thumb injury that kept him sidelined for five games. The injury seemed to have an ill-effect on his shooting as the tri-captain went 1-7 from the field in a five-point effort in all 40 minutes of the game. In this Saturday's game, however, Slattery will be at full strength and ready to split the season series with Towson.

Towson is currently riding a losing streak of its own after dropping seven straight, the most recent against George Mason on Wednesday night.

The Tigers are led by sophomore guard Mike Green, who leads the team in points, assists and steals. However, Green can also be a liability due to poor free throw shooting and his knack for turning over the ball. Nonetheless, he is still a major scoring threat on offense and is a menace on defense with 31 steals.

The other standout Tiger is "Hen-killer" junior forward Lawrence Hamm. In the previous victory over Delaware, Hamm came off the bench to score a season-high 23 points while grabbing eight rebounds to boot. Now a starter, Hamm will look to cut up the Hens defense once again for a season sweep.

As for the Hens, all eyes will once again be locked on Slattery and junior forward Harding Nana.

Nana continues to lead the CAA in points and rebounding, averaging 19 and 10 respec-

tively. A major three-point threat, the Virginia Tech transfer went 4-6 from three-point land in Delaware's win over William & Mary last week. Teams are aware of his two-dimensional scoring ability but still have trouble stopping him. Nana's tenacity inside is unparalleled in the conference and his presence on the court will prove to be a force versus Towson.

However, Nana can't carry the entire team on his shoulders. Due to inconsistent performances off the bench, a key to success for the Hens will be solid play by the entire starting five. The starters' ability to take the lead without having to rely on the injury-riddled substitutes will be crucial in the victory.

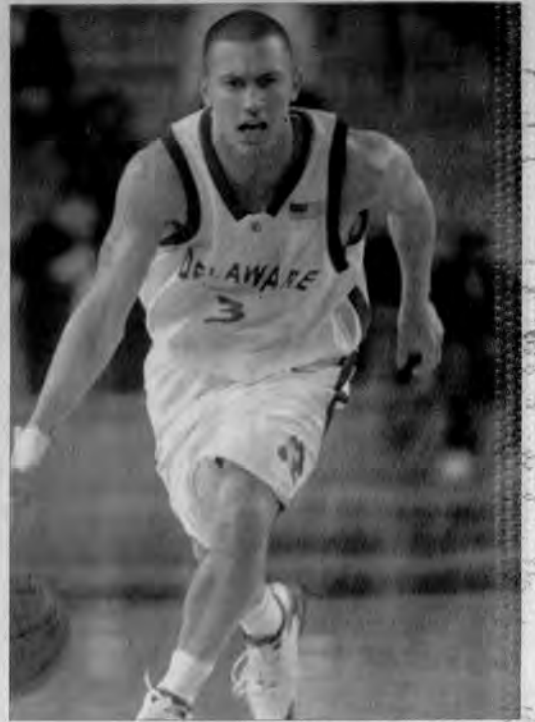
Slattery's capability to make jaw-dropping plays without needing to score is perhaps the one guarantee the Hens can rely on for Saturday's game. The guard is dominating the CAA in assists, dishing out over seven a game while the second highest in the conference is averaging under five. Slattery is also a nuisance on defense, averaging 1.75 steals a game, good for third in the CAA.

Henderson sees light at the end of the tunnel now that the starting has been able to gel and build chemistry.

"We are starting to play more together now than in the past," Henderson noted. "At one point we had a different starting five consistently but now the guys are coming together."

The season has been one of streaks, and tomorrow night's game will test the Hens' capacity to prevent a fifth one from occurring.

Tip-off is set for 7:30 Saturday night at the Bob Carpenter Center.



THE REVIEW/Derrick Calhoun
Senior guard Mike Slattery is leading the Colonial Athletic Association in assists, averaging more than seven per game.



THE REVIEW/Derrick Calhoun
Junior guard Andrew Washington has had an up-and-down season so far in his first year at Delaware. His point totals have ranged from 26 (Nov. 29) to one (Wednesday).

Washington adjusts

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aged 11.8 points per game and is second on the team in assists and third in rebounds. During the early non-conference games in the Hens' schedule, and only Washington's third game ever as a Hen, he racked up 26 points and cleaned the glass for five rebounds in the Hens' victory over Loyola.

On Wednesday night Washington did not finish with the best stat line — one point on a free throw, 0-4 from the field, four turnovers. His drive and commitment to do well, however, shined throughout all 20 minutes of his playing time.

He entered the game at 15:47 in the first half and immediately tried to make his presence as a scorer and teammate felt all across the hardwood. First he attacked the basket and took it right to the hoop, only to meet Old Dominion's plethora of big men blocking the paint. His next touch was swatted away by Old Dominion sophomore forward Arnaud Dahi, and his third would clank around the hoop.

His lone point came at 1:05 left in the first half. Many players, after failing to jumpstart their offensive game, would lose their confidence and become sluggish on defense. Washington did not

such thing, he kept stifling and frustrating Old Dominion's offense and came up with two steals. At 5:25 at the first half Washington swiped the ball from Old Dominion guard Drew Williamson and started the Hens fastbreak. The steal led a lay-up for junior forward Calvin Smith and an assist for Slattery. Wednesday night's game, while a heart-breaking loss, was not the tallest hurdle Washington has faced all season. His transition to Div. I ball was the hardest.

Transitions of any kind are difficult for the strongest of people. Every semester at Delaware, and other schools across the nation, students transfer to new schools in the hopes of advancing a new opportunity or just getting a fresh start. The hardest transition for Washington has not been moving from the Midwest to the East or the greater amount of pressure at a Div. I school, but rather adjusting to the Colonial Athletic Association's more competitive style of play.

"The difference [at Delaware] is that people are going to know your tendencies, like what you do with the ball and stuff," he said. "In junior college it's more freelance. If you have the [open shot] you can just go with it."

Women host ODU in battle of CAA's best

BY STEVE RUSSOLILLO
Staff Reporter

The Bob Carpenter Center will be bumping tonight. In an intense match up featuring the top two teams in the Colonial Athletic Association, Delaware will put its 16-game winning streak on the line when it hosts a hungry Old Dominion squad.

On Jan. 9, Delaware (18-2, 11-0 CAA) marched into Old Dominion's house looking to put up a good fight against a tough conference foe.

At the time, each team was undefeated during conference play, and looking to solidify their place as the team to beat this year in the CAA.

Old Dominion (13-6, 9-1 CAA) was the heavy favorite as they are one of the premier teams in NCAA Division I. They have won 13 consecutive CAA championships and were riding an incredible 122-game conference home winning streak, which dated back to Feb. 19, 1992.

But the Hens proved they are a team not to be taken lightly. Balanced scoring, great free throw shooting and timely hoops down the stretch enabled Delaware to pull off an astonishing upset, defeating Old Dominion 73-70.

It has been almost one month since that infamous battle between these two schools. Each team has built off that game in a positive direction with everything aimed towards Friday's rematch.

The Monarchs have responded by going undefeated since that traumatizing loss. They are riding an eight-game winning streak and sit in second place in the CAA with a 9-1 conference record.

"They are the most athletic team in our conference," said ninth-year head coach Tina Martin. "They love to push the ball and get to the rim."

Delaware has not let success get to their head, and they keep playing with fierce determination. Delaware is on its second longest win streak in team history, and are tied with Gonzaga for the longest streak in Division I basketball.

The Hens' last loss was more than two months ago, and have not lost a conference game in almost a year. Delaware is also on an 11 game home-winning streak, dating back to last season.

Delaware's remarkable achievements have been recognized nationally as the Hens received 21 votes in the USA Today/ESPN/WBCA Division I Top 25 Coaches' Poll released on Tuesday.

This marked the fifth time in school history the women's basketball program received a vote, and third time they received multiple votes. If the Hens can win on Friday, they could possibly sneak into the Top 25 for the first time in school history.

In the previous match-up, sophomore guard Tyresa Smith had an astounding performance,

recording career-highs with 22 points and eight steals. She rounded out her overall performance with four rebounds and two assists.

For the season, Smith leads the team in steals, averaging 3.55 per game and is second in scoring, averaging 11.5 per game.

Senior forward and tri-captain Tiara Malcolm had a strong game, scoring 16 points and grabbing eight rebounds. She leads the team in those two categories, scoring 15.7 points and grabbing 6.8 rebounds per game.

These two players will need to step up and have huge games again if the Hens want a chance at sweeping the season series against Old Dominion.

Junior forward Lawona Davis led the Monarchs in the losing effort, as she had 19 points along with seven rebounds. Davis is second on the team, scoring 11.3 points per game along with grabbing 4.7 rebounds per game.

Senior guard Shareese Grant contributed 10 points and eight assists. She is leading the team with 15.7 points and 2.44 steals per game.

Freshman forward Tiffany Green leads Old Dominion in rebounding this season, averaging 8.1 rebounds per game.

A lot of the Monarchs success is due to their tremendous ability to rip down the big board at key situations during a game. Old Dominion is ranked second in all of Division I in rebounding this season.

"The Monarchs are a great rebounding team," Martin said. "We have a few wrinkles in our game plan to contain them, but rebounding is about desire and heart. It is about putting your body on someone and boxing them out. We need to go out and play our game."

This is one of the biggest games the Bob Carpenter Center has seen in a long time. The university is setting up a ticket giveaway in order to sellout the Bob tonight.

"Our goal is to reward the women's basketball team for all of their success this season," said intercollegiate marketing director Curtis Krouse. "The time is now to get people out to the Bob and get the women's team as much support as possible."

The ticket giveaway is aimed at the faculty and staff as well as targeting the girl scouts and elementary school kids.

University of Delaware students will also be eligible to receive free pizza. Season's Pizza has 70 free pies to give away to hungry students during the game.

Tip-off for this exciting showdown is set for tonight at 7.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Weekend Preview

The men's and women's indoor track teams will be in action Friday and this Saturday in the Thomson Invitational at Delaware. The men and women's swimming teams will also face off against Yale Saturday at 1 p.m.

Both men's and women's track will look to repeat their terrific showing at the New Balance Collegiate Indoor Track and Field Invitational. For the women, freshman Colleen O'Brien won the mile run for her fifth meet title of the season. The men's team finished second in both the 4 x 800 relay and the distance medley relay, clocking times of 7 minutes, 46.87 seconds and 10 minutes, 8.96 seconds respectively.

The men's and women's swimming and diving teams will prepare to take on Yale for the first time this season. The men's team (1-8, 0-6 Colonial Athletic Association) will attempt to pull themselves out of a deep losing hole of eight straight losses. Their most recent loss came at the hands of Loyola 132-107. Delaware's sophomore diver Dan O'Connell earned first place in the one and three meter diving events. The only other Hen to earn first place was freshmen free Joe Virion who won the 1,000-meter freestyle with a time of 10:04.50.

The women's swimming team (6-3, 3-3 CAA) fared much better than the men's team did against Loyola doubling the Greyhounds' score 162-81. Four Blue Hen swimmers, junior Sara Reed, freshman Michelle Stephens, freshman Ellen Heinz and sophomore Meredith Law, each won three races to clinch the team's second straight victory.

— Compiled by Greg Price



THE REVIEW/File Photo
The Delaware women's basketball team faces off against CAA rival Old Dominion tonight in a 7 p.m. game at the Bob Carpenter Center.

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Commentary

DAN MESURE



Philly fan needs a hug, tissue

Break my heart once, shame on you; break my heart twice, shame on me; break my heart over and over again, I must be a Philadelphia sports fan. On the cusp of Valentine's Day, one can't help but recognize all the broken hearts of people who grew up in the Philadelphia area. I am one of those unfortunate souls who have yet to feel the ecstasy of celebrating a professional sports championship.

Philly fans, like myself, all thought this was our year. When Terrell Owens landed in Philadelphia, we all thought it was a done deal. All we had to do was sit back and enjoy the ride to Jacksonville and stake out a good place to stand on Broad Street for the parade. It was supposed to be Philadelphia's finest hour. We chanted our battle song, "Fly Eagles Fly." Not to mention the intoxicating tune "T.O.," whose lyrics are so brilliant, it's a crime it didn't crack the Billboard Top 100. However, destiny had other plans in store for the Eagles, as well as their passionate fans. Super Bowl XXXIX was but another chapter in the heartbreaking story of Philadelphia.

Out of every city in the United States that has four professional sports franchises, Philadelphia has the longest drought between a team winning a championship. The last team to strut down Broad Street was the 1983 76ers.

Unlike Boston, whom many feel actually enjoyed being known as the loveable losers; the city of Philadelphia hates to lose. Now that the Red Sox have broken their 86-year long losing streak, Philadelphia is the place to look to for a curse.

The curse on Philadelphia goes back to 1985, when the city abolished the law that no building could be taller than William Penn's head, atop City Hall. Since then the skyline of Philadelphia has been filled with a number of skyscrapers. Now 20 years later, no team has been able to crack the curse. Sounds stupid I know, but it does make a little sense. I mean after all Boston believed in a curse about the Bambino.

Since 1983, fans of Philadelphia have experienced defeat after crushing defeat. From the Flyers losing in the Stanley Cup finals three times, two of which went to game seven, Joe Carter's infamous walk-off world series-winning homerun for Toronto, Philadelphia is a place where heartache is a common occurrence.

Philadelphia became so desperate for a winner, they even started rooting for a horse. Now mind you, Philadelphia is not the horseracing capital of the world, and probably the last place you think would go buckwild for a horse. So, Smarty Jones was supposed to be the savior, the one that would break the curse. In true Philly fashion though, Smarty Jones, lost the third leg of the Triple Crown.

Then of course there are the Eagles, the team that the city adores most. When the Eagles lost the past four years, it seemed as if someone came by and sucked the spirit right out of the city.

For the past four years everyone in Philadelphia said that same thing. "This year is our year." Of course every single one of those years the team came up short of our high expectations.

Isn't it funny, though, that every year we always come back? It is almost like we must have our annual dose of broken hearts and shattered dreams.

Maybe that is what separates Philly fans from all other fans. We genuinely love our teams, no matter how bad they hurt us. Sure we boo them when they do poorly, but only because we know they can do better.

I think it is safe to say that when the Eagles, Flyers, Phillies or 76ers finally break the 21-year jinx that has weighed down every heart in the city, it will be the greatest party the city has ever seen. A generation of sports fans will finally get a taste of what it feels like to be a champion.

The city of brotherly love should really be named the city of unconditional love.

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UD falls short against ODU

Hens doomed by 25 turnovers

BY CHRISTINE PASKA

Staff Reporter

Turnovers plagued the Delaware men's basketball team as it fell to Colonial Athletic Association leader Old Dominion 56-49 Wednesday night at the Bob Carpenter Center.

With the loss, the Hens dropped to 9-15 overall and 6-7 in the CAA.

"We shot ourselves in the foot again tonight," senior tri-captain Mike Slattery said. "They did a good defensive job on Nana, but we still need to come out and execute our sets and execute our offense better and take care of the ball. If we want to beat a team like that we can't have 25 turnovers and expect to win."

The Hens threw the ball away 15 times in the first quarter and tallied 25 turnovers by the end of the game.

"We need our perimeter players to think better," head coach David Henderson said. "We had 10 turnovers last game. There is just no excuse for turning the ball over the way we did tonight. They just have to play a better mental game."

Old Dominion was able to convert the Delaware turnovers into 12 points and the Hens were never able to take control of the game, as they were beset by the turnovers.

"They were telegraphing what they were doing and not using the ball-fake," said Henderson. "Our perimeter was standing on their heels instead of being in the attack mode and using ball fakes and making the right decisions. That is where we struggled."

Despite the poor offensive performance, the Hens held the Monarchs to only 56 points. Delaware had several chances to come back in the final minutes of the game, but they were unable to convert their last four shots and Old Dominion's senior guard Kiah Thomas sealed the victory with two free throws with 12 seconds remaining.

"I thought we played a tremendous defensive game against them and our inside guys were terrific," Henderson said. "We really took the paint away from ODU and they never got comfortable inside, but we had difficulty on our perimeter play."

"We played good defense," Slattery said. "We battled inside and our big guys played extremely well tonight rebounding and playing good defense and getting loose balls. We played good enough to win on defense but there is nothing we can do about it now. We didn't take care of business."

Slattery had a game-high 14 points and pulled down 6 boards. Junior forward Harding Nana contributed 11 points and a team high nine rebounds, and senior forward Calvin Smith added eight points and six rebounds.

The Hens started off strong, but Old Dominion built an 11-point lead in the first half following Delaware's six-minute scoring drought. Slattery started a 14-3 run with a bucket at 6:10 and added a three at 2:34 to tie the game at 23. But the Hens couldn't hold on and Old Dominion entered halftime with the 32-27 advantage.

Delaware came out strong in the second half and narrowed the margin to three points following a jumper by Slattery and then one by sophomore forward Lebo Maepa, but they could not limit turnovers and were never able to gain the lead.

Following a Delaware turnover at 12:30 the Monarchs increased the lead to double figures and continued a scoring run that left the Hens trailing by 14. The Hens entered a six minute scoring drought in which they turned the ball over three more times. Harding cut the lead to 10 with a layup at 10:52 but the Monarchs held on and increased the lead back to 14 with 7:11 remaining.

The Hens fought back in the final minutes of the game and brought it within five at 54-49 but missed shots and turnovers spelled defeat for the Hens.



THE REVIEW/Derrick Calhoun
Senior forward Robin Wentt prepares to slam home two points during Delaware's Wednesday night loss to conference leader Old Dominion.



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Junior forward Harding Nana led the Hens with nine rebounds and contributed 11 points.

Transfer guard bolsters team

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Turnovers were the main reason why the Hens fell to Old Dominion Wednesday night at the Bob, but the Hens showed that they could hold their own against not only the toughest team in the league but one of the best in the country.

Despite their carelessness with the ball, Delaware did hold the Old Dominion offense to just 35.6 percent from the field, along with just 16.7 percent from three-point land. Not to mention that Delaware was down by thirteen with just 8:11 left in regulation and pushed their bodies and their games to the physical and mental limit.

Perhaps the most important thing the Hens could feel good about is the one player who personified the Hens' toughness, drive and determination that put on display against Old Dominion — junior guard Andrew Washington.

After averaging 19.6 points per game for the Allen County Community College Jayhawks in Kansas and earning the Jayhawk Community College Conference Co-Most Valuable Player, Washington decided to travel East in hopes of breaking into the Hens starting backcourt with senior guard Mike Slattery.

"There were schools in the Midwest and West coast that were recruiting me, but I thought that they were too far from home for me," he said as ice covered his sprained finger after the close loss. "I wanted to go east so I emailed Coach Henderson."

Soon after the email Washington was a Blue Hen. So far this season Washington has contributed a spark to the offense and defense and added extra depth to a team riddled with injuries throughout the season. On a regular basis he could be considered the Hens second scoring option after junior forward Harding Nana, especially since he has provided the Hens with some stellar play when starting or coming off the bench.

In his twenty-four games as a Hen, Washington has averaged 19.6 points per game. See WASHINGTON page B5

Lacrosse opens with high hopes

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In sports it can be crucial how a team starts out a season. If a team has a drought early on in the season, it can be tough to climb out of that hole. On the other hand, if a team comes out of the gate with a few wins, that confidence can ride a team through an entire season.

This season the Delaware's Men's Lacrosse team looks to gain some early confidence when they start their season this weekend. The Hens have high hopes to win the Colonial Athletic Association league, not to mention they would like to make their mark in the NCAA tournament this upcoming season.

Last season Delaware posted a respectable 10-6 record. Coach Bob Shillinglaw is confident that his squad will accomplish their goals this season.

Shillinglaw isn't the only one who has high expectations for the Hens; a recent CAA pre-season coaching poll has Delaware ranked No. 4. However, Shillinglaw insists that the poll hasn't got to his players' heads.

"We sat down as a team and set our goals," Shillinglaw said. "What the media says really doesn't affect us either way."

The Hens true strength could be their game experience. Delaware has 20 letterwinners returning, eight of which are starters.

The Hens pride themselves on defense. Last season Hens opponents taped the twine an average of 8.5 times a game. Delaware's hard-nose defense all starts with their tri-captain and senior Chris Collins. Collins recorded a respectable .565 save percentage in the 2004 season.

Helping Collins out in the Hens zone are such notable defensemen

returnees as: senior and tri-captain Ian Wright, senior Chris Willits, and juniors Taylor Bloor and Paul Rodriguez.

On the other side of the field Shillinglaw looks for his offense to improve from last season, which averaged 8.88 goals a game.

"We need to improve on overall consistency," Shillinglaw said. "It seemed like a couple games last season we weren't consistent on offense."

The Hens offense is led by sophomore attack-man Cam Howard, who will try to fill the shoes of their 2004 leading scorer Matt Alrich, who finished his career as a Hen with a team high 34 goals. Howard finished second on the team in scoring with 19 goals, and 20 assists. Howard will have some good company in the opponents' zone with fellow attack-man, senior Andy Hipple. Hipple tallied 19 goals of his own last season. Now with more experience under their belts, this dynamic duo could be the key to establishing a consistent offense.

Delaware opens up their season against St. Joseph's this Saturday at 1pm in Rullo Stadium.

It would seem the Hens motto last season must have been "Home Sweet Home," due to their stellar 6-2 record on Delaware turf.

The last time the teams met, Delaware came out the victor when now senior mid-fielder Joe Trentzsch broke the 7-7 tie in the fourth quarter, giving the Hens an 8-7 win.

It will be a good first test for the Hens defense, as they try to match the Hawks strength of being able to push the ball up field.



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Sophomore attacker Cam Howard (above) and senior Andy Hipple will be expected to help lead Delaware's offense.