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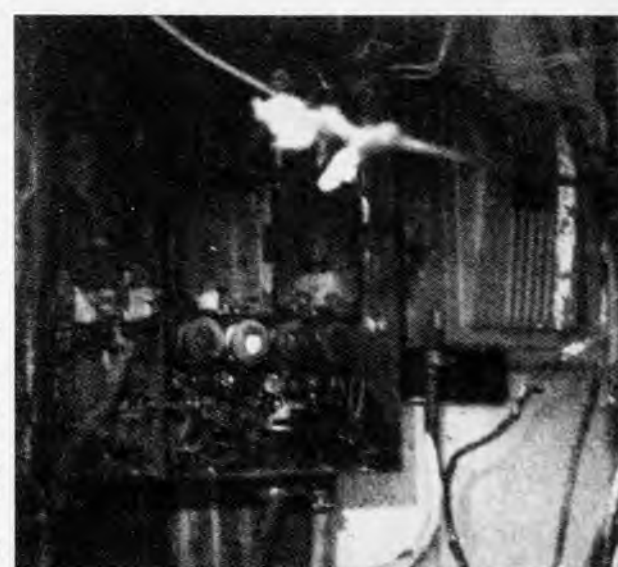
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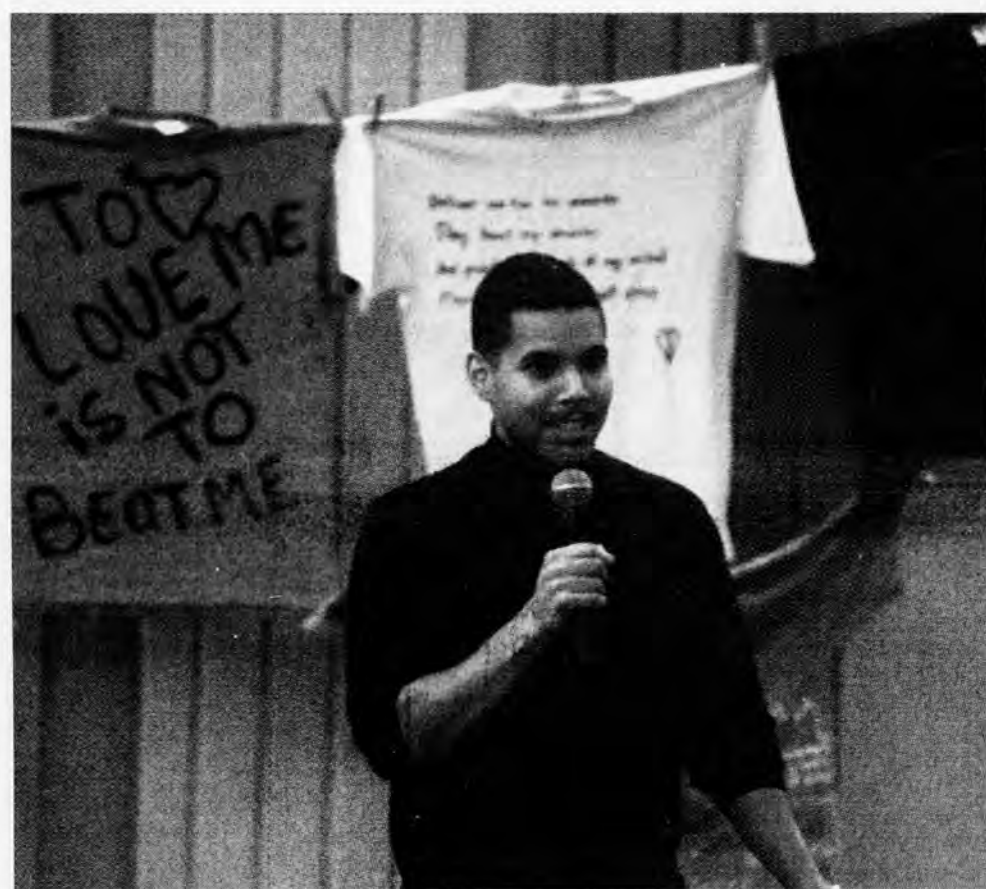
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NEW CASTLE — Unveiling his plans for Head Start and Childhood Development, Gov. Thomas R. Carper said Tuesday that he would cast votes in favor of funding social programs his opponent for the U.S. Senate has not.

"If we want to help all children meet rigorous standards in the elementary and secondary years, we can't afford to ignore the early years," he told students and staff in a Head Start classroom at the Rose Hill Community Center.

"We cannot allow the continued neglect of Head Start."

A state and federally funded program, Head Start provides pre-kindergarten care for 3- and 4-year-old children living in poverty — families who earn less than \$17,000 per year.

A spokesman for Carper said that Sen. William V. Roth, Jr., R-Del., voted against increasing funding for Head Start, child care and after-school programs 29 times over his last three Senate terms.

Last July, Roth voted against an amendment to reduce tax cuts for the wealthy instead of providing \$132 billion over 10 years for education programs such as Head Start. In 1997, he voted against a \$525 million increase in Head Start funding.

The Roth campaign did not respond to repeated phone calls.

If elected, Carper said, he plans to support legislation to fully fund Head Start programs for impoverished children, double the current \$1 billion Child Care and Development Block Grant and create state and local mentor programs.

Head Start currently receives \$4.5 million in state funds in addition to federal support.

"If we just had the money, we could sign kids up like that," he said, snapping his finger. "If all we do is put a child in Head Start, they will do better."

Michael Gamel-McCormick, an individual and family studies professor at the university, said research in the state shows the value of Head Start programs.

"Research shows that [Head Start] children's academic and social skills are stronger in later years versus impoverished children who aren't in the

program," he said.

The university is annually contracted by the Delaware Department of Education to evaluate Head Start. Gamel-McCormick said his research found the program helped more than 400 families last year.

Carper said he favors making reading a key part of Head Start in the future, an opinion he shares with Texas Gov. George W. Bush, the Republican presidential nominee.

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Gamel-McCormick said the goal of Head Start should be to provide a good foundation in both reading and social skills.

"Research shows that teachers want students to come to class ready to interact with others and learn," he said. "They also want them to have basic awareness of letters, numbers and words."

Regardless of the program's key focus, Benatti said, he agrees Head Start is inadequately funded and would benefit from an increase.

But until more federal money is set aside for Head Start, he said his program will continue to be underfunded.

There are currently 144 children enrolled in the county's program, Benatti said. There is a waiting list to enroll because he lacks the resources necessary to accept everyone.

"Right now we only run a four-hour day," he said. "We'd also like to serve more kids and provide a longer day."

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Newark firefighter tells tale of West

BY CAROLYN DELICCE
Staff Reporter

An hour after being called to help fight forest fires in Idaho this summer, Newark firefighter Tim Harris was on his way to battle a mountainous inferno.

Harris played a part in battling the largest series of forest fires in recorded U.S. history and join a 30,000 fire fighters in controlling blazes over 6.8 million acres nationwide.

Gov. Thomas R. Carper honored Harris in a ceremony last week, where he received a resolution signed by the governor recognizing his service to his country.

Harris left on Aug. 1 to battle the blazes.

After his bags were packed, he said, he quickly called his wife at work to say good-bye.

He was off to Manchester, N.H., where he would be air-lifted to Idaho to fight a 5,000-acre blaze with 650 other firefighters.

"We had to take a charter bus, where we met up with four other fighting crews," he said. "We were then air-lifted to Missoula, Idaho."

Harris said even with 14-years of fire-fighting experience, he was not sure what to expect when he arrived.

"When I stepped off the plane, I could see the plumes of smoke from some of the fires," he said.

After arriving, Harris said, he and his crew were taken to the fire camps located between eight and nine miles from the fires. From there, they would hike to the top of the mountain and work their way down.



THE REVIEW/Courtesy of Tim Harris

Firefighters from all over the nation were called into action this summer to fight forest fires in Idaho and surrounding states.

It was around 3 p.m. when Harris and the other crewmembers went out to fight the fire.

He said he worked alongside other squads such as Native American crews, various departments of Idaho and New Hampshire and inmates from several correctional facilities.

"Seeing the inmates work alongside the rest of us was something I would not expect," he said. "But let me tell you, they were one of the hardest working crews out there."

None of the crews were actually involved in putting out the flames. Instead, he said, their purpose was to prevent the fire from spreading to other places.

"What we did was enter the line from the back and work our way up," he said. "We made sure that anything that was at one point smoldering was

completely out.

This sometimes meant digging down to soil that wouldn't burn and getting rid of any hot spots. We let Mother Nature take care of extinguishing the flames."

The work was very strenuous and tiring, Harris said, but he was confident in his education and training in fighting forest fires.

"This type of certification has to be renewed annually," he said. "You not only have to pass a written test but you have to pass a physical test which includes carrying a 45-pound pack for 45 minutes."

On the seventh day of his 14-day tour, Harris said, he was sent back to Delaware — but not in the same condition as he had left.

"I was sent home after seven days due to an injury," he said.

In the process of crossing a small stream and jumping from one log to another, Harris slipped.

"I thought I had broken my leg," he said. "It was really painful and started to swell. I knew I would be laid up for a few days."

A couple of crewmembers helped Harris up to the main road, he said, where an ambulance was stationed.

"I was able to call my wife before I came home and tell her I was returning early," he said. "She was worried, but I told her I was OK and needed to set up a couple of doctor appointments and that I would be back on my feet in a couple of weeks."

Harris said he returned back to his job as a credit analyst at MBNA the Monday after he came back from Idaho. It would not be until one month later that he would be able to resume his volunteer work at the Aetna Hose Hook & Ladder Co. in Newark.

Ed Klima, deputy chief at Aetna Hose Hook & Ladder, commented on Harris' contribution to the fires.

"On behalf of the Hook & Ladder, we are honored to have a member participate in the U.S. Force Service program and Delaware team," Klima said. "We are glad that Tim was able to assist in fire fighting efforts this summer."

Harris said he would accept the task if the opportunity arose again.

"I would probably do it again knowing what it is like," he said. "It's not for everyone." Some parts are filled with excitement, some are boring, but it can get really intense really quick."

Wall Street value lowers at end of quarter

BY LAURA CARNEY
Staff Reporter

The value of the stock market plummeted over the last few weeks when third-quarter earnings among technological and blue-chip stocks failed to meet investor expectations.

Both the NASDAQ and Dow Jones have reported cumulative drops of approximately 1,000 points in the last six months.

Professor James Butkiewicz, chairman of the university's economics department, said the market's decline began as far back as March but has fallen significantly in the past five weeks.

"Major companies have earned less than expected," Butkiewicz said. "The technology stocks have been hit the hardest."

In the past, a number of technology companies have been given market values 100 times their actual earnings, he said.

"Many investors anticipated rapid growth," he said. "The market just got ahead of itself."

Junior Greg Moore, an economics major, said the decline in stock value is a correction that will prove beneficial in the long run.

"It sounds bad, but it's a good thing because the

stock market has gone out of control," he said.

Moore said he believes there are also governmental implications in the slowing down of the economy.

"The National Federal Reserve Bank regulates interest rates, and last year they began to raise them," Moore said. "If they raise interest rates, they can supply fewer bonds."

Economics professor Richard Agnello said one of the reasons the stock market may be showing instability is steeper competition among companies, which leads to lower earning reports.

He said companies such as DuPont, Kodak and Xerox are suffering from this problem.

"A year ago, Xerox sold at \$60 a share, and now they are selling at \$10," he said. "This could be due to competition in the copier business. However, every company has its own peculiarity and a different reason for its stock to go down."

Agnello said the decline may also be due to investors spending their money more conservatively because of the upcoming election and fear of a possible recession.

"The market runs on rumors, whether they be substantial or imagined," he said.

While Butkiewicz said he believes the U.S. economy may be slowing down for the time being, he disagrees with the idea that the economy is entering a recession.

"The share prices may go up again in November and December at the year-end rally," he said.

Moore said he does not plan on investing in the stock market until after he graduates and has sufficient funds to do so.

"If I could invest, I wouldn't do it right now," he said. "It's harder for people to invest right now because everybody has speculated too much."

Senior Donald Jones said his father invests his money for him in a mutual fund.

"I'm not scared of the recent dip in the market because I'm going to diversify my investments to gain secure dividends," he said.

Agnello said he thinks it is wise to invest in the stock market on the whole, but the market may be too risky for someone expecting instantaneous gains.

"If you have 20, 30 or even 40 years before you retire, the stock market is the best investment around," he said. "But the stock market can be volatile."

"If you are young and have immediate expenses, it could be a bad idea to invest."

Crisis in the Middle East

BOMB ROCKS U.S. SHIP, KILLS 5, IN APPARENT TERRORIST ATTACK

ADEN, Yemen — An apparent terrorist bomb tore into a U.S. Navy destroyer Thursday, killing at least five Americans and leaving 12 missing, the Defense Department said. Authorities said the explosion was triggered by a small boat that had pulled alongside the ship as it was docked in the Arabian Peninsula.

President Clinton said the attack on the USS Cole, one of the world's most advanced warships, appeared to be an act of terrorism.

"We will find out who was responsible and hold them accountable," he pledged. He dispatched to Yemen investigative teams from the FBI, the State Department and the Pentagon.

Defense Secretary William Cohen said no one had claimed responsibility for the attack, which injured 36.

The Cole, with a crew of about 350, was in port at Aden, Yemen, for refueling when a small craft came alongside and an explosion followed, according to Lt. Cmdr. Daren Pelkie, spokesman for the Navy's 5th Fleet headquarters in Manama, Bahrain.

Calling the attack a "despicable and cowardly act," Clinton told reporters at the White House that he ordered all Navy ships in the region to pull out of port as a safety precaution.

The explosion was powerful enough to rip a large hole — 20 feet by 40 feet — in the side of the 505-foot long, 8,600-ton U.S. ship, said Pentagon officials.

Clark said the Cole had notified local authorities 10 to 12 days earlier that it would port in Yemen.

"I have no reason to think that this was anything but a senseless act of terrorism," Clark told reporters at a Pentagon briefing.

Sen. John Warner, R-Va., chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said the attacking craft was not "put together in a garage overnight. There had to be careful planning."

Clinton had a message for those responsible for the attack: "If their intention was to deter us from our mission of promoting peace and security in the Middle East, they will fail utterly."

It appeared to be the first attack against a U.S. Navy ship since 1991, when the USS LaSalle, a 14,650-ton command ship, was fired on with automatic weapons from two unidentified craft while deployed in the Persian Gulf.

At the Justice Department, Attorney General Janet Reno said the FBI team being dispatched to the region included investigators, explosives experts and an evidence response team.

U.S. Navy ships commonly stop in Aden for refueling. The region has been swept in recent days by demonstrations, some of them violent and often with an anti-U.S. tone.

The Cole is a ship of the Burke destroyer class and carries sophisticated Aegis weaponry. Its home port is Norfolk, Va., and was en route to the Persian Gulf.

ISRAEL RETALIATES FOR TROOPS' DEATHS

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Israeli combat helicopters rocketed the Palestinian town of Ramallah and targets near Yasser Arafat's headquarters on Thursday, in retaliation for the brutal killings hours earlier of two Israeli soldiers by a Palestinian mob.

The deaths of the soldiers in Ramallah and Israel's strong response left little hope that the two sides could negotiate a truce and bring an end to two weeks of bloodshed that have left at least 94 people dead, the vast majority Palestinians.

In Gaza City, Arafat's headquarters and buildings near it were being evacuated when four Israeli attack helicopters hovered overhead. Residents were running out of the buildings in the chaos, and ambulances rushed to the scene.

Moments later the gunships began firing. One of the targets that was hit was a one-story guardpost next to Arafat's house. The post was manned by Force 17, the Palestinian leader's elite bodyguard unit.

Arafat's whereabouts were not immediately clear. Israel also clamped an internal closure on the West Bank, meaning Palestinians could not leave their communities.

In downtown Ramallah, rockets struck the police station where the two Israeli soldiers were killed hours earlier by a Palestinian mob. Another rocket struck the official Palestinian TV station, which had been broadcasting footage of the violent clashes of the past two weeks for hours at a time. Israel has said the broadcasts were inflammatory.

The Palestinian police station was reduced to rubble following the rocket attack, and flames poured out of a second building in Ramallah.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak said the killing of the soldiers was "very grave."

The crisis began Thursday morning when the Israeli soldiers inadvertently made a wrong turn and ended up near the center of Ramallah, a scene of daily battles between Israeli troops and Palestinian rioters.

The soldiers were detained by Palestinian police and immediately rushed to a nearby police station. Rumors quickly spread that the Israelis belonged to an undercover army unit that tracks Palestinian fugitives, a claim the army has denied. More than 1,000 Palestinians surged toward the police station, some chanting "Death to the death squads," witnesses said.

The bodies of two Israeli soldiers were thrown down from the second floor and thrashed with iron bars. From the window, young Palestinians shook their fists and flashed gleeful "V for victory" signs.

The mob on the street surrounded one corpse and shouted angrily, witnesses said. Both Israeli bodies were soaked in blood.

The attack on the soldiers raised grave questions about peace efforts by U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan, who left Israel for neighboring Lebanon on Thursday.

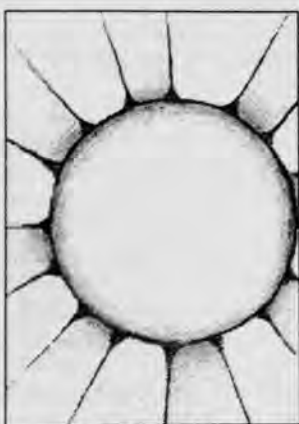
"All this complicates the work we are trying to do immensely," Annan said in the Lebanese capital Beirut.

"I don't think anyone expects us to be restrained any longer," Israel's Communications Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer said on Army radio.

"There is no peace process today. The peace process is dead," said Ben-Eliezer. Lashing out at Arafat, he added, "Arafat's clear desire is for war, that is what he wants."

—compiled by Steve Rubenstein from Associated Press wire reports

THREE-DAY FORECAST



FRIDAY

Highs in the mid 70s



SATURDAY

Highs in the upper 70s



SUNDAY

Highs in the mid 70s

Graphic design by Alana Kaper

— courtesy of the National Weather Service

Police Reports

BICYCLE THEFT

An unknown person removed a bicycle from the residence of a 21-year-old woman Wednesday, Newark Police said.

Officer Scott Horsman said a green Trek 4500 bicycle worth approximately \$400 was stolen from 48 Prospect Ave. Wednesday between Oct. 1 at 12 p.m. and Oct. 11 at 3:09 p.m.

ATTEMPTED BURGLARY

An unknown person entered the residence of a 21-year-old man Wednesday and attempted to remove a VCR from the man's shelf, Horsman said.

The victim was asleep in his bedroom at 2:57 a.m. when he heard noise coming from another room, Horsman said, and he

proceeded to walk outside his bedroom.

He said the person was alarmed and fled the scene without the VCR when he heard the victim inside the apartment.

SHOPLIFTING

A 45-year-old woman was arrested Tuesday for shoplifting after she was found in the Pathmark parking lot with \$199 in stolen grocery items, Horsman said.

He said Barbara Smith, of Sudlersville, Md., removed a shopping cart full of miscellaneous food items at 6:19 p.m. from Pathmark, 100 College Square, and exited the store.

A Pathmark employee who observed Smith place the items

into plastic bags followed her outside to her vehicle and notified police, Horsman said.

Smith was released pending her court date, he said.

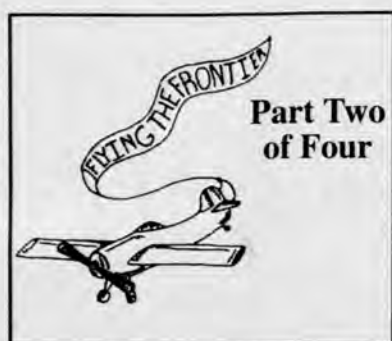
BURGLARY AND THEFT

An unknown person entered a residence on South Chapel Street Tuesday and stole several electronic and jewelry items from the residence, Horsman said.

The person entered the unlocked residence between 11:30 a.m. and 12:50 p.m. and removed items ranging from a Sony Playstation to a sterling silver necklace, totaling approximately \$1088, he said.

— compiled by Jaime Bender

Delaware aviator honored for service



Part Two
of Four

BY JEN LEMOS
Managing News Editor

Retired Col. James Sulpizi, 71, of New Castle, Del., once a child of humble origins, will soon be honored as a man who flew to new heights.

Sulpizi will be one of four living pilots inducted this month into the Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame, a new organization designed to honor significant accomplishments by Delaware aviators.

Along with the recognition of his instrumental role in the Delaware Army National Guard, Sulpizi will be honored for a perilous 1962 rescue of seven Army men from heavy Atlantic seas and numerous other accomplishments.

Sulpizi served as the first state Army aviation officer from 1965 to 1984 and was named the first commander of the Delaware Army Aviation Support Facility.

He was nominated to the hall of fame in January by Col. David Ham, the state's current army aviation officer.

"It is acknowledged, and can be stated without exaggeration, that he is the father of the aviation program in the Delaware Army National Guard," Ham's letter read.

But despite his acclaimed career and service to the Army, Sulpizi said, he had a modest beginning.

Born on May 27, 1929, in Old

New Castle, Del., Sulpizi was the only child of two Italian immigrants.

"Three or four months later, the stock market crashed," he said. "But that's just a little tease I like to inject into conversation."

His experiences growing up were far different than many others who went into aviation, Sulpizi said.

"I was born in Shawtown, a little, diddy section of Old New Castle across the railroad tracks of Italian immigrants," he said. "It was an entirely self-sufficient community, where we had our own tailors and grocery stores."

"My father was the baker who kept everyone in the community alive during the Depression — hence my nickname, 'Little Jimmy Baker.' It was great. We didn't have a penny, but we had each other."

Aviation was one of his interests even in childhood, Sulpizi said.

"I was one of those kids who built model airplanes in the basement of my home out of balsa wood stringers and paper," he said. "During World War II, I built my favorite — a B-38 with two rubber band motors. That was a plane."

However, Sulpizi said, he credits posthumous inductee Giuseppe Mario Bellanca with his dedication to flying. Bellanca was a fellow Italian immigrant who designed and built several hundred aircraft after he moved to the United States.

"He was someone our community always looked up to," he said. "Whenever you spoke the name, it was always spoken with reverence."

Because of his admiration for the other inductees, Sulpizi said, he was amazed at the news of his nomination to the hall of fame and his inclusion among other great aviators.



THE REVIEW/Courtesy of James Sulpizi
Retired Army Col. James Sulpizi is being inducted into the Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame on Oct. 21.

"To this day, I just feel like, 'Why me?'" he said. "In the history of aviation in the state of Delaware, I feel like I was very insignificant compared to the people I have known and come to admire."

After enlisting in the Delaware Army National Guard in 1950, Sulpizi went on to serve as an aviator, platoon leader, company commander and in several divisions.

During his term as a captain in the National Guard and at risk to his own life, Sulpizi rescued seven Coast Guardsmen and three Army Guardsmen from rough Atlantic seas during a storm in his single-passenger helicopter.

His first group of passengers were stranded at the Indian River Coast Guard Station, where several people had taken shelter in the loft of a storage building.

"I found the tip of a dune that was not yet underwater, landed and started to take them off, one at a time, all the way back to the

Rehoboth Airport," he said.

On his way to the airport, he said, he noticed an army truck turned on its side on a road near Dewey Beach.

"I saw three to four people standing on the tires with the waves washing over them," he said. "After I dropped the others off, I went back to see what I could do with them because they appeared to be in more danger."

Sulpizi, who was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his efforts in the rescue, retired from the military in May 1984. Ham said he intended Sulpizi's nomination to give thanks for the assistance and career advancements he provided him.

"Those of us who inherit a particular business owe it to those who came before us to honor them," he said. "There is a saying, 'We stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before us.' No one is more deserving of this award."

Wisconsin students work to free convict

BY HIDE ANAZAWA
Staff Reporter

A one-year investigation at Madison Law School in the University of Wisconsin recently helped prove the innocence of a convicted murderer.

The Wisconsin Innocence Project is a course at the University of Wisconsin that re-investigates assigned cases to determine if verdicts were accurate.

Students successfully lobbied for DNA testing in the case of Christopher Ochoa, a Texas man accused of robbery, the sexual assault and murder of Nancy Depriest, a 20-year-old Austin Pizza Hut employee.

Ochoa was charged with capital murder by the Texas District Court of Travis County and the Texas Court of Appeals and sentenced to life in prison.

University of Wisconsin law professor Keith Findley said Ochoa's family was suspicious of the charges and brought the case to the project's attention.

The family also argued that police forced Ochoa to confess to his crime or be executed, Findley said.

Details of the project's report were unavailable because the investigation is protected by the office of the Wisconsin State Attorney. Officials declined to comment on the investigation.

Only New York and Illinois have comprehensive DNA analysis in police investigation, sociology professor Benjamin Steiner said.

"Most states do not have systems equipped for DNA evidence," he said.

Biology research scientist Mike Rice said the forensic DNA evidence analyzes a potential suspect through collected DNA material at a crime scene.

Comprehensive DNA analysis is the use of genetic evidence to determine whether that convicted criminals are innocent.

Todd Halliday, community relation coordinator at the Delaware Department of Justice, said the state has used DNA testing for a decade.

Halliday said in the landmark DNA case State of Delaware v. Steven B. Pennell in November 1989, the state used DNA samples to ascertain the innocence of a defendant. However, he said Delaware will not reverse a conviction based on DNA evidence.

Steiner said he thinks the Wisconsin Innocence Project is arguing that the use of DNA in criminal investigations should be made a national policy.

Although Steiner said he agrees with the idea of DNA testing, he noted that others think it will slow down the justice system.

"If someone felt there was no doubt a person was guilty based on the evidence — 'why would we need to wait, why do we need to delay justice,'" he said. "If we have DNA in every case it'll happen

even more, and it's going to deny victims of crimes justice more so than it already does."

Even still, Steiner said, DNA testing could save innocent people from execution.

"Some of the factual basis for problems with when you consider what has happened in Illinois, where 13 death row inmates were exonerated by DNA," he said. "This offers the specter of the possibility that innocent people were executed before in this country."

"It's not as rare as you think," Steiner said because the state of Texas does not have as comprehensive a DNA system as Illinois or New York, some executed people might be innocent.

"We really do not know what is happening, because Texas is where most executions are taking place," he said.

"Most states do not have systems equipped for DNA evidence."

— Benjamin Steiner, sociology professor

UD prof. double checking the facts

BY ROBERT DMAN
Sports Editor

A university professor and former director of Black American Studies is working in conjunction with McDonald's to promote unknown achievements of African Americans throughout history.

In the past, McDonald's has published pamphlets of little-known facts about black Americans, said James Newton, who will be doing fact checking for the restaurant chain.

"They generally make people aware of the not-so-well-known black contributions to society," he said.

Newton said he feels verification of facts is necessary to ensure everything is properly documented.

"I wanted to make sure all the facts were, in fact, true," he said. "It's kind of like the story about Christopher Columbus."

"It's true that he opened up the gateway of exploration to North America. However, some elements of the activities surrounding him are disputed."

McDonald's began using these pamphlets last year to help celebrate Black History Month, Newton said. As a result of the popularity of the booklets, McDonald's decided to use them to promote black history throughout the year.

"The project began when Tom Joyner, host of the syndicated radio program the Tom Joyner Morning Show, featured Harvard professor Henry Louis Gates as a guest," Newton said.

"With the assistance of Gates, Joyner began a daily 'Little Known Black History Fact' as part of his show. McDonald's came on board as a sponsor and also decided to publish the booklets."

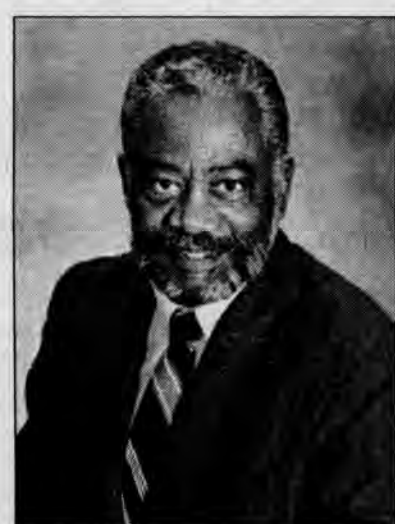
Newton is more than certified to research and authenticate these facts, said Carole Marks, director of Black American Studies.

"He is absolutely qualified," she said. "He has been teaching for more than 25 years. He has done a lot of research — he is an expert."

Though he possessed a vast amount of knowledge of black history when he began, Newton said, he discovered a few stories that were particularly interesting to him.

One of his favorite stories concerned Onesimus, a house slave in colonial New England to Minister Cotton Mather.

Onesimus had a good



THE REVIEW/Courtesy of Public Relations
Prof. James Newton is verifying facts in pamphlets printed for McDonald's which focus on African-American history.

understanding of herbs and minerals from Africa, where he lived during the time that a smallpox epidemic broke out in Boston, Newton said.

"He remembered a technique from Africa, and suggested that Mather start 'buying the small pox,'" he said. "Onesimus was speaking of when people in Africa infected themselves with a disease that prevented them from getting it again."

Newton was recommended for the task by Lozelle De Luz, a university Board of Trustees member who co-owns several local McDonald's franchises.

Newton said the knowledge he acquired teaching gave him a firm understanding of contributions made by black Americans.

"I was the director of Black American Studies for many years," he said. "I got lots of calls from the public requesting information about African-American history."

"I was asked about everything, from the Underground Railroad to athletics, and it further prompted me to provide adequate information. It is part of my way of life to provide the knowledge."

His participation in a corporate effort to expand the knowledge of African Americans speaks volumes about all the professors at the university, Marks said.

"I think it points out how well trained the faculty are in their fields to the campus, to the business community and to the real world," he said.

It is also important to use one's teaching ability and prowess to educate the population outside the school's walls, Newton said.

"Professors are now reaching out much more broadly, to the community, and extending themselves beyond the 'classroom,'" he said. "The role of the professor has changed."

"We are now involved in public services and issues that need to be resolved. We need to lend our expertise beyond the classrooms, and bridge the gap between theory and practice."

New provost has high expectations for post

BY LINDSAY TROY
Staff Reporter

After teaching public administration in far-off lands such as Bosnia and Kazakhstan, Mark Huddleston has finally decided to stay close to home.

The newly appointed associate provost for International Programs and Special Sessions said he will be responsible for overseeing the direction of five operations — Summer and Winter sessions, Study Abroad, the English Language Institute, Foreign Student and Scholar Services and Overseas Contracts and Grants.

Huddleston said he feels he has a lot to offer students and faculty at the university.

"I have always been interested in International Programs and Studies, and I think that, in my new position, I can do more to advance those issues," he said.

The position for associate provost was open to interested full-time professors who were interested, Huddleston said.

University President David P. Roselle stated in an e-mail message that Huddleston was chosen for the position by applying to and being identified by a search committee.

Until Huddleston's promotion, he said, he had been working as the chairman and professor of political science and international relations.

Huddleston said there will be many pros and cons to leaving his previous positions.

"Sure, parts of my old job I'll miss," he said. "I'll miss my colleagues and the students — you always have to create a balance between what you're gaining and what you're losing."

In his new position, Huddleston said, there are a number of goals and missions he would

like to fulfill.

He said he would like to make study abroad trips more frequent and inclusive for a larger number of students.

Huddleston said he feels that studying abroad is very beneficial to students.

Huddleston said it is favorable for faculty to be involved in international conferencing and social science research. He said he has numerous expectations for what he can offer the students.

Through the university's Foreign Student and Scholars Service program, Huddleston said, he will help students and faculty who are not from the United States receive visas that otherwise may be hard to obtain.

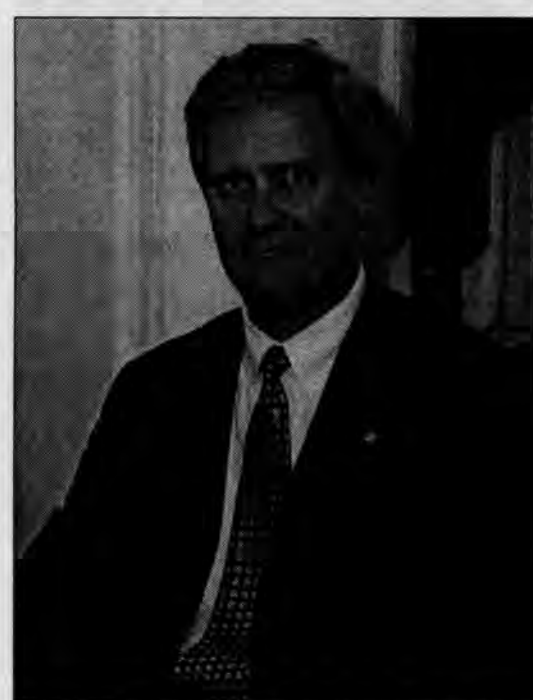
Huddleston said he can help foreign students and faculty obtain visas by confirming that the person is an accepted student and will be able to financially support themselves while in the United States.

In addition to other responsibilities, Huddleston said, he has had the opportunity to work in foreign lands, participate in extensive studies in Bosnia and head numerous Study Abroad trips.

Huddleston said he will not be able to travel as extensively or host any Study Abroad trips because of time constraints.

He will still continue to travel, he said, but he will make short trips to the university's Study Abroad sites to make sure the programs are running smoothly.

Bobby Gempesaw, vice provost of academic programs and planning, stated in an e-mail message that he feels Huddleston's extensive travel experiences in foreign countries singled him out as a perfect candidate for his new position.



THE REVIEW/Andrew Mehan
Mark Huddleston has accepted the position of associate provost for IPSS.

"I have taken 12 or 13 Study Abroad sessions, and I was the co-founding director of the Merida, Mexico trip in 1993 and the founder of the London Summer Session in 1995," Huddleston said.

While in Bosnia, Huddleston said, he managed projects funded by the U.S. government in training foreign leaders in public budgeting and public administration.

Huddleston also said he has managed similar projects in Bosnia, Slovenia, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Botswana and Mexico.

Roselle said he has high expectations for Huddleston.

"We are very pleased that he has agreed to take on this additional assignment and our expectation is that Professor Huddleston will be equally successful in his new role," he said.

10 UD faculty contribute to tech book

BY HIDE ANAZAWA
Senior Staff Reporter

University professors played major roles in the publication of a new book designed to promote the use of technology in the classroom.

Eight university faculty members contributed 10 essays about their experiences with technology, students' improvements and interests.

As a member of the Learning Technology Consortium, the university is a major contributor to the book "Teaching with Technology," a compilation of 52 essays written by faculty members from nine universities.

The LTC is a group of universities that exchange their computer information and technology. The universities of Florida, Georgia, Notre Dame, Pittsburgh and Wake Forest University were among the other participants.

The book — edited by David G. Brown, vice president of Wake

Forest University in North Carolina — was published in April.

"It is always good for faculty to know more information about technology."

— Paul Hyde, university consultant

Brown, who is also the dean of the International Center for Computer-Enhanced Learning, said he hopes the book will encourage university faculty to use technology in their courses.

"This book should be useful for

professors around the world who are planning to use computer announcements in their courses," Brown said.

"Each of these chapters are written by someone who has extensive experience of using computer and advanced learning techniques,"

Susan Foster, vice president of IT-Information Technologies, said the writers were chosen by Janet De Vry, manager of information technology and user service.

De Vry looked for people in the information and technology areas for support, Foster said.

University consultant Paul Hyde said he felt the book would be beneficial for university professors because of the rapid development of technology.

"It is always good for faculty to know more information about technology and advance in their classroom," he said.

Leila Lyons, director of IT User

Services, said she thinks the book will contribute to the university's publicity.

The average reader of this book will read the chapter about the university's technological environment, then read chapters about how particular courses are using this technology, she said.

Physics professor George Watson and chemical engineering professor Francis Doyle discussed how they use computers in their labs in their essays.

Biology professor Robert Hodson, foreign language professor Katrien Christi and music professor Larry Peterson also wrote about the use of computers in their lectures.

Peterson said technology helps students to understand the lecture by using oral and visual techniques.

He said he sees improvement within the students, and more students are interested in the lecture when speaking is combined with technology.

Sexual Assault Awareness week hosts activities

Week aims to inform students, community of available help

BY MEREDITH BRODEUR
Staff Reporter

The University's 12th annual Sexual Assault Awareness Week will showcase activities, films and programs until Oct. 18 to inform students of resources and assist victims.

"We try to address this early in the year because we have new students, and we are trying to prevent any new problems," said Liane Sorenson, director of the Office of Women's Affairs.

The event, which began in 1988, stemmed from an alleged gang rape at a university fraternity, Sorenson said.

"People were really outraged," she said. "We wanted to do something about it."

Sorenson said university officials want to make people aware of issues like date rape.

"People think that because they went out with a person or they were drinking that they can't report the incident, when in fact they can," she said.

Many events are held throughout the week, from discussions about sexual harassment and date rape to the annual "Take Back the Night March" sponsored by Students Acting for Gender Equality, Sorenson said.

Ron Whittington, director of Affirmative Action, gave a lecture titled "Sexual Harassment: Know

Your Rights" on Tuesday.

"It's real," he said. "It does happen. It can scare, it can hurt. There are resources out here on campus and in the community for people who feel they have been harassed."

Sorenson said the educational theater group Equality-PlayRights performed two plays on Tuesday exploring the issues of dating violence and acquaintance rape.

"Dating violence is another form [of sexual assault] which is sometimes a matter of one who is obsessively jealous, and that can lead to physical violence," she said.

The Clothesline Project, an ongoing display of T-shirts with phrases, words or pictures created by victims of abuse, was also on display.

"The Clothesline Project is very powerful," Sorenson said. "The shirts are made by actual victims of severe rape, child abuse or date rape."

On Wednesday, there was a lecture titled "International Trafficking in Women for Sexual Exploitation" by university graduate Andrea Bertone.

Sorenson said the lecture was a discussion on the victims of sexual exploitation.

"It [opened] people's eyes about what's happening in the world," she said.

From Oct. 10 through 12, student volunteers and workers handed out free cups with pamphlets, notepads and bookmarks with information about sexual assault in the Trabant University Center.

Junior Erika Griffin, a volunteer for the Center for Black Culture, said she thinks Sexual

Assault Awareness Week is very important.

"Some people may not know if they have been assaulted or what to do if they have been sexually assaulted," she said.

Junior Ashley McManus said she does her best to travel safely on campus.

"You feel safe, but you have to take precautions," she said. "I don't walk around by myself. I always walk with a group and make sure that it's a well-lit area."

The film "Boys Don't Cry" was shown in the Trabant Theatre on Wednesday, Sorenson said.

"The film is about horrible violence inflicted on someone because of their sexuality," she said.

"It was also National Coming Out Day on Wednesday and we wanted one of the programs to go along with that issue."

Sorenson said she thinks safety on campus is increasing.

"In terms of basic safety, it's definitely getting better," she said.

"We have the blue lights, the escort service and residence hall security."

Making sure the blue lights and campus lights are functioning



THE TAKE BACK THE NIGHT march took place Thursday night as part of Sexual Assault Awareness Week. See the full story in Tuesday's issue of The Review.

properly is another event of the week, Sorenson said.

"We do campus walks where we report any lights out or dark areas where people can hide," she said.

Capt. James Flatley of Public Safety said his department co-sponsors the events of Sexual Assault Awareness Week.

"We think it's a worthy cause," he said. "It's important to cooperate with organizations and groups who are also involved to address the situation."

"We believe in education and making people aware. This week is a good vehicle to get the information out to students and staff."

Shows warn of dangers

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Several times throughout the play, the action stopped and the audience had the opportunity to ask the characters questions.

Schiffman said the audience was responsive and made intelligent inquiries.

"I'm thrilled by the participation," she said. "Students are asking fabulous questions."

Senior Chris Elliott said he thought the interactive part of the program was effective and allowed students to ask questions of the victim as well as the perpetrator.

In response to audience questions, "Matt" said that he only "lost his temper" because he wanted his girlfriend to "respect him."

"Erica" defended her relationship.

"Who else would love me like that?" she said. "I'm not fat, but I'm not skinny. I'm not dumb, but I'm not smart, and he loves me anyway."

The second play, "One Night," told the story of Jessica and Will, two friends celebrating the end of college.

Their night of partying and fun ended when Jessica accused Will of rape, which he denied.

"Dressing like that means no?" he said. "Flirting with me all night means no? Kissing me like that means no?"

Dyas-Fried explained motives of rape to the audience.

"A rapist won't look for who is the sexiest or most flirtatious," she said. "They look for someone who's vulnerable and someone who can't fight back."

"It's my fault," Jessica said. "I flirted with him. I kissed him. I followed him up to his room."

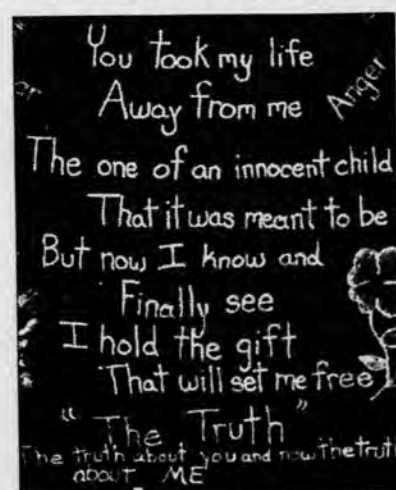
Actor Gus Schulenburg played the part of the perpetrator in both plays.

"If I play the role really well, maybe I'll reach someone in the audience," he said. "If we can reach just one person, it's worthwhile."

Schulenburg said audience support for the play's victims was encouraging. In performances at other schools, he said, the audience has neglected to sympathize with the victims.

The Equality PlayRights tour in 12 states in the northeastern U.S.

Schiffman said counselors and resources were provided for students in the audience, as well as information regarding resources on campus for survivors of sexual abuse.



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Some victims designed T-shirts to express their feelings about sexual assault.

Professor fills chair for chemical engineering

BY MIKE GENNARIA
Staff Reporter

A university professor who began his 19th year with the university this fall has been named chairman of the department of chemical engineering.

Mark A. Barbeau took over the position from Eric W. Kaler, who is now the dean of the College of Engineering.

"He is a distinguished chemical engineer with very good experience in managing research activities," Kaler said. "He was a natural choice to take over."

Barbeau said he was voted into his new position by the engineering faculty after his nomination by a search committee.

Despite Barbeau's move into a position of higher authority, he said he will continue to work on different research projects and teach classes.

"One of the fun things about a faculty job is that it is really three or four jobs," he said. "It's not that you have to do all of those things, it's that you get to do all of those things. It's anything but boring and routine."

Barbeau said he is taking on the role at an opportune time.

"I'm looking forward to leading the department in a very interesting time," he said. "We're looking at hiring a number of new faculty over the next four or five years,

so it's a real chance to set the future direction of the department."

Barbeau said one of his goals is to continue the success chemical engineering has had at the university.

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— Mark A. Barbeau, chairman of the department of chemical engineering

"We want to continue to broaden the experiences that we can offer to students," Barbeau said. "Not just in the classroom and facilities, but in research experiences internally and collaboration elsewhere."

Since his arrival at the university in 1982, Barbeau has served the department in various capacities.

He was accepted into the university's community as an associate professor and

moved up to become the director of the Center for Catalytic Science and Technology, a position he said contributes to his ability to be a good leader.

Aside from his duties at the university, Barbeau also serves as an associate editor for the American Institute of Chemical Engineers Journal. He said it is the flagship journal for professional chemical engineers.

Barbeau said he is part of a group that handles all papers submitted to the journal and decides which articles will be published.

Apart from his professional responsibilities, Barbeau also has to manage time with his family, which includes his wife, who also has a Ph.D. in chemical engineering, and two children.

"My nights and weekends are spent being a soccer dad," Barbeau said. "One of the challenges, especially with the new administrative component, is juggling a two-career marriage and a family at the same time."

Barbeau said he looks to the future of the department with excitement.

"There's a process of almost constant renewal," he said. "We just replaced all the computers in our undergraduate computer lab, and we have another proposal in for a bigger undergraduate computing facility."



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Mark A. Barbeau was recently named the new chairman of the department of chemical engineering.



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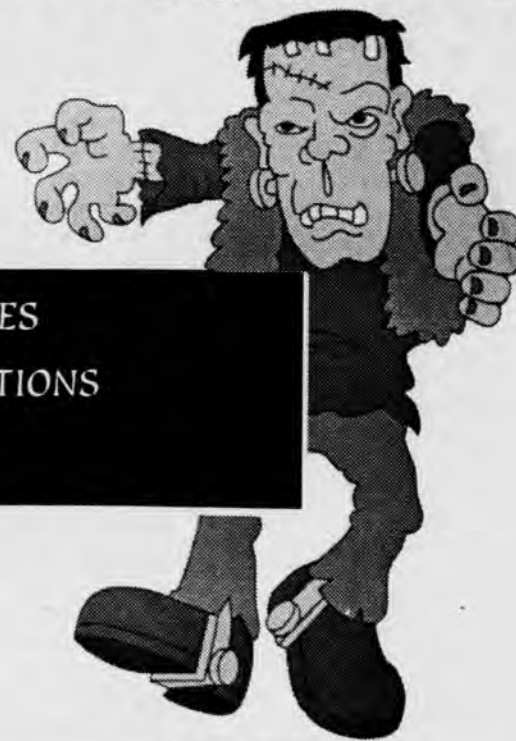
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Glasgow High School draws residents from surrounding area

BY SUSAN KIRKWOOD
Staff Reporter

Glasgow High School was covered with campaign posters and signs Monday as 10 candidates and approximately 100 community members gathered in its auditorium.

Organizers said the night was created to give residents a chance to interact with candidates running for various national, state and local offices.

The candidates first spoke to the audience and then had time to answer questions. Hot topics of the night ranged from education to the environment.

The format was geared toward giving community members a way to become more informed about the candidates who are running for public offices.

"This way, the public can get better knowledge of candidates and what they stand for," junior Tucker Dona said.

Junior Dave Crossan said he thinks the format is beneficial to members of the community.

"Tonight is important because it gives the community a chance to become more informed voters and citizens," he said.

Bear resident Rosemary Contini said she came so she could become familiar with the politicians.

"I want to hear what the candidates have to say so I can make a better informed decision on election day," Contini said. "This is a good forum because more than one candidate is here."

Martin Wolaston, president of

Silverbrook Civic Association, a co-sponsor of the event, said many hours of work went into making the night a success.

"A lot of effort was put into getting people out here," he said. "This way, people can ask about the issues which are important to them and see how much the state candidates know about local issues."

The effort was put forth to help inform the community about Delaware politics, he said.

Candidates said they were equally excited about the format of the evening.

Mike Ramone, the Republican candidate for New Castle County president, said he was glad to get a chance to talk with community members.

"Any forum where we can talk to the public is welcome," he said. "This way we get to hear and listen to a lot of concerns and interests."

The ability of candidates to interact personally with the residents of the communities is seen as particular to Delaware politics, said John Carney, Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor.

"It is a very unique thing about Delaware democracy," he said. "Delawareans have and expect the ability to meet and talk to candidates."

Carney said people from other states are always amazed by the fact that Delaware candidates have such close interactions with their residents.

"I think it's great," he said.

Dennis Rochford, the Republican candidate for lieutenant governor, said he was happy to have the opportunity to speak with members of the local community.

"I want to meet with the voters and listen to what they have to say about the issues," he said.



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Carbon monoxide detectors like this one can warn residents of a home if the levels of the gas get too high.

Carbon monoxide hospitalizes two

BY JAIME BENDER
City News Editor

Carbon monoxide poisoning left two women unconscious in their home on the unit block of Lower Valley Lane Monday afternoon, officials said.

The carbon monoxide was emitted from the victim's Honda Accord that she accidentally left running, New Castle County Police said.

David McAllister, spokesman for the New Castle County Police, gave the following account of the incident:

Forty-three-year-old Carol Valentin arrived home from her nightshift job at 8 a.m. Monday closing the garage door and forgetting to turn off the engine of her vehicle.

Her mother, 80-year-old Antonine Saintlouis, was in the house with

Valentin.

Valentin called a friend between noon and 2 p.m., and complained that she was feeling ill.

Her friend called another friend and the two drove to Valentin's house.

When the two women arrived, they found Valentin and Saintlouis unconscious on the floor of their house.

One of the women immediately called 911 and reported the incident.

Valentin and Saintlouis were transported by ambulance to Christiana Hospital and then flown to the Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore, Md., for further treatment.

Both women are now in good condition, McAllister said, and they should be released from the hospital in the next few days.

Gas prices not stopping SUV sales

BY KEVIN BARRETT
Staff Reporter

Despite the high cost of gasoline, vehicles with low gas mileage are still preferred by consumers, according to statistics from the Environmental Protection Agency.

EPA statistics show the average gas mileage was 24.5 miles per gallon for year 2000 models. The 2001 average shows little difference.

Gas mileage is especially bad in larger cars, particularly sport utility vehicles.

Frank Elcock, a salesman for Newark Toyota, said SUV's are still very popular despite the high cost of gasoline.

"They're built to be heavy, sturdy and safe," he said. "As far as fuel consumption goes, they will typically be more fuel-guzzling because of their strong and safe materials."

Elcock said the most fuel-efficient sport utility vehicle is the Toyota RAV4, which gets 25 mpg in the city and 31 on the highway.

According to Elcock, the cost of supplying a Toyota RAV4 with gasoline annually costs \$783, while Scott Corneliusen, salesperson for Land Rover Wilmington, said the Land Rover Range Rover costs \$1,351, annually.

The EPA ranked the Land Rover Range Rover as the least-efficient sport utility vehicle, which gets 12 mpg in the city and 15 on the highway.

The popular Ford Explorer gets 14 mpg city and 19 mpg highway.

Lee Pullella, who works in the service department at Newark

Dodge, said that while he has not noticed the average gas mileage on his vehicles getting worse, he has also noticed a trend towards buying SUVs.

"SUVs have been getting more popular for a while now and are still continuing to grow in popularity," Pullella said. "They're good for people who have a busy lifestyle."

One of the problems associated with vehicles that get low gas mileage is the increased amount of air pollution they expel, according to the EPA.

The agency's Web site stated that every gallon of gasoline burned puts 20 pounds of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. Carbon dioxide is one of the major pollutants causing the greenhouse effect.

Pullella said he thinks companies should continue to make SUVs and other low gas mileage cars, despite the economic and environmental ramifications.

"If something is popular and making money," he said, "they should keep making it."

Senior Brian Killen, president of Students for the Environment, said he is alarmed by the fact that companies keep producing cars that may result in global climate change, as well as the fact that people keep buying them.

"You can't just blame car companies for producing polluting vehicles," he said. "You also have to point a finger at consumers who create a demand for the product."

Although most corporations have focused their resources on



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Even though new SUVs do not have better gas mileage than older models, most consumers say this does not bother them.

producing large gas-guzzling vehicles, some companies have worked to meet any existing demand for more fuel-efficient cars.

According to the EPA, the most fuel-efficient vehicles are those that are gasoline/electricity hybrids. The Honda Insight is the most efficient, getting 61 mpg in the city and 68 mpg highway.

The best mid-sized car, according to the EPA, is the Mazda 626, which gets 26 mpg city and 32 mpg highway. The Honda Accord gets approximately

the same gas mileage.

However, the popular Ford Mustang gets only 18 mpg city and 25 highway.

Some of the worst cars listed on the Web site in terms of gas mileage include sports cars such as the Porsche 911 Turbo, which gets 15 mpg city and 22 highway, and the Ferrari 456 MGT, which gets 10 city and 15 highway.

Although the majority of mid-size and large-sized sedans get better than 20 mpg, the same does not hold true for SUVs.

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Too-good-to-be-true schemes, scams and e-mail may fool some

BY JILL LIEBOWITZ
Staff Reporter

False messages about free trips to Disneyworld, amazing stock tips, donations for children with terminal illnesses and clothes constantly fill university e-mail inboxes.

While some may instantly discard the messages into the desktop trashcan, others fall into the trap, lured by the chance to be whisked away on a weeklong getaway with the click of a mouse.

In the past people received typical junk mail in their postal mailbox. But now, with new technological advancements, users can receive its electronic counterpart in their e-mail inbox, said Elizabeth Perse, associate professor of mass communications.

"These are things that are just like before," Perse said. "Internet and e-mail has just provided them with a new way to spread."

People are not acting any differently today, she said, but people need to learn how to be more aware of these messages.

"There are gullible people who believe these messages and go ahead to forward them thinking they will actually receive something in return," she said.

The credibility of the source, and the type of

person it was sent to, has a lot to do with whether the e-mail will be passed on, Perse said.

"Some people are less critical in analyzing information and don't take the steps they need to in order to verify it," she said.

Leila Lyons, director of Information Technologies User Services, said it is very dangerous to open an e-mail when the source is unknown, but it is different when it comes from a friend.

"I think one problem is if you forward something to a friend or colleague, because they know you will be more likely to trust you and open the e-mail," she said.

Suspicion of fraudulent e-mails at the university is created when there is a lot of traffic on the network, Lyons said.

User Services will only act on a situation when a student, staff or faculty member complains to them.

Recently, Jonathan Lebed, a 15-year-old New Jersey resident, was charged for posting fraudulent stock information on a newsgroup, said John Nester, media specialist of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Although this was done on a newsgroup, Nester said, "spamming" is a method for stock market manipulators.

He has become accustomed to noticing official-

looking, but false e-mails, he said.

"Usually an e-mail might look like it was intended for someone else," Nester said. "For example, from a stock broker to a wealthy client."

In reality, he said, the message was sent on purpose to hundreds or thousands of e-mail users with the hope that one or two readers read and respond to the contents of the letter.

The sender attempted to create excitement about a particular stock and causes people to purchase it, Nester said. Once the price went up, he would sell it and eventually make a profit while everyone else suffered.

"You would think people have a fair amount of skepticism," he said. "But some let their guard down and think it is their lucky day, when in reality, it's definitely not."

Nester said the new technologies have created more confusion and uncertainty.

"The vast majority would treat this mass solicitation as garbage, but not everyone," he said. "Some people are too trusting, gullible or naive — they take the advice and pay the price."

As a recommendation for those who receive similar e-mails and are unsure of how to react, he suggests considering any offers or tips on the Internet scams until their credibility can be proved.



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Some students have been duped into believing some e-mail schemes are legit. Officials say students should be cautious.

Spacecraft bound for Saturn may not be able to communicate

BY DEANNA TORTORELLO
Staff Reporter

A spacecraft bound for one of Saturn's moons may be too weak to transfer information its probe has gathered, NASA officials said.

The Cassini spacecraft, launched three years ago to study Saturn, its moons and rings, is now approximately 50 million miles away from Earth and nearing Jupiter.

NASA spokesman Don Savage said the Huygens probe, which was provided by the European Space Association, may not be able to communicate with the spacecraft.

The probe will be moving much slower than the Cassini craft when it detaches and enters Titan's atmosphere, he said.

"When it was built, this was not taken into account," Savage said. "ESA is

trying to find out how this happened, and the United States is also sending people

"The problem now is Cassini is 50 million miles away, and you can't exactly go up and find out what is wrong with it."

— Harry Shipman, astronomy professor

to contribute to the research.

"They have four years to work out options, and they are pretty optimistic they can find a solution."

The purpose of the Huygens probe, scheduled to detach from the spacecraft in November 2004, is to gather information on Titan's atmospheric chemistry, wind speeds and weather.

It will also take general photos of the surface, said Earl Maize, spacecraft operations manager at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif.

"The problem is located in the hardware of the data link between the probe and the orbiter," he said. "The idea was to release the probe into the atmosphere and receive data from it through the Cassini craft. The data link is not as strong as expected."

Maize said the probe was designed to gather three hours worth of data, but the amount of information collected will

decrease if a solution is not found.

One option is to alter the flight path and the amount of time Cassini spends near the drop site, he said.

"This should improve the amount of time we have to observe Titan," he said. "We have time to make some changes that will improve the link."

"The drop doesn't happen until 2004, but we need a plan fairly well in place by next summer."

Savage said changes in the flight path might have an effect on the length of the mission due to a limited amount of fuel. The problem will not be large, though, as the craft has extra fuel on reserve, he said.

Despite this problem, Cassini has a fairly good track record when compared with other missions, Savage said.

"Cassini has had the fewest problems of any mission in my memory," he said.

Savage said the mission is important because of the similarities between the earth and Titan. Many scientists believe Titan's current state resembles Earth in its early stages of development, he said.

"This is the first time anything will descend underneath Titan's methane and nitrogen cloud cover," Savage said. "There is no proof yet, but many scientists believe there may be organic or liquid material on the surface."

Astronomy professor Harry Shipman said every major mission has developed a problem of some capacity during its run.

"In the most recent Jupiter mission, a radio antenna did not deploy," he said. "There can be other kinds of problems, but you design the craft as best you can."

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Earth science dazzles Del. kids

BY ELISA FRANCO
Staff Reporter

A massive 10-ton boulder greeted wide-eyed stares of elementary school students as they began touring the Delaware Geological Survey building in celebration of Earth Science Week 2000.

William "Sandy" Schenck, a scientist and Web master of Earth Science Information, is responsible for the creation, maintenance and growth of the DGS Web site.

Schenck also takes inventory and organizes geospatial data — overall group information involving the Earth — for the state of Delaware.

Earth Science Week raises community awareness of the prevalence of Earth sciences and the existence of the DGS building, he said.

"People hear the word geology and they immediately think rocks," he said. "But geology is much more than that."

"It is the study of the Earth and everything on the Earth and beneath the surface. What people need to

understand is that there is this thing called Earth science, but it encompasses more than just geology."

Three years ago, the American Geology Institute designated the second week of October as Earth Science Week, Schenck said.

During this week, state Geology Survey buildings across the country opened their doors to the public, providing tours for school children and all who are interested, he said.

Laura Lee, director of the Iron Hill Museum, said the DGS is working in accordance with the museum to provide students with additional Earth science programs.

The Iron Hill Museum, located on Old Baltimore Pike in Newark, is a national history museum with a concentration in geology, taxidermy, archeology and paleontology, Lee said.

"We are partnered to offer more to students," she said. "Teachers and students can choose to go on tours or

expeditions, or to do both."

Eric Shane, a teacher at the W. Riley Brown Elementary School in Dover, Del., took his fifth grade students to the programs at Iron Hill Museum and the DGS.

"The dig was fantastic, and my students were very enthusiastic about the programs," he said.

The majority of those attending the tours are elementary school children and some high school students who visit the DGS on field trips, Schenck said.

"Field trips are what kids learn the most from," he said. "They'll always remember coming here."

"They'll always remember seeing that rock and me saying it weighs 10 tons. It doesn't matter if they remember that it's called an amphibolite, but they'll remember that it was a metamorphic rock."

Students find it easy to relate to Schenck, Lee said.

"Sandy is very personable with

children," she said. "It's exciting for them to meet a real geologist."

"He helps children to see that Earth science is part of everyday life and how they use the Earth's materials each day."

Those attending the tour may enjoy display cases filled with 18 million-year-old mollusks, porpoise and vertebrate fossils, Schenck said.

Viewers will see the materials used to make the DGS building as well as samples of materials found 30,000 feet under the surface of Delaware's towns, cities, rivers and lakes, he said.

Tours also include the viewing of hydrolysis, computer and fossil labs where scientists observe and date fossils, study water samples and create digital maps.

Schenck said he is pleased with this year's turnout.

"The first year was a little disheartening," he said. "This year, it's really like a whole month of Earth Science Week."



THE REVIEW/Courtesy of William Schenck
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Diversity Week to kick off Sunday

Alpha Kappa Alpha plans to host massage session, fashion show

BY JAIME BENDER
City News Editor

The Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority will feature six days of physical, spiritual and mental enhancement Sept. 15 through 20 in its annual Diversity Week.

Alpha Kappa Alpha President Lindette Thornton said every African-American sorority has its own version of Diversity Week at different times throughout the year.

"Our sorority has been on campus since 1977," she said, "and we've been having Diversity Week as far back as I can remember."

She said the week will kick off Sunday with an informal discussion on spiritual communication.

"It involves how people of different religions and backgrounds communicate with God," Thornton said. "People have really different ways of observing their faith."

Monday's event, titled "Taking Care of Yourself Inside and Out," will include guests from Wellspring trained in massage therapy, she said.

A lesson on dining etiquette, established by Thornton, will teach participants proper manners and rules for business dinners and other formal

events.

"We'll play a game called 'Pass the Ivy,'" she said. "An ivy is placed in the middle of the table, and whenever someone breaks a rule, she has to put the ivy in front of her."

Wednesday's program "AKA Tunes," which is a name-that-tune game in the tradition of Jeopardy.

Thornton said Thursday will feature the

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— Lindette Thornton, president of Alpha
Kappa Alpha

biggest event of the week — a fashion show held in the Mitchell Hall auditorium.

She said participants are encouraged to bring a can of non-perishable food with them to the event.

"We're decorating the stage with lights in the

shape of a T," she said.

Students involved will model businesswear, evening gowns donated by David's Bridal and "club wear," she said.

The grand finale will be Thursday after the conclusion of the fashion show, she said, but the finale remains a secret.

"We want it to be a surprise," she said.

The last day of Diversity Week will involve a more relaxed atmosphere, Thornton said.

"It's a chicken and Kool-Aid happy hour," she said.

Thornton said she expects a good turnout at all of the events, especially the fashion show.

"We'll probably get about 75 to 100 people at the [fashion show]," she said. "At the other events, we'll probably have somewhere between 25 to 30 people."

She said people usually turn out in rotations since some have evening classes, so she does not expect to see the same people night after night.

"People will attend the events they can make," she said, "so it will probably be a steady number."

The spiritual discussion will be held Monday in the Trabant University Center from 7 to 9 p.m.

"Taking Care of Yourself Inside and Out" and "AKA Tunes" will be held in the Center for Black Culture from 7 to 9 p.m.

The fashion show will be held in the Mitchell Hall auditorium from 7 to 9 p.m.

Friday's happy hour will take place in the Center for Black Culture from 5 to 7 p.m.

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80,000 more visas granted to high-tech workers

BY VIVIEN COLLINS
Staff Reporter

More high-tech oriented workers can receive visas after the approval of a new federal bill passed on April 11, 2000.

The new law went into effect on Oct. 1, 2000 to raise the number of specialized visas for foreign workers from 115,000 to 195,000 annually for the next three years.

Each visa, referred to as an H-1B visa, must be renewed after three years, but the employee can remain and work in the United States for up to six years.

Currently, the Immigration and Naturalization Service can issue visas to immigrants who have special skills.

Sen. Spencer Abraham, R-Mich., stated in a press release that he co-sponsored the legislation because he saw a high demand for skilled workers in the high-tech industries.

"The one thing on which I think almost everyone is in agreement is that we face a serious worker shortage with respect to high-tech employment and skilled labor in America today," Abraham said.

Lance Payne, an INS public relations officer, said the new visa is intended to remedy this problem by only admitting workers with specific skills.

"We are looking for workers with exceptional ability, post graduate degrees

and computer skills," he said.

He said applicants are generally doctors, engineers, professors or computer specialists.

Abraham said he feels this bill will temporarily aid the US economy by strengthening the workforce.

"The short-term problem is how to fill the key positions immediately so that we don't lose opportunities to foreign competitors," he said. "The long-term problem is to determine what we can do to make certain that in the future, we have sufficient trained Americans to fill those jobs."

Sen. Joseph R. Biden, D-Del., initiated

a program to train American youth by putting in computer learning centers across the country.

The goal of this program, he said, is to ensure a strong, high-tech workforce in the future.

While the new provisions may make obtaining an H-1B visa easier, some foreign university students said they consider the student visa a more viable option.

Graduate students Joy He and Wenwu Cui came to the university from China on student visas as Ph.Ds. and are candidates to study and conduct microbiology research.

Cui worked for three years as a teacher before continuing his education in the United States.

"It is easier to obtain a student visa," Cui said. "My wife in China is a registered nurse applying for the H-1B visa, and it has not been as easily obtained."

He said she agrees it is easier to obtain a student visa than an H-1B visa.

"It's like playing a game of chance," she said.

Though working visas have been hard to obtain in the past, she said, the chances of getting one have gotten better over the last few years.

'R' series rocks the Scrounge

BY LAURA CARNEY
Staff Reporter

As the band Pinfold played Bob Marley hits for an audience of 30 in the Scrounge Oct. 5, event organizer Jim Poole sat near the door in a black T-shirt bearing the logo of a new concert series — "R."

As he doled out free promotional cups and posters, he said he is a graduate assistant for the student centers and partly responsible for the birth of "R."

"We're trying to provide a fun alternative to bars," he said. "I feel like the focus is too much on Main Street on Thursday nights, and we want to compete with that."

Scott Mason, assistant director of the student centers, said he asked Poole for help renovating an existing Thursday night music series sponsored by Student Cultural Programming Advisory Board.

"We decided to call the series 'R' because of the concerts taking place on Thursdays, but also because we wanted it to look like an R-movie rating," Mason said. "We don't want high school students hanging out in the Scrounge. We've encountered the problem before because some local bands have a strong high-

school following."

After two weeks of turnouts as large as 100 for bands Gingham Shmuz and Daze Alone, Poole said he was disappointed but not surprised that Thursday night's audience was much smaller.

"I had to book Pinfold to replace Pilot Fisch tonight," he said. "They had to cancel at the last minute because their drummer quit."

Poole said the large audiences that the first two bands brought in are what he hopes to see for the rest of the year.

With good advertising, free giveaways and the same caliber of bands as those found in bars, he said he is optimistic about the growth of "R."

"I think this year, we have more support from the university than ever before," he said. "The student centers helped us a lot with the advertising."

The "R" series will feature bands of different genres, from ska to reggae, Poole said.

"We've got Love Syndicate playing next week and Chorduroy coming later this semester," he said. "Chorduroy is the same band the Stone Balloon has booked for Homecoming."

"We offer the bands a chance to actually come onto the campus



Various musical groups are performing in the Scrounge this semester as part of the new 'R' series.

and play for a younger crowd."

Poole said he found out about the opportunity to work on "R" over the summer, when he worked as an electrician for the student centers.

"I spent a lot of time this summer at different bars looking for bands," he said. "It was toward the end of August by the time we all put this together."

Mason said he looks forward to diversifying the program through collaboration with the Center for Black Culture and bringing in local rap groups.

While "R" seems to be successful so far, Mason said,

there is a lot of work left.

"It's still very much an infant," he said. "It hasn't started walking yet, and it needs to be nurtured. You can't base success on three nights."

Poole said he thinks working on "R" will provide a good learning experience for students who are interested in a career in the music business.

"For the students who don't play music, there are lots of lessons to be learned here," he said. "I've learned more outside the classroom than in the classroom about music management."

National expert to examine Mobil gas station instruments

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far the contamination has migrated and if the leak has affected the nearby residences of Chestnut Hill Estates, Fischer said.

"We want to investigate how much has gotten into the ground water and how far it has reached," he said.

Fischer said because the Chestnut Hill Estates community is supplied by public water and the houses in the area do not have basements, their risk is not very high.

"As far as risk goes, on a human health standpoint, the points of exposure aren't that great," Fischer said.

Fischer said the amount of damage done to Chestnut Hill Estates will depend on the type of water supply and building structure they utilize.

Problems could have been worse if the area had been supplied by private drinking wells and there had been homes with basements, he said.

Susan Griffith, a resident of Chestnut Hill Estates, lives in close proximity to the gas station.

"A lot of people didn't want them to build the gas station at all

because it is so close," Griffith said. "People even sent around a petition."

"The owner assured everyone that nothing like this would happen."

Griffith said she and other residents could smell gas from their houses last summer.

"Someone told us that there was a small leak but that they were taking care of it," she said.

She did not understand how the owner of the gas station failed to detect such a large leak, Griffith said.

"He couldn't have been getting money for the gas that he was buying," she said.

Hussain Mohammed, owner of Ogletown Mobil, said some added security measures were introduced to prevent further incidents.

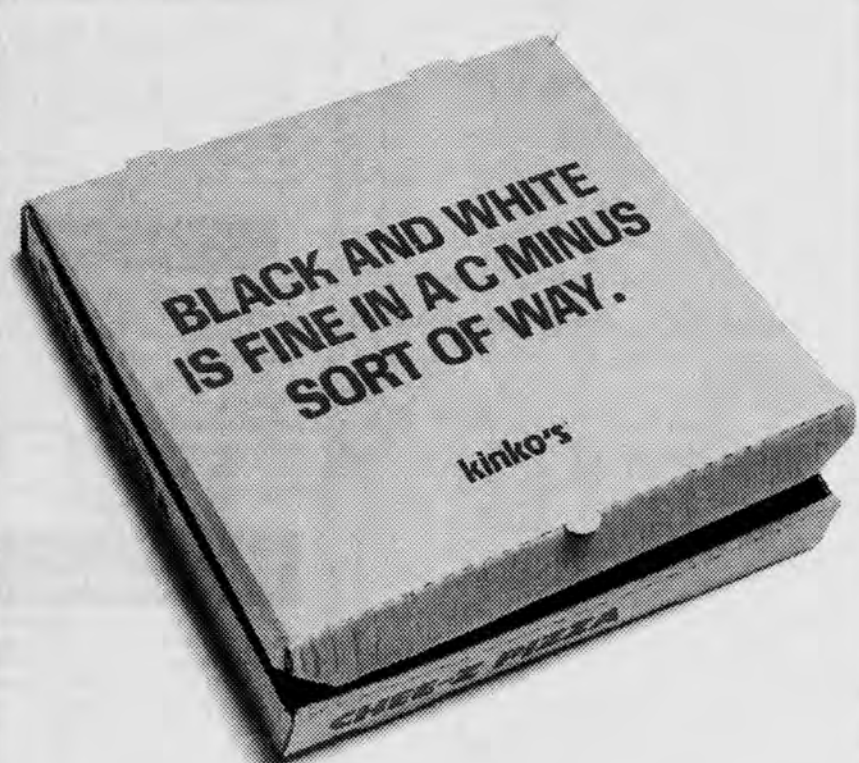
"We added an alarm to keep it from happening again," Mohammed said.

He declined further comment on the matter.

Fischer said he is not sure who will be held responsible for any damage that is attributed to the leak.

"This is something that might be going back and forth for quite a long time," he said.

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4:00 - 4:30	Man on the Moon	The Green Mile	The World Is Not Enough	The Advent- ures of Sebas- tian Cole	The Cradle Will Rock	The Big Kahuna	
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6:00 - 6:30	Burly Bear		Any Given Sunday	Burly Bear	Zilo	CEN	CBN
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7:30 - 8:00	Zilo			Zilo	CEN	CBN	Burly Bear
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Gay television star recounts experience

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childhood was joyful.

Because his family's pride was so important, expectations were high, he said, which is why it was hard coming to terms with his sexuality.

"My father and I used to watch cartoons together," he said.

"We'd watch Wonderwoman, and what he didn't know is that while he was in love with her, I was in love with the outfit."

Cruz said his family moved from Brooklyn to San Bernardino, Calif., when he was 10 years old.

"I knew I was going to be a star," he said. "I was going to make my family proud."

When he was young, Cruz said, he ignored his sexuality. But by junior high, he had a difficult time fitting in.

"I didn't get along with boys because I didn't play sports and chase girls," he said. "I didn't get along with girls — because I wasn't one."

Cruz said that when he was a teen-ager, things became more painful and he felt he had no one to whom he could relate.

"I was scared and confused," he said. "The only things being said about gays at the time were that if you were gay, you were going to die and you deserved it."

In high school, Cruz said, he met a friend who changed his life. He met a boy who was openly

gay — something Cruz said he admired.

By college, Cruz said, he was ready to tell the whole world — except his parents.

"I was Mr. Gay Pride," he said.

Cruz said that by then, he had gained confidence in his talent. He began going to auditions and soon landed the "My So-Called Life" role when his agent told him the show was holding auditions for the role of a Latino gay teen.

He said he jumped at the chance.

"I read the script and I was like 'This is my whole life — on paper,'" he said. "This role was validation that [gay teens] exist, that this is what our lives are like, and these are the things we really have to deal with."

Cruz said that when he got the part, it came with mixed feelings because he knew he would have to tell his parents that he was gay.

He said he told his mother and, after a brief emotional breakdown, she was accepting.

Afterward, he said, he faced the hard part — telling his father.

One night, at his family's Christmas party, Cruz said, his father asked him to join him for a talk in his "office" — the bathroom.

He said his father made small talk for a moment, then got right to the point.

"Are you a faggot?" his father demanded.

"What?" Cruz asked.

"Are you gay?"

Cruz said he began thinking out responses in his head.

The worst he can do is pee on me. I've been there before and it isn't that bad, he thought.

"Yeah," Cruz responded.

His father began yelling obscenities and demanded that he leave the house. While he was on his way out, his father threw bottles at him and told him never to come back.

Cruz said he had nowhere to go. He spent the next three months living in his 1991 four-door Dodge Spirit.

When the pilot episode of "My So-Called Life" aired, Cruz's father called.

"I said 'Hello' and he said 'I'm sorry,'" Cruz said. "I forgave him right away."

Cruz said he now takes advantage of his good fortune and offers his assistance to gay youth in need of support.

"I hope to represent a friend to them," he said.

His hopes have become reality.

"Being a gay Puerto Rican, I have a lot in common with him," freshman Jonathan Figueroa said. "Without a doubt, he conveys that he is a friend to [gay youth]."

Cruz said he thinks it is important to talk to college students because he would like gay teens to know other people go through the same things.

"It's OK to be who you are," he said.



THE REVIEW/Andrew Mehan
Victims of sexual assault made T-shirts and displayed them in the Trabant University Center as part of Sexual Assault Awareness Week.

Professor reflects on years of teaching

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students were interested, and I approached it in an intelligent and rational manner."

DeArmond said she keeps in close contact with her students and is often stopped by people she once taught when she goes out.

Kiger said he believes DeArmond underestimates her influence.

"Very few people my age and younger appreciate what kind of

pioneer she is," he said. "She's a survivor."

The list of DeArmond's accomplishments and experiences seems to go on exponentially.

She was one of the first university professors to teach women's literature classes in the early '70s.

"I taught some of Shakespeare's plays from the point of view of woman characters," she said.

She said the university had not defined American literature course of

study before she helped to develop it.

In addition, DeArmond had the opportunity to teach abroad four times.

Less than a decade after the end of World War II, she spent a year teaching on a Fulbright program at an international school in Munich, Germany.

In the early '70s, a stint as a teacher in Australia led her to develop one of the first Australian literature course in America.

"Going to Australia was a matter of my curiosity," she said. "It is sort of a parallel to American literature."

Over the years of teaching at the university, DeArmond said, she has witnessed a dramatic change.

"When I first came here, the entire student body fit comfortably in Mitchell Hall," she said, "and the faculty fit comfortably on the stage."

She said she remembers days when students commuted by train to downtown Newark, and every student was required to take four semesters of

literature classes.

She said she remembers the Women's College becoming part of the Men's College during the war.

"For the first time, men had the chance to take education classes," she said, "and women could take agriculture."

The university underwent a period of post-war growth due to the GI Bill, she said, but the largest period of growth has spanned the last 15 years.

"The change in that town since I left is very dramatic," she said. "The street I used to live on is now packed with cars bumper to bumper."

She said the award the forum is giving her this fall is an honor, but she does not feel that she did anything special.

She thinks that as a teacher only two things make her stand out.

"I'm interested in my material," she said, "and I'm very much interested in the people I'm teaching."

Public Safety sends e-mail on statistics

BY BETH ISKOE
Staff Reporter

Public Safety sent an e-mail to all students and faculty Oct. 2 about general safety information on campus, said Lawrence Thornton, director of Public Safety.

Thornton said the information, which involves campus security programs, recommended personal safety practices, campus disciplinary procedures and campus crime statistics for the last three years, is sent out every year in compliance with a federal law.

However, he said, this was the first year the information was disseminated through e-mail.

Thornton said he was in favor of the use of e-mail because it is more efficient than previous paper-based distribution methods.

"This way, we know that every student received the e-mail with the required information," he said.

Junior Jenny Seifried said she did not believe notifying students of the required information through e-mail was any better than the previous paper method.

"If people get mail they don't want, they will just throw it on the ground," she said. "If they get an e-mail they don't want, they'll delete it."

"At least by campus security sending the required information through e-mail, they are not wasting any paper."

Thornton said the e-mail also included a link to Public Safety's Web site to provide easier access to its contents.

The Web site contains a great deal of information that is relevant

to everyone at the university, Thornton said.

"The Web site has a lot of information about the department of Public Safety and the services we provide," he said.

Junior Eve Kaplan said even though the e-mail was received by every student on campus, she does not believe the majority of the students would have taken the time to read it, much less access the Web site.

"I know a lot of students still won't read the crime statistics report no matter how they were notified of it," she said. "Personally, I barely read the e-mail — I only scanned it very quickly. I didn't even realize there was a Web site to access."

Seifried said that more students might have read the e-mail if the subject title had been something that alerted them better to its contents.

"If campus security had sent me an e-mail that said 'Crime Alert,' I might have looked at it," she said. "The only reason I saw even a portion of it was because I check my mail through Outlook Express, and that one opened automatically."

Thornton said the federal legislation that requires the crime statistic information to be made available to students began with the Campus Security Act, originally passed in 1990.

The Campus Security Act has been revised in the past, most recently in 1998 as part of the Higher Education Act, he said.

The Higher Education Act allows the required information to be sent over e-mail, Thornton said.

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Editorial

Clean up your mess

A Mobil service station on Route 4 in Ogletown has funneled 15,000 gallons of gas into the ground because of a leak that may have existed since November 1999.

The Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control is investigating the leak to determine if the gas has contaminated the ground water supply.

The Mobil station is adjacent to a residential neighborhood, which is supplied by public water.

If these residents had been using private drinking wells, contamination could have resulted in more severe consequences.

There are state laws that require gas stations to maintain two forms of leak detection — inventory control and a line leak detector.

Considering that this was a substantial leak, it seems impossible that one of these methods of detection would have indicated a problem.

The station is under investigation because it did not report the leak to DNREC.

As it stands now, it is impossible to speculate as to whether the owner of the filling station had knowledge of this leak, so it becomes a matter of how it is handled and preventing it from happening again.

Early indications are that no serious damage has occurred because of this leak, but that is beside the point.

The fact is, gas leaking into the ground near a residential neighborhood is never a good thing.

The owner of this gas station must dedicate himself to cleaning up the leak and repairing resulting damage.

Also, he should re-examine his leak-prevention methods to ensure that something like this does not happen again.

On the other side of this issue, state regulatory agencies should do more to enforce leak detection laws that apply to service stations.

Review This:
It is the responsibility of service station owners to maintain a safe operation — especially if they are in residential neighborhoods.

Time to refocus

A federal bill passed on April 11, 2000, allows the Immigration and Naturalization Service to issue 80,000 more visas per year to immigrants who offer specialized high-tech skills.

The new law went into effect on Oct. 1 and will continue for the next three years.

This bill is aimed at aiding the U.S. shortage of workers in these specialized positions.

This type of visa is generally issued to doctors, engineers, professors or computer specialists.

The proponents of this bill feared that if this shortage was not dealt with immediately, then the United States would lose to foreign competitors in technological areas.

They have identified the next step in the process is to ensure that Americans can fill these positions in the future.

The way to do this is to

improve education in these fields as well as encouraging more people to enter the high-tech workforce.

There is currently a trend of more technology jobs in the United States. This is part of the reason that the shortage exists in the first place.

Some Americans may fear that the bill will cause them to be overlooked for certain jobs because an immigrant is better qualified.

Certainly, a business has the right to hire the best-qualified person for the job.

If people are worried that in most cases this will exclude Americans,

then they should simply be more aware of the problem that exists.

It is not fair to blame someone for having greater ability in a certain area.

Rather, Americans should concentrate on improvement so that they can compete in the future.

Review This:
A new bill allowing more visas to be issued to immigrants with special skills should push Americans to better themselves.

WHAT'S THAT SMELL?



THE REVIEW / Alana Kaper

Letters to the Editor

Gallagher's column further divides people

At least Shaun Gallagher is consistent. He consistently offers hyperbole and calls it argument. He consistently offers opinion and calls it fact. His latest piece continues this streak.

He claims men "bond" more deeply than women. Vagueness aside, he offers to let the facts speak for themselves.

What facts? Other than sexist conclusions about how men and women think, fight and relate to one another, there is little to his editorial at all, much less anything resembling a fact. His "evidence" consists of sweeping generalizations about some kind of bonding, enduring brotherhood and a snippy, bitchy sisterhood.

Other than to reassure himself of his sexism, I am at a loss as to why write

this piece at all. He doesn't expose some profound truth nor even offer a controversial idea grounded in anything (other than his impressions).

Why one would want to further divide people by virtue of their imagined differences is beyond me. It seems more prudent and more realistic to say some people can bond well, others not so well. This is not exactly a piece that's begging to be written, but it's better than baseless, sexist intuitions published as an argument.

Instead of offering any kind of argument or thoughtfulness, Gallagher seems content to further divide people along imaginary lines and make the world a worse place with sexist stereotypes that ultimately undermine human understanding.

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Not voting does not make a statement

Half of the eligible American population doesn't vote, and many of them, according to statistics and my own experience, don't vote because they think it won't do any good, or worse, in protest. What do these silent protesters think will happen? The leaders of our political system will say, "Oh, look. Joe Smith in Delaware didn't vote this year. We must reform ourselves."

Please. History shows that most people will not turn down a dictatorship if one is offered to them. At every point in our history when the public has gained more freedom it has been fought for — American independence, abolition, female and minori-

ty suffrage. People have had to die for these things. If we don't use the freedoms we have, people must die again to regain them.

If no candidate is acceptable, we must become acceptable candidates. Green Party presidential candidate Ralph Nader says, "Daily freedom requires daily citizenship."

This year there is an alternative besides Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dumb, and if Nader gets at least 5 percent of the vote, the party will get federal matching funds. This will make future wins more likely.

If the American public does not vote for a candidate, they vote for not being heard at all. I don't want to live in this country if that option wins.

Caroline Ailanthus
Newark resident

Palestine does not fit 'aggressor' label



Lina Hashem

Guest Columnist

"Prepare to be blinded by the light." This is what Josh Kramer said in his Oct. 6 editorial, as he said that Palestinians do not deserve a state and cannot be trusted with one.

But his arguments — a common line of thought in the United States — obscure the truth instead of uncovering it.

What he was arguing was the equivalent of putting someone who hasn't committed a crime in jail and then saying that, because he has objected, he doesn't deserve to ever get out.

The first of many problems with Kramer's column is that it was blatantly racist.

He wrote, "If you look at the facts of the situation, the mentality of the average Palestinian becomes apparent."

To put this into perspective, what would happen if someone wrote about the mentality of the average black person or the average Jew?

This is despicable language. The second problem is that Kramer does not understand either history or current events. He wrote, "Since when does protecting yourself against an aggressor make you a murderer?"

"Defense" makes you a murderer

when the "aggressor" has aggressed mostly with words and stones and your response has involved bullets and missiles. You are a murderer when you shoot kids who are throwing stones and bomb whole villages to retaliate when one person commits an attack, as Israel has routinely done.

Now, let's think about these "aggressors," the Palestinians.

These "aggressors" first saw their society changed and their jobs taken away when Great Britain — technically a "mandate" power but effectively a colonial power — decided to allow a Jewish homeland to be created in Palestine.

Few people would say that the Jews did not deserve a homeland after the persecution they had suffered. The problem was that Great Britain, to atone for the Western powers' crimes, basically robbed Peter to pay Paul, allowing the new immigrants to set up a homeland right on top of another people's society. This virtually guaranteed a conflict.

And conflicts did result — not religious in nature at first, but having to do more with social problems like the loss of jobs.

Finally, after England lost control of the situation it had created, the United Nations made the Palestinians' losses official. It carved off the better half of the area England had called Palestine to give it to the Zionists.

What would happen if the United Nations decided that half the United

States — including Delaware and your home — should be given to a Native American tribe?

War. That's exactly what did happen, and the "aggressing" Palestinians were crushed.

They lost even more land in Israel's 1967 attacks. This time, though, Israel didn't know what to do with the land it gained — except, of course, for East Jerusalem, which it immediately annexed — because it didn't want to have so many non-Jewish citizens. So it held the land in limbo, under military occupation.

Acquiring land by force is illegal under international law, and the international community has never approved. The UN has repeatedly told Israel to give back at least some of the land it took, but it refuses to listen.

These "aggressors," the Palestinians, have now lived under military occupation for decades. They have been largely denied basic elements of civilization such as sewage systems. Human rights organizations report many violations, including mass punishments, such as the demolition of multiple-family homes if one resident throws stones, or the bombing of whole villages to retaliate for an attack committed by one person.

Just consider that it was only a year or two ago that torturing Palestinian prisoners became illegal in Israel.

In return for all these losses, most of the Palestinian "aggressors" never wanted to "push the Jews into the

sea," as Kramer alleged. Instead, what "destroying Israel" meant was their proposal to share the whole former Palestine with the immigrants under a different form of government — a democratic one instead of the new religious, exclusionary one.

Now most have given up even this hope and just want to be allowed to rule the tiny bits of land they live on. The only thing they won't budge on is regaining the illegally taken East Jerusalem.

And even a tiny state that would be made of disconnected Bantustans is no longer something they are seen as entitled to but something they must grovel for.

In despair, a small number have committed acts of violence that I would never condone.

But this should not mean that millions should be kept in the equivalent of prison.

To deny the Palestinians even this tiny, sorry bit of a state and force them to continue to live under military occupation would not only be inhumane, it would be stupid. Common sense would indicate that people can simmer in frustration only so long before they explode.

Now how can anyone blame all the Middle Eastern problems on the "Palestinian mentality"?

Anyone who wants to see the light should make sure they're not wearing blinders.

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Awareness is only the first step in the process

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Given that this past week has been nationally dedicated as Sexual Assault Awareness Week, I would like to believe that men and women on this campus have taken advantage of the opportunity to educate themselves about this problem that affects many more people than we tend to imagine.

Unfortunately, I am afraid the message may have fallen on all too many deaf ears, so I would like to take this opportunity to say why I think it is absolutely necessary that every member of the university community take a few moments to really think about the issue of sexual assault.

The unfortunate thing about the social education women and men receive is that it serves the purpose of creating more anxiety between the sexes than it does in actually providing them with an adequate education. Rarely have we been given the facts about sensitive issues such as sexual assault, nor have the potential perpetrators

of sexual violence been appropriately warned of the consequences. Sexual assault tends to be one of those issues that is swept under the rug and not mentioned by parents or school officials with the hope that if it is ignored, then "something like that just won't happen here."

So let's take a moment and review the facts. Contrary to many misconceptions, sexual assault is not just rape.

According to the university, sexual assault is defined as any unwanted sexual contact including "unwanted sexual intercourse, fondling, kissing, holding or other sexual contact forced on someone by a stranger or a person he or she knows."

This means that whether you are a male or female, grabbing another person's behind in line at the food court or forcing your tongue down someone else's throat at a party is sexual assault.

Just because it happens so frequently that it has almost been integrated into our social conversation with one another does not make it acceptable.

Sexual assault is not only degrading to victims, but is degrading to all of us because our attitudes of tolerance and indifference speak volumes about the level of respect for one another that we

have in our society.

First of all, it is important to point out that sexual assault can occur to both men and women, and perpetrators of this violence can be the same or opposite sex as the victim. However, since assaults on women by men are by far the most common, the following will pertain to this form of sexual assault, specifically.

Neither I, nor any other feminist, believes that all men are rapists or otherwise out to sexually exploit women.

I feel it is in order to appeal to the men of the university and the surrounding community. To do this effectively, however, I need to make something clear. Neither I, nor any other feminist, believes that all men are rapists or otherwise out to sexually exploit women. What is true,

however, is that there are a number of men on this campus who flagrantly disrespect women.

Disrespect is where even the most violent sexual assaults begin. Sexually explicit jokes, comments about physical features, whistling and catcalling are never acceptable.

You wouldn't want someone to treat your mother, sister or girlfriend so disrespectfully.

I would like to make an additional appeal to the men on this campus, who already grant women freedom from emotional and physical attacks, to stand up for their women's values in the presence of less respectful men.

If you care about women and their rights, it is to your benefit as a man to stand up against men who continue to degrade women. These same men degrade your position as a human being as a result of their behavior.

Women can, and should, take some responsibility in educating themselves about and protecting themselves from this potential danger.

If you enjoy going out on a Saturday night and choose to drink alcohol or use recreational drugs, this is by all means

your choice. But don't assume some benevolent stranger will take responsibility for you. Be aware of this and take care of yourself.

It is in your best interest to educate yourself about the various means of protection from sexual assault.

Learn as much as you can about the various forms of sexual assault. Talk with your friends about their understanding of and experience with these issues. Inquire about rape defense training. Familiarize yourself with the university's blue light system and the location of the emergency phones along your usual walking routes.

Even if they may in some cases be inadequate, these phones can be of tremendous help in an emergency.

It has been estimated that as many as one in four college women has been sexually assaulted at least once. If this estimate is relatively accurate, at least one of your close friends has been or will be victimized. It could be your roommate. Or your best friend. Or your girlfriend. And if it's not, maybe it could be you.

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Porn sites earn quick buck



Ray Merkler
Static Cling

Ah, the Internet. The Information Superhighway, where you can chat with your friends, send e-mail, watch streaming movies, play games, see the world, buy a car, pirate music, punch Bill Gates, feed the cat, buy another car, lose your keys, get a haircut, order fine Tibetan cuisine, take out the trash and poison Lake Erie, all without leaving the house and being exposed to that troublesome fresh air thing they keep telling you about.

For students, the first thing that comes to mind after hearing the word "Internet" is Napster, which I really don't have the patience to go into now. The thing that comes to mind next, if anything at all, is research, or at least I hope so. Whether this is the case or not, I recently had to do some research for a construction class that I'm taking. (OK, you got me. I don't really have a construction class, but segues are just so hard to come by these days.) The subject was dolly carts, so I went to Lycos and typed in "dolly carts."

Never type anything that either rhymes with or has more than one letter in common with the word "doll" into a search engine. Suddenly I'm wading through 300,000 porno links.

No, I am not writing about the porn problem on the Internet. I am writing about the gobs of money to be made from it.

Just try going to one of these sites. I did (for research purposes). Upon clicking on the first link on the list, I was presented with what looked less like an adult site and more like some creepy advertising campaign.

First came the banners. There were about 20 of them, and that's all the description you get. I'm trying very hard to keep this PG. I picked one at random and then clicked it (for research purposes). This took me to yet another site with a long list of banners.

Pick one at random. Long list of banners. Pick one at random. Long, hard list of banners, etc.

Next came the pop-up windows, quite possibly the most irritating thing since sandpaper underwear, and there were eight of these things, linking to roughly the same things as the banners, only with more unsettlingly graphic detail. Closing some of these caused more windows to pop up, which came with their own pop-up windows, yada yada yada.

What's so great about banners and pop-ups? Banner exchange services, my friend. Every time I clicked on one of those banners or watched one of those pop-up ads invade my screen, I earned the sites' individual owners a cool five cents.

If every porn site has 20 banners and eight pop-up windows, then it stands to reason that one can reach any porn site from any other porn site through a delicate porn site matrix.

A quick look at some of the Web counters on these sites confirms this theory.

You are person 352,563 to visit this page since June 8, 2000; 7.8 million people have visited since Aug. 1992; 38.3 billion visits since Dec. 1884; 736.4 trillion sick sexually aroused [fudge]s have [fudge]d me in the [donkey] since Nero started the Great Fire.

These people must be on to something, as even the free sites were clearly making a good buck, so I decided to see just how lucrative this business could be.

That's right. I opened me a porn site (for research purposes). I'd noticed that most of the sites I had come across had either some kind of daily offering or a Web cam for voyeur types. Since I couldn't get any volunteers to dance around in the buff for a Web cam (mostly because I didn't have the gall to try), daily site it was.

I'd been maintaining a Web site for quite some time, but this was something entirely different. Instead of relying on my own wit and creativity, I had to rely on other people's shamelessness and exhibitionism.

I started by laying out a fair design

and setting off a ludicrous amount of space for banners. Next, I e-mailed the owners of about 20 sites and got them to agree to a link trade, and then I signed up for about a dozen banner exchange services. With the banners ready to roll, I set off on my quest for pop-up windows, which for some reason only took about 15 minutes. I guess people really like to annoy other people.

No duh. So the money making part was set. Now I had to fish around for stuff to put up every day, which was easier said than done because I don't exactly have an extensive porn collection. I do respect women, believe it or not. I'd prefer not to go into the details, but I did indeed succeed in getting content.

After hours of writing HTML and enduring the rather strange looks I was getting as people passed my door, I finally finished putting everything together and uploaded it all to the university servers. This would prove a mistake, as that the university frowns on that sort of thing, but I only needed it to stay up for a little while.

Exhausted, I went to bed, praying that I might somehow get to have a normal dream or two.

After a well-earned slumber during which I found myself being chased up a mountain by a tribe of mutant nipples, I awoke to find that my site had gotten 896 hits in six hours. Each day after that saw more and more hits. Finally, I got sick and tired of the horrible experiment and shut it all down, having made \$4,783.45 in two short weeks (for research purposes).

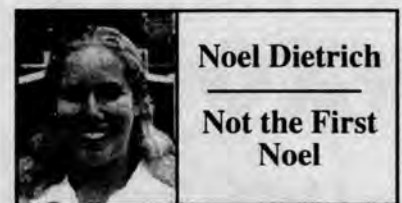
The site pulled 19,857 hits on its last day.

There are two things to be learned from this — I was right, and there is something dreadfully wrong with this world.

Now if you'll excuse me, it seems that running a porn site is a bad thing, so I'd best be going to confession now.

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Students avoid real world



Noel Dietrich
Not the First Noel

I fully admit that I'm not proud of the following:

I'm 20 years old — an adult in our society and a college student going on my third year — yet I feel completely unprepared to function in the "real world."

At my high school graduation, I remember my fear and apprehension about entering the world as an adult.

Of course I was going to college. No other options even entered my mind.

There was no question that it would be there that I would learn to be the independent adult everyone expected me to become.

For the first time in my life, I would be alone in the big, scary world, fending for myself.

I can recall entering my residence hall for the first time, a scared little girl ready to become a woman of the world.

No more meals cooked for me.

No more being awoken by my mother in the morning and expected to go to school.

No parents around to tell me how to get along with my brother or when to be quiet.

Scary stuff. But I was ready, armed with a cookbook from my aunt, an alarm clock and tons of motivation.

Too bad I wouldn't put any of this to use other than my alarm clock.

Sure, I thought I had grown up. I thought I was a big kid.

This summer when I returned to my high school job at FunScape, an indoor entertainment complex in Wilmington, I thought that my endless realms of newly acquired maturity would vastly benefit my work.

Many of my co-workers had graduated from high school with me, but instead of attending college, they had elected to go into the working world.

I had two years of college behind me — I should be way ahead of the game, right?

Not quite. One day, I was instructed to purchase socks for the children's area.

Socks in mass quantity. Where to buy them? What a question. Where to buy anything?

Duh, the mall, of course.

After two hours of searching the mall for packages of socks under \$10, I returned to work, tired and frustrated.

When I explained my traumatic experiences searching for cheap socks, my co-workers offered little sympathy.

"Noel, do you know where K-Mart is? No? How about the unemployment office? Family court?"

I sheepishly stared at the floor.

"But, I bet you know your way to the Gap."

I slunk away in embarrassment.

When I returned to school this fall, I began to see my independence, or lack thereof, in a new light.

I might be gaining knowledge, but I'm still being protected from real life.

Do I know how to cook? Nope. Every meal, it's off to the dining

hall where my most creative concoction is a plate of nachos.

Need to go to the doctor — no problem, Student Health Services will do everything for me, without forcing me to worry about money, insurance or anything of the sort.

Don't want to get up for class? Too bad, I have to.

All of my professors have attendance policies. In the real world keeping your job has to be your motivation — as passing your classes should be in school.

The list goes on. If I have a fight with my roommate, my resident assistant will intervene and try to talk sense into us. Quiet hours force me to shut up and study at a designated time.

We should be learning to take care of these issues on our own.

I realize I am generalizing, and I'm sure many students are more capable than I am in this respect.

I know there are many other students in the same boat as me, and as I approach the real real world as a working woman, I don't feel at all prepared to be alone in the world.

Maybe instead of forcing us to take core requirements with no relation to our major, this school could take the time to teach us how to be street smart.

Or, at the very least, I don't think we should be babied/any more.

If I'm going to fall, let me fall now.

My parents shouldn't be paying the big bucks for me to fall later.

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Tales from the 13th floor

University professor reveals the mystique of the unlucky number

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Entertainment Editor

For a triskaidekaphobe, today is a wretched day. To someone with the fear of the number 13, the day is dreadfully brimming with sauntering black cats and precariously arranged ladders.

For Professor Thomas Fernsler, Friday, Oct. 13 prompts a plethora of run-ins with the most unfavorable number. It is, however, to his benefit that people view the infamous integer with suspicion.

As an associate policy scientist and a history aficionado, Fernsler employs a teaching technique that incorporates his occupation and side interest.

In 1987, 13 years ago, he noticed three occurrences of a 13th day on a Friday (the most possible in a year).

Fernsler, a.k.a. "Dr. 13" says this finding launched his curiosity into the number's mystique.

"At the time, it seemed like a lot of Friday the 13ths in one year," he says. "I started investigating it, looking into it. I also like to make historical connections, I've always been a history buff."

As a point of historical reference, Fernsler believes a triskaidekaphobe will tell anyone the "13" myth began with Jesus' betrayal at the Last Supper.

"They'll say, 'Well, Jesus was the 13th at the Last Supper, and look what happened to him,'" he says.

Some numerologists will attest to 13's dysfunctional prowess. The number 12 is considered complete, stable and perfect — consider 12 months in a year, 12 hours on the clock, 12 zodiac signs and 12 apostles, among others.

Thirteen, however, is just one digit beyond completeness.

"I think, depending on the numerologist, he might tell you it's evil," Fernsler says.

While he refutes 13's nefarious character, he admits

that 2,000 years after the fact, the number's notoriety continues to pervade humanity's supposed rational and logical intelligence.

Fernsler sees the fascination with 13-related behavior as an effective teaching tool, which fuel an interest in mathematics and other numerocentric studies.

Take, for example, the troubled Apollo 13 venture in April 1970.

Already there is the mission number — 13. The Apollo shuttle left Kennedy station at the 13:13 Houston, TX time, which is where mission control was located.

Fernsler explains that the shuttle actually disembarked at 14:13, or 2:13 p.m. But at the very instant of the launch, Houston takes over the flight and the clock signaled 13:13, Central Standard Time.

The ship's explosion also occurred, eerily enough, on April 13.

Perhaps only a true triskaidekaphobe can appreciate the remaining two peculiarities, which Fernsler points out as being ignored by both the Ron Howard film and a made-for-television holiday documentary.

"If you look at the numeric launch date, it's April 11, 1970," he says. His eyes bulge to reveal a Robin Williams-esque enthusiasm. "But if you look at 4-11-70 and you add the digits, it's 13."

"The four plus one ... one ... seven ... zero ..."

"And it left launch pad 39 — the third multiple of 13."

Making such connections is what interests the mathematician, rather than fear or affiliated superstitions.

Fernsler pulls examples, from politics to pop culture to sports trivia, out of his head like a magician would rabbits from a top hat.

"The rock 'n roll revolution spawned by Elvis Presley all started when he was in Memphis," Fernsler says. "He was 13 when his family moved to Memphis."



"Did you know Fidel Castro was born on Friday the 13th in August of 1926?"

"Richard Nixon was born in January of 1913."

"President Clinton is the 13th president never to have served in armed forces for this country."

Fernsler remembers one conference in '93 — the year of Clinton's inauguration — where he told his audience of this fact, only to have someone in the rear scream out, "Now you tell us!"

Despite such coincidences, Fernsler says the number 13 should be approached with a sense of humor, not apprehension. To reinforce his feelings, he brings up football great Dan Marino.

"Look at him. He just retired and he's certain to go into the Hall of Fame. He's set records for touchdown passes and passing yardage. He wore No. 13 through his whole career," Fernsler says. "[Marino] can be considered the best quarterback never to have won the

Superbowl."

Do note that on the night Marino's jersey was retired, a torrential downpour marred his ceremony.

Despite numerous parallels between the number 13 and suspicious events, Fernsler is not convinced of 13's dubious might. He admits triskaidekaphobia is one of the few superstitions people still possess, but in the year 2000, fewer people are swayed by the superstitious date.

Fernsler considers himself one of those who ignore the desire to act paranoid on days such as today. He claims not to be confined by musings of shattered mirrors and daunting felices.

But even Dr. 13 has his questionable habits.

"Every time I fly in an airplane, I always wear the same shoes, the same socks, the same pants and the same shirt, and the same underwear and the same lucky cap," he says. "But I'm not superstitious."

He pauses. "That's a little math joke."

Very Superstitious

The writing behind the myths

BY DAN STRUMPF
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Whether or not a person considers himself superstitious, he probably unwittingly engages in a number of superstitious rituals daily.

Some of these actions are so subconscious that they seem intertwined with our culture, while others are deliberate attempts to influence our fate.

However, each one has its origins in past practices that resulted from ignorance, fear of the unknown or trust in magic.

Walking under ladders

This superstition originated from the early Christian belief that a leaning ladder formed a triangle with the wall and ground. A person that walked through a triangle, the symbol of life, violated the Holy Trinity. This was a sign that he or she was in league with the Devil.

In Asia, where some criminals were hung from the seventh rung of a ladder, death was thought to be contagious. Walking under a ladder was forbidden, as it was believed that a person would die as a result.

Saying "God bless you" when someone sneezes

This practice stems from the belief that spirits reside in the body.

One version maintains that a sneeze expels evil spirits from the body. Saying "God bless you" protects the sneezer, as well as those nearby, from spirits entering their bodies.

An alternate story contends that the sneezer's life force, spirit or soul could be expelled during a sneeze. Someone uttering the magic phrase was actually asking for God to allow the sneezer's soul to return to its body of origin.

Gesundheit, the German version of "God bless you," means health and is used to wish the sneezer well being.

Spilling Salt

This tradition holds that when salt is spilled the responsible party should throw it over his left shoulder.

It was believed that evil spirits lived on the left side of the body and good on the right. Some people thought that spilled salt was a warning from the good spirits that the evil spirits were up to mischief.

Salt used to be a precious and rare substance. Thrown over the shoulder, it was a bribe to the evil spirits, or a weapon which would strike the evil spirits in the eye, scaring them away.

Knocking on wood

This phrase was originally used to appease spirits. It was said and performed when making a prediction or speaking of good fortune.

One version of this superstition stems from the ancient belief that trees were the homes of gods. People believed that by touching the bark of an enchanted tree a favor would be granted. Knocking on the same tree later was a way of saying thank you.

Another story behind the superstition supports the see SUPERSTITIONS page B4



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In the face of all of life's crises, solace can be found in a bag of Chinese takeout. Just break open one of those crunchy little confections resting atop the moo goo gai pan and read your fortune.

Just failed your third psychology exam and came home to find your roommate wrecked your car?

"You deal with disappointment remarkably well."

Forced to take a slave-wage job as a pizza deliverer?

"You will travel to many places."

Found a "So long, sucker" letter from your sweetheart in the mailbox?

"Life is a tragedy for those who feel and a comedy for those who think."

Nothing else in the world is so consistently sweet, satisfying and bizarrely optimistic. Alas, these pearls of wisdom aren't usually written by genuine gurus.

"A lot of them are just picked up along the way," says Patti DuSresne, marketing director for Keefer Court Food Inc., which turns out about 200,000 cookies per day.

Clients also offer ideas, she says, and the company's founder, Sunny Kwan, has written many as well.

Some are lighthearted, like the ones from the company's kids' line, "Little Wishes." Examples include "Don't bring snakes in the house" and "Poems don't have to rhyme."

But DuSresne says some people treat fortunes as a matter of life and death.

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DuSresne says the deceased's family was outraged. They called the company, convinced the cookie's message had been an evil omen.

Mike Fry, founder of Fancy Fortune Cookies, offered more inspirational tales.

"I had a guy pull out of his wallet a fortune

he had used to guide his life for nine years," he says. It read, "You will enjoy great luck and prosper in life."

Fry says he also knows a woman with cancer who, after a round of chemotherapy, found a fortune that read, "You've turned the corner — it's getting better." She later recovered.

He says a fortune has exactly as much prophetic power as the recipient allows.

"The power of a fortune cookie is the power of association you connect to it," Fry says.

Although their blurly printed aphorisms can guide one's life, those seeking true Asian wisdom should know that fortune cookies are a uniquely American invention. Their origin, however, traces back to the 13th or 14th century, when the Mongols occupied China.

The patriotic revolutionary Chu Yuan Chang came up with the idea of hiding secret messages in traditional moon cakes made of lotus nut paste.

The Mongols apparently didn't care for the taste of these delicacies, so they were surprised by the popular uprisings advertised in the cakes. The Chinese overcame the invaders and the Ming Dynasty was formed.

Fortune Cookies later resurfaced in the United States in the late 1800s. Chinese immigrants who were building American railways through the Sierra Nevada to California began exchanging biscuits with happy messages inside at the annual moon festival.

San Francisco claims to be the birthplace

of fortune cookies, although a Los Angeles baker became famous for churning them out by the thousands in the 1920s.

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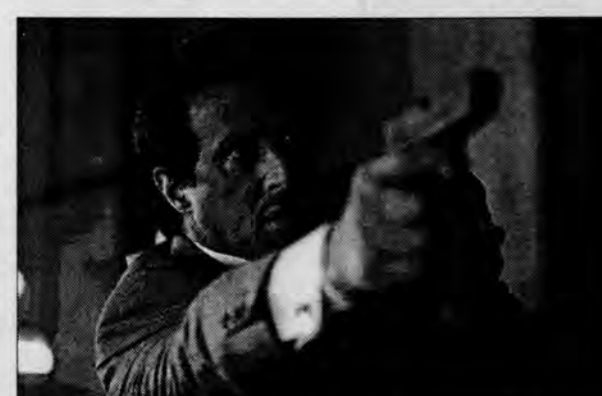
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SAY WHAT?

It's October — the air is chill, the moon shines bright and a mysterious fog rises from the nighttime Newark streets.

Wouldn't you rather be inside, cuddling cozily, eating popcorn and watching a movie that'll make your guts clench in fear?

The Review ventured out and asked students:

"What's your favorite scary movie?"



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"Candyman." He's scary and he wears a real cool coat."



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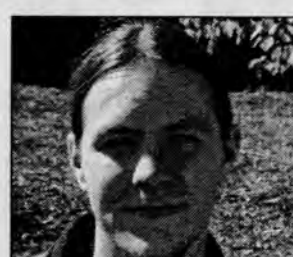
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"Creepers." I saw it when I was in seventh grade. At that age, it just scared the living you-know-what out of me."



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"I don't like scary movies to start with. I guess there's not very many good ones."



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"The Night of the Living Dead." I think old, black-and-white movies are scarier."

Concert Dates

TROCADERO (215-922-5900)

Punk-O-Rama Tour, Oct. 13, 7 p.m., \$12
Liquid Gang, Oct. 26, 7 p.m., Free Admission

THEATER FOR THE LIVING ARTS (215-922-1011)

SR-71, Oct. 13, 10 p.m., \$13
Souls of Mischief, Oct. 23, 8 p.m., \$15
Squirrel Nut Zippers, Oct. 26, 9 p.m., \$17

ELECTRIC FACTORY (215-627-1332)

Jurassic-5, Oct. 14, 9 p.m., \$17.50
Beenie Man, Oct. 20, 10 p.m., \$25
BBMak, Oct. 24, 8 p.m., \$17.50

Movie Times

REGAL PEOPLES PLAZA (834-8510)

Dr. T and the Women 11:30, 2, 4:40, 7:40, 10:20
The Contender 1, 4, 7, 10
Lost Souls 12:40, 2:55, 5:20, 8, 10:30
Ladies Man 12, 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:55
Almost Famous 1:15, 3:55, 6:40, 9:25
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The Exorcist (2000 Version) 1:05, 4:10,

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South Central Mall: Art Under the Stars, 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Stone Balloon: DJ Dance Party, 9 p.m. No cover with student I.D. \$2 everything.

East End Café: Living Earth, 9 p.m.

Ground Floor: Fusion Friday with DJ Darin Taviano, 9 p.m.

Trabant: "Shaft," 7:30 p.m., "The Patriot," 10 p.m. \$2

SATURDAY

Wild Child Café: Flux Capacitor, Raccoon and the Overtones, 8:30 p.m., \$4

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and spinning shots. They would have been impressive if they actually served the film in some way.

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In its way, "Get Carter" is slightly above what passes as an action film because it tries to pose the question of second chances. But it's a film unworthy of any chance at all.

— Clarke Speicher

SAY WHAT?

It's October — the air is chill, the moon shines bright and a mysterious fog rises from the nighttime Newark streets.

Wouldn't you rather be inside, cuddling cozily, eating popcorn and watching a movie that'll make your guts clench in fear?

The Review ventured out and asked students:

"What's your favorite scary movie?"



Erin Gray
Sophomore

"What Lies Beneath." It was suspenseful from beginning to end."



Glenn Veit
Freshman

"Candyman." He's scary and he wears a real cool coat."



Megan Willey
Freshman

"Halloween." I watched that when I was 8."



Meredith Kaufmann
Junior

"The Shining." It just messes with your head. He's completely psychotic."



Jeremy Everhart
Freshman

"Scary Movie." It was just funny."



Nancy Simar
Junior

"Creepers." I saw it when I was in seventh grade. At that age, it just scared the living you-know-what out of me."



Dan Auble
Senior

"I don't like scary movies to start with. I guess there's not very many good ones."



Casey Dickinson
Sophomore

"The Night of the Living Dead." I think old, black-and-white movies are scarier."

Concert Dates

TROCADERO (215-922-5900)

Punk-O-Rama Tour, Oct. 13, 7 p.m., \$12
Liquid Gang, Oct. 26, 7 p.m., Free Admission

THEATER FOR THE LIVING ARTS (215-922-1011)

SR-71, Oct. 13, 10 p.m., \$13
Souls of Mischief, Oct. 23, 8 p.m., \$15
Squirrel Nut Zippers, Oct. 26, 9 p.m., \$17

ELECTRIC FACTORY (215-627-1332)

Jurassic-5, Oct. 14, 9 p.m., \$17.50
Beenie Man, Oct. 20, 10 p.m., \$25
BBMak, Oct. 24, 8 p.m., \$17.50

Movie Times

REGAL PEOPLES PLAZA
(834-8510)

Dr. T and the Women 11:30, 2, 4:40, 7:40, 10:20
The Contender 1, 4, 7, 10
Lost Souls 12:40, 2:55, 5:20, 8, 10:30
Ladies Man 12, 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:55
Almost Famous 1:15, 3:55, 6:40, 9:25
Beautiful 1:55, 4:30, 7:05
Digimon: The Movie 11:55, 2:10, 4:25, 6:55
Get Carter 11:40, 12:10, 2:25, 4:50, 7:25, 9:35, 10:10
Meet the Parents 11:45, 12:15, 2:15, 2:45, 4:45, 5:15, 7:15, 7:45, 9:45, 10:15
Remember the Titans 11:35, 12:05, 2:05, 2:35, 4:35, 4:35, 5:05, 7:05, 7:35, 9:35, 10:05
The Exorcist (2000 Version) 1:05, 4:10,

7:20, 10:10
Urban Legends: Final Cut 12:30, 2:40, 5:10, 7:50, 10:25
What Lies Beneath 1:10, 4:05, 6:50, 9:30
Bring It On 11, 1:50, 2:20, 4:55
The Watcher 11:35, 1:50, 4:15, 6:50, 9:15
Nurse Betty 9:20

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Meet the Parents 1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 9:50, 12
Dr. T and the Women 1:30, 4:20, 7, 9:40, 12
Urban Legends: Final Cut 2, 4:40, 7:30, 10, 12
Nurse Betty 1:40, 4:10, 7:10, 9:45, 12
The Watcher 2:10, 4:50, 7:40, 10:10, 12

THE HIT LIST

If you're having trouble staying warm these days, here are some events sure to warm your heart, soul and ears.

South Central Mall, Art Under the Stars, 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Stone Balloon, DJ Dance Party, 9 p.m. No cover with student I.D. \$2 everything.

East End Cafe, Living Earth, 9 p.m.

Ground Floor, Fusion Friday with DJ Danni Tavano, 9 p.m.

Trabant, "Shaft," 10:30 p.m., "The Patriot," 10 p.m. \$2

SATURDAY

Wild Child Cafe, Flux Capacitor, Raccoon and the Overtones, 8:30 p.m., \$4

Stone Balloon, Tin Pan Alley, 10 p.m.

East End Cafe, Adam Brodsky, 9 p.m.

Ground Floor, U.D. College Night Bikini and Best Body contest, 9 p.m.

The nine lives of Jason Voorhees

Summary

Friday the 13th: A murderer systematically stabs, slashes and hacks his way through the staff at Camp Crystal Lake — only to be revealed not as a mask-marauding psycho, but as his sky blue sweater-wearing mother.

Friday the 13th, Part 2: Emotionally distraught over his mother's brutal decapitation, Jason tries to come to terms with his mother's death by therapeutically killing counselors at a camp across the lake. Not yet ready for a hockey mask, Jason stalks his prey disguised by a pillow case.

Friday the 13th, Part 3: A camp counselor returns to Crystal Lake with her dope-smoking friends for a weekend getaway. Jason shows up to get his revenge, and in the process acquires his trademark hockey mask. Originally released in 3D, this hour and a half long episode is packed with a dozen murders intended to make the audience soil their seats.

Friday the 13th Part 4, The Final Chapter: After being taken to a hospital, believed to be dead, Jason escapes to a nearby town to wreak havoc. Fortunately, a young Corey Feldman is there to put a machete through Jason's one good eye. In a surprise that rocked the foundation of world cinema, this was not the final installment.

Friday the 13th Part 5, A New Beginning: A now-grown Tommy Jarvis is still possessed with thoughts of his encounter with Jason back in part four. Jarvis is sent to a counseling sanctuary, where a vengeance-filled paramedic mimics Jason by donning a hockey mask and slaughtering loony patients.

Friday the 13th Part 6, Jason Lives: Mainstay Tommy Jarvis digs up Jason's worm-riddled cadaver just to ensure he's dead, it gets struck by lightning not once but twice (what are the chances?), and the killings start again (coincidentally, 13 deaths before he even gets to the camp). There's no Kevin Bacon or Corey Feldman, but Tony Goldwyn (the villain in "Ghost") makes an appearance that is cut very short.

Friday the 13th Part 7, the New Blood: Jason Voorhees is revived by a telekinetic Tina, who years before accidentally used her powers to kill her abusive father. Hoping to ease her conscience after daddy's death, Tina revisits the site and oops, inadvertently reanimates Jason from the depths of Crystal Lake.

Friday the 13th Part 8, Jason takes Manhattan: Jason is resurrected from his watery grave and stows away on a cruise ship with Crystal Lake's graduating class. Among the graduates is a young woman who may have been tormented by the hockey-masked avenger in the past. Despite the title, Jason doesn't arrive in New York until the final minutes, where he is ignored as an average freak.

Friday the 13th Part 9, Jason Goes to Hell: After having his earthly body destroyed by a trigger-happy SWAT team, it appears Jason's bloody legacy was over — yeah, right. The Voorhees boy's spirit escapes and possesses numerous "vessels," until a member of his bloodline finally sends him on a first-class voyage to hell.

Best Killing Scene

One camp counselor receives an axe facial, courtesy of Mrs. Voorhees — Jason Voorhees' out-for-vengeance mommy.

Jason throws a machete, sending his wheelchair-bound victim down three flights of stairs.

Jason splits the jock of the group, who is fond of walking on his hands, from groin to chest with a machete in an attempt to teach the young stud a lesson about the duality of life.

Jason pulls a horny teen-ager threw a second-story window and throws her onto the station wagon below.

While attempting to repair his stalled car, an aggravated youth receives a tip in oral hygiene after Jason washes his foul mouth out with a lit roadside flare.

Jason drops from a tree and in one fell swoop produces a triple decapitation on company executives humorously wearing "DEAD" headbands, donned after losing paintball and before losing their heads.

Finding a dumb blonde lying in her sleeping bag, Jason, with Sammy Sosa-like grace, bats her against a tree, scoring a homerun for the away team.

In a boxing match with Jason, a student invites the killer to take his best shot. The boxer's head is promptly removed from his shoulders and sent into a nearby Dumpster.

Involves the murder of appetite. A coroner examining Jason's dismembered corpse becomes possessed and proceeds to chow down on the butcher's throbbing heart.

Best Line

"You're going to 'Camp Blood?' You'll never come back again. It's got a death curse."

"He's hungry for young blood."

"Come on guys, you're wrecking the house."

"Is this the guy who's been leaving the wet stuff?"

"Jason Voorhees? Jason Voorhees is dead! His body was cremated. He's nothing but a handful of ash."

"So what were you gonna be when you grow up?"

"Come on Dan, you big hunk of a man. Come get me!"

"Look closely. I want to make sure all of my organs are labeled properly."

"Plan of smokin' a little dope, havin' a little premarital sex, and getting slaughtered?"

Rating



— Compiled by Adrian Bacolo, Clarke Speicher, Dan Strumf and Joshua Kaston.

Trading cultures for Yom Kippur

A Catholic learns about another faith by observing Judaism's Day of Atonement

BY LAURA LAPONTE
Features Editor

I was born and raised a Roman Catholic and had only one Jewish friend in high school.

However, many of my closest friends at the university are Jewish. Despite this fact, I had only a vague understanding of their religion.

I wanted to know more.

On Monday I decided to celebrate the Jewish holiday Yom Kippur. I chose to fast, as tradition dictates, from sunset to the following sunset.

What I thought would be a simple avoidance of food led to a wonderful experience. I gained insight and knowledge of the Jewish faith as a whole. My notions of the surrounding world changed.

I started Monday morning as any other with a cup of coffee. I was soon enlightened by my Jewish roommate that this was a mistake. I had been completely unaware that liquids were also off-limits for the day.

I didn't realize this would be the first in a series of blunders I would make.

These errors, however, were the keys to breaking down the walls of ignorance that have surrounded me since birth.

I headed to class after performing my daily morning rituals — minus breakfast, of course.

I didn't know it yet, but I had already committed my second mistake.

After attending classes, I told another Jewish friend about my plans for the day. I also raised a concern about becoming dehydrated at the gym.

He promptly tore down another wall of ignorance.

I was embarrassed to discover that all but necessary activity on Yom Kippur was forbidden.

I realized that by celebrating a holiday I knew little about, I was not being fair to the Jewish faith. I decided to call my best friend, who is Jewish, for help.

Jodi and her mother Bonnie gave me background and filled me in on "the rules" so that I might celebrate the holiday in proper form.

Yom Kippur falls 10 days after Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year. It is a Day of Atonement.

For one day the Jewish people separate themselves from the outside world. They refrain from food, drink, television, radio, cars, work and handling money. By doing this, they symbolically cleanse themselves for a new start.

In lieu of regular activity, their time is spent in prayer and at temple, worshipping God to begin the next year forgiven of past sins.

I don't know what I would have discovered by simply spending the day not eating — probably just that I was really hungry.

At noon, I officially began the proper

observance of Yom Kippur.

I'm not sure if it was just from pretending to be someone else for a day, but I had fun. It was the most peaceful day I have experienced all semester.

It was a feeling that in not doing anything, I was still accomplishing something.

Jodi and I bonded with nature, God and each other as we walked the afternoon away around campus. She spent most of the time trying to tear down more of my walls.

At 5:30 p.m., we walked to East Delaware Avenue to attend a question- and- answer session at the Jewish student organization, Hillel.

I felt uneasy about my presence there. However, I relaxed when I realized people of the faith were the ones asking the questions. It was encouraging to see even they didn't know everything.

I learned about the Jewish tradition of wearing a tallis, a shawl or scarf. In seeing Hebrew for the first time, I learned that it is read from right to left.

However, my largest discoveries were made at the closing ceremony, the Neilah.

Two women studying to become rabbis conducted the ceremony. They read from the Old Testament and offered interpretations and teachings. They also read traditional prayers in Hebrew specific to the occasion.

As I sat on my blue, foldout chair, I began to see similarities between my faith and



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After the high holy day ends, bagels and lox are a traditional way to break the fast.

Judaism.

I was surprised to notice that Yom Kippur and the Catholic celebration of Lent share a similar purpose and execution. Both holidays signal a new beginning.

For Lent, Catholics give up something for 40 days, not unlike the ritual fasting on Yom Kippur.

I felt a connection, despite the fact that Judaism and Catholicism follow two different paths.

I found it refreshing to spend a day in peace and reflection.

And, of course, when breaking the fast with bagels, lox and cream cheese, food tasted better than ever.

FEATURE
FORUM

Carlos Walkup

Infomercials: Slowly poisoning our minds

It's 3 a.m.

Trapped between yesterday's unmet deadlines and tomorrow's impending drudgery, I melt into a supremely comfortable sofa and absorb the colors and shapes swirling into being on the screen of my television.

At this point, I'm in no state to be choosy about which entertaining program I absorb.

My television has no functioning remote control, so any attempt to change the channel necessitates physical exertion. While I normally welcome any exercise that might interrupt my vegetation sessions, my mind tells me that — for now — absolute sloth is in order.

It's 3:10, after all, and Ron Popeil — the king of kitchen appliances — has my undivided attention.

Know this: I am no stranger to the phenomenon that is the infomercial. Many a late night has tapped its toe impatiently while I frittered away the wee hours in the insidious glow of after-hours programming.

For a long time, I laughed this obsession off. We've all heard the excuses.

"There's nothing else on — what am I supposed to do, lie awake in the dark?"

"Oh, that's just for ambiance. I'm not really watching them."

"It's a study in late-night socio-economics — a hobby of mine."

Of course, I thought I was unaffected. What fools would admit that those cheesy

marketing gimmicks and outrageous claims actually made them want to buy a 126-piece wrench set?

So I lived in denial, sure that I could stop any time, sure that I could sit through George Foreman's spiel once more without reaching for a phone and a credit card.

But not too long ago, I came to terms with my problem.

I was lounging, as usual, watching an elderly auto mechanic pitch a product guaranteed to clean my car's fuel and lubrication systems.

Endoscopic shots of revitalized engines and dramatic computer simulations swept me out of my mundane existence — into a world where metal could be made wet through advanced micro-lubrication technology, into a world where the hideous forces of carbonization were defeated and buried to their necks in antihills.

Rapt, I reached for the phone. I fumbled for a moment and drew a breath of orgiastic hesitation, intent on dialing for a carton of the sweet automotive nectar.

And then I hung up the phone, turned off the TV and crept upstairs to mend the pieces of my broken resolve.

Now, a few weeks later, the witching hours have arrived again. Good bye, FOX, ABC, NBC, CBS — hello, dear friends of the advertising world.

Some people eat compulsively. Some people drink to excess and beat their parakeets. Some people sleep with anything that wiggles, while others hungrily pound heroin into collapsed veins.

Some people watch infomercials.

My word to these people: stop now, while you still can.

I realized my problem, thankfully before all hope was gone, but it's better to avoid the abyss altogether than to turn around halfway down.

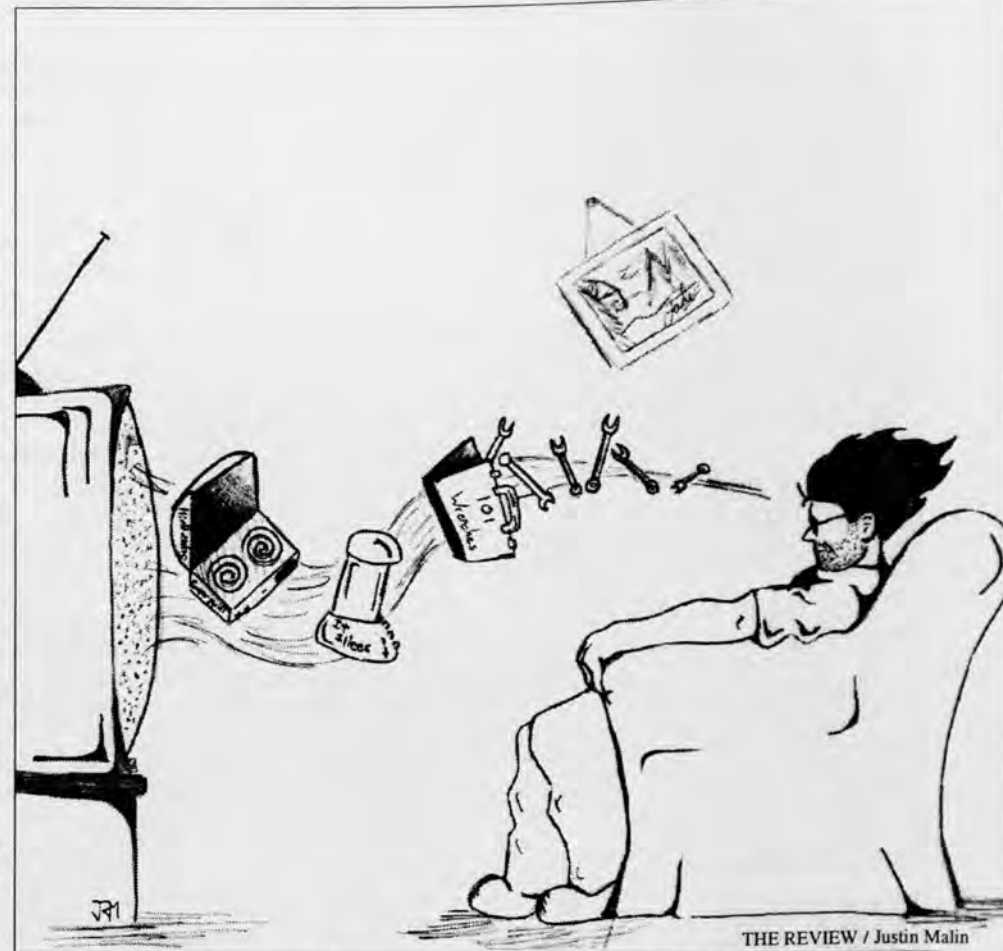
And to those who have avoided the lure of paid programming, I can only say, "Keep it up."

It becomes harder every day to resist the deathly-sweet aroma of the infomercial, but believe me — when the day of reckoning comes, you'll be glad you resisted.

I've been down that road.

I've seen the inferno's ninth circle, and I've seen Satan there — wings thundering icily, eyes glowing with insatiable hunger, mouth slaving horribly as he slowly roasts the souls of sinners in Ron Popeil's rotisserie oven.

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THE REVIEW / Justin Malin

Crossing the runway

Junior helps to raise awareness for Parkinson's disease in upcoming Miss America pageant

BY JENNA R. PORTNOY

Copy Desk Chief

Junior Junnie Cross didn't spend Friday drinking the night away in a dingy basement or dancing till dawn at a Main Street bar, like most students her age.

Instead, Cross blew her brunette locks dry and slipped into a turquoise sequin cocktail dress and high heels. She stepped into the Cambridge Ballroom at the Atlantic City Hilton Casino just in time to flash a smile and grab the arm of an anonymous male escort.

"Hi, I'm Miss Delaware Junnie Cross," she announced to more than 100 couples. Each had paid \$300 per plate for the privilege of dining and dancing with the 51 Miss America 2001 hopefuls.

The evening may have seemed glamorous, but for Cross the cocktail hour was grueling. She gracefully dodged tables and chairs draped in black fabric, mingled with guests and posed for photographs. Tuxedoed servers offered vegetable-filled pastry puffs and tall glasses of bubbly as guests stormed the cheese and cracker platters.

The Atlantic City Rescue Mission Benefit dinner, held on Oct. 6, was just one event in two weeks of 10-hour rehearsal days, photo shoots and preliminary competitions leading up to the crowning of Miss America 2001 on Oct. 14.

Cross, a 22-year-old Dover native, said she's already overwhelmed by the enormity of the pageant.

"I never realized what a big deal it was until I got out here," she said. "I've always seen it on TV, but it's different when you're here and experience it first hand. It's amazing to see all the components come together."

Cross said the winner must possess more than a nice figure or the ability to play the piano. Contestants in the 80th annual pageant are judged on a two-minute talent routine (40 percent), interview (30 percent), evening gown and a "physical fitness" segment, popularly known as the swimsuit competition (15 percent each).

"Any of us could be Miss America," she said. "It has to be someone up to date and aware of what's going on in the country and dedicated to her platform — she doesn't have to be the most beautiful or talented or slender."

Since Miss America is a college-student-turned-celebrity overnight, Cross said, it's especially important that she have strong communication skills.

"The national press can be pushy," she said. "They're always critical because this is considered a beauty pageant."

But this so-called "beauty pageant" is the largest source of local, state and national scholarship in the world.

"People don't understand that the Miss America Foundation is a scholarship organization," Cross said. "I can't name you another organization that gives that much money to women."

Standing beside the outline of a tiara projected onto a black backdrop, Cross reflected on the journey that brought her to Atlantic City.



Junnie Cross will compete for Miss America crown

Life hasn't always been so glamorous for the half-Korean student, whose upbringing, she said, has made her more receptive to different cultures and viewpoints.

"I probably wouldn't have chosen Spanish as my major if I wasn't raised in the Korean tradition," she said. "It's made me a broader person."

Cross also credited studying abroad in Mexico last winter session with helping her develop an open-minded attitude as well as a desire to combine Spanish language skills with a future career.

The Miss America Organization nominated Cross, along with eight other contestants, for the Quality of Life award. This commendation, Cross boasted, marks the first time in the past 10 years that a contestant from Delaware has been recognized for her dedication to community service.

Despite practical goals of working for the United Nations someday, Cross said her ultimate dream job is to sing on Broadway. "I've always loved to sing, ever since I was born, I think," she said.

It's this open-mindedness and love for expressing herself in song that Cross hopes will come across to the judges, earning her high scores in the interview and talent segments of the pageant.

The meaning behind Cross' rendition of "Wishing You Were Somehow Here Again" from "Phantom of the Opera" runs deep. "Wishing you were somehow here again / Knowing we must say goodbye / Try to forgive, teach me to live / Give me the strength to try / No more memories no more silent tears / No more gazing across the wasted years / Help me say good bye."

The song reminds her of her grandmother, Hyon Sup Kim, who was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease three years ago.

Cross' grandmother raised her since she was 2 years old, but now, she said, their roles have reversed.

"She took care of me my whole life and now I have to take care of her," she said of her grandmother, who is prone to tremors. "Like when she reaches for something and can't grasp it, I have to help her."

Cross' passion to raise Parkinson's disease awareness extends beyond her personal ties.

In June she went to Capital Hill to lobby Delaware politicians — Sen. William V. Roth Jr., Sen. Joseph R. Biden Jr., and Rep. Mike N. Castle — about the disease.

"We currently have enough research to find a cure in five to 10 years," she said, explaining that Parkinson's disease sufferers, like her grandmother, would benefit from increased funding.

"I want my grandmother to enjoy and attend my wedding some day," she said, voice cracking. "If they don't find a cure, this won't happen."

Although most of Cross' family will be in the Atlantic City Convention Hall audience when she belts out the ballad, she said her grandmother remains too weak to make the trip.

"When I sing my song, in a way, I'll be singing to her."

Students' superstitions

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existence of evil spirits, who were believed to be jealous of human happiness. Knocking on wood, where these spirits were believed to live, was done to keep them from overhearing the good news being discussed.

Breaking a mirror

A reflection was originally thought to be a view of one's soul or inner self. Before mirrors, reflecting pools were used, and any disruption to the waters was thought to be harmful to a person's soul.

Once mirrors were invented, and inevitably broken, a new component was added to the superstition. Like disturbed waters, the fractured glass was thought to damage the viewer's soul.

It was the Romans who added the seven-year term of misfortune. They believed that life renewed itself every seven years, so the damage to the soul would only last that long.

Killing a ladybug

Some people believe that the ladybug represents the Virgin Mary. Needless to say, killing a symbol of the mother of Christ does not bode well with them.

Avoiding black cats

Thought to be the companion or mascot of witches, during the Middle ages, people gave the "gato negro" a wide berth.

It was also believed that after seven years of service to a witch, a black cat would turn into a witch or Satan himself.

The idea that a black cat crossing one's path would lead to misfortune grew out of these beliefs. A black cat was viewed as a witch or the Devil in disguise, causing trouble for those nearby.

Rubbing the nose of the Morris statue

Since its dedication in 1986, countless students have rubbed the bronze snout of the Hugh M. Morris bust hoping to gain prosperity and wisdom.

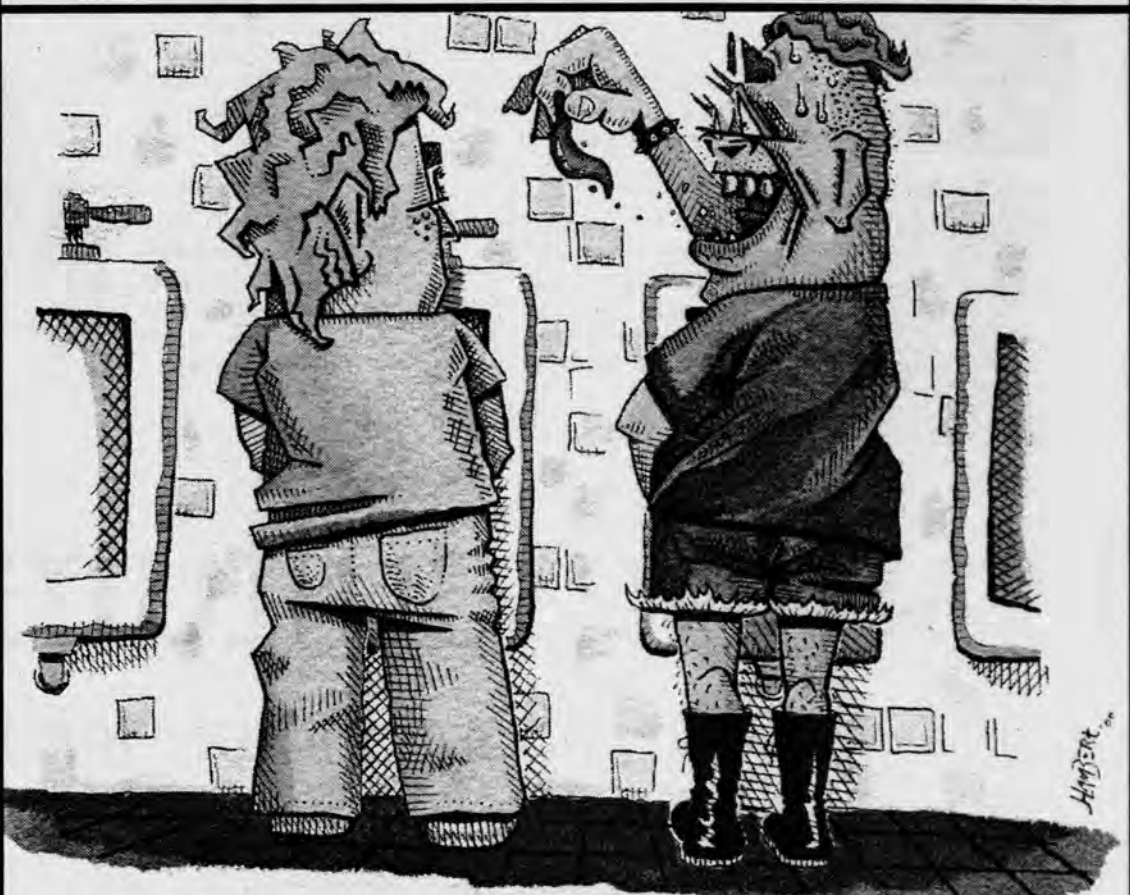
Located in the foyer of Morris Library, the bust has been rubbed raw by those hoping for a miracle to get them through their finals.

Although the validity of this superstition has never been proven, the tradition has been successfully passed down to campus newcomers every year.

For believers and skeptics alike, touching the bust has become a common practice and one that will likely continue.

Opposable Thumb

by Jacob Lambert



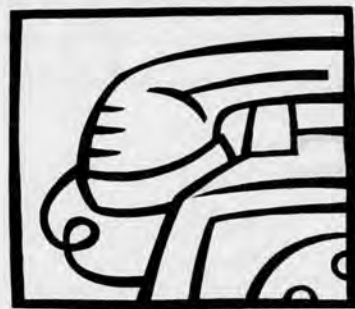
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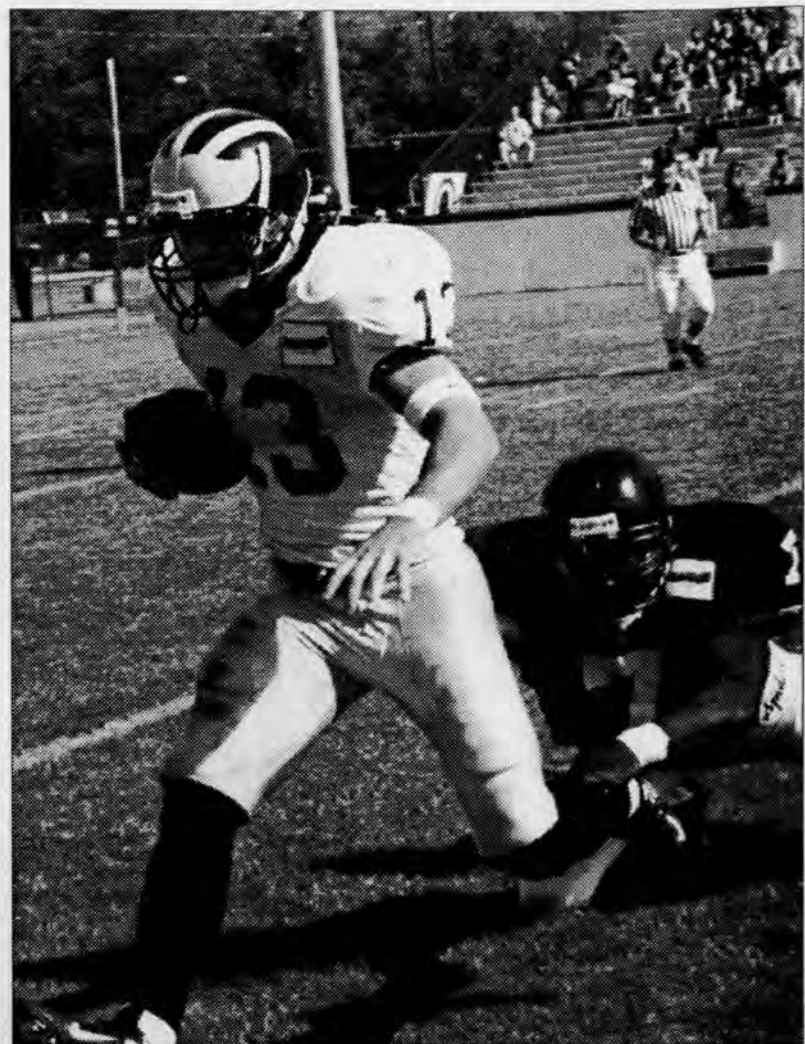
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Hen Peckings

Delaware basketball coach David Henderson announced Wednesday that freshman Mark Curry and senior Dave Arnold will not play during the 2000-2001 season.

Curry, a 6-5 forward, tore the achilles tendon in his left leg during a conditioning workout Monday afternoon. He had surgery yesterday to repair the damaged ligament. Curry will be sidelined for six months.

"Considering he will miss the entire season, I think Mark is in pretty good spirits," Henderson said in a press release. "It is unfortunate because I was really impressed with him in the individual workouts."

Arnold, a 6-1 guard, elected not to return to the team due to recurring tendonitis in his knees. Arnold appeared in 33 games in his collegiate career, averaging 1.2 points per game.

In addition, freshman forward Sean Knitter is expected to start practicing in early November. On Aug. 19, Knitter suffered a fracture to his fifth metatarsal in his right foot.

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Miller said she was happy with how the team played.

"We went with the game plan and worked well as a unit," she said. "We are rising to the challenge of trying new concepts and tactics to have more freedom of play."

Miller also said how impressed she's been with the non-starters of the team.

"If I have to give the game ball to someone tonight," she said. "I'd have to give it to the bench for all working so hard in practice and being strong support for the team."

Fortunato said the team prepared well for this match.

"We lost last year at Lafayette," she said, "so we wanted to beat them to show them what we can do."

"The team was able to come together and work hard."

As for the future of her team, Miller said, there is still room for improvement.

"We are still taking it one day at a time," she said. "A team can score five seconds on turf. We are looking for the ability to score more."

Delaware will host America East foe Towson in a match today at 3:30 p.m. at Rullo Stadium.

Women's soccer looks to end skid

BY JEFF GLUCK

Sports Editor

A key conference matchup awaits the Delaware women's soccer team when it travels to Hofstra today at 3 p.m.

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Delaware will try to rebound from a tough 2-0 loss to Hartford, which is ranked No. 7 in the nation.

Hofstra has been hot lately and is undefeated in its last five games (4-0-1). Also, the Pride is tough at home, compiling a record of 4-1 in Hempstead, N.Y., this season.

Senior forward Christa Eidenweil has led Hofstra recently by scoring five goals in her last three games. She has 32 career goals, which is just four shy of the Pride's school record.

Eidenweil is one of 11 different players to score a goal for Hofstra this season.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

The match will be the second time this season that the Pride and the Hens have met. However, it will be the first time they will face each other on the playing field.

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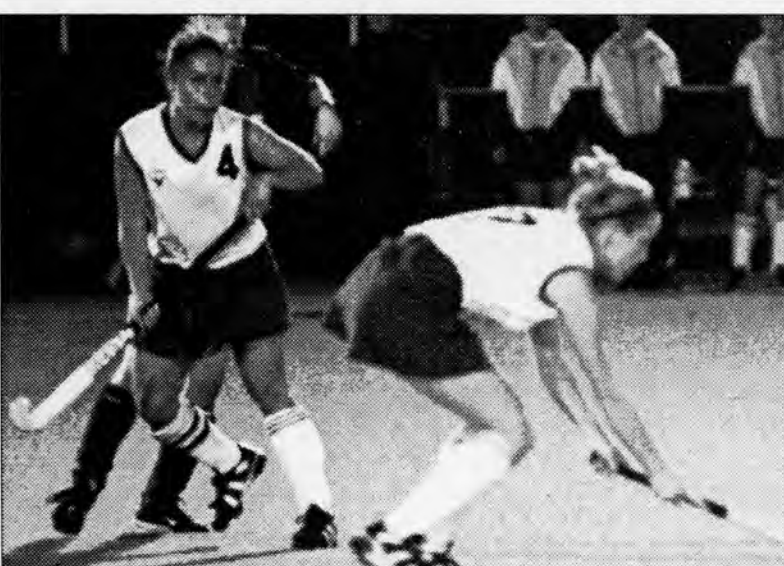
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Senior Megan Fortunato (left) and junior back Kate Johnson helped Delaware to a 3-2 victory over Lafayette Tuesday night.

Hen Peckings

Delaware basketball coach David Henderson announced Wednesday that freshman Mark Curry and senior Dave Arnold will not play during the 2000-2001 season.

Curry, a 6-5 forward, tore the achilles tendon in his left leg during a conditioning workout Monday afternoon. He had surgery yesterday to repair the damaged ligament. Curry will be sidelined for six months.

"Considering he will miss the entire season, I think Mark is in pretty good spirits," Henderson said in a press release. "It is unfortunate because I was really impressed with him in the individual workouts."

Arnold, a 6-1 guard, elected not to return to the team due to recurring tendonitis in his knees. Arnold appeared in 33 games in his collegiate career, averaging 1.2 points per game.

In addition, freshman forward Sean Knitter is expected to start practicing in early November. On Aug. 19, Knitter suffered a fracture to his fifth metatarsal in his right foot.

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ing Lafayette scoreless.

Miller said she was happy with how the team played.

"We went with the game plan and worked well as a unit," she said. "We are rising to the challenge of trying new concepts and tactics to have more freedom of play."

Miller also said how impressed she's been with the non-starters of the team.

"If I have to give the game ball to someone tonight," she said, "I'd have to give it to the bench for all working so hard in practice and being strong support for the team."

Fortunato said the team prepared well for this match.

"We lost last year to Lafayette," she said, "so we wanted to beat them to show them what we can do."

"The team was able to come together and work hard."

As for the future of her team, Miller said, there is still room for improvement.

"We are still taking it one day at a time," she said. "A team can score five seconds on turf. We are looking for the ability to score more."

Delaware will host America East foe Towson in a match today at 3:30 p.m. at Rutlo Stadium.

Women's soccer looks to end skid

BY JEFF GLUCK
Sports Editor

A key conference matchup awaits the Delaware women's soccer team when it travels to Hofstra today at 3 p.m.

The Hens (8-4-1, 1-2 America East) are currently tied for sixth in the conference, while the Pride (6-4-2, 2-2) is tied for fourth.

Delaware will try to rebound from a tough 2-0 loss to Hartford, which is ranked No. 7 in the nation.

Hofstra has been hot lately and is undefeated in its last five games (4-0-1). Also, the Pride is tough at home, compiling a record of 4-1 in Hempstead, N.Y., this season.

Senior forward Christa Eidenweil has led Hofstra recently by scoring five goals in her last three games. She has 32 career goals, which is just four shy of the Pride's school record.

Eidenweil is one of 11 different players to score a goal for Hofstra this season.

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The match will be the second time this season that the Pride and the Hens have met. However, it will be the first time they will face each other on the playing field.

From Sept. 15-17, both Hofstra and Delaware participated in the East Carolina/Hampton Inn Classic.

The four-team tournament featured UNC-Wilmington and the host school, in addition to the two America East schools.

The Pride and the Hens did not meet on the playing field — after Delaware lost 1-0 in overtime to East Carolina and Hofstra beat UNC-Wilmington 2-0, the Pride were declared the winners of the tournament.

In Hofstra's most recent game on Tuesday, it battled to a 3-3 tie with Fordham. In the final 3:45 of the first half of that game, each team scored two goals.

The Hens are 3-2 on the road this season.

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On October 13, 1903, the Pittsburgh Pirates defeat the Boston Pilgrims (now Red Sox) to win the first-ever World Series.

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Commentary

ERIC J. S. TOWNSEND



No. 1 not always the best

There certainly is a reason to brag when your team is undefeated and ranked No. 4 in the Sports Network poll.

By now I'm sure the Blue Hen football squad has been more than willing to talk about its accomplishments.

Halfway through the season, Delaware is looking less like a fluke and more like a championship contender. The Hens have continued to climb up the polls after their preseason ranking of No. 16.

What eludes the team now is the honor of that No. 1 position, but in the grand scheme of things, is it not better for the players to be where they are on the rankings list?

The hardest facet to being No. 1 is the task of defending a reputation. One needs to look no further than South Beach, Fla. Last Saturday, the University of Miami (No. 7 in Division I-A polls) topped No. 1 Florida State.

My guess is the Seminoles blew off the game beforehand as a mere formality on their march to the Orange Bowl this January in — ironically — Miami.

Delaware has experienced the same thing as well. This season being a rare exception, every time the Hens are rated somewhere in the upper echelon of preseason Division I-AA polls, the team somehow buckles under pressure to perform.

However, a lower-ranked team (say around the 16th notch) has the motivation to excel, especially when it has proved it can hold the top spot. In fact, it's almost surprising given Delaware's notoriety for high rankings that the team hasn't begun to collapse.

Even when down 17-0 at halftime against Richmond, team co-captain Brain McKenna said the squad wasn't afraid to lose — it was simply frustrated that it couldn't yet demolish Richmond's offense.

What McKenna described is the mark of a true national championship team, and one that is deserving of first place.

McKenna and co-captain Craig Cummings are probably well aware that the Hens are worthy of the No. 1 spot. At the same time, they also know the challenges they would face keeping their No. 1 status are more difficult than those already present.

There's always been the argument that staying No. 1 is motivation enough, but one must wonder if Florida State players thought the same way.

Moreover, that argument neglects team chemistry and attitude. Egotism, pride, nonchalance — these come bundled with the gold medal as well.

The intangible elements to team psyche are what make or break a championship quest. McKenna and Cummings — hell, especially Tubby Raymond — have been around long enough to know this truth.

Staying lower in the polls will keep the Hens humble as they approach the second half of their season tomorrow against William and Mary, as though their near loss to Richmond last week wasn't enough.

But Delaware knows it can go all the way to Chattanooga this year if it continues to perform at current levels. The biggest obstacle the players face are themselves.

McKenna, Cummings, Raymond and the coaching staff have done a spectacular job with motivating the 2000 Hens football team. Part of that motivation comes from telling teammates that they should be given more recognition in national polls than they already receive.

My guess is that in a sense, players know it's for the better that they aren't ranked No. 1. To be so would be to take away the drive they have at this moment.

When December rolls around, and the Hens drive on down to Tennessee to battle for the national title, I'm sure they'll feel they're ready for the top honor as they drive back to Newark — trophy in hand.

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Delaware embarrasses Explorers

BY JEFF GLUCK

Sports Editor



THE REVIEW/Andrew Mehan

Freshman setter Allison Hunter had 19 assists in the Hens' 3-0 victory over LaSalle.

Pop quiz: Which one of these doesn't belong in the middle of the Delaware volleyball conference schedule?

Hofstra, Hartford, Vermont or LaSalle? The correct answer is LaSalle, but it doesn't really matter what the Hens face — they play hard anyway.

Delaware (9-11) won its only non-conference match out of the last 17 regular season contests it will play this year by defeating the Explorers in three games, 15-6, 15-3, 15-5 Tuesday night at Barbara Viera Court.

Although the match meant nothing in the conference standings, Hens head coach Shannon Elliott said it was important to play well after the team lost two of three matches last weekend in conference play.

"We had a tough weekend," she said. "This was the start of our week, and I think they told themselves mentally that if they didn't win tonight, it would be hard to pick themselves back up this weekend."

Delaware improved its all-time record against LaSalle to 20-1, with the only blemish coming last year in a 3-2 loss.

"We didn't know what to expect from them," Elliott said. "They are a strong team and we were worried because competitively, they matched up well against us." LaSalle (10-10)

had been enduring a miserable slide before facing the Hens, and things didn't get any better on its trip to Delaware. The Explorers began the season by



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Junior Kelsey Manning prepares to hit the ball against LaSalle in Tuesday night's victory. Delaware improved its record to 9-11 on the year.

winning nine straight matches, only to lose 10 out of their last 11 contests.

"[Their losing streak] had a lot to do with [our win]," Elliott said.

Senior Jennifer Wanner led the Hens with six kills and four blocks. Freshman Allison Hunter added 19 assists.

Hunter won yet another America East conference honor Monday as she picked up her second Rookie of the Week award of the season. She won her first on Sept. 19. Hunter has now won three conference

awards in four weeks, also picking up Setter of the Week on Sept. 25.

"She's done a phenomenal job, and she has no fear," Elliott said. "I couldn't have asked for a better setter."

However, Hunter said, she has yet to receive any proof of her accomplishments.

"I haven't gotten anything from it," she said, laughing. "My dad got on the Web site and called me to tell me about it. I don't know if they give you anything."

Although the America East is apparently behind schedule in delivering the

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UD lays loss on Leopards

BY KATE WEIS

Staff Reporter

A 3-2 win over Lafayette Tuesday night gave the Delaware field hockey team two consecutive wins for the first time this season.

The Hens (5-8) came out strong in the first half, scoring twice within the first 10 minutes of play at Fred P. Rullo Stadium.

Delaware's quick goals in the first half were scored by two veterans of the team, junior back Juli Byrd and senior midfielder Megan Fortunato.

Byrd got the Hens started in the right direction when she scored her seventh goal of the season just 1:07 into play off a pass from Fortunato.

Eight minutes later, Fortunato collected a loose ball at midfield and scored an unassisted goal. Fortunato is the first Delaware player since Sept. 1998 to score both a goal and gain an assist in consecutive games.

In both games, she was moved from back to midfielder, giving her more ability to score, she said.

The Leopards (5-6) were able to gain their composure as they scored midway through the first half. Lafayette freshman forward Melissa Hoh was able to score unassisted, making the score 2-1 with 17:28 remaining in the half.

However, the Hens freshman forward Jessica Breault increased the lead to two as she scored her fourth goal of the season.

Then, with only 5:25 left in the first half, Leopards sophomore forward Megan Monahan ended the scoring with help from teammates junior defender Carolyn Rodichok and Hoh as they assisted on a penalty corner, to pull the team to within one.

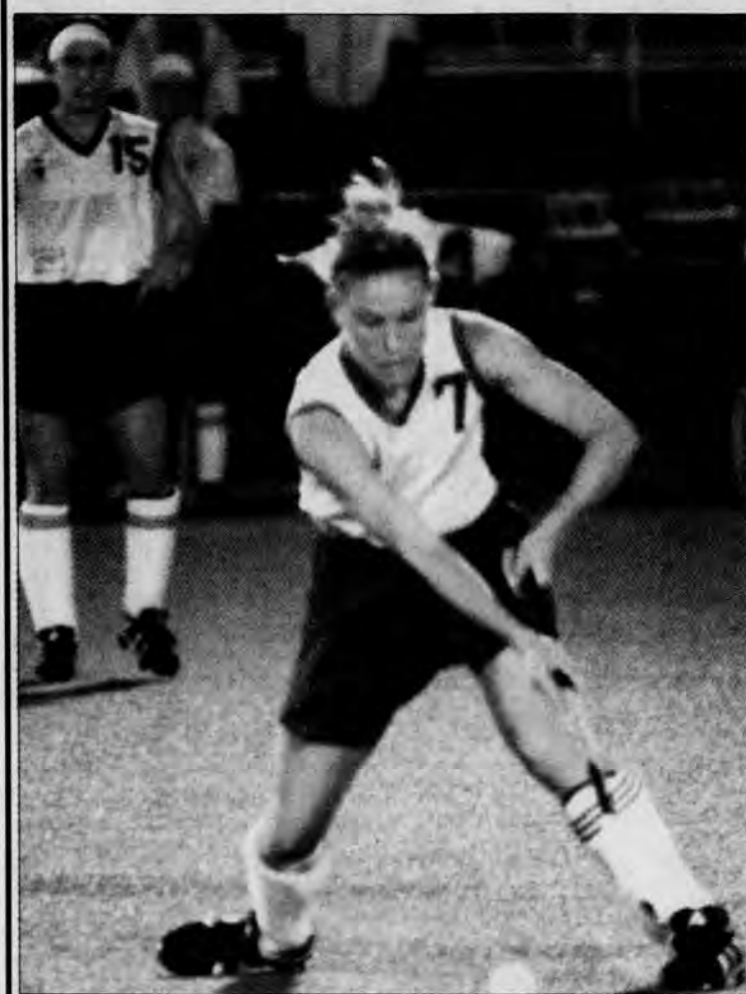
Delaware head coach Carol Miller said the two Lafayette goals were caused by mental mistakes on the team.

Though there were a lot of uncontrolled balls, the Hens continued to dominate the field of play in the second half, holding

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Junior back Kate Johnson (7) and junior Jenn Fotiou (15) helped Delaware to its second straight win Tuesday night.



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Sophomore midfielder Jeff Martell (14) takes control of the ball in Tuesday's game with Navy. Delaware upset the Midshipmen 1-0 on a goal by sophomore forward Mike Honeysett.

Hens sink Midshipmen

BY CHRIS MCKINLEY

Staff Reporter

The Delaware men's soccer team managed to prove that it is capable of competing with and beating any team on its schedule, as it upset Navy 1-0 on Tuesday.

"This was a complete team effort," sophomore forward Mike Honeysett said. "This shows that we are capable of playing with anyone, and that we can make the most of the rest of the season."

The Hens (2-10) defeated the Midshipmen (9-2-1) No. 5 in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America South Atlantic Region poll, for the first time in school history.

Honeysett scored his team-high third goal of the season, and sophomore goalkeeper Alex McGroarty recorded his first shutout.

The game remained scoreless for much of the first half, with both goalkeepers making superb saves.

However, 27 minutes into the game, Honeysett managed to beat Navy junior goaltender Brian Steckroth from 10 yards out.

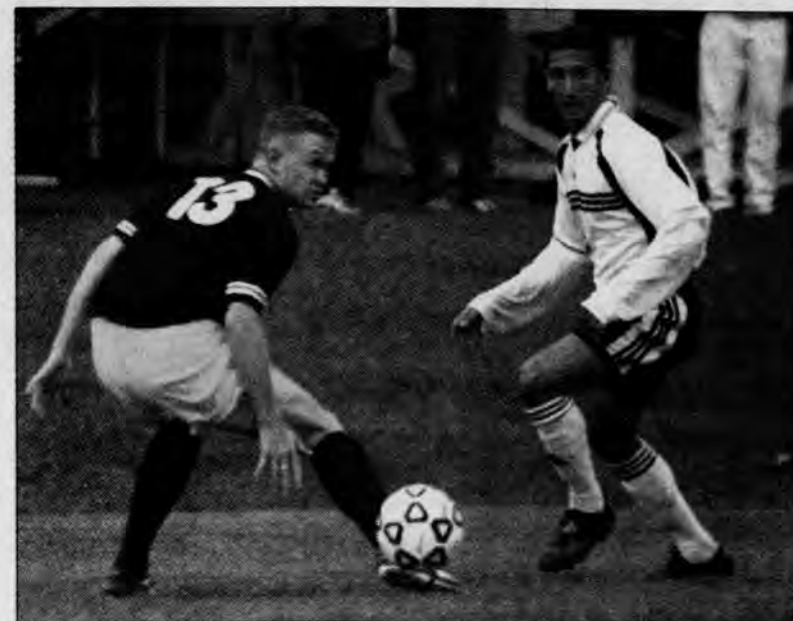
"We had been putting pressure on their defense," Honeysett said. "I got the ball around the 18-yard line one on one and managed to beat [Steckroth] near post."

The excitement continued to mount for Delaware in the second half, as it continued to come close on scoring opportunities.

The real story of the half, however, was the play of McGroarty. Navy had numerous chances to even the score, but the Hens goalie continued to make one spectacular save after another.

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Navy	0
Hens	1



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Sophomore midfielder Nick Kreider (white shirt) passes off to a teammate in Tuesday's win. The Hens are now 2-10 on the year.

McGroarty came up huge in his second game in place of injured goalie Nick Konawalik, making nine crucial saves. "This win really boosts my confidence," McGroarty said. "I thought I played really well."

Delaware survived a scare midway through the second half. A ball played by the Midshipmen was missed by McGroarty when he slipped and fell as he came off his line, but the ball rolled just wide of the goalpost.

The Delaware defense continued to play well the rest of the game, frustrating

the Midshipmen with a suffocating attack.

"We've really been playing well defensively lately," Hens head coach Marc Samonisky said. "The difference in this game is that we were able to score."

McGroarty said the win raised the team's expectations for the remaining games in its schedule.

"We'll take this momentum and try to carry it through the rest of the season and hopefully get a playoff spot," he said.

Delaware plays host to Hofstra, today at 3:30 p.m. The squad will then play Drexel on Sunday at 1 p.m. Both games will be played at Field No. 4.