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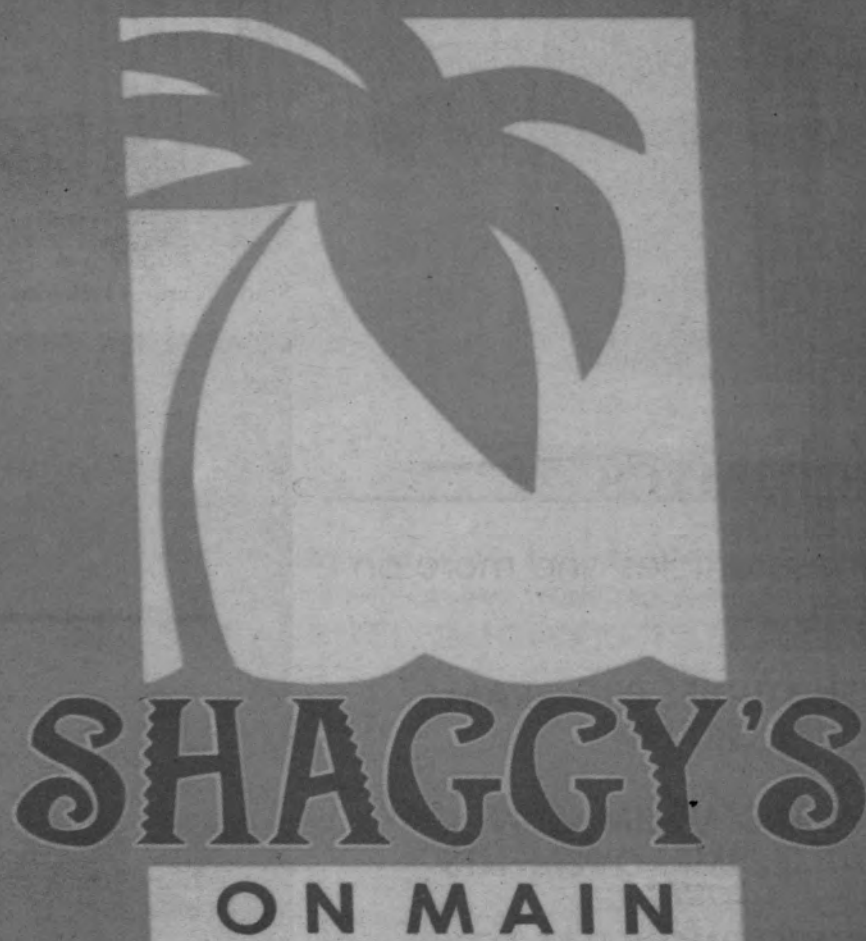
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Shaggy's on Main turns off the tap

BY EMILY RILEY
Copy Editor

Shaggy's on Main had its last call for the last time on New Year's Eve, shutting down after nearly three years in business due to unbalanced food and alcohol sales.

Owner Joe Van Horn said the restaurant, which opened in May 2005, used to be a threat to other nightlife hubs like Klondike Kate's and The Deer Park Tavern. Despite this initial success, he said, Shaggy's was unable to sell enough food to successfully operate as a restaurant according to state law.

"[Newark is] losing a great neighbor who raised a lot of money for local charities," Van Horn said. "They are losing an alternative to the same old, same old — dark pubs serving pub grub."

Shaggy's began experiencing friction with the Delaware Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement in June 2007 when the restaurant's liquor invoices and sales records were subpoenaed for audit by Delaware Alcoholic Beverage Control officials, he said.

"When we were first cited, we were selling about 40 percent food and 60 percent alcohol," Van Horn said. "By the time we closed, we had moved it to about 51 percent food and 49 percent alcohol, but our total sales were now off by 75 percent."

DABC Commissioner John Cordrey said these sales percentages do not reflect the agreement the two struck when Van Horn applied for the restaurant's liquor license.

"Mr. Van Horn indicated to me that the food to alcohol ratio was to be 80 percent food sales and 20 percent alcohol sales," Cordrey said. "I required him to provide me with proof of this proposition."

When evaluating alcohol sales from a restaurant, he said the monetary figure is the only checkpoint the DABC evaluates.

"We're looking at the overall sales of alcohol, the price per volume and the actual volume served," Cordrey said. "There is no specific 'OK' or 'not OK' when it comes to this process."

He said when the results arrived, they did not reflect the projected sales.

"It showed us that they were operating in a substantially wrong way," Cordrey said.

In order to boost food sales, the DABC limited Shaggy's live entertainment to one night per week and prohibited the restaurant from selling alcohol past midnight, one hour before last call for almost all other Newark bars.

Van Horn said he was not treated fairly in the process, especially regarding the restaurant's compliance with the law, and

deemed the restriction "excessive" in a statement on the restaurant's Web site.

"When you look at these restrictions on paper, losing about seven hours of alcohol service per week, they don't look excessive," he said. "But as time wore on, it became more and more apparent just how excessive they were."

Complying with these restrictions meant Shaggy's was able to stay in business, but the agreement eventually resulted in a 75

percent drop in total sales, Van Horn said.

"We advertised everywhere we would reach families," he said. "We ran ads in *The Newark Post*, *The Money Mailer*, *Movie Madness*, *Out & About*, *The News Journal*, *Spark*, on the reverse side of register tape at Pathmark and in surrounding church bulletins."

Regardless of these efforts, Van Horn said he was consistently unable to raise food sales. Poor location, minimal exposure to Main Street and heavy competition with other Newark bars were just a few of the obstacles he faced.

"Shaggy's On Main was a challenging spot overall," he said. "I also believe that the perception of Shaggy's was that our food was more expensive than our competitors, when in fact, the

opposite was true. Regardless of what advertising we did or promotions we ran, we could not get our ratio past 50-50."

Senior Tiffany Mease said she is surprised to hear of the restaurant's closing.

"It's true that their food was a little overpriced, especially for students on a budget," Mease said. "But they offered a unique menu and their food was really good. I'd go every once in awhile, but not often."

Junior Chris Jones had a different perspective on the restaurant's closing.

"I didn't even know that place served food," Jones said. "I thought it was just a bar. I never saw them do any advertisement across campus."

Newark City Councilman Jerry Clifton said Shaggy's had many chances to enhance their business if they focused on advertising food instead of drink specials.

"Shaggy's didn't try to strengthen their lunch hour," Clifton said. "Lunchtime is when many restaurants make their ratios. People won't be drinking at lunch and you'll be selling more food. Caffé Gelato sells many expensive bottles of wine yet they still make up for it due to their lunch business."

Clifton also said the DABC and the Newark City Council serve different purposes in regulating food service establishments.

"Shaggy's came to us and said they were going to operate as a restaurant, not as a bar," he said. "Council's job is to make sure they're operating as they said under oath I'll add, they would. They clearly weren't."

Despite this violation, Clifton said Shaggy's had breached the terms of their liquor license, and therefore the job of closing the restaurant was within the jurisdiction of the DABC.

"People who are pissed off at us are pissed off at the wrong people," Clifton said of Newark City Council members.

According to Roy Lopata, planning director for the city of Newark, the currently vacant location has yet to fall under new ownership, despite rumors of Grotto Pizza and The Greene Turtle, a sports bar and restaurant based in Ocean City, Md., moving in.

"No one's applied yet," Lopata said. "But it is my understanding that we'll see another restaurant take its place."

While Shaggy's succumbed to poor sales and empty dining rooms, Van Horn said his future is not so bleak.

"You may eventually see me back on Main Street, returning to the scene of my crimes to make another go of it," he said.



THE REVIEW/File Photo

Shaggy's on Main, a popular restaurant among some students, was shut down after its food to alcohol ratio did not reflect its original projection.

Nation's wealthiest colleges come under question

BY JENNIFER HEINE
Senior News Reporter

The U.S. Senate Finance Committee demanded information from the university, along with 135 of the nation's other wealthiest colleges and universities, on rising tuition costs and endowment-spending practices.

The committee's members are concerned about high tuition prices and are pressuring universities to give more financial aid to students. Members of the committee are discussing whether or not universities should be required to annually spend 5 percent of their endowments as foundations are required to do.

Executive Vice President Scott Douglass said university officials will answer all questions asked in the letter signed by two senators on the committee.

"Basically we do in fact typically spend 5 percent of our endowment resources every year," Douglass said. "I think we'll be in compliance with what they want."

The university has the 52nd largest endowment of all colleges and universities in the country, according to the National Assessment of College and University Business Officers. Between 2006 and 2007, the university's endowment increased 14.2

percent from \$1,223,203 to \$1,397,492. Harvard University leads the nation with the largest endowment, which grew 20 percent to \$34.6 billion.

Jill Gerber, press secretary for ranking committee member Sen. Charles E. Grassley (R-Iowa), said the committee is trying to gauge whether or not tax policies for colleges and universities need to be changed.

"They're seeing double-digit increase in endowment growth at hundreds of colleges and universities," Gerber said.

She said the finance committee members plan to analyze the information colleges and universities send back to them to see what these institutions are doing to control costs for students and how they are spending endowments.

Douglass said the university's endowment fund is used primarily towards scholarships but also faculty salaries, chairpersons' salaries and ongoing academic programs that previously had been supported by donors.

Endowment funds must be invested in order to make returns, he said. If a smaller percentage of an endowment is spent, more money can be invested, so greater amounts of money can be spent in following years.

"You have to reinvest a significant

portion of your earnings to make sure endowment grows to support programs in the future," Douglass said.

He said the cost of delivering education increases each year, and tuition prices must rise to offer good salaries to faculty members who could find higher-paying jobs with private companies.

"It's a function of competing for the best faculty with other universities and the private sector," Douglass said.

According to the Office of Institutional Research, tuition at the university has increased 5.8 percent for in-state students and 5.6 percent for out-of-state students between the 2005-06 and 2006-07 academic years. Tuition has increased by approximately 3 percent each year for the past 11 years at the university.

Lynne Munson, adjunct research fellow at the Center for College Affordability and Productivity, said college tuition prices have increased by greater than twice the rate of inflation for the past 25 years.

"If the price of gas had gone up the same that tuition has increased, a gallon of gas would cost \$9.15 today and a gallon of milk would be \$15," Munson said referring to the changes since 1980.

Tuition costs at colleges and universities have risen because colleges are trying

to keep up with each other, she said.

"It's not really about cost," Munson said. "There's no convincing justification for why college tuition has gone up so greatly."

Gerber said Grassley is exploring the possibility of whether or not colleges and universities should be required to spend 5 percent of their endowments.

"He feels they should spend an adequate amount on educating students rather than stockpiling large amounts of money," she said.

Munson said she thinks universities should spend more than 5 percent of their endowment funds each year.

"Five percent is a very low number and doesn't take into account how aggressively these monies are invested now," she said.

The Finance Committee's request for information from colleges and universities is the first time the government has required such institutions to provide any information about endowment funds, Munson said.

"There's a great deal of interest on the Hill about skyrocketing tuition and about how higher education endowment monies could be used to address that problem," she said.

University professors play political pundits

'Super Tuesday' results evaluated by political science and comm. departments

BY BRIAN ANDERSON

National/State News Editor

Students, professors and teaching assistants filled every available seat of Trabant University Center's Multipurpose Room A Tuesday evening for one of the biggest nights in politics.

During a day more commonly referred to as "Super Tuesday", the department of communications and the department of political science and international relations held their own, first-ever, "Super Tuesday" event in hopes to explain and interpret the results of 24 primaries and caucuses around the nation on that day. "Super Tuesday" received its name because, on this day, more delegates will be selected for the presidential nomination process than any other day of the year.

A panel of five professors, dubbed "The Best Political Team Not on TV," began the program by explaining important facets of the primary election process. Primaries are filled with more rules and regulations than the general election, held every year in November.

Joseph Pika, professor of political science and international relations, said the process in which a candidate wins a state's delegates, or voters who help elect the president during a party's national convention, is the most important part of Super Tuesday for the candidates.

More than 50 percent of the delegates towards the convention were selected on Super Tuesday, Pika said. A candidate who does well on Super Tuesday is more likely to become nominated for president by his or her own party.

"If one candidate or the other puts great distance between the other candidate and wins an overwhelming number of the candidates then they have a great shot," he said.

Political science professor Jason Mycoff said Super Tuesday occurred earlier than normal because many states were stricken

with "calendar envy," or a desire to push the primary in their state earlier in the year.

Iowa and New Hampshire hold the first caucus and primary in the nation and voters in those states get the first say on who becomes the next president. Other states do not like this and want their vote to mean something, he said.

"You might ask yourself 'Well that doesn't really seem fair.' That's what all the other states start asking themselves," Mycoff said. "They all want to be early in the process because they want their votes to count more."

The year 2008 has been unusual because states moved primaries up earlier than in past elections, a tactic called frontloading, Mycoff said. Iowa and New Hampshire, by their own laws, must go first but other states moved up too early within national party rules. Two states, Florida and Michigan, were penalized for moving up too soon and some of their delegates were nullified, he said.

Unlike 2004, by "Super Tuesday," more than half of the country has already voted in their state's primary or caucus, Mycoff said. In 2004, by Feb. 5, the nation was still looking at the results of Iowa and New Hampshire.

"It's all about calendar envy," he said.

Danna Young, a communications professor, said other issues should be focused on rather than the "horse race," or the race between the candidates.

In a room filled with televisions tuned to CNN and Fox News, Young warned about major news outlets and what they tell the public about during the election process.

Young said in recent years, the trend in the media has been to discuss the strategy of the campaign, such as fundraising and the horse race, instead of the issues. This can be detrimental to the common people's opinion on politics and on the election.

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"If you only define how politicians behave in terms of strategy and motivation, they're doing things because they're behind or ahead, it starts to seem as though nothing is an authentic gesture," she said. "Everything is just a means to an end."

Another issue Young brought to light out was how the media covers the drama of the campaign. She said the best example of this is Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-N.Y.) crying during her trip to New Hampshire.

The story of Clinton crying in a local coffeehouse was filled with everything voters look for in media coverage of an election, she said. In fact, some political pundits believe that is why Clinton won the New Hampshire primary.

"That story was so juicy," Young said. "Not only did it have these trappings of personality, violating journalistic expectation, drama, emotion, you also then had 'Hillary pulled it out New Hampshire. It was because she cried.'"

Senior Ryan Silberstein said he feels an event like this provides good background for those getting involved in politics. He said the timing of the event was appropriate, as political interest is at a high point during "Super Tuesday."

"I think there is real value in doing it tonight, especially as more states have their primaries," Silberstein said.

He said he believes students at the university are like other college students across the country who get politically active before a campaign. He said the apathetic feeling is cyclical and an event like Super Tuesday only helps people get more involved in politics.

"This might be a sight of change. Maybe things will move in a more politically active direction," he said.



Courtesy of HillaryClinton.com

Chelsea Clinton answered questions about her mother's campaign.

Chelsea Clinton shines light on 2008 election

BY AMY PRAZNAK

Student Affairs Editor

From general questions concerning her mother's policies, to more personal questions about being raised by a former president and a presidential hopeful — Chelsea Clinton encouraged both university students and members of the Delaware community to ask whatever might be on their minds on Feb. 4 in the Trabant University Center.

The event was organized by the Hillblazers, which, according to their Web site was originally a group of Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-N.Y.) supporters based in New York with the goal of raising money for Clinton's campaign, which has since evolved into a social networking program now aimed at hosting fundraisers, happy hours, and other social activities.

This past month, as part of the Hillblazers' Our Voice, Our Future tour, the representative of Hillblazers and Chelsea Clinton herself have been touring the country, stopping by many colleges so Clinton could speak with the students herself.

Clinton fielded a wide array of questions from event attendees while promoting her mother with full force.

"I do believe this is the most important election of my lifetime, and I really believe in my mom," Clinton said. "I just couldn't imagine not trying to reach out to people and to talk about why I believe in her, and to answer people's questions to try to help them come to make the same decision I have to support her."

People of all ages asked Clinton questions on many different subjects including job availability and unemployment in the United States, as well as what Sen. Clinton plans on doing about the War in Iraq. To these questions concerning the war, Clinton responded that her mother, immediately upon taking office, would convene with security and military officers to make sure all Americans working overseas are brought home safely.

"I'm proud that my mom was the first person running for president to ask the Department of Defense in the White House what they were planning to do about the war," Clinton said.

Junior Mark Brainard, a political science education major, introduced Clinton and said he was

extremely pleased by Clinton's personal presentation.

"It was absolutely fantastic to have someone like Chelsea come to our campus," Brainard said. "Chelsea was extremely well-spoken, extremely intelligent just like her parents and she held herself very well."

Brainard said some of the biggest issues brought up by the audience pertained to foreign policy and health care. He was also pleased to see such a diverse turnout.

"There was actually a wide range of people there," he said. "I saw a good chunk of UD students there. I also saw some middle-aged people there and a couple older people."

Sophomore Anthony Stanziale said he feels Sen. Clinton is the best candidate because she has a concise plan for the future.

"I feel like with Sen. Clinton she's decisive on everything, she has a set plan, a set vision, and she articulates it very well," Stanziale said. "And since this election is so critical, its time that we have a voice that kind of speaks to everyone."

He said he also sees a potential for great progress when it comes to Sen. Clinton's campaign.

"Being younger and being influenced by the war, and especially with all the amendments that President Bush has tried to put against gay, lesbian, transsexual, bisexual Americans — it affects us a lot, and Sen. Clinton has for me, what I'm looking for in a president to steer us in a different direction," Stanziale said.

Brainard said he felt that having Clinton come to campus created a more personal connection between the students on campus and politics, and really was beneficial in getting students who might be more apathetic to be more involved.

"I think having her here was definitely a positive thing for college students to look at and say 'this is a very personal thing and it's a very important thing for us to do,'" he said. "This is the future of our country we're the future and we should have the biggest say in what happens."

Clinton herself agreed on the magnitude of the upcoming election.

"I do think this is the most important election of our lifetime, and if we don't get this one right, the next election will be the most important one of our lifetime," she said.



Courtesy of The Los Angeles Times/Washington Post News Wire

The race for the Democratic presidential nomination is still neck-and-neck between Obama and Clinton.

'Mardi Gras' of politics holds 'super' significance

BY BRIAN ANDERSON

National/State News Editor

In the biggest "Super Tuesday" ever, Sen. John McCain, (R-Ariz.), emerged as the front-runner for the Republican nomination while Sen. Barack Obama, (D-Ill.) and Sen. Hillary Clinton, (D-N.Y.) continue to fight in the too-close-to-call Democratic race.

"Super Tuesday" is the name given to the first Tuesday in February during a presidential election year in which the largest number of states hold its primary or caucus elections. On Feb. 5, 24 states held their primary or caucus.

Candidates in both parties hope to win the most states, and the valuable delegates within each state. These delegates help to select a presidential nominee during the party conventions, which will occur later in the year.

Joseph Pika, professor of political science and international relations, said this year's "Super Tuesday" was like the "Mardi Gras of politics in the United States."

Pika said on the Republican side of the election, McCain cemented himself as the top candidate. A Republican candidate needs 1,191 delegates to win the nomination and McCain leads the pack with 724.

McCain was helped by former Governor of Massachusetts Mitt Romney's decision to drop out he said. With a commanding lead over former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee, McCain will most likely land the party's nomination.

"Romney's decision opens up the road for McCain's nomination. It also strengthens Huckabee's claim to be the more conservative candidate and his prospect as vice president," Pika said. "I think the party will rally around him and he will officially have enough delegates to claim the nomination."

Though McCain won many states by a small margin, laws within those states gave him all of the delegates, as some states use a winner-take-all system on the Republican side, he said.

The Democrats have two candidates still vying for the nomination, he said. A Democratic candidate needs 2,205 delegates for the nomination and so far, Obama leads

Clinton 943 to 895 delegates, respectively.

Obama seems to be the more exciting and electrifying candidate right now, Pika said, but it is an up and down race. Obama has won some important states but Clinton won the big states, including California, New Jersey and New York on Super Tuesday.

"He's going to do well for a couple weeks and then Hillary will be doing better for a couple weeks," he said. "I think it'll be back and forth for a while."

Jason Mycoff, professor of political science department, said many states wanted to make their primary count more so the state primary was moved up. The parties do not want many states holding primaries earlier and earlier, a concept referred to as frontloading. Mycoff said this is why so many states held their election on "Super Tuesday," as the party would not allow them to hold it earlier.

Two states, Florida and Michigan, held the primaries before "Super Tuesday," violating party rules, he said. As a result, the Democrats stripped both states of all of their delegates and the Republicans stripped half of the delegates of seats at the national convention in August. However, this punishment did not stop either state.

"That's really the only incentive structure they have," Mycoff said. "Clearly, the punishment didn't affect Michigan's and Florida's decision. They still decided to jump up."

Mycoff said some candidates like a compressed schedule more than others. Established candidates, like Clinton, like stacking the primaries early because they can campaign throughout the country while lesser known candidates do not have those types of resources.

"Hillary Clinton has the national name recognition, she has the money to do the travel, to do the advertising in 22 states at a time," he said. "Those sorts of candidates are benefitted by compressed schedule."

Lindsay Hoffman, communications professor, said one interesting part of the campaign is how interested people are so early on in the election and how many people have voted in the primary.

In this election, people are seeing candidates they can identify with, Hoffman said. Gender, race, religion, age and issues are different ways people identify themselves with the candidates.

"People are getting engaged and really responding," she said.

Hoffman said Clinton faces a tough challenge in this election because the role of Commander in Chief is primarily seen as a masculine role. Many times, people focus on personal characteristics, such as gender and race, and in this election cycle, Clinton being a female candidate makes people focus on how fit she is for that role.

"There are many traits you associate with that role," she said. "You think of a general or something like this. Women stereotypically

have not been in that kind of role for very long."

Communications Professor Danna Young said emotion is playing a large role in this year's election. National feelings of uncertainty and anxiousness are causing people to pay attention to politics and are helping to bring them to the polls.

Young said this election is also very focused on the issues at hand. She said though journalists love to focus on race and gender, the candidates have done a good job of sticking to the issues in this so far "clean" campaign.

"In spite of that, especially during the debates, there has been a lot of concentration on issues," Young said. "It has been fairly issue-focused."



Courtesy of The Los Angeles Times/Washington Post News Wire

Sen. John McCain was deemed the front-runner for the Republican nomination for president after "Super Tuesday."

University police officers permitted to carry guns

BY CAITLIN WOLTERS

Copy Editor

University police officers are now permitted to carry guns on foot around campus.

Previously, officers were able to keep the weapons in patrol cars in locked boxes, but the new rule has been initiated to promote safety at the university after the massacre at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University last year.

James Flatley, director of Public Safety, said providing officers on foot with guns was the next logical step in the sequence of making the campus safer for students. At times, officers could not have access to guns when they were outside the vehicle. This would put their lives and others in danger when having access to their vehicle was impossible.

He said the cars have been equipped with guns for a while, allowing officers protection while driving throughout Newark. This is the first time officers are carrying weapons on foot on a regular basis. In the past, they only brought firearms to special events.

"We have to keep in mind university police have had access to weapons in vehicles for a number



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University Police plan to patrol campus by foot with the addition of guns.

of years," Flatley said. "Officers were authorized to arm themselves by supervisors."

Scott Douglass, executive vice president of the university, said the decision came after campuses across the country began to re-evaluate regulations to prevent a similar event to the one at Virginia Tech last April. This

influenced a study regarding what should be added to make the university more secure.

"There was a huge push from parents who wanted us to arm police officers," Douglass said. "We made the decision we were focused on public safety of the community. Policing would do that."

Maria Aristigueta, professor in the School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy, said the university has done an excellent job in being proactive in order to prevent a tragedy like the Virginia Tech massacre.

"I think it's demonstrating forward thinking," Aristigueta said. "They're thinking ahead and planning for the worst-case scenario."

Flatley said the university is relatively safe, but there have been instances when guns were needed by officers to protect students and officers.

"There have been a number of times when we received hold up alarms and issued arms for that," he said. "There were incidents of robbery where a weapon was displayed."

In order to initiate the new firearm rules, all officers had to undergo thorough training, Flatley said. The police officers had to recertify at the range, take a three week training course and spend time learning about cultural diversity.

Douglass said the state of Delaware wanted the university to require guns for walking officers for some time, and added it to their

legislation.

"The state did put in legislation to require the university to do this," he said. "They wanted us to do a review of campus safety before the new president was here. When we agreed to take a look at it, they withdrew the legislation."

Another important reason to have guns belonging to officers is to increase safety within the Newark community, Flatley said. There is not much of a divide between Newark citizens and university students.

"The city of Newark's streets run through campus," he said. "To take the lead on preventing crime, we need cooperation."

Flatley said while guns may be a positive response to promote campus security, an important aspect of the new ruling is giving the officers the ability to be out in the community more.

"It encourages them to be more visible," he said. "We can develop working relationships with the community."

Aristigueta said she thinks it will help keep the university safer.

"The perception will be that it's safer," she said. "As far as safety is concerned, perception is everything."

who's who in Newark

Delaware native is 'going to Hollywood'

BY SARA WAHLBERG

News Features Editor

Just one month ago, 17-year-old Jonathan Baines said he could have never imagined being stopped in the middle of dinner with friends at McDonald's to sign an autograph.

That is because just one month ago, Baines' 20-second appearance on Fox's seventh season of "American Idol" had not aired yet.

When it eventually aired, on Tuesday, Jan. 15, Baines said he became an overnight celebrity in his small hometown of Smyrna, Del.

"Just 20 seconds on TV can do somebody wonders," he said.

The segment showed Baines' audition in Philadelphia in front of judges Paula Abdul, Simon Cowell and Randy Jackson, where after singing "A Little More You" by country group Little Big Town, he was accepted to audition in the next round of the competition in Hollywood. Out of the 28,000 people who came to audition, Baines said only 200 of them, including himself, made it to the next round.

He said he was nervous, but also confident, when he auditioned, and he was surprised by the judges' reactions.

"When Simon said, 'You have a really good voice' it totally caught me off guard," Baines said. "I was like, 'Really? Wow.' That's not what I was expecting to hear."

Baines, who had to go through two initial auditions before filming his television appearance on Sept. 2, said his friends pushed him to audition when he decided not to pursue the show.

"It's such a random process, so in my mind I was thinking 'What are my chances?'" he said. "I didn't want to stand in line for a whole entire day just to not make it."

But Baines did make it — at least on to the next round. He said he signed a contract that does not permit him to say anything about the Hollywood round until it airs on Fox tonight.

What he can say, though, is behind-the-scenes the judges



Courtesy of Jonathan Baines

Jonathan Baines' audition for judges Simon Cowell, Randy Jackson and Paula Abdul aired on Jan. 15.

are friendly and funny.

"Simon is definitely hilarious off-stage," Baines said. "He was very nice and very kind."

Baines, who was born in North Carolina, describes himself as a Christian country boy. He first started singing in youth choir at his church in Smyrna where his father is a pastor. When

friends started recognizing his talent, Baines said music became his second passion. His first is his faith.

"My faith is one thing that I hope will stand out in this competition if they show more of me," he said. "That's who I am. I'm a Christian."

As a senior in high school, he said he takes classes at Delaware Technical Community College in Dover to earn extra credits while staying active in church and finding time for his friends.

"My life is very busy and packed and I love it," Baines said.

Since the show aired, he said his busy life has gotten even busier. Offers from music producers is just one of the opportunities "American Idol" has given him. Now, he also has fans.

"I have had over 300 friend requests on MySpace, a ton of friend requests on Facebook and I have had so many people creating fan clubs," Baines said. "This is insane."

But Baines said he does not mind the attention and his friends, family and church members have been supportive of his accomplishments.

Sara Hopkins, a choir director at the church, said she thinks Baines has the potential to go far.

"As long as Jonathan keeps his priorities where they need to be I think he'll do really good at whatever he ends up doing," Hopkins said. "I'm very excited for him."

Baines said he also plays piano and guitar, and eventually he wants to have a career in music. He would also like to try out acting as well. Even if he does not make it big on "American Idol," he said he will still pursue music and try to record an album.

Baines said ultimately he would like to go to college and get a degree in music.

"I'm starting to spread my wings a little bit, and I'm pursuing my dreams," he said. "I'm not waiting for it to come to me. I'm going after it."

Newark legend passes at 98

Delaware alum remembered for loyalty

BY CAITLIN WOLTERS

Copy Editor

Vincent "Winnie" Mayer, a baseball and football player at the university in the '30s, passed away earlier this month. Mayer was a prominent fixture around Newark, especially at sporting events on campus.

Newark Mayor Vance A. Funk III said the loss of Mayer, 98, is difficult for the community because of his strong love for Newark and its events.

"He meant a lot to the community because he was the community," Funk said. "He would help at every event in Newark. He was just a great person to know. He seemed to care about everyone."

Edgar Johnson, athletic director at the university, said Mayer's real passion in life was Blue Hen sports. He loved to go to games and watch every variety of athletics.

"Every time you turned around at a football game, baseball game or concert, Winnie was there," Johnson said. "You felt you were the most important thing in his life." Mayer was known for supporting all Delaware teams through successful and unsuccessful seasons, he said. Mayer would reassure coaches that students were playing the best they could.

He was permanent fixture at baseball games where he would sit in the same seat for every game to cheer for the team, Johnson said.

Bill Murray, a lifelong friend,

said Mayer was a star football and baseball player when he met him.

Murray said Mayer was always faithful to Delaware athletics. There was never a season when he did not support the teams because of his devotion to university sports.

"It was as strong as you can imagine," he said. "He went through good years and bad years with the same university. He loved sports of all kinds."

Johnson said he was present when Mayer was inducted into the university athletics Hall of Fame during Homecoming 1997. During the '30s, the football team was successful and Mayer was a prominent talent within the athletic department.

Mayer was also helpful in putting together the ceremony for the Hall of Fame, Johnson said. Since there was not always documentation from earlier in the century, Mayer would work with staff to piece together whatever information he could share.

"He was a link to the past, history and tradition," Johnson said. "A lot of old-timers came through and were helpful on information for the hall of fame. He was a very positive supporter of the program."

Harold "Tubby" Raymond, who retired as football coach after the 2001 season, said part of Mayer's devotion to sports was displayed when he was an athlete on the team.

"He played football at Newark

High School," Raymond said. "Then he came to University of Delaware and didn't think he was good enough to play. So, he watched practices and games and saw he was very good."

He said Mayer did not always agree with how the game was played in modern times, but he continued to support the program with words of encouragement.

Funk said in addition to being a star athlete, Mayer was known for catching a home invader when he was 95 years old.

He said the thief had been breaking into the homes of elderly people and had been difficult to catch. When he broke into Mayer's home by climbing through the bedroom window, Mayer beat him with a cane, causing him to flee.

Newark officials recognized his efforts to catch the robber, Funk said.

Murray said family was an important factor in Mayer's life. The Mayer family has lived in Newark for more than a century. They were also present at Mayer's induction into the Hall of Fame.

Johnson said the athletic program plans to honor Mayer by placing a memorial banner in the athletic complex.

Funk said Mayer will always be remembered for his devotion to sports, the community and his always positive attitude.

"He was just a prince of a man," he said.

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Inmates' health care system under scrutiny

U.S. prisons make little progress in reformation process

BY WALLACE MCKELVEY

Staff Reporter

On Feb. 18, 2005, Jermaine Lamar Wilson was found hanging from a bed sheet in his cell, eight days after a judge ordered his release. His clothes were stained with blood from a gash on the back of his head. Prison officials claimed his death was a suicide.

"They called me on the phone that night and told me my son had died," said his mother, Susie Wilson. "Just a phone call and that was it."

"When I wanted to meet them and have them answer my questions, no one would talk to me."

She did not receive the department's report until February of last year, Wilson said. Mixed in with her son's files were those of another inmate, Jermaine Lamont Wilson.

"Even after all that time, it's been upsetting to me that they couldn't differentiate who my son was," she said.

Correctional Medical Services, the private Missouri-based company which holds a no-bid contract with the state to provide medical care to inmates, has faced criticism from the judicial system and prisoner advocacy groups.

According to a report filed by an independent monitor, Delaware prisons will remain under the supervision of the U.S. Department of Justice while the state makes slow progress in addressing the inadequate inmate health care provided by the Department of Correction's medical vendor.

In the 229-page report, independent monitor Joshua W. Martin III wrote that the company suffers from a "lack of stable and effective leadership" and has not fully cooperated with monitors.

"The monitoring team has also faced difficulty in receiving consistent and accurate information from CMS," Martin wrote.

He said CMS staff frequently provided information about practices and procedures which later proved to be false.

Delaware prisons have made little or no progress in addressing the high rate of turnover of staff, lack of patient privacy, access to medical and mental health care, and providing adequate clinic space and equipment, Martin wrote in the report.

In the infirmary at the Delaware Correctional Center in Smyrna, he found two nurses and one medical assistant assigned to 44 inmates.

"Patients in this infirmary are either ones that would require a nursing home if they were in the community," Martin wrote, "or ones that have some acute problem that requires careful attention."

Martin wrote that the three staff members were overburdened with providing health care and cleaning duties. Consequently, there was a lack of documentation in patient charts.

At the same facility, the monitoring team found there were no patient referrals occurring for three months "because the person who was assigned to schedule appointments for inmates was on sick leave, and CMS had failed to find a temporary replacement."

Martin found that two facilities, Baylor Women's Correctional Institution in New Castle and DCC, were particularly lapse in providing access to medical care for inmates.

"Nurses do not consistently see patients within 72 hours of receiving their health service requests," he wrote. "In fact, sometimes patients are not seen at all."

Among the most improved areas of prison health care is screening and identification of inmates at risk of suicide or suffering from mental illness, the report concluded.

Martin wrote that 2,247 Department of Correction staff members have been trained on suicide prevention issues in the preceding six months.

Rev. Christopher Bullock, pastor of the Canaan Baptist Church in Wilmington, said he founded the Delaware Coalition for Prison Reform and Justice in order to address the inadequacies and injustices faced by prisoners.

"The Department of Justice launched a major investigation based on our findings," Bullock said. "They found 87 civil rights violations in the Delaware prison system."

He said Martin and the monitoring team had conducted a "superb and comprehensive review," which confirmed what the coalition had found in their own investigations.

"CMS is not doing their job, plain and simple," Bullock said.

Delaware inmates deserve better, he said, particularly when they are paying their debt to society.

"I don't advocate a reduction in sentences or early release," Bullock said. "I only advocate that they are treated in a humane, decent way."

The Department of Justice began investigating the conditions at four state prisons in July 2006 and determined the facilities "violated the constitutional rights of Delaware inmates."

Their findings were reported to Gov. Ruth Ann Minner in a letter dated Dec. 29, 2006. In the letter, assistant attorney general Wan J. Kim threatened to file a law suit against Delaware if the state and the department were unable to reach a resolution regarding the investigation's concerns. However, no law suit was ever filed.

Jodi Bobb, a spokeswoman for the DOJ, said the department negotiated a settlement with the state.

"We anticipate [the agreement] will resolve the deficiencies we identified during our investigation if the state implements the reforms," Bobb said.

In Martin's most recent report, he said that the prisons were in "substantial compliance" with 31 of the 217 total provisions required by the Justice department in the agreement. The prisons were not compliant with 17 and in "partial compliance" with 169.

"The assessment of partial compliance that the monitoring team has used is a very broad designation," Martin wrote in the report. "And in some instances reflects minimal progress that the State has made in eliminating constitutional deficiencies."

Ben Fleury-Steiner, criminal justice professor, said the judicial system has been ineffective in ensuring prison health care reform happens.

"The court orders prisons to a series of reforms," Fleury-Steiner said. "Prison officials agree and in some instances even implement a few superficial changes, but in a matter of months, as has been the case in Delaware, nothing actually happens."

He said the problem stems from mass incarceration. Jails are full of prisoners from marginalized communities who never received adequate health care outside of prison.

The solution is to cut the number of people in prison, Fleury-Steiner said, but politicians are terrified of looking soft on crime.

"Everyone wants to be safe in their communities," he said. "But politicians in Delaware and elsewhere have gone way overboard."

"The price being paid is a system that literally allows prisoners to needlessly suffer and sometimes die."

Bullock said CMS was not performing its duty to prisoners and Delaware could provide better health care.

"Until CMS is removed and a new vendor from Delaware, for Delaware, is given responsibility for health care, change will be gradual at best and non-existent at worst," he said.

There are world-class physicians right

here in the state and we should use them, Bullock said.

"The issue's always cost," he said. "But you can't put a price tag on someone's physical, mental, or spiritual condition."

John Painter, the chief of media relations at the Delaware Department of Corrections, said the 2009 budget proposal includes \$40 million for inmate health care, including a \$38 million contract which goes directly to CMS.

He said the DOC and CMS were working hard to implement the changes suggested in the monitor's report.

"The commissioner is willing to consider any change that would lead to an improvement in inmate medical care," Painter said. "But he is not, at the moment, prepared to talk about changing medical vendors."

CMS did not respond to requests for comment.

Wilson said she filed a civil lawsuit in 2005 against the Department of Corrections, which is currently in mediation.

The prison health care system needs drastic changes and should be closely monitored, she said.

"It hasn't changed since my son died," Wilson said. "It hasn't gotten better and his story isn't the only one."

"I want it to change. I don't want anyone else's child to die, their family to have to go through what my family is still going through."

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Classified site offers textbooks trading

BY SARA WAHLBERG

News Features Editor

It is the beginning of a new semester and most students know what that means — breaking the bank to buy new textbooks.

Kyle Livesey, a Kean University sophomore, has created a new way to ease the bookstore burden by launching College Ad Board, a Web site where students can buy, sell and trade textbooks for free.

He said he first got the idea to build the site after he tried to sell back a \$150 accounting textbook and his college bookstore would only give him \$20 for it.

"Bookstores are such a rip off," Livesey said. "They are only willing to give you back \$20 after you've only used the book for one semester and it's in mint condition. That really bothers me."

To sell his books, Livesey put up flyers on his campus bulletin boards. He said only one flyer did not get torn down, but the response he received was huge.

"Within a week, I got 45 calls, three or four text messages and four or five e-mails regarding the eight books I had," he said. "I thought I had something there."

He said that is when he decided to help students like himself find an easier way to sell and trade their textbooks by creating the site.

College Ad Board is a free site that any student, faculty or staff member at a university can use to buy, sell and trade anything they want, from textbooks to work out equipment to off-campus housing, Livesey said. Members can create a profile and post their items as they would on a bulletin board.

Livesey said he had never created a Web site before and he only knew a few things about it. To get the best quality, Livesey said he hired a web development company, Super Tech Boyz, to create the site.

"I really wanted it to be done correctly, 100 percent," he said.

Ori Segall, owner of Super Tech Boyz, said he thinks Livesey had a great idea.

"I think it's going to be a huge success," Segall said. "It's already growing a lot bigger than I thought it would be."

The project, which cost Livesey somewhere between 15 to 20 thousand dollars after trademark and copyright fees, lawyer fees and full web development, is an investment, he said.

"It was very costly but it will pay off in the long run," he said.

The site, which has had approximately 11,000 hits since its launch on Dec. 16, is the latest way students are avoiding paying high amounts at bookstores, Livesey said.

"College textbooks have risen twice the rate of inflation over the last 20 years," he said. "It's ridiculous."

Jennifer Libertowski, a spokeswoman for the National Association of College Stores, said it is important to keep the prices in perspective.

"Tuition is also rising each year, and the price of higher education is rising each year," she said.

She said textbooks are also being packaged differently. Many of them now come bundled with CDs, which makes the book cost more.

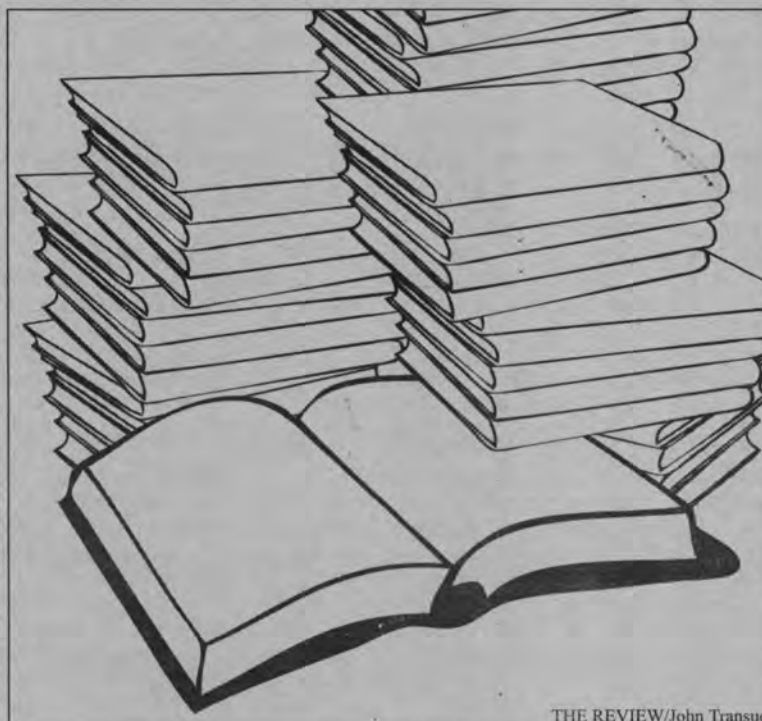
Molly Wilwol, textbook manager at Delaware Book Exchange, said textbook prices are high because new editions come out every one or two years and professors often request the latest editions. She said students spend an average of \$500 a semester on textbooks, depending on their year and their major.

"That is absolutely too high," Wilwol said.

She said there seems to be a general trend of students turning to online resources to buy their textbooks, but problems such as long shipment times and complicated return policies prevent many students from purchasing their books online.

Jennifer Galt, manager of the University Bookstore, stated in an e-mail message that there are advantages to buying at the local bookstores, such as getting the correct book and edition the professor requested.

"Another advantage to buying locally is that returning in the case of add/drop is much easier at the local level than online," Galt said.



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While that may be true, Livesey said he tried to make his site as easy to navigate as possible.

"With the Web site you can post your stuff, no one can tear it down, and you don't need to get permission either," he said.

Livesey said he would like to focus on getting the word out to students in any way possible, which included making YouTube videos of himself and his friends doing goofy impressions for publicity.

"I really made an ass of myself," he said. "I think it helped a little bit. I got a few more hits and a few more members."

Medical marijuana dispensed in PVMS

BY CAITLIN WOLTERS

Copy Editor

Prescription vending machines in Los Angeles are now dispensing medical marijuana to patients who want to use it as a treatment for various illnesses. These machines are giving patients a convenient way to obtain the drug with a valid prescription.

Kris Hermes, the legal campaign director for Americans for Safe Access said while his organization supports the use of medical marijuana, they are unsure about the use of prescription vending machines.

"We have mixed feelings at the moment, until we can see how technology and the means of dispensing fares in the coming weeks and months," Hermes said. "There is an issue with the inability to discuss details of the medication with skilled staff people and an inability to smell and look at the medication before buying."

There are security precautions taken with the PVMS, he said. There is 24-hour guarded service, a doctor recommendation and documentation and a thumb print verification.

Hermes said medical marijuana is used for a variety of ailments to help reduce discomfort in chronically ill patients.

"It's used with cancer for chemotherapy, trying to establish an appetite and keeping nausea under control," he said. "It's used with multiple sclerosis to help with spasticity. Chronic pain is the most common. It substitutes harmful pharmaceutical drugs because marijuana doesn't have side effects. As many as a third of HIV patients use it for various reasons."

Jose Martize, a special agent for the Drug Enforcement Agency, said there is no reason for him to feel positively about PVMS. Marijuana is an illegal drug and should not be used as a medication.

"There is no need for it to be prescribed," Martize said. "Until those matters change, we will enforce the law."

Nathan Sands, communication director for the Compassionate Coalition, said medical marijuana is beneficial for many patients and can make their life easier while dealing with illness.

"Marijuana is a very effective medication for a lot of different health problems," Sands said. "The voters of California voted it into effect 10 years ago. There's awareness it is a good medication."

He said there is verifiable evidence marijuana has helped people in the past and continues to help them now.

"There were studies in England using marijuana to treat multiple sclerosis, cancer and AIDS," Sands said. "It has a preventative health benefit. It can prevent, breakdown and even cure cancer."

PVMS offer the ability to buy marijuana at any time of day, he said. The convenience and price are great advantages, but because the machine cannot answer questions about the product customers may have, the PVMS do have disadvantages.

Martize said there is a chance the machines could be shut down, but that cannot be determined right now.

"Like anything else, we gather the evidence and submit it to the U.S. attorney office," he said. "Then we get a seizure warrant for the premise or the item."

The DEA has searched many PVMS already, Martize said. They have run into

problems with cooperation from owners.

"These machines were available," he said. "What happened is when we had search warrants, the person in charge of the premise would refuse to open the machines. We are forced to open them if they don't provide us the means of opening."

Hermes said the number of PVMS has greatly increased in the last few years. Patients prefer the convenience they provide and the around-the-clock access to treatment.

"We're advocating the safest and most affordable access for patients," he said. "Anything that enhances access. Before a few years ago, there were just a few dozen dispensaries. Today, there are more than 300."

Martize said the DEA will continue to prosecute marijuana users, even if it is for medical reasons.

"Marijuana continues to be a schedule one control substance, not a legitimate medication," he said. "There is no need to be prescribed. Until those matters change, we'll enforce the law."

Other drugs also have a medical benefit like marijuana, but they are not available to the medical community, Martize said. These include schedule two drugs such as cocaine. Still, Hermes said access to medical marijuana is worth fighting for. If PVMS can increase convenience and comfort, patients will continue to use them.

"We believe the rise of number and the access is safe for medical marijuana," he said. "As long as they're not abused and work for a significant number of patients, then why not have them?"



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Newark officials volunteer time as child mentors

BY JOSH SHANNON

City News Editor

Newark is expanding a program that encourages city employees to mentor local school children.

Carol Houck, assistant to the City Manager, said city employees are permitted to leave work for a weekly, one-hour mentoring session at Newark-area schools.

Last month, the city, in partnership with the Delaware Mentoring Council, held a "mini-mentoring" program at John R. Downes Elementary School to show city workers the benefits of mentoring, Houck said. Seven city employees went to the school to meet the school's mentoring coordinator and have lunch with some of the students.

"For an hour and a half, our employees that were interested could go sit in on the mentoring, classroom and hear some information about mentoring, and the kids who need it," she said.

The event at Downes was modeled after a similar event the city held in October at Joseph M. McVey Elementary School, which resulted in 16 city employees signing up to become mentors, Houck said.

Heather Bordas, McVey principal, said the students, in kindergarten through fifth grade, have taken to their mentors well.

"They love them," Bordas said. "They look forward to it every week — it's the highlight of their week."

The city's mentoring initiative began three years ago when it was approached by DMC, Houck said. DMC, hosted by the university, is an organization that promotes mentoring throughout the state.

City manager Carl Luft, a mentor himself, was committed to the idea, Houck said.

"He decided he would allow our employees to take this hour off as volunteer time," she said.

Houck, who runs the city's program, said she selected McVey because unlike other schools in the city, it did not already have a mentoring program.

"McVey was starting fresh," Houck said. "They had nothing and they had a new principal who was really gung-ho about working with us."

Last year, the program dissolved when financial woes caused the Christina School District to eliminate funding for the position of mentoring coordinator at the school, she said.

Houck said last fall she realized she needed a way to rejuvenate the program.

"We wanted to try to kick it off with something different and get more people involved," she said.

Carol Anders Riggs, assistant director of DMC, said it is often hard for people to imagine what mentoring is like, and the mini-mentoring session allowed them to experience it without making a commitment.

"We thought if we gave them a taste they would see how easy and fun it is to do," Riggs said. "Once people see how easy it is to do and how excited the kids are to have mentors and how easy it is to make a difference in their day, it just wins them over."

Once employees sign up to become a mentor, they undergo a background check and a four-hour training session before they are matched up with a child, she said.

Bordas said students in need of a mentor are identified by teachers and counselors. Most are struggling either with academics or with a family situation, such as a divorce, she said.

The students must have permission from their parents to take part in the mentoring program, Bordas said.

Houck, who has been mentoring for three years, said once a mentor is matched to a particular child, he or she visits that child once a week during the school year.

She said when she meets with her mentee she tries to mix academic help with social interaction.

"I do a half an hour of lesson and then a half an hour of playing a learning game, writing in a journal and things like that to keep it interesting and so we get a chance to talk about what is going on in his life and my life," Houck said.

She said the program is rewarding for the mentors, not just the students.

"We get to go be in a school, be with kids and feel good about ourselves after we leave," Houck said.

She said she hopes to match interested employees with mentees at Downes within the next few weeks. After that, she hopes the idea will spread to other municipalities around the state.

Houck said she is preparing an information packet to send to other municipalities.

"It would be like a mentoring challenge," she said.

Riggs said that while many businesses and organizations, including the university, have established similar mentoring programs, Newark is the first municipality in the state to do so.

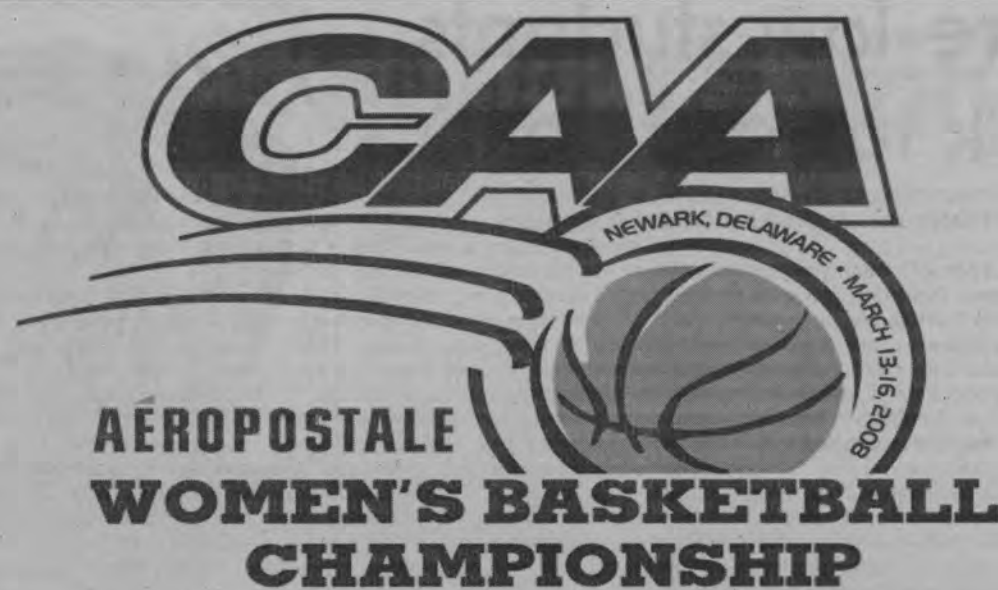
"They're setting an excellent example for the rest of the municipalities in Delaware," she said.

Bordas said McVey currently has 55 mentors from the city of Newark and elsewhere, but still needs more.

"Anyone can volunteer," she said. "They could just call our school or come on in and we can sit down and train them and walk them through it."

Riggs said she encourages students and community members to become mentors.

"There's just nothing like it — you can see you're helping the child," she said. "It takes so little to make a big difference."



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Pre-law students look toward politics

BY BRITTANY TALARICO

Managing News Editor

In the midst of a highly anticipated presidential election, a Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions Survey of students preparing to take the Law School Admission Test concluded that 42 percent of LSAT takers will "definitely" or "probably" run for political office after graduating from law school.

Glen Stohr, Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions Pre-Law assistant director, said 1,949 students responded to the survey nationwide. The survey was released in December and focused on motivational factors which drive students to attend law school.

"According to the numbers, 42 percent of respondents said they would be interested in pursuing a political career," Stohr said. "Among those students a breakdown by gender showed a noticeable gap — 52 percent of male students versus a drop to 34 percent among female students."

He said this percentage of women represents a historic high of female involvement in politics.

"Out of this survey more than one-third of women in law school are doing so in pursuit of a political career," Stohr said. "They are actually saying, 'I intend in the future to run for office myself.'"

"This is not surprising when you see female role models in the political world."

Currently 16 percent of the members of Congress are female, he said. This figure is double what it was 20 years ago.

"There is a historic high in the number of female governors and a historic high in the number of females in Congress," Stohr said. "I certainly think that promotes a growth in interest."

He said this survey seems timely because of the high interest in politics in the air. This is an election in which young people are very interested.

It will be interesting to see once this election is over, if this is a generation that will be interested in politics, Stohr said.

"In [Barack] Obama, [Hillary] Clinton, all the candidates you have the perfect combination of people to make young men, young women and young people in general interested in politics at a greater level than we've seen in years," he said.

Another important statistic derived from the survey is 73 percent of LSAT takers said high income potential was a "very important" or "important" factor in their decision to attend law school, Stohr said. There was no gender split within this group.

"We saw the same proportion of men and women that high income potential was important," he said.

Stohr said he found this statistic interesting because becoming a politician is not necessarily a profitable profession compared to the kind of money available to a successful investment banker or a corporate attorney.

"Forty-two percent of respondents expressed interest in a political career and 73 percent find high income potential important," he said.

"There has to be some overlap.

"This shows there is more than one thing on the minds of students interested in attending law school."

Marianne Green, assistant director of Career Services, stated in an e-mail message that the gap between male and female interest in politics may exist because females may not be as willing or able to make the sacrifices necessary to pursue a career in politics today.

Green said women as well as men are encouraged by Sen. Hillary Clinton's (D-N.Y.) presidential pursuit.

"I think many women and men will be inspired by her candidacy, but many others may think that the things she has to go through as a candidate are not worth it, and therefore, may decide against politics as a political career," she said.

Regarding the statistic that 73 percent of LSAT takers said high income potential was important, Green said politics is not a field that pays particularly well, but it can be a springboard to lucrative careers as lobbyists, consultants, fund-raisers, lecturers, authors and other vocations.

"Politicians have power, visibility and clout," she said. "Politics is about public services, but there is also power to be had and money to be made."

Junior Jenna Kring, vice president of Phi Alpha Delta pre-law fraternity, said she notices more men interested in politics than women within the fraternity.

An important thing to keep in mind is there is still a difference between the number of men and women that go to law school, she said.

"I think historically there is a higher prevalence of men in politics than women," Kring said. "I think maybe especially with this election it will inspire girls, but I think there is still that gender bias almost."

Phi Alpha Delta has 50 active members and presents an opportunity for students who are interested in going to law school or think they might be interested to meet other students who feel the same way, she said. The fraternity hosts Kaplan events, informs students of the free LSAT and organizes an event called "So you Want to be a Lawyer?" in which a panel of lawyers discuss their experiences.

Kring said she believes many people who attend law school have the interest to become a lawyer and outside of that there is an interest to be involved in politics.

"I want to be a district attorney, which involves politics," she said. "You have to be elected into that position."

"There are two distinct groups — those who run for political office and those who get into politics through being a lawyer."

Kring said Clinton's candidacy will play a crucial role in influencing women to become involved in politics.

"I think her prevalence in the election will make people, especially girls, more open to going into politics and more comfortable with the idea," she said.



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in the news

CLINTON REPLACES MANAGER AFTER OBAMA WINS MAINE

Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-N.Y.) shook up her presidential campaign Sunday, replacing campaign manager and longtime aide Patti Solis Doyle with her former White House chief of staff Maggie Williams in an acknowledgment of the unexpectedly difficult struggle in which she finds herself against Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.).

The move came on a day when Obama easily won the Maine caucuses, completing a decisive week-end sweep of Democratic contests in four states that gave the senator from Illinois renewed momentum heading into Tuesday's contests in

Maryland, Virginia and the District.

The change at the top of the Clinton campaign has been talked about since last month's Iowa caucuses, in which the senator from New York placed third and immediately lost her front-runner status. Still, it came as a surprise to even some senior advisers.

After mounting tensions inside the campaign, fueled by repeated defeats, financial difficulties, inconclusive results on Super Tuesday and Saturday's coast-to-coast trouncing, Doyle told the staff Sunday that she will step aside.

2008 PRIMARIES SET RECORD NUMBER FOR VOTERS

The presidential primary season has not yet confirmed a nominee in either party, but it has notched a different political accomplishment: it has driven more people to participate in the process.

More people have registered to vote, and many states have reported record voter turnout in the primary contests and caucuses.

Although there are signs that Democrats are gaining most from these developments, much can happen between now and November, and whom the party

settles on as its nominee could make a significant difference.

The shift in party registration has been measurable in early-voting states including Nevada, where the number of registered Democrats crept ahead of registered Republicans in the weeks leading up to the Jan. 19 caucuses.

Primary-day registrations for Democrats were more than double the number seen on primary day in 2000, while primary-day registrations among Republicans fell from 2000.

FACE OF POLITICS RAPIDLY CHANGING IN THE MIDDLE EAST

After Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's followers toppled a U.S.-backed autocracy in Iran, he brought to power a coterie of politically engaged clerics who sought to create the world's first Islamic republic. Nearly 30 years later, a new generation of politicians is sweeping aside those clerics, many of whom had become proponents of better relations with the West and gradual steps toward greater democracy.

The newcomers are former military commanders, filmmakers and mayors, many younger than 50. They are vowing to carry out the promises of the revolution and to place Iran among the world's lead-

ing nations.

Last month, local election councils disqualified scores of clerics and their allies from seeking election to parliament March 14. Such candidates have been disqualified before, but analysts said the absence of members of the clerical old guard from other institutions of power in Iran means they will find it difficult to mount an electoral comeback.

Analysts say the purging of those clerics strengthens President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, the most prominent leader of the new generation, and will result in a smaller political class.

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

police reports

WOMAN FALLS VICTIM TO E-MAIL SCAM

A 49-year-old woman fell victim to an internet scam Saturday, Cpl. Scott Simpson of the Newark Police Department said.

The woman, who is deaf, received emails from someone claiming to be a representative of the "Deaf Charity Home Lottery," Simpson said. The emails stated the woman had won a \$150,000 prize.

The emails instructed the woman to wire a \$550 processing fee to Bonnie Sanderlin in Laurel, Md. in order to receive the prize money, Simpson said. The woman did so, and then showed the emails to her son, who recognized them as a scam and notified police.

Police could not find anyone by the name of Bonnie Sanderlin. The case has been forwarded to investigators.

BURGLARY ATTEMPT AT UNIVERSITY COURTYARDS

There was an attempted burglary at the University Courtyard apartments sometime between Friday and Saturday, Simpson said.

An unknown suspect attempted to force open a window in the apartment belonging to a 21-year-old male university student.

Police found pry marks on the window and a lamp knocked over, but nothing was missing. Simpson said it did not appear the suspect succeeded in entering the apartment.

— Josh Shannon

Philosophy majors prove successful in job market

BY SARA WAHLBERG

News Features Editor

Philosophy majors may not need to ponder their future career plans for too long. According to recent statistics from the Higher Education Statistics Agency, many employers are looking for what philosophers have to offer.

Simon Kemp, the press officer for HESA, stated in an e-mail message that the data was collected between 2002-03 through 2005-06, which is a short time to make conclusive statements. However, it shows the number of graduates working full and part-time jobs six months after graduation has risen by 9 percent overall, but for philosophy graduates it has risen 13 percent.

David Schrader, executive director for the American Philosophical Association, said the study accords with what he has seen as well.

"It certainly is something that makes sense to me," Schrader said.

He said skills employers look for in philosophy students include strong writing, analysis and critical thinking.

"Employers figure they will teach you the particular job skills," Schrader said. "But they want you to think well, write well and learn well."

Carrie Gruber, a spokeswoman for the National Center of Education Statistics, said the career path for philosophy is not as clear cut to see as in other majors.

"For some majors, it's pretty easy," Gruber said. "If you are an engineering major, you will be an engineer. If you are pre-med, you are going to be a doctor. But philosophy?"

Heather Kelly, assistant director for the Office of Institutional Research and Planning, stated in an e-mail message that since the philosophy major is small at the university, the employment information the office gathers is not large. In Fall 2006, there were 53 philosophy majors, and only six reported their employment status.

"In 2006, it was reported that four philosophy majors were employed upon graduation, one went onto graduate school, and one was seeking work," Kelly said.

Schrader said philosophy students can go into any career they want, from advertising to business.

Many philosophy students, however, seem to head to law school after they graduate, he said.

Philosophy chairperson George Schueler said the career choices are varied.

"Steve Martin, a comedian and actor, was a philosophy major," Schueler said. "So that's one thing you can do. You can become a famous person."

He said philosophy majors typically do very well on the Graduate Record Examinations, and even place higher than English majors in the verbal section.

"What philosophy majors learn to do is to think and analyze problems and questions," he said. "What you're doing in a philosophy class is extremely useful in the law and in all kinds of things."

Schueler also said many philosophy majors double major in something else, like biology or psychology. He even had one student who went on to be a nurse.

Marianne Green, assistant director of Career Services, stated in an e-mail message that she has not seen any evidence that employers are becoming more or less interested in philosophy majors than in the past, but she does see the advantages to majoring in philosophy.

"They excel at jobs that call for critical and analytical skills," Green said.

However, she sees a trend that employers do not look at a major as much as the candidate and his or her qualifications.

Schrader said he would like to see more students try out a philosophy class because many are not exposed to philosophy in high school courses.

He said he believes if more

students took a philosophy class as freshmen, they would declare philosophy as a major.

"I see one of our biggest challenges is getting some word out to people of what the advantages of philosophy are," Schrader said.

He said he would like to see more studies done about the employment rates five years after graduation. Those statistics might show philosophy majors actually do better than many other majors in the long run.

Andrew Petrov, a former philosophy major, said he dropped philosophy because of the small size of the department, but he still thinks philosophy is useful in the working world.

"Studying philosophy when it's done right and it's not just babble gives people very important skills in how to analyze and argue," Petrov said.

However, he said he admits he is not sure what he will do after graduation.

"No idea," he said. "Just hope that the debt collectors don't come knocking on my door."



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ONLINE POLL

Q: If you knew a Super Tuesday-like panel was being held, would you attend?

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Professors talking politics

University gets it right with 'Super Tuesday' panel

This past Tuesday, the university held its first-ever "Super Tuesday" event in one of Trabant's multipurpose rooms. A panel of five professors shared information about the election with students, including topics such as polling, why the election is important, how issues of race and religion play into the process and the media's involvement.

There was also a PowerPoint presentation and televisions displaying key scenes from the election, to make the information more accessible. Students were encouraged to discuss what they were learning or had already heard about the election.

In all, the political science and communications departments did a wonderful job organizing and conducting the event. The panel shared information without preaching, and students learned without feeling like information was being shoved down their throats. Instead, the information was presented and students were able to make their own decisions and form their own opinions.

While the panel focused on specific areas of the election for dis-

cussion, they also managed to give a broad overview of information. This allowed students without prior backgrounds in politics to comprehend the election process. Those who attended Super Tuesday Central left with a much better breadth of political knowledge.

The university should continue to have events similar to Super Tuesday Central to make information about the election available to students right up until voting day. The more opportunities available to learn about the election, the more students will take advantage. This is even more important now because the majority of students are back on campus to attend such programs.

Although the university did an excellent job with the event, more attention should be given to making students aware that these programs are occurring on campus. No matter how interested a student may be in learning about the election, they cannot attend if they are not aware of the program.

When presented with all of the information, students are more able to make informed decisions. They may even be more eager to do so.

University Police to carry guns

New policy allows police to act like they are trained

A new policy allowing University Police officers to carry firearms on their person has been instituted.

Before this new rule, police officers were forced to keep their guns in their patrol cars. A supervisor had to be called and give the "go-ahead" before an officer was allowed to actually remove the gun from the car.

There would not be enough time to have gone through all the steps to make sure it was acceptable to use a gun, in a situation where firearms would be needed.

The old policy was a safety hazard for the police officers as well as the students and faculty they were trying to protect. Even though it is hoped that the guns will not have to be used, simply having them offers much more security.

All University Police officers have gone through extensive training with firearms. The old policy was not allowing the officers to use all of their skills to do their jobs. Now, if the situation calls for it, the officers can react as they have been trained.

The new policy allowing police to have guns on their person was partially spurred forward because of the events that occurred at Virginia

Polytechnic Institute and State University last spring.

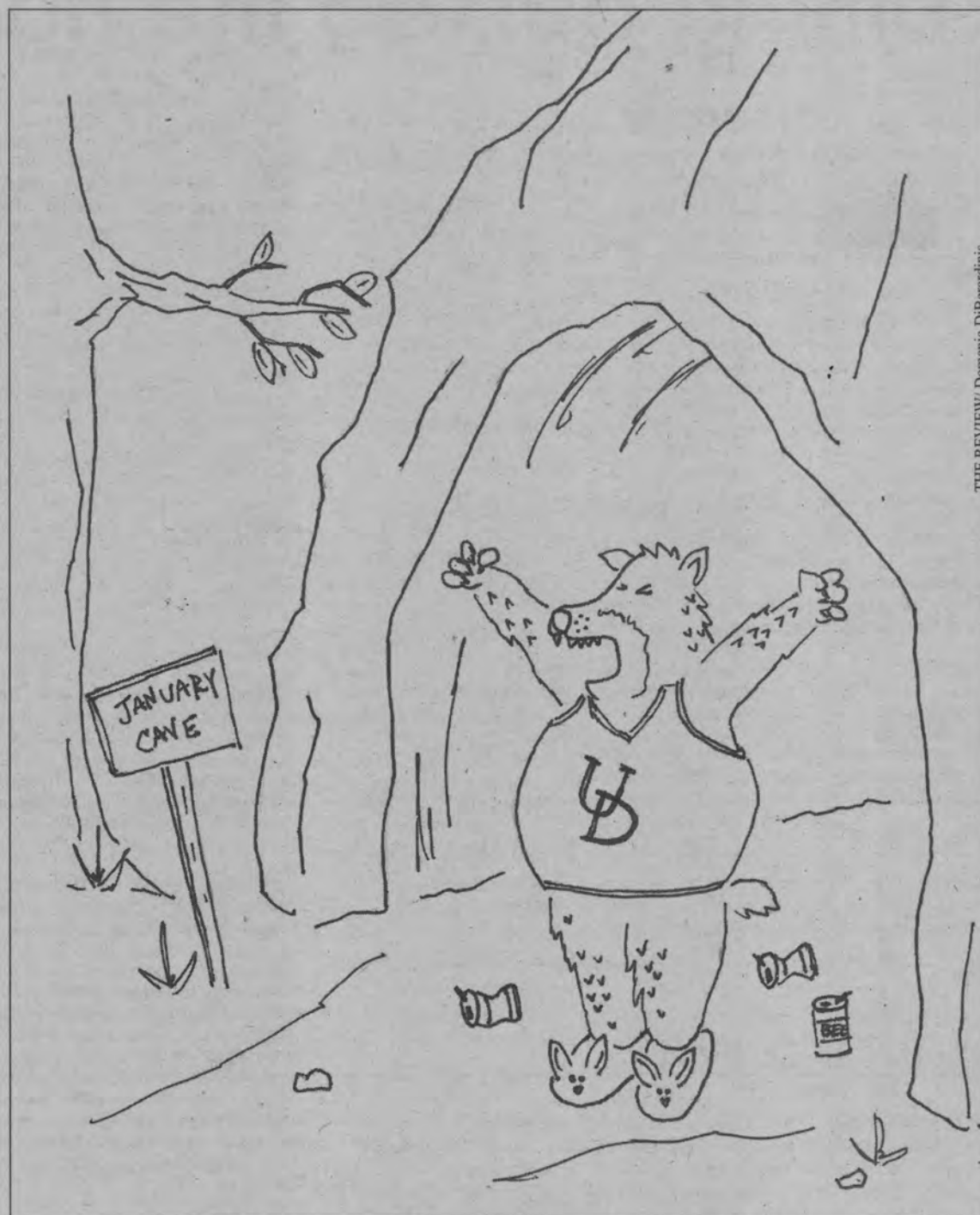
Sadly enough, the reality is that armed officers are somewhat of a necessity.

Some incidents have been minor, but some have not. The truth is that the new policy is for our own protection. The University Police officers are paid to look after us so we might as well allow them to do their jobs.

This is not to say the new policy is necessary only because of crimes involving students. The university does not have a closed campus. Anyone can walk onto college grounds at any time. This cannot be controlled. Preventing dangerous incidents and dealing with them in the most efficient ways is all that can be done. This new policy will not only allow officers to better protect university staff and students but also the people in the community of Newark.

By instituting the new policy, the university is openly recognizing that there is crime on campus. Half the battle is admitting that there is a problem. This new policy is a positive step towards solving this problem.

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Dining out: do the right thing, please



All Riled Up

Emily Riley

A server's tips for being a good customer.

Friday and Saturday are the best nights of my week, not because I am going out to dinner with friends or blowing off weekday steam with half-priced drink specials, but because those are my busiest nights as a waitress.

Maybe I enjoy the satisfaction of enabling diners to enjoy their night out or maybe I have a personality disorder which prevents me from quitting my job and leaving behind the frustration of dealing with the public.

Every server struggles with this conflict of interest, yet we keep coming back for more. Despite irreversible psychological damage, I really love my job.

It is great to see someone's gratitude for a job well done and even better to see that gratitude manifested in my tip. It is also entertaining to hear the endless complaints or moronic questions from guests who have seemingly never been out in public before.

So, it is for their benefit as well as for the vindication of servers across campus that I provide the following educational instructions for your dining pleasure.

1. Tipping — "Why should I tip someone for a job I'm already paying them to do?" asks Dick Solomon in the 90s sitcom, "3rd Rock from the Sun."

I believe this is how many people feel about tipping, and while I do not fault them for it, I do blame them for not adhering to a social custom that has been in place for years.

Servers typically make less than \$2.50 per hour, which means a void paycheck after taxes. Therefore, our income is based entirely on our tips. Some servers may deserve a poor tip, but the norm for good service these days is 18 to 20 percent.

Your 13 percent tip for great service is not going to rock my world.

2. Addressing your server — We introduce ourselves to you at the beginning of the meal. We do not expect you to remember our names, but when you do, we recognize the respect you are showing and will gladly return it.

However, if you do not remember our name, feel free to say "Excuse me miss/sir..." or make eye contact and non-

offensive gestures in our direction to get our attention.

Of course, there are also unacceptable ways to go about tracking us down. Summoning your server while they are in the middle of taking care of another table, holding your glass in the air for a refill or screeching "Hey you!" is not just annoying, it is also very rude.

3. The menu — I will gladly make suggestions about our menu items for you in order to help you make a decision. However, I will not describe every platter to you in detail, especially in the middle of a Friday night dinner rush.

We understand you may have questions about what we serve and have taken the initiative to plot out a directory in which each bit of food is described.

We are happy to help you out, but if you refuse to look at our selection I can offer my best suggestion — I suggest you read the menu.

4. Receiving your food — Basic human anatomy has provided us with two arms. More would be helpful, but this is just not a possibility.

Servers are only capable of carrying three to four plates at once. Please do not assume that we forgot about you because we do not have your dish — I will be right back with it.

It is also helpful for us if you remember what you ordered a mere 15 minutes ago.

5. I am not the chef — When you tell me your chicken is not cooked to your liking, I will agree wholeheartedly.

Remember though, I am not the cook. I had nothing to do with the temperature, taste and portion of your food.

It is my responsibility to ensure that your sauce is on the side and that there is no parsley on the dish because you told me five times that you were allergic.

However, my restaurant talents are limited merely to serving. I do not cook, fry, baste or sauté anything. I'll do my best to ensure your meal is exactly the way you want it, but there are some things that are just outside of my control.

I understand you will be upset if you do not like your food. I would be too, but don't take your dissatisfaction out on my tip. Please do not mistake these tips for hostility. I really do enjoy waiting tables and serving a variety of people, young and old.

It is my sincerest hope that these suggestions will help those of you struggling with public protocol and allow you to dine with gratitude and patience.

Admitting you have a problem is the first step to recovery — at least that is what my therapist said.

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Give getting involved a fighting chance



It's a Trap

Jeff Ruoss

There is something out there for everyone.

In my four years of college I have heard all the lines. "Join our group because of blah, blah, blah," or "You need to get involved, it is your duty as a college student" and my favorite "Help cause X because it is the hottest new thing going on in the world."

Still, even though I know I should, I have never bought into it.

In my time here at The Review, I can think of endless columns which always revolve around how apathetic our campus and generation are.

Again, I never really cared.

It really is overwhelming sometimes. Every week there is a new cause that we just "have to" jump up and solve, and when we do not, we are just the people who are too

smug and content with our own little lives to really worry about anyone else — or that is the argument people throw around.

Well, to hell with them, right? I mean, who are they to tell us that we need to care or do something? This is college — our four years to do whatever we want while getting a degree and trying to put our lives together.

I have spent my fair share of time blowing off all of the causes around the campus and not really getting involved because I basked in my ability to distance myself from real problems of the world.

Yes, I understand Darfur is a problem and I have sent in my checks to help the cause, but I never really expected them to do anything.

But, like many other students my age, I just knew there was nothing out there to actually get me off of my ass to do something about it — not possible.

Once again, like pretty much any other statement I have ever made in my life, I was totally, 100 percent wrong.

In January 2003, my uncle was diagnosed with multiple myeloma — cancer of plasma cells, which are immune system cells in bone marrow that produce antibodies to fight off all of the unknown objects which come into our body. The worst part about this cancer is that it is incurable —

although remissions are known to happen, but not to last very long.

According to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation it represents approximately 1 percent of all cancers and 2 percent of all cancer deaths — so it is not as prevalent as other cancers but it is the second most prevalent blood cancer and it is beginning to be seen more commonly in younger adults than ever before.

But, even after he was diagnosed it still never really hit home for me. He always seemed to be in high spirits and never really let anyone know just how bad off he was. Then I received a phone call the other day from my mom asking me what my blood type was.

My uncle is unable to make his own blood anymore and they may need my blood to help him keep fighting.

At last, the problem was staring me right in the eye like a 10-ton elephant in the living room.

There are plenty of things which I could have done to help the cause long before this, but I just never did. Who knows, maybe I thought if I avoided it, the problem would go away.

I am probably the last person on this campus who should be telling people what to do, so I will offer a suggestion instead — do not regret not doing anything. After you spend four years here and you move on to whatever is next in your life, what do you want to have to look back on?

It is one thing to be apathetic and it is another thing to be just plain lazy. If there is nothing that whets your appetite and leads you to getting involved, at least see if there is a blood or bone marrow drive that you can help with.

It only takes about 20 minutes to walk through the line, and maybe you can actually be the reason someone gets to see their family just one more day.

Take it from me, do not let something awful happen before you realize everything you could or should have done.

There are hundreds of different things to get involved with on campus and in Newark itself — just try one. If you do not like it or it is not for you, at least you gave it the old college try, and no one can blame you for that.

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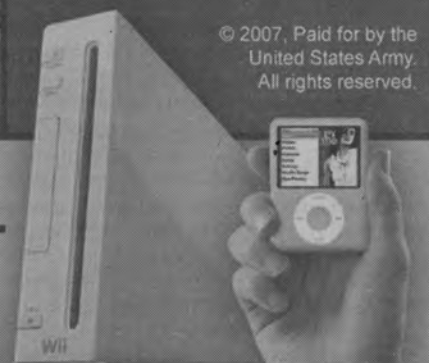
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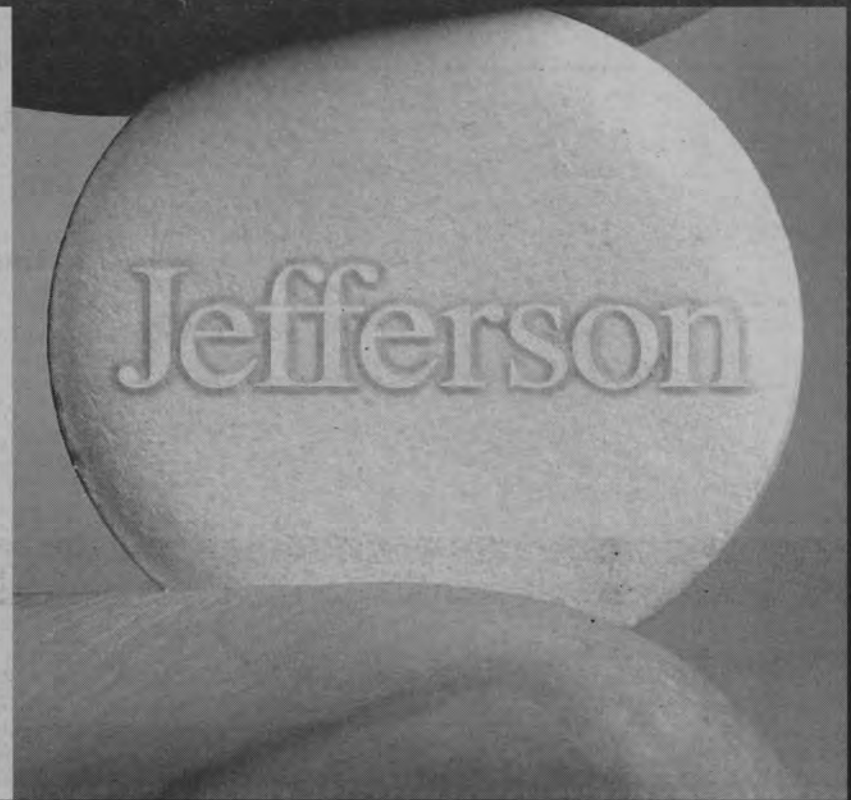
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A 'Natural' knack for competitive eating

BY LIZ SEASHOLTZ

Features Editor

At approximately 6:00 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 1, Jeff Olson was mentally preparing for the day ahead. In half an hour, he would be competing in a professional sports arena, with world champions to his left and right and an audience of 20,000 screaming him on.

Thinking of the events to come, Olson's stomach ached. The 22-year-old Wilmington resident's spiky black mohawk was most noticeable to the crowd while his iPod, set one click away from his game day mix, rest more discreetly in his pocket.

The task ahead — devour as many mildly sauced chicken wings as humanly possible.

At 6 foot 4 inches and a slim 170 pounds, Olson may not look like he's up to the challenge of consuming mass amounts of food. In fact, he just entered "the business" of competitive eating, and the Philly Wing Bowl was his first competition.

"I have always followed Philly sports, and once I turned 21, I just decided to try out for it," Olson says. "It started out as just a cool story to tell people but it's taken a turn now and I want to pursue it."

To qualify for the event, he had to propose an eating stunt to the morning crew of WIP 610, the creators of the 16 year old Philly Wing Bowl. Olson says he wanted to eat one pound of peanut butter in five minutes.

"I did peanut butter because if you tell them something kinda weird like that, they'll take you," Olson says. "Like a lot of people can sit down and eat a whole pizza, but not many can do peanut butter."

He downed the pound of natural peanut butter in four minutes, earning a spot in the Wing Bowl and his competitive eating nickname — "The Natural."

Before the event, Olson fasted for 29 hours in preparation. However, he says this plan backfired.

"After I ate, like, my first five wings I felt full because my stomach had shrunk so much," he says. "In the future, I'll fast again, but a shorter time, like 12 hours, and I'll still drink a lot of liquids to keep my stomach stretched."

Olson lasted the first 14-minute round, eating a total of 60 wings, but it wasn't enough to qualify him for the second



Courtesy of Jeff Olson

Jeff Olson participated in the Philly Wing Bowl.

round. In the end, winner Joey Chestnut from California took the title, eating 241 wings.

He says the only rules of the Wing Bowl are contestants must physically eat the meat off the bones — they can't pick the meat off and eat it separately. And of course, participants must abide by the strictly enforced mantra, "If you heave, you leave."

In the weeks before the competition, Olson trained with different eating techniques.

"I didn't practice eating by eating massive amounts of

wings, but more practiced the best technique for stripping meat off of them, and like what to do with the wings and drumsticks," he says. "I practiced large-quantity eating with healthy food like potatoes and vegetables."

To get in the zone during the actual competition, Olson listened to music on his iPod, but it didn't prove to be an effective distraction from the Wachovia Center's screaming fans.

He says competitive eating is purely mental.

"Basically, you just gotta worry about your plate and your plate only," Olson says. "Once you think you're full, you're pretty much screwed. Once you lose your mental edge, you've pretty much lost it."

Olson says one of the best parts of the competition was the camaraderie among all the contestants.

"Everyone I talked to there says it's like a big family, a big weird family," he says. "Everyone shares tips, and no one holds out information."

Olson is currently looking to take on a burger challenge at 2 Fat Guys in Hockessin, where participants have to eat two 1-pound burgers, complete with four half-pound patties, six buns, fries and lettuce, tomato and onion in less than 10 minutes.

He's also interested in partaking in a pizza challenge at Café Riviera in the Concord Mall, where he and a partner must eat a 20-inch pizza in less than 30 minutes. However, he says this challenge shouldn't be difficult, since pizza is his favorite food.

In the off season, Olson still involves himself in the food business — he is a cook at Pickles and Chip's steak shop in Wilmington. However, he says his career as a chef didn't influence his decision to pursue competitive eating.

"I've always been a big food person," Olson says. "I just enjoy cooking and preparing food and that kind of stuff."

The future looks bright for Olson, who is excited about entering the field of competitive eating and considering signing with a professional association, like the International Federation of Competitive Eating or Major League Eating.

There are only two things he says he will definitely stay away from.

"I absolutely won't eat mass amounts of butter or mayonnaise," he says. "That's just gross."

Backing Barack: A new role for Kal Penn

BY ADAM ASHER

Entertainment Editor

There are 130 confirmed guests to the Facebook event "Kumar Comes to UD," but only one of them is recognizable as the star of such films and television shows as "The Namesake," "House M.D." and "Van Wilder." That Facebook member goes by the name of Kal Penn, and don't call him Kumar.

As he walks into the lounge of the George Read North residence hall on Saturday, Feb. 2, students and non-students alike applaud with enthusiasm. He is there to speak with them, not about his job as an actor, but about his current title — political volunteer.

Penn, whose real name is Kalpen Modi, is currently on a country-wide tour speaking to crowds, like the one at George Read, in support

of Barack Obama, who he casually claims is the next president of the United States.

"I meet all these kids who can't afford to go to college and they still watch movies, they spend money on a DVD and that's how I have a job," Penn says. "I would just love for my friends to have the things that those of us who are fortunate enough to be at a university take for granted, and Barack is the only one who's going to be able to provide that."

He's casual and funny, mixing humor with hopeful stories of young voters who spent \$12 donating to the campaign instead of buying a few pints and grateful new citizens voting for the first time.

"This is the movement," he says pointing to the crowd during his speech. "This is what it looks like."

Penn says he is a registered Independent and has never been politically oriented. After the senator's speech at the 2004 Democratic National Convention, however, Penn quickly hopped on the Obama train.

He says since joining the campaign, he has met countless inspiring people and even spent some time with the senator himself.

"He's the same guy in a room of five that he is in a room of 5,000," he says. "So when you're with him before the speeches, he's an incredibly funny guy, an

incredibly intelligent person. He really values all the student organizers that work with him."

As he walks down North College Avenue on his way to Klondike Kate's for another Obama support rally, a student walks by and recognizes him.

"KUMAR!"

Penn, deep in political conversation with his entourage of Obama supporters, gives the fan a polite wave. However, "Kumar" is the last thing he wants to be called.

"I'm from New Jersey, that's probably the only similarity I have with the character," Penn says. "I've played an exchange student, I've played a guy who's going to get burgers, I've played an architect — none of those are me in real life. I think everyone knows that Anthony Hopkins, even though he was in 'Silence of the Lambs' and played a cannibal, he doesn't eat people in real life."

In a similar vein, Penn, unlike his popular character, doesn't smoke marijuana and was a vegetarian while filming "Harold and Kumar Go to White Castle."

"Sometimes you don't know an actor's name so you say 'Hey Gogle' or 'Hey Dr. Kutner,'" he says. "That happens for any actor, but I think most people know that I'm nothing like the characters that I play, which is nice."

He stops on the patio at Kate's to take pictures and sign autographs for fans, making small talk — mostly about politics — before schmoozing with more Obama supporters upstairs.

With the writers' strike still in effect, Penn says he has time to pursue activities outside of acting.

"Sorry you guys have to watch reruns," he says with a laugh.

However, with politics, Penn says he's following in the footsteps of his grandparents,



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Penn speaks to a crowd who gathered at George Read North residence hall.

who marched with Gandhi. As for the field itself, he says his foray into politics is not a permanent place.

"I've had the great fortune of playing a bunch of different types of characters. I'd love to continue doing that," he says. "Politics is totally separate. I'm just doing that as a guy who was inspired by his grandparents and now is inspired by Barack."



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Kal Penn walks on Main Street with fellow Obama supporters.

'People don't really know me'

Paris Hilton compares her role in new film with everyday life behind closed doors

BY ADAM ASHER

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Her room on the sixth floor of the Four Seasons in Philadelphia is smaller than one might imagine — approximately the size of a small living room. The door is opened from the inside and there are no paparazzi, no giant entourage, no thumping dance music, no booze and no night-vision cameras. There's just a man touching up the makeup at the top of her nose.

She looks comfortable in her blue pea coat, dark jeans and incredibly high heels as she sinks into her chair, smiles and offers her guests Rice Krispies treats and affirms that they are, in fact, "dope."

And why shouldn't she feel comfortable? After all, Paris Hilton is one of the most widely recognizable 26-year-olds in the world. She is the heiress to the Hilton fortune, a model, an author, a business woman and a reality television star. These days, however, Hilton is playing the role of actress and producer, traveling the country to promote her new flick "The Hottie and the Nottie."

The iconic blonde sits back and grins a familiar facial expression as she reflects on her many titles and adventures and her new projects in film.

"I've learned a lot in the last couple of years about being a strong woman and not letting anything get to me," Hilton says. "I'm mostly doing this for fun."

Few people have the opportunity to make films "just for fun," with little acting experience. However, Hilton says she takes her fun seriously.

She says she worked harder than she ever had before on this film, serving not only as the star, but also as a producer. She says she came into the film-making process prepared to work hard and completely ready for the storm of criticism that tends to surround her.

"I know people are going to want to bash me because people are like that, so I really did my best with this movie,"

she says. "It was cool to be a part of every aspect of the movie."

She is surprisingly ready to joke about herself and casually shrugs off bad reviews. Hilton says after constant media scrutiny and more than a few negative nods in her first starring role in "House of Wax," she has learned to deal with criticism.

"A lot of people said they liked it," she says. "People who didn't are just haters and I don't care what they say."

In her new film, Hilton stars as a hot blonde who refuses to date anyone until her freakishly repulsive friend can get a date as well. She is constantly stalked by local men who want nothing more than to catch a glimpse of her beauty. It's not such a far cry from her real life as a hot blonde who is constantly stalked by photographers and writers hoping to catch a glimpse of her hard-partying reputation.

"It was pretty easy to get into character," she says jokingly. "We both have the same heart. We both love our friends. We're both loyal. I think that's how I really am."

This is the picture Paris paints of herself, a very different picture than you might see on the cover of any tabloid magazine. However, the heiress maintains that those images and stories are widely blown out of proportion.

"People don't really know me," she says. "They have this image and the Internet makes up mean stories, but when you watch the movie that's what it reminds me of, how I am in private with my real friends."

Not to say that there isn't any truth in tabloid stories and gossip news coverage. Conversation with Hilton is spoken hardly above a whisper, and her voice oozes sex as she casually abuses words like "sexy" and "dope," and drops her catchphrase, "That's hot."

"It was the business woman in me," she says of the officially trademarked words, throwing her hand up and laughing.

Despite her claims that usage of her trademark phrase

is usually just a show for the cameras, she can't hide the real Paris.

She offers to pose with a few fans before moving on to her next appointment.

At the first sight of a camera, Hilton spins right back into socialite mode. Perfect posture, arm at a sharp 90 degree angle, hand resting casually on her hip — she is well rehearsed in the art of the pose. The camera man counts to three, but he doesn't ask his models to say "cheese," or any other family friendly smile-inducing phrase.

"One...Two...Vagina!"

The fans giggle, Paris opens her mouth.

"Hot."



An unlikely pairing for Superbowl XLII

BY MATTHEW ZANDER

Staff Reporter

Despite staking claim to a successful career as a stand-up comedian, being the namesake for two popular sitcoms, hosting both the Academy Awards and the Emmys and currently hosting her own talk show, Ellen DeGeneres may be best-known for two things: her sexual preference and her tearful plea to return her friend's dog back to its home.

But that's not what sticks out to Megan Sculley. Sculley, a Bear, Del., resident and West Chester University student, has admired DeGeneres since she was young when her mother would watch her show.

"And my freshman year roommates were huge fans so I would watch her stand-up," Sculley says.

Sculley is just as big a fan of the New York Giants, so when "The Ellen DeGeneres Show" ran a contest last month looking for the biggest supporters of the Giants and New England Patriots, with one fan per team winning a trip to Super Bowl XLII, she eagerly sent in an e-mail of reasons why she deserved to follow her squad to Glendale, Ariz.

"I would risk getting peed on at other teams' stadiums for wearing my jersey," she offered in her letter. "Let me say it again: I would risk getting peed on just to go to the Super Bowl with my team."

No need. Sculley appeared on the show Jan. 30, the Wednesday before the big game, and was partnered up with a Patriots fan to compete in a human bowling game against another pair. Unbeknownst to her, the other team was made up of two of the show's employees, who were only posing as a threat to

leave Sculley and Louann Santos as runners-up — so close, yet so far. They were on their way to Arizona.

"I was ecstatic, jumping up and down," she says.

Being a Giants fan in the Greater Philadelphia area is akin to backing Hillary in the heart of Chicago, but that doesn't deter Sculley from supporting the Giants — "I wear my [Jeremy] Shockey jersey every Sunday" — or finding them on television.

"We usually go out for the games,"

Sculley says. "I go down to the beach a lot and there's a little pizza place we can go to."

Lindsey Graham, Sculley's friend, and Sculley's mother accompanied her to her second appearance on the show, in the week after the Giants' historic upset over the Pats.

"She knows everything about everyone, everything you could know about the team," Graham says.



Megan Sculley (right) poses with Ellen DeGeneres and a rival Patriots fan.

Sculley and Santos were treated to the full compliment of Super Bowl amenities, taking pictures in the locker room during the Giants post-game celebration and on the field with the players she looks forward to watching each Sunday.

"It was surreal. I was doing confetti angels," Sculley says, recalling the little pieces of paper that covered the field following the game.

Past winners of the same contest enjoyed the pre-game and post-game celebrations but

they never had tickets to the game; this year Giants' owner Steve Tisch donated tickets.

Sculley and Santos were also given entrance to the most exclusive Super Bowl parties on Friday and Saturday nights, meeting Alyssa Milano and Cuba Gooding Jr. along the way.

"We went to the Maxim party but it was open to the public so we left," Sculley says.

Sculley says Santos was the model com-

panion and the two women have formed an unexpected kinship. Santos explained her appreciation for the Giants quarterback Eli Manning, while Sculley marveled at the awesomeness of the, until then, perfect Patriots.

"The night before the game she was saying, 'I completely respect Eli Manning,'" Sculley says of Santos, "and I was like, 'I completely respect what your whole team has done!'"

"She was the best person I could have went with. We really lucked out — she was just the sweetest girl."

When DeGeneres reached Sculley to inform her that she was being invited to Los Angeles to appear on the show with the potential of winning a trip to the Super Bowl — with cameras rolling — she asked Sculley of whom she was a bigger fan: the Giants or Ellen, herself.

"That's so mean," Sculley cried. Now, even while the Giants enjoy the title of Super Bowl Champions, it's possible that Sculley would favor the latter.

"She's just so nice," she says. "She is as nice in person as she is on her show."

The same adjective can be used to describe the contest winner. Besides admitting in her e-mail her willingness to trade places with a urinal cake to show her devotion to the Giants, Sculley also alluded to some lingering family problems that consumed her in the past year, yet refused to allow that to be the reason she be sent to Arizona.

"This was good karma for her," Graham says, "and she really deserves it."

Someone Giants, Patriots and Eagles fans can all root for.

Hilton flick not so 'hottie'

"The Hottie and the Nottie"
Purple Pictures
Rating: 1/2 (out of ☆☆☆☆)

There are plenty of reasons to be interested in Paris Hilton. She's good looking, she's a fashion icon and she's frequently getting into trouble with the law for ridiculous reasons. Acting, however, is not on that list, and her second starring role, and first producing role, does little to save her reputation.

In "The Hottie and the Nottie," Paris Hilton plays Cristabelle, one of the most desirable women in Los Angeles and Nate Cooper's object of affection. In the opening of the movie, Nate (Joel Moore), whom you might recognize as J.P. from "Grandma's Boy," travels from Maine to California in search of the girl he hasn't seen since the first grade, when he fell in love with her.

Unfortunately, the beautiful and unabashedly horny Cristabelle refuses to date anyone until June, her absurdly disgusting-looking best friend (Christine Lakin) can find a date as well.

If the title alone doesn't stop people from seeing this movie, hopefully the mind-numbingly simple attempt at a fairy-tale-style plot will.

The 90 minutes that make up the movie are full of lackluster sight gags, predictable plot twists and abhorrent acting. The makeup on Lakin alone, complete with body hair, black teeth and rotting fingernails, will make viewers gag instead of laugh, and distract from what little coherent plot exists.

Of all the places this movie falls short, its most spectacular failure lies in its attempt to deliver a "beauty is only skin-deep" message.

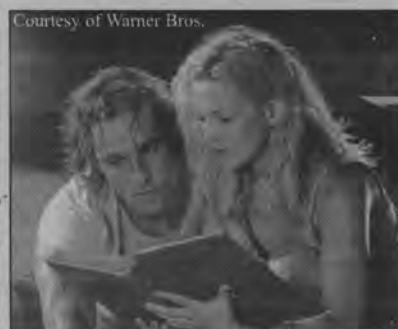
Characters like Johann, a tall, statuesque plastic surgeon, do not belong in a film with this kind of message, especially when they are shown taking an interest in an ugly woman after giving her significant surgical enhancements.

Sitting through the entire movie is a chore.

Less than halfway through, it becomes difficult to believe that: a) anyone could remain in love with someone for more than 20 years without seeing or speaking to them; b) it's possible to leave one's entire life behind and live comfortably in an unfamiliar environment with no job or money, spending one's days stalking a girl; and c) Paris Hilton has an ugly friend.

The only laughs anyone will get from "The Hottie and the Nottie" are at the expense of the filmmakers. Between playing on relatively offensive stereotypes with no wit, an uncreative formulaic script and acting that makes middle school theater look professional, nothing could have saved this movie short of actual footage from Paris Hilton's sex tape.

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Chick flick's golden pair hits rock bottom

"Fool's Gold"
Warner Bros Pictures
Rating: ☆ 1/2 (out of ☆☆☆☆)

Romantic comedies get a bad rap. They're the movies actors do for fun in between gigs playing pregnant prostitutes addicted to heroin or suicidal illiterates with a terminal illness.

But even for the most serious of movie snobs, there are times when some old-fashioned fluff is just what the doctor ordered, even if it is a bit of a cop out. And while most romantic comedies are not exactly Oscar-worthy, there are good ones out there, as well as a few guilty pleasures we all have stashed away in the backs of our closets.

Unfortunately, "Fool's Gold" is neither Oscar-worthy nor would it ever qualify as pleasure, guilty or not, and falls somewhere on the line between painfully dull and tediously vapid.

Matthew McConaughey stars as the beach-bumming Ben Finnegan, whose treasure-hunting passions lead him to the search for the ultimate prize, which has been lost at sea since the 18th century.

In his haste for the cash, he has neglected his relationship with wife Tess (Kate Hudson). But after a chance encounter on the competitor's yacht, the two decide to team up and go for the gold together, while the adventure and romance in their relationship unexpectedly rekindles.

As real-life BFFs, it would make sense for some of the chemistry between Hudson and McConaughey off-set to translate to the screen. No such luck. Instead of the cute banter and strangely relatable relationship the pair had in "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days," the movie is full of lame clichés and bad writing.

If not for a few choice slapstick moments here and there, the movie would be a complete bust. But when Tess gets frustrated with Finn's scheming, anything-to-win attitude and slaps him upside the face with a golf club or ceramic plate, the movie manages to pull some rare giggles from the audience.

As with any respectable chick flick starring Matthew McConaughey, audiences get a considerable dose of the stud sans shirt. Director Andy Tennant obviously understands his target market, as McConaughey has plenty of opportunities for swimming, walking, eating, speaking — stuff that calls for no shirt.

Besides a few laughs and McConaughey's pecs, there is little more to keep audiences entertained for more than 20 minutes into the film. It doesn't have any sort of so-bad-it's-good factor, it's not over-the-top enough to be sort of funny and enjoyable and the action and adventure aspect is flat and way below average.

All in all, "Fool's Gold" is just that — something that looks like it could be pretty and valuable but turns out to be just a shiny, unsubstantial rock.

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Old beach bum, new tricks

Sleep Through the Static
Jack Johnson
Rating: ☆☆☆ 1/2 (out of ☆☆☆☆)
Brushfire Records

If only life could be as sweet and simple as a Jack Johnson song. The world he creates in his albums is a serene island paradise, where a lazy morning in bed isn't complete without a stack of banana pancakes, days are spent people-watching and the only thing in the way of a picture-perfect day at the beach is a couple of mediocre bad guys.

Johnson's laid-back worldview has provided the perfect mixture of soothing surf sounds and the gentle strum of the acoustic guitar to take his previous three albums to platinum status while staying true to his Hawaiian roots.

But those who are used to Johnson's easy-breezy style without all the pessimism and disparity of, say, a "Grey's Anatomy" soundtrack, are in for a bit of a surprise.

A keyboard and electric guitar have been added to certain tracks, giving Johnson's typical trio of acoustic guitar, drum and bass a bit of a boost and a wider range of sounds than fans are used to.

To match his new, edgier sound, Johnson offers a more in-depth and ambitious set of lyrics, taking on topics like the War in Iraq in the title track "Sleep Through the Static," singing "The truth is we say not as we do / That's no way to treat an enemy."

But for every song about depleting spirits and a world in peril, there is still a song like "Angel," an adorable and downright melt-worthy love song to his wife with not a shred of sadness in sight and lyrics like, "You're so busy changing the world / Just one smile can change all of mine."

Johnson manages to break out of his mold a



bit further with *Sleep Through the Static*, doing a respectable job of mixing up his normally lighthearted guitar riffs and fluffy language with some heavier artillery.

When it really comes down to it, Johnson is the same old surfer dude — he just has a few more miles under his belt. Now, as a husband and a father of two, he's had time to think about the world's more troublesome circumstances in regards to his family and has let his thoughts be known.

Whether Johnson continues to move toward an edgier sound with his future albums or not, it seems he will never be able to completely shake his beach-bumming ways and can't help but slip in a few shout-outs to the tropical paradise he calls home.

— Sammi Cassin

Made in the Dark
Hot Chip
DFA/Astralwerks
Rating: ☆☆☆ 1/2 (out of ☆☆☆☆)

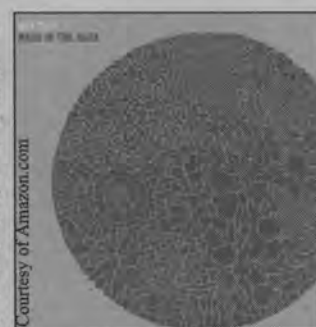
Even if Hot Chip, a British five-piece that specializes in electronic-infused pop, cautioned listeners of its prowess on 2006's *The Warning* ("Hot Chip will break your legs / Snap off your head"), there's no way anyone expected this.

Made in the Dark, the group's third record, is a true work of complexity: first-time listeners will incite unabashed dancing, but multiple spins will cause *Dark*'s vulnerable heartbeat to break down initial conceptions. Although vocalists Alexis Taylor and Joe Goddard clearly have a sense of humor ("Wrestlers"), it's their ability to write soul-crushingly earnest songs that sets Hot Chip apart from its peers.

The album's centerpiece, and title

track, provides the clearest example of *Dark*'s potency. The backdrop is purposely understated to the point that its components — drums, tambourine, guitar and keyboard — turn to vapors while Taylor croons, "My premonition hits hard as our start is apart / Every night the motion must be fixed by glue / But babe, be careful, what's fixed as one breaks in two." The song, like its spectacular album, is chilling.

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Detours
Sheryl Crow
A&M
Rating: ☆☆☆ (out of ☆☆☆☆)

At 46, Sheryl Crow has seen her fair share of personal ups and downs. Between her breakup with Lance Armstrong, her fight against breast cancer, her adopted child and political ideologies, Crow has had more than enough material to make a standout record.

With her new album, Crow manages to stay fresh, pairing thought-provoking lyrics and sto-

ries with a wide, although not completely surprising, array of musical styles that keep the album lively while remaining in safe territory.



On "Peace Be Upon Us," one of the album's standout tracks, Crow combines Arabic-influenced rhythms and psychedelic sounds with her usual positive message.

"All the sinners and saints / All you creatures of faith / Don't need to be afraid / If you know what I mean let me hear you say / Peace be upon us."

Other standout tracks include the politically charged "God Bless This Mess," and the tender ballad "Lullaby for Wyatt."

— Adam Asher

delawareUNdressed V-Day: Friend or foe?



Sarah Niles
Columnist

Valentine's Day evokes very little emotion in me.

I'm certainly not one of those girls who gets all giddy about the day — painting little pink hearts on my nails, running out and buying a new dress and watching Freddie Prinze Jr. movies. I'm not the type who denounces the holiday all together either — complaining, listening to Alanis Morissette man-bashing jams and drowning my misery in chocolate cake. I fit somewhere in the middle.

Sure, the years when I had a Valentine I enjoyed feeling like a princess for a day. But the times when I haven't, I've had no trouble sucking it up and continuing as if it were any other day. After all, what choice did I have?

In reality, I think Valentine's Day may be an easier holiday for those who are single rather than those who are paired off.

If you are single this Valentine's Day, all you have to worry about is your own attitude. You have full control and can consciously choose not to be miserable and lonely. If it's seemingly impossible to get out of bed on

Feb. 14 knowing you won't be whisked away on some romantic excursion, realize there are many others out there who are in serious relationships who won't be swept off their feet either.

For those in relationships, V-Day can be pain-staking. Most would agree that Valentine's Day is a holiday designed to make women feel special. Often, as the men do all they can to give their lovely ladies butterflies in their tummies for 24 hours, they in turn develop minor ulcers in theirs.

Tell me what you think ...for next week:

1. Have you and a friend ever shared a hook-up partner?
2. Do student groups tend to date within the same small pool?

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In addition, many girls find the days leading up to the holiday to be quite stressful. Wondering what their boyfriend's plans are, trying not to have huge expectations and deciding an appropriate gift or surprise for their man drives many to insanity.

It would be unfair to do nothing for your man on V-Day, but what boy really appreciates flowers or chocolate heart candy?

Realistically, Valentine's Day isn't important enough to shell out serious money on an Xbox 360 or some other man-friendly gadget. Deciding on a reasonable course of action is tough, and whether you

want to admit it or not, the last thing you'd want would be to put more time, effort or money into Valentine's Day than your boyfriend did.

Instead of shelling out the big bucks to please your significant other, think of something romantic and inexpensive to do together.

The problem here is most guys aren't naturally full of romantic sentiment and ideas, and on V-Day most girls expect their man to take the reins and make the plans. So guys — if your OCMF can't foot the bill at Caffé Gelatto, don't fret. Many girlfriends would appreciate a candlelit dinner in the comfort of your apartment more.

Ladies, remember most guys couldn't care less about Valentine's Day. As long as you are appreciative of their efforts and take the time to look pretty, you should be all set.

If you don't have elaborate romantic plans this Thursday, do your best to treat it like any other day and be thankful you are avoiding all the hassle that often goes along with the day.

After all, next year when Cupid's arrow does hit, you'll probably wish you could throw on some sweats and just hang out like you're doing this year.



mediadarling Playing hooky on 'Super Tuesday'

The camera pans her bronzed face, long brunette hair and deep brown eyes just brimming with political contemplation. Then it pauses on Barbie-pink lips, uttering those 20 fateful words:

"Hey B., it's me. If you're there, pick up. I was just watching you on C-SPAN. Anyway, call me back."

Thus began the career of "Obama Girl," who has attracted worldwide attention since the launch of her amateur Internet music video "I Got a Crush on Obama" in June 2007.

The video details "Obama Girl's" relentless crush on Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.) and her efforts to attract his attention as his 2008 presidential campaign took off.

"Obama Girl's" video, which was originally released as the flagship effort of the Web site Barelypolitical.com, now circulates on YouTube. Between the two sites, the creators of Barelypolitical.com claim "I Got a Crush on Obama" has been viewed more than 100 million times.

Apparently, Obama Girl's minimal, skin-tight clothing — always screen-printed with Obama's face or name — subway dance scenes and catchy choruses struck a chord with the YouTube generation. But with a genuine Internet following, how genuine is Obama Girl?

The star of the video answers to Amber Lee Ettinger, according to *The New York Times*. She originally hails from Hazleton, Pa., according to barelypolitical.com, and made her home in New York after graduating from the Fashion Institute of Technology and launching her career as a model and actress.

So it would be a given that Ettinger, the "Obama Girl" herself, cast her vote for Obama in New York's "Super Tuesday" primary Feb. 5.

Except she didn't.

According to the story she fed *The New York Times*, Ettinger wasn't registered to vote in the primary. Don't panic, the classy heroine of Obama's campaign is registered to vote, just not in New York. Her vote gets cast in Jersey.

If you're currently doing a "Super Tuesday" double take, yes, Jersey's primary was Feb. 5 as well. But Obama Girl was in New York that day, and, well, cough, she just

wasn't feeling top notch. She decided to stay in.

Except for the after party. Ettinger managed to make it out for an elections return party last Tuesday night.

Now, to be fair, New York City is, what, approximately six miles away from Jersey City? When you're as sick as Ettinger clearly was, those six miles could feel like seven, maybe even eight miles. It's clearly understandable that she didn't vote for her professed crush on "Super Tuesday."

However, Obama Girl might want to take a moment to evaluate what this potentially costly decision has done to her relationship with Barack. They seemed to be doing so well — after all, "I Got a Crush on Obama" did feature some great and obviously real shots of the pair on the beach — but Ettinger's unfortunate disloyalty may cloud their future.

Although she croons, "You're into border security / let's break down this border between you and me," in the video, Barack may find it wise to build up that border between himself and the shifty unreliability of his admirer.

Or maybe he'd just like to stick with the endorsement of the likes of Oprah Winfrey. She shows up for events fully clothed and isn't likely to request that he "Barack her tonight."

Whatever Barack chooses, "Obama Girl" better get it together. And come November, make the six-mile drive to Jersey, Ettinger. If nothing else, it'll give you another chance to wear those elegant Obama booty shorts.

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fashionforward

A fashionable campaign

There are many stereotypes that surround the fashion world and its aficionados. Superficial, shallow, frivolous and pretentious — but what about political?

Major fashion magazine *Vogue* showed a glimpse of its political side when

it asked Democratic presidential hopefuls Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-N.Y.) and Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.) to grace the February 2008 and September/October 2007 covers, respectively.

The difference lies in their responses. Obama said yes, while Clinton said no.

When I think of any campaign, I would think that it would be ideal to gain as much exposure as possible, regardless of where the exposure goes.

There's no doubt Clinton knows more about campaigning than I do, but what I don't understand is why the only female presidential contender would pass up an opportunity to flaunt her gender and gain supporters through the world's most influential fashion magazine. Why did she say no, especially when her biggest competition said yes?

Clinton refused *Vogue*, saying that appearing on the cover would make her seem "too feminine." Apparently, publicizing womanly traits is taboo for Clinton's figure.

Forgive me for believing that being "too feminine" isn't negative or detrimental to a woman's presidential campaign. After all, I live in the year 2008, when gender inequality is supposed to be a thing of the past.

Surprisingly enough, Clinton didn't consider femininity an issue when she posed for the December 1998 cover of *Vogue* while she was the first lady. Perhaps this is because she thought that displaying her womanly traits was acceptable as the wife of the president, but not as a candidate for president.

I doubt her political rival Obama questioned, "Does this make me look too masculine?" or feared whether he exuded an excess of manliness when he posed for the cover of *Men's Vogue*. Instead, he embraced his identity and conveyed certainty in himself and his campaign.

By denying femininity, Clinton portrays women as the lesser sex and shows a lack of confidence in herself as a female. She's assuming the country isn't ready for a woman president by underestimating the power of her born qualities, which is obviously contradictory to her intentions.

Even *Vogue* Editor-in-Chief Anna Wintour noticed Clinton's negative image of women and didn't take her rejection lightly. Wintour made her thoughts concerning Clinton's campaign known in the February 2008 editor's letter. Her words were strong and tasteful, and proved not only who she won't be voting for come November, but also that a fashion magazine can have a prominent voice in areas beyond their glossy pages.

Truthfully, I would've enjoyed seeing Clinton exchange her tired, monotonous pantsuits for chic designer attire, but maybe that's my stylish superficial side speaking.

So the fashion world and political world aren't so distant, despite what Clinton may want you to believe. Fashion devotees can have an opinion about more than the latest heels to walk the runway and are influential in matters outside of their realm — all while looking good doing so.

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A journey from the Rubber Chickens to the NBC spotlight

BY TED SIMMONS

Staff Reporter

On Thursday night's season premiere of "Lipstick Jungle," NBC's new late-night dramatic comedy based on the novel by Candace Bushnell, who wrote "Sex and the City," star Brooke Shields looks out to her assistant Josh's desk, only to realize he's already made his way to her door. University alumnus Seth Kirschner looks back at her, ready to answer her question before it's asked.

Kirschner graduated from the university in 2005, and then left to pursue acting in New York City. Lately he's been on TV singing, acting, dancing and trekking his way through the "Jungle" alongside Shields.

"[Josh] is slightly quirky and officious, and much more professional. I wish that I were actually like that in real life," Kirschner says. "He's very on the ball for everything, always one step ahead."

Shields plays Wendy Healy, who juggles her position as the head of a theatrical studio in New York with two kids and a stay-at-home husband. Kirschner says the star has helped him get acclimated through the "Jungle's" long 10-month process.

"She's so sweet and so down-to-earth. After the long professional acting career she's had, she managed to stay grounded," he says. "She's helped me with the comfort level on the set."

Kirschner says he has been acting for most of his life, but he discovered a certain level of ease in his days with the university's Rubber Chickens. After spending four years with the comedy troop, Kirschner credits improvisation for helping to break down any barriers in acting.

"The Rubber Chickens got me into the idea of really letting go and just having much more of a free flow of acting," he says. "Improv comedy helps out so much in all aspects of acting because it gets you out of your head, [to] let go a little and have more fun. That's essentially what this character is."

To find that fun, Kirschner says he had to get out of a cubicle. These days, you might see him dancing and singing about "the magical amount" for "Truth's" anti-smoking campaign, or hall jousting for Kraft Easy Mac. However, Kirschner says it has been a rough journey from office to on the screen.

"I started professionally acting a bit over a year ago," Kirschner says. "I worked at a casting agency for a couple of months and I realized I couldn't stay in an office setting, that professional acting was the only thing of interest to me. I did a few commercials and two months in I auditioned for 'Lipstick Jungle.'"

Kirschner can also be seen in "We Need Girlfriends," an online sitcom started in 2006. He plays Henry, one of three roommates looking to shed their newly single status. Recently the show has been picked up to film a pilot for CBS, with "Sex and the City" creator Darren Star signed on to develop.

"I'm really hoping that 'We Need Girlfriends' continues to get bigger," he says. "Whether with me or not, I think it's a great show that can do a lot of great things for TV."

Despite similarities in concept and development team, Kirschner says he doesn't see "We Need Girlfriends" as a male counterpart to "Sex and the City."

"A few people have said that it's a male version, I kind of picture 'Entourage' as a male equivalent," says Kirschner. "'We Need Girlfriends' might have a bit more touch of regular person reality. 'Sex and the City' is so aggrandized. All these incredible things are happening. I can't really relate to it as much."

Between "We Need Girlfriends" and "Lipstick Jungle," a large bulk of Kirschner's career is being touched by writers and producers of the HBO show that started it all.

"I feel like 'Sex and the City' is following me around," Kirschner says. "It is really funny to be in a TV show with Candace and be involved with Darren Star; it's just a really strange coincidence."

Work on "Girlfriends" has come to a halt, as the Writers' Strike has prevented the pilot from being completed. "Jungle" remains less affected by the strike as the first season was written and filmed before it began.

Regardless of the strike, seeing Kirschner on television is no longer a stretch of the imagination. The actor says even he has trouble believing it sometimes.

"It's like a weird out-of-body experience. All of this doesn't seem real," he says. "I find it unbelievable to sit down with friends and say, 'That's me on the TV.'"



Courtesy of Leslie Reidel

Leslie Reidel was involved in the production of the Grammy-nominated play, "The Velveteen Rabbit."

PTTP professor hops into the Grammy Award field

BY ALANA PHIPPS

Staff Reporter

At the 50th annual Grammy Awards on Sunday, Kanye West, Carrie Underwood and Rihanna battled it out for the Album of the Year award, clad in designer gowns and tuxedos and surrounded by celebrity friends.

At the same time, Leslie Reidel, professor for the university's Professional Theatre Training Program, watched from home as the soundtrack to his adaptation of the play "The Velveteen Rabbit" went up for Best Musical Album for children.

The play, which debuted on campus in September at the Louise and David Roselle Center for the Arts, consists of music created by married composers Janina Serden and Don Sebesky, a past Tony and Grammy Award winner, and lyrics written by Gloria Nissenson.

Reidel says it was the husband-and-wife team who first developed the music and decided to have a play written around the songs.

"They started wanting to take the story and turning it into a song," Reidel says. "Music existed before production started."

Reidel says after the music had been created, the composing team selected The Enchantment Theatre Company to stage the play.

The Enchantment Theatre Company, based in Philadelphia, Pa., is known for its mission to provide theater for young adults and children. In his more than 20 years of work with the company as one of three artistic directors, Reidel has helped bring to life other plays such as "Pinocchio" and "The Firebird."

"The Velveteen Rabbit" began with Reidel's adaptation of the classic children's story and then developed into production workshops that allowed Reidel and his colleagues to see how the play would work. Once completed, costume design for the characters began.

The university continued to have a hand in the play's creation through PTTP, as some members helped to design costumes. Reidel says this connection between Enchantment Theatre Company and the university has helped the play succeed.

"It's a good relationship we have," he says. "The department is very supportive of my work."

"The Velveteen Rabbit" not only had support from the university, but its musical soundtrack producers also continued to contribute in the musical's development. Reidel says both Sebesky and Serden came to watch what started out as their family project become a full musical.

"They came down to the rehearsals and the premiere," Reidel says. "It's been a nice partnership."

Reidel says he admits the musical is different from most shows audiences may have seen but it's also unlike other plays Enchantment Theatre Company itself has presented.

"We don't usually do shows with song like this," he says.

Although the win ultimately went to The Muppets' "A Green and Red Christmas," Reidel says the nomination is significant to The Enchantment Theatre Company and the entire work of children's theater because the musical is the first in the company's repertoire to use songs with lyrics.

"Since the mission for Enchantment Theatre Company has to deal with families and young audiences, it's nice to have something that was conceived for young people acknowledged that way."

According to the Grammy Awards Web site, the nominations begin with members and recording companies submitting entries they consider worthy of the Grammy Awards. After each category has been filed down to five finalists in each category, the final voting takes place and the results are calculated in secrecy by an independent accounting firm.

Reidel will be one among the many who tune in to watch the Grammy Awards ceremony on television.

"It's exciting to have people you work with acknowledged for their contribution in a field that people don't always think about," Reidel says. "You don't always think about music for young people."

Sanford Robbins, PTTP director and chairperson of the theater department, states in an e-mail message the acting program was looking forward to the possible Grammy win for the music producers of "The Velveteen Rabbit."

"We are delighted that his music is being honored and may win a Grammy," Robbins says.

Matt O'Neal, a senior theater student, says the Grammy nomination is a great recognition for a play that had its start at the university.

"It's a really big deal and it's really cool to see something with such strong ties to the university showing how the creative juices are flowing here," O'Neal says. "I've seen his shows and he works hard so it's good that an aspect of his work was nominated."

"The Velveteen Rabbit" is now on tour throughout the United States and will be back in Delaware on May 1 in Dover.



Courtesy of Seth Kirschner

Alumnus Seth Kirschner is starring alongside Brooke Shields in NBC's "Lipstick Jungle."

A glance through 250 years of history

New book commemorates
Newark's anniversary
with photos and stories

BY MELISSA SKOLNICK

Staff Reporter

With the 250th anniversary of Newark looming, Mayor Vance A. Funk III was thinking ahead. A few years ago, he was brainstorming a way to collaborate the past and present in a tangible way.

Funk completed this goal with the recent publication of "Histories of Newark," a book that features numerous sections of the town's history. It has 288 pages, 75 stories and 56 authors.

"At that moment in time I had a vision of a coffee-table-sized book that would give the residents and other people something that would have the history of Newark over the last 250 years," Funk says.

The project was headed by Paul Bauernschmidt, the former director of the Delaware Heritage Commission, as well as Deborah Haskell, who was appointed as the editor in chief. Ray Nichols and Jill Cypher of Wallflowers Press were thrown into the mix, as well as Rebecca Melvin, who

Throughout the chapters are many interesting facts and stories about Newark. For example, people could tell what paper was being made at the Curtis paper plant by looking at the color of the White Clay Creek because it changed depending on the dyes used that day in production.

Aside from all of the stories that are featured in the coffee table book, there is an inch-high ribbon of people spanning the center of each page.

Nichols and Cypher, the owners of Wallflowers Press, located in Newark, were in charge of designing the layout of the project.

Nichols thought it would be a good idea to photograph as many Newarkers as possible in order to add life to the book and make it more than just facts. For countless consecutive Fridays and Saturdays, Nichols and Cypher photographed random people from the town. After spending more than 98 hours with a camera, they strategically placed the photographs in the book.

"It gives the book a nice sense of people," Nichols says, "because the town is really about the people."

At the end of the book, there are six blank pages where people can write their own history.

The last photograph of a featured Newarker is of a young girl named Caroline, who happens to be Nichols and Cypher's neighbor.

Nichols went on to explain that the girl and her family had moved from Idaho in order for her to be an ice skater.

"It occurred to me that here's this book about Newark, and here's this person who has come to this place, to Newark, to be an ice skater," he says.

He found that to be an amazing commitment on the part of the family, and a miraculous story with which to end the book.

Although the ribbon of Newark citizens throughout the book is a significant visual contribution, there is also a large amount of historical graphics. Melvin, one of the editors, was in charge of this specific task, which was facilitated by her job at the library's Special Collections Department.

The department has an extensive assortment of old documents, books and maps of Newark, and many of these are featured in "Histories of Newark."

Not all the documents glorify Newark. One of the letters from the Special Collections documents a woman writing to her sister in the 1850s and saying, "There is no news to tell you. Newark is as dull as ever."

Melvin explained one of the reasons the



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The B. & O. railroad station was located on Elkton Road near Deer Park Tavern.

mayor wanted to publish the book was because the last historical account of Newark, "Little Known History of Newark, Delaware and its Environs," by Francis A. Cooch, had been written in 1936 and was more of an anecdotal manuscript.

"I thought ["Histories of Newark"] was such a fun book because it reflected the creativity in Newark," she says.

In the end, everyone who played a major role in the formation of the book seems to be happy with the final product. Funk says there has been overwhelming support by the community.

In the beginning, there were 1,000 copies of "Histories of Newark." Now, less than 25 remain. Each copy of the book has a hand-written number on one of the first few pages.

"All of a sudden, this project fell into our laps," Nichols says. "It's just been a blast, and we've met great people."



A horse and buggy travels down West Main Street near Deer Park.

works for Special Collections at the university's library.

Once the steering committee had been formed, meetings for the book began to take place.

Funk says Bauernschmidt knew of approximately 15 people who wrote for other publications, and this group knew others who could write as well. In this way, they began to accumulate various authors who were willing to write articles for the book.

"I wanted the book to be a community history written by the community," Bauernschmidt states in an e-mail message. "So, we just asked Newarkers to come to planning meetings and talk about subjects that would go into the book and, by the way, they could write the article, too."

At the first couple meetings, there were seven or eight people, but by the last few, there were 50 to 55 people working on the book, Funk says.

"Most everybody involved in the book was from Newark," Haskell says. "So it's a homegrown project."



The Deluxe Luncheonette (typically referred to as "The Spoon") was located where the Galleria now is on Main Street.

Class takes a new spin on the dance floor

BY MEGAN WAKELEE

Staff Reporter

The pair twirled along the dance floor with breathtaking elegance. The lead dancer moved his hands while simultaneously spinning his partner where she stood, tall above him.

As the pace quickened, her feet tapped smoothly on the floor, he spun even faster and they ended with her dipping over him with an arch of which any professional dancer would be proud. The only hitch — one of the dancers is in a wheelchair.

The pair is one of many participating in the sport of wheelchair ballroom dancing, an activity so contagious it has become a class at the university this Spring Semester.

The university will become the first school to teach wheelchair ballroom dancing, thanks to an alliance with the Pennsylvania-based American DanceWheels Foundation, created by Melinda Kremer and wheelchair-bound Ray Leight.

"It is a class that will allow someone who has never danced with someone in a wheelchair, and vice-versa, to do it with ease," Kremer says.

This up-and-coming sport is exactly what its name implies — ballroom dancing for those who are disabled and in wheelchairs. It's a unique sport to the disabled community because it combines disabled and able-bodied people working together for competition or just plain old fun.

Leight helped create ADF in 1991 after he was in a car accident that left him a paraplegic facing new challenges. The accident gave him a new outlook on life, and he realized he needed to stay active despite his disability, a realization that led to the creation of ADF.

"I see ballroom dancing as something that has given me a sense of accomplishment that I never would have felt without it," Leight says.

He says he has come to love the sport and describes it as a friendly but competitive activity among a group that has



Courtesy of American DanceWheels Foundation

The university is offering the first wheelchair ballroom dancing class.

become best friends.

"Our classes have a zero percent fallout rate," Leight says. "It is something for everyone."

He and co-founder, Kremer, have been developing and practicing wheelchair dancing for five years. Kremer, a former opera singer, has been dancing for more than 10 years, and co-founded the sport because of her disabled daughter.

Through seminars and sensitivity training over the years in New Castle, Del., the ADF caught the eye of university students and teachers, including Patricia Grim, a health and exercise science professor.

For funding, Kremer and Leight turned to the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation and received a \$10,000 grant.

"We asked the group to help us do something really concrete, and they were more than willing to help," Kremer says.

The class itself is a health and exercise science course and will focus on the basic steps in waltz, tango, cha cha, foxtrot, tango, hustle, swing, salsa and rumba. Grim was chosen because she teaches other dance classes at the university and is also in charge of the school's ballroom dance team.

"Our goal is to teach people in wheelchairs how to social dance with a standing partner," Grim states in an e-mail message. "At the conclusion of the semester, there will be a showcase by class participants."

The class will be comprised of a mix of disabled and able-bodied partners. So far, 11 people have signed up.

"A wheelchair dance syllabus has been specifically designed by Melinda and others," Grim says. "We have to have able-bodied dancers as well as seated dancers. My worry at this point is we may have more standing than seated registrations for the class."

The community reaction to the class has been overwhelmingly encouraging.

"The community and university came together to make this span of all ages and abilities possible," Kremer says.

The university is the first school in the country to offer the class, but all those involved are hopeful it will not be the last. Leight and Kremer are interested in branching out and involving other universities across the nation.

Leight, Kremer and Grim feel the sport of wheelchair ballroom dancing is an inspirational one and showcases that disabled people are not as limited as they seem. As well as learning a new sport, participants like Leight and Kremer make lasting friendships.

"A group of great individuals have come together," Leight says, "and we have all become friends."

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Saturday, Feb. 16

Men's lacrosse vs. UMBC, 12 noon (Wounded Warrior Benefit in Neptune Beach, Fla.)

Men's basketball vs. Drexel, 2 p.m.

Men's tennis at College of New Jersey (Scrimmage), 10 a.m.

Sunday, Feb. 17

Women's basketball vs. Hofstra, 1 p.m.

Women's tennis at College of New Jersey (Scrimmage), 10 a.m.

Men's tennis at Pennsylvania, 10 a.m.

Keeler adds five recruits

BY GREG ARENT
Sports Editor

Sitting in front of the media with his impressive 2003 Division I-AA championship ring glistening on his right ring finger, Delaware football head coach K.C. Keeler's excitement could be felt throughout the room as he raved about his new recruits.

Although this year's recruiting class is small compared to previous years, Keeler said he hopes to prove that quality matters over quantity. The small recruiting class is due to the team graduating only nine seniors, but Keeler is very impressed with the newcomers.

"We probably worked as hard on this class as any since I've been here," he said.

The freshman class may not make an immediate impact because Delaware will be returning 17 starters, including 10 on defense from a very impressive 2007 squad that reached the Football Championship Subdivision Championship game.

Keeler said he would love to be able to redshirt the entire recruiting class to give them an extra year of eligibility, but he may need them to participate in some capacity, depending on how they develop in the offseason.

On defense, the Hens brought in one in the secondary and one on the defensive line. In the secondary, Delaware added 5-foot-10-inch, 160-pound Marcus Burley — a speedster from Richmond, Va., who doubled as a football and track star, winning the 400 meter race in the capital district last spring.

As a senior, Burley tallied 29 tackles and four interceptions to go along with an equally impressive special teams campaign, returning five kicks for touchdowns. During his senior year, he earned Virginia High School Coaches Association All-State, first team Associated Press All-State and Virginia Preps honorable mention All-State.

Keeler said he likes the defensive back's versatility as a corner and special teams player, as well as his speed.

"[Burley is] a key dynamic corner who can also be an excellent punt and kick returner," Keeler said.

The other defensive standout to sign with the Hens is 6-foot-3-inch, 275-pound defensive lineman Logan Shultz, from Orrtanna, Pa. Shultz had an outstanding senior campaign, posting 103 tackles, 29 for a loss, 14.5 sacks, six forced fumbles

and three fumble recoveries.

He holds school records for sacks and tackles for a loss in both a single season and a career. Shultz is a two-time All-State player and earned Mid-Penn Keystone League Most Valuable Player awards as a junior and senior. He also holds his school weight lifting records by benching 375 pounds, cleaning 425 pounds and squatting 600 pounds.

Rivals.com says Shultz also considered attending Clemson, Connecticut, Penn State, Pittsburgh and West Virginia.

Keeler said he is excited to see the lineman's impact in the big and physical Colonial Athletic Association.

"We feel we got a player who has tremendous ability and plays with a great motor," Keeler said. "He is the kind of defensive lineman you need to win championships in this league. The difference makers are your quarterbacks. The difference makers are your defensive lineman. You can just ask the New York Giants if they agree with that philosophy."

On the opposite side of the ball, Keeler made steps to sure up the losses on the offensive line, signing two big lineman — 6-foot-3-inch, 270-pound Rob McDowell from Silver Spring, Md., and a 6-foot-4-inch, 285-pound Chad Davis, from Newark High School.

McDowell earned All-State honors, first team All-DC sports and second team All-Metro as a senior. As a senior he was All-State on the offensive and defensive side of the ball, he also earned All-State honors during his junior campaign.

The most recent recruit to commit to Delaware is 6-foot-2-inch wide receiver Nihja White, from Wayne, Pa. Keeler said he was thoroughly impressed by the player.

"He has great body control and great hands," Keeler said. "We were fortunate that Nihja fell in our lap and we were lucky to seal the deal."

In two varsity seasons at Conestoga High School, White caught 103 passes for 2,076 yards and 34 touchdowns. In his senior season, he earned second team Associated Press All-State honors and was selected to two newspaper All-Southeastern Pennsylvania teams and was named *Main Line Life Newspaper* area player of the year. White was committed to Duke until head coach Ted Roof and the rest of his staff were fired, resulting in White and other players losing their scholarships.



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The 2008 recruiting class is Keeler's smallest.

Keeler said he was very proud of his recruiting class and that they only lost three recruits, and all of them were to Football Bowl Subdivision schools.

"The three we lost had Division-I-itis," he said.

Keeler said he also plans on getting big impacts from redshirt freshmen and walk-ons. Two of his All-American starters last year were former walk-ons — sophomore kicker Jon Striefsky and junior center Kheon Hendricks. Keeler has also acquired some very impressive transfer students.

On Monday, Keeler announced the transfer of Ohio State backup quarterback Rob Schoenhof. Schoenhof will have two years of eligibility at Delaware.

"Everyone we spoke with about Rob remarked about his intelligence and leadership abilities," Keeler said. "We are excited to see him out here for spring practice."

He said the high school recruits being brought in should make a big impact on the team for the next few years.

"The five players we got committed fit needs," Keeler said. "They all fit needs and they all are players we feel have great ability and a great upside. We feel really good about the class."

commentary



MICHAEL LORE

"Different faces,
same results"

Despite losing its three leading scorers and the all-time NCAA face-off leader, the Delaware men's lacrosse team will still have a successful season this year, making it to the NCAA Tournament.

I have always been a supporter of the team. Heading into last year's Colonial Athletic Association Tournament, I said the upperclassmen would lead the Hens to a title. Sure enough, they did. Seniors Alex Smith, Dan Deckelbaum, Jordan Hall and Adam Zuder-Havens helped the Hens upset then-No. 15 Drexel and then-No. 14 Towson to claim CAA superiority.

Winning the conference title gave Delaware an automatic berth into the NCAA Tournament. The first

round was against the defending National Champions then-No. 3 Virginia. The team kept rolling as it stunned the Cavaliers in Charlottesville, Va.

UMBC was next on Delaware's upset streak, giving the Hens a shot at Johns Hopkins in the tournament semifinals. The Blue Jays, the eventual champions, ended Delaware's seven-game winning streak, which included five-straight against ranked opponents.

That was last season. Since then, Jordan Hall was drafted No. 1 overall by the New York Titans in the National Lacrosse League Draft. Alex Smith and Rob Smith were also selected in the same draft. Seven seniors graduated, leaving some major

holes to be filled, but luckily for 30-year head coach Bob Shillinglaw, those gaps were quickly covered by the five returning starters, 27 letter-winners and newcomers.

Returning this year are three-time All-CAA attackman Cam Howard, goalkeeper Tommy Scherr, defender Evan Crowther-Washburn, defensive midfielders Brett Manney and Drew Turner, as well as scoring threats Vincent Giordano and Curtis Dickson.

Howard, who has 62 career goals, will be the Hens' leading scorer this season, so Zuder-Havens' 46 points and 35 goals from last year will be covered.

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Experts have high hopes for Flacco

BY MIKE PINA

Copy Editor

Two seasons was all he could take.

For two years at Pittsburgh, Joe Flacco served as backup quarterback to Tyler Palko. Flacco played in three games in 2004 and threw four passes for a total of 11 yards.

In August 2005, the Audobon, N.J. native transferred to Football Championship Subdivision Delaware in hopes of getting playing time. Not only did he become the team's starter in 2006, Flacco led the Hens to the FCS National Championship game and is now one of the most highly-touted quarterbacks entering this year's NFL Draft.

During his football career as a Hen, Flacco set 20 university records including season marks for completions, attempts, passing yards and total offense, as well as a career mark for completions. He went 331-for-521 passes for 4,263 yards and 23 touchdowns with just five interceptions during the 2007 season, ranking No. 6 in the nation in passing yards per game (284.2), No. 10 in total offense per game (285.7) and No. 18 in passing efficiency (144.91).

After his senior season, Flacco received several high accolades. He was named to the *Pro Football Weekly Magazine* All-American team, the 2007 Sports Network All-American Third Team, was the Colonial Athletic Association's Co-Offensive Player of the Year and the Eastern College Athletic Conference Eastern Player of the Year. He also garnered an invitation to the 2007 East/West Shrine Game, but declined when he received an invitation to the more high-profile Under Armour 2007 Senior Bowl, where he competed for the North team.

Flacco will participate at the NFL Draft combine which takes place February 20-26 in Indianapolis, Ind.

During the Senior Bowl, Flacco went 2-for-7, but his practices throughout the week caught the eye of several NFL scouts who are calling him one of the best quarterback prospects in the entire draft.

ESPN's NFL Draft expert Mel Kiper, Jr. has Flacco ranked as the third best quarterback entering the draft, behind Boston

College's Matt Ryan and Louisville's Brian Brohm.

According to Scout.com, Flacco was the most impressive quarterback at the Senior Bowl, placing him ahead of Michigan's Chad Henne, Southern California's John David Booty and Hawaii's Colt Brennan.

Adam Caplan, Scout.com senior NFL reporter, said Flacco has the ability to do something the other quarterbacks can't or struggle at.

"Flacco has the rare ability to complete throws into tight windows," Caplan said. "This trait is part of what makes him, by far, the most intriguing prospect at the position in this year's class."

According to NFLdraftscout.com, pending his performance at the combine, Flacco could find himself getting selected in the first round.

"This guy simply makes all of the throws from the pocket, from the short pass in the flat to the 18-yard out to the deep sideline ball," the Web site stated. "People who hadn't seen him before were mesmerized by his size and arm strength."

Flacco's stock keeps rising after his performance at the College Football All-Star Challenge skills competition in Arizona. He won the long ball competition with throws of 74 and 71 yards. He also won the quarterback scramble and finished third in the accuracy competition.

Throughout his college career, Flacco has been overlooked in comparison to Football Bowl Subdivision quarterbacks. Those who watched him play this season knew he had all the skills to compete with the best, especially his teammates.

Sophomore offensive lineman Matt Hesseltine said Flacco's ability to remain calm in high pressure situations and his understanding of what it takes to set an example through his actions are not very common characteristics, and are hard to teach.

"Joe's steadiness of emotions was superior to all the other quarterbacks that I have ever seen," Hesseltine said. "He could get sacked for a loss and then intercepted on the very next play and his demeanor would not change if you compared it to him

throwing a 100-yard touchdown pass.

"He looked at every play as if there was no play following it and there were no plays before it. He would say what he needed to say and do what he needed to do to get his point across and pump up the offensive line and receiving core."

Senior offensive lineman Greg Benson said what makes Flacco so unique is not only his demeanor, but his physical ability.

"Whether it is his vision, arm strength or agility, he is a physical marvel," Benson said. "I remember in the Navy game, I was behind Joe one play just as he was making a throw down field. I remember seeing him release the ball and watching it go from his arm to the receiver. Once the ball was completed for a long gain I thought to myself, 'Wow, how did he make that throw?'"

"It was plays like that one that really made me believe he was special, both on the field and off of it. I felt honored to protect for him."



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Some say Flacco is the third best available quarterback.

Hens steadily improving under Ross

BY TIM MCDONOUGH

Staff Reporter

After starting out Colonial Athletic Association play 5-0, the Delaware men's basketball team has since gone 2-6 with a recent 10 point loss to Virginia Commonwealth on Saturday afternoon.

The recent struggles are a result of other teams' scouting, with the competitive CAA never allowing any of its teams to take a night off, said team manager Matt Keefe.

Senior forward Herb Courtney said the biggest difference in conference play has been the amount of zone defenses the Hens have been seeing the second time around.

"When teams match us against man-to-man, we create a lot of match-up problems," Courtney said. "We've struggled shooting the ball against the zone defenses that teams have thrown at us."

Sophomore guard Brian Johnson said Delaware (10-13, 7-6 CAA) has been thrown different looks, but the team has to fight through it.

"Everything has to be on point," Johnson said. "Teams watch a lot of film and the second time you play them, they know what you are looking to do. We have to perfect our stuff and just play through it."

Despite the recent poor conference play, the Hens have made noticeable strides under second-year head coach Monté Ross and his staff. At this point last year, Delaware was 4-19.

With a number of players off the team last season due to disciplinary problems or academics, the Hens had seven players dress for some games — one of which was a walk-on.

The 5-26 record last year was difficult on everybody, but it proved Ross needed time to get his own recruits.

Ross overturned the entire basketball program, bringing in his own talent and getting the Hens to play with a more intense and entertaining style of basketball that has not been seen since former head coach Mike Brey patrolled the sidelines.

The attitude and the mood around the team is completely different than it was under the previous coach, Dave Henderson. Keefe was around while Henderson was in charge and said it is visible how different the program is under Ross.

"With Henderson, nobody was ever really happy," Keefe said. "Always negativity. There was never light at the end of the tunnel. It's the total opposite with Coach Ross. [The players] act so much differently with Ross because they believe in him and they believe in his message. There is a much more positive feel-



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Brian Johnson leads the Hens with 37.1 minutes per game.

ing now.

"The fun in basketball came back when Coach Ross got here."

Courtney, who played under Henderson, also said he sees the change in philosophy.

"Coach Ross is a lot more encouraging and upbeat," Courtney said. "He's a great coach and is always positive."

This year's Delaware team has put the rest of the league on notice as a dangerous team that is always in every game, with dramatic overtime victories against George Mason and Old Dominion and close games against James Madison, UNC-Wilmington and Georgia State.

Despite losing six conference games, Delaware has remained competitive, with four of the six losses coming by a

combined 15 points.

The talent influx from newcomers like freshman Alphonso Dawson has been imperative to the team's success, but Ross and his staff deserve much of the credit for attracting those players and implementing a new attitude.

The newfound depth and upgrade in talent is a direct result of solid work by the coaching staff. Juniors Marc Egerson and Jim Ledsome became eligible on December 16 as highly-touted transfers. Egerson, the 6-foot-6-inch swingman from Georgetown, is second on the team in scoring with 13.2 points per game and leads the Hens with 6.6 rebounds per game. Ledsome's 22 blocks is second only to Courtney's team-leading 37.

This year's freshman class has also made an immediate impact. Dawson has started every game as a true freshman, averaging a little more than 11 points and five rebounds a game. Edwin Santiago has emerged as a tenacious on-the-ball defender, and D.J. Boney and Marco Cooper have also contributed valuable minutes throughout the season, seeing action in a combined 30 games.

The key to the team's success lies in the holdovers from last year's team. Johnson has emerged as one of the most consistent point guards in the conference and is the quarterback of the offense. Johnson leads the CAA in assist-to-turnover ratio, and leads the Hens in minutes played, as well as three-point shooting. Courtney, a preseason All-CAA selection has been consistent all season, leading the Hens in scoring, steals and blocks.

Sam McMahon, Henry Olawoye and Pau Geli are battle-tested and have proved capable of providing a spark off the bench this season.

The depth of the team has not only shown an impact in games, but in practice as well. The extra bodies allow the team to go full tilt in practice every day.

"Practice is so much better this year," Keefe said. "The intensity level remains high all practice long and it shows in the games. I would be hard pressed to find another team that practices as hard as we do day in and day out."

The improved play of this year's team has given players, including Johnson, hope of making some serious noise in the conference tournament March 7-10.

"It'd be great to go into the CAA Tournament and win some games," Johnson said. "I'm really excited about this team right now. I'm just living in the moment."

Men's lax looks to repeat '07 success

Hens open season with convincing 18-10 victory

BY SEIF HUSSAIN

Sports Editor

In this season's United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association Preseason Poll, the Delaware men's lacrosse team was ranked No. 14 one year after achieving the best season in school history. For a team that won the Colonial Athletic Association title and lost to the eventual National Champions, Johns Hopkins in the NCAA Tournament semifinals, Delaware's ranking may seem low.

Before the 2007 season, the Hens were ranked No. 15 in the same poll and ended up going 13-6 and reaching the NCAA Tournament Final Four.

Head coach Bob Shillinglaw, entering his 30th season at Delaware, said he was uninterested in the polls and their practical relevance to the team's performance.

"It is pretty much a guess with these polls," Shillinglaw said. "I think it's about where we should be at this point, but we are obviously going to go out there and try to outperform the expectations."

He acknowledged the difficulty the Hens would have in replacing many of the graduating seniors, who played a vital role in the organization's success. Three seniors — Jordan Hall, Alex Smith and Rob Smith — were selected in the 2007 National Lacrosse League Draft, with Hall being the No. 1 overall pick by the New York Titans. Alex Smith, Hall and Dan Deckelbaum were also selected in the Major League Lacrosse Draft.

Despite the departure of these valuable seniors, Shillinglaw said he remains optimistic about the 2008 campaign.

"I think we have a pretty good nucleus of young players returning," he said. "[Tom] Scherr and [Evan Crowther-] Washburn are returning. Pat Biehl is a fifth year player. [Brett] Manney was picked as a top preseason player. [Drew] Turner has started every minute since his freshman year. Curtis Dickson is only a sophomore, but he started since midseason and scored 28 points."

Hall, who has been playing in both the MLL and NLL, said he is optimistic for his former team, which he plans on following intently throughout the season.

"We have a really good team, the difference is that some of the key roles are going to be placed on younger guys' shoulders," he said.

Hall said one role that would be particularly difficult to fill is that of the NCAA all-time leader in faceoffs, Alex Smith.

"Faceoffs are such a specialized part of the game and Alex was so good at it, that it's going to be tough for somebody to step up and be that dominant," Hall said.

The Delaware coaching staff has been working on replacements for the position, and hope freshman midfielder Anthony Ruiz and sophomore midfielder Tom Lee will be effective in that role.

According to senior midfielder J.J. Moran, he and his teammates recognize the critical losses that the team has had this season, and they are all ready and motivated to make sure they fill any chinks in the team's armor.

Most of the key playmakers that are no longer with the team were on the offensive front and so the defense has been left mostly intact with the exception of standout defenseman Rob Smith.

"Our defensive guys are working so hard," Moran said. "We're going to have to put guys into a rotation. The only thing to make up for losing so much key talent is hard work, and we'll keep on doing things the way we have."

The offense did not seem to have lost much in the season opener this Saturday, when the Hens posted a convincing 18-10 victory at St. Joseph's. Senior attackman Vincent Jiordano netted a career-high five goals, while six other players chipped in with scores of their own. Dickson stepped up with two goals and two assists, and sophomore Martin Cahill contributed with his first-career hat trick.

The defense was also solid, as senior goalkeeper Scherr had 10 saves. Ruiz was inspiring in his debut at faceoffs, winning 16-of-26.

Overall, the team committed just three turnovers, which Moran said would be key to the team's success, along with success during faceoffs.

"The thing about Alex [Smith] was that he gave the team so many possessions," he said. "We're working a lot as a team to limit turnovers, and counteract any loss in possessions we might have."

The team has a lot of eager freshmen and Shillinglaw seemed particularly enthusiastic about new recruit Pat Dowling. At 6-feet, 6-inches and 225 pounds, Dowling is bound to be the

largest player on most fields, and Shillinglaw is confident the defender will pose a serious threat to attackers.

As they showed on Saturday, the team hopes to continue its aggressive play, said Shillinglaw, who understands that the personality and chemistry of the group will likely change, though not for the worse.

As playmakers develop, the team will work towards being as cohesive a unit as possible Moran said.

"The sum of all your parts can be great sometimes," he said. "You never know what happens when you pull it all together."



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Brett Manney was named a co-captain before the season.

Youth still trying to mesh on the court

BY SEIF HUSSAIN

Sports Editor

Never has the Delaware women's basketball team's offensive trouble been more evident than in its recent losses to Old Dominion and George Mason. With shooting percentages of 20.3 and 19.6 percent, respectively, it is obvious that something is malfunctioning for the team on the offensive side of the court.

After one of the program's most impressive seasons, in which the Hens won 26 games and garnered an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament, as well as votes in the Associated Press Top 25 poll, the team has sputtered this year. Losing three key seniors hurt the team, particularly standout guard Tyresa Smith, who was a force on the offense and defense, leading the team with 19.8 points per game.

The team has been solid on defense, and at times spectacular, as they were last Thursday when they held Virginia Commonwealth's aggressive offense, which averaged more than 65 points per game, to only 37 points. With Delaware shooting at only 25.5 percent that game however, the win did not present a complete formula for consistent success.

Redshirt freshman Ariene Jenkins said there is not enough production on the offensive side of the court, and knows that the problem can be remedied.

"Offensively to fix ourselves, we just need to get in the gym more and shoot," Jenkins said. "As a team, we need to learn when we have got a good shot and when we have got a bad shot, because our percentages aren't really that good at all right now, but it's fixable."

Senior forward Courtney Irving has been a leader on the court, posting impressive numbers, and she knows this year's team is a younger and different group of girls. She said the team is talented and energetic, but is in a developmental state, and is improving steadily.

"Last year's team had a lot of young kids who didn't play, and this year they had to step into new roles they hadn't been in



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Kyle DeHaven is one of just two seniors on this year's team.

before," Irving said. "They have to get used to the difference between high school basketball and playing at this level. At first I think it was harder to get that message, and they've got to step it up to meet the challenge."

Junior guard Jamie Mundy, who is currently battling a sprained MCL, is one of the team's best shooters, and Jenkins

said her return will spark the offense. Down the stretch the team has a tough conference schedule with Virginia Commonwealth, Towson and James Madison coming up, and the Hens need all the offensive help that they can get.

Mundy said it is hard to ask freshmen to make such a big impact, but she sees them stepping up to take on the challenges presented.

"I know this is supposed to be our rebuilding season, but I think that we have grown up as a team, and we've come forward leaps and bounds," she said. "In the beginning of the season it could be said that we didn't quite have that chemistry, but we've grown together now and the problem is just that our shots aren't quite falling the way we need them to."

Jenkins said it was not that the team lacked shooting opportunities, but rather they were not able to capitalize on open lanes and what should have been easy points. On the bright side, the team has been consistent from the foul line, making 20 of 26 free throws in Saturday's loss to George Mason, contributing almost half of their total points.

Barring an unprecedented resurgence through the last seven games of the season, it is likely that Delaware will not have a first round bye in the Colonial Athletic Association Tournament like it did last year. The tournament is being hosted at the Bob Carpenter Center, which gives the Hens a home court advantage, and possibly a large boost in morale if the stands can be filled with Delaware fans.

The team will have to work hard to get back on track and try to raise their shooting percentages if they want to have a chance to advance deep into the tournament brackets. Some of the players just hope it is not too late to make a turnaround with a young and developing team.

"The ability to knock down shots and the ability to read the defense, it is something that comes with time," Irving said. "I just think that we had hoped it would have developed a little bit sooner, that's all."

Patching holes from last season

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Giordano had 16 goals as a junior and has already netted five in his first game as a senior. At this rate, people will be saying, "Jordan Hall, who?"

Dickson, a member of the 2007 CAA All-Rookie team, had a breakout freshman season scoring 21 goals. He had two goals and two assists against St. Joseph's on Saturday.

Last year, the Delaware mentality was offensively based because Smith won faceoffs and gave the Hens extra possessions. Replacing him will be the hardest task, but in his 2008 debut, redshirt freshman Anthony Ruiz went 16-for-26 in faceoffs in Delaware's 18-10 win over St. Joseph's on Saturday.

With no one, as of yet, being as dominant as Smith in faceoffs, Delaware will have to focus more on defense. The Hens' game plan will have to be defense first, offense second.

The defense is anchored by Crowther-Washburn with Turner and Manney helping from midfield. A new addition is redshirt freshman Pat Dowling. Dowling, a 6-foot-6-inch, 225-pound defender, will be the big man in the back for the Hens, much like Rob Smith was.

In goal will be fifth-year senior Scherr, who recently recorded his 26th career victory and had a goals

against average of 7.81 in 2007.

So the Hens have players who can fill the void left by the outstanding seniors, but now it's just a matter of team cohesion. Can Howard, who missed all but two games last season because of a knee injury, gel in with the players who stepped up last year and had significant impacts? Can the impact freshmen mold into a proven system?

The answer: yes.

This year's schedule is pretty much the same as last season's, with key match-ups against ranked opponents including UMBC, Georgetown, Albany and CAA opponents Hofstra and Towson.

Even though Delaware went 2-3 against those opponents last season, more than half of its losses were against ranked teams. The Hens also lost to then-No. 5 Duke, Drexel and Johns Hopkins.

This season, Delaware's out of conference games include Marist, Rutgers, Stony Brook, Brown and Lehigh — all of which should be no problem for a Delaware team that averaged 11.53 goals per game last year.

Last year, Delaware started the season 5-0 before losing five out of its next six games, but when it mattered most, the Hens won seven straight. Don't worry if Delaware has a little hiccup this midseason. Look what happened last year.

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Men's Basketball

	Conf	Pct	All	Pct
Virginia Commonwealth	11-2	.846	18-5	.783
George Mason	9-4	.692	17-7	.708
William & Mary	9-4	.692	13-10	.565
UNC- Wilmington	8-5	.615	15-10	.600
Old Dominion	7-6	.538	12-13	.480
Northeastern	7-6	.538	11-12	.478
Delaware	7-6	.538	10-13	.435
Towson	5-8	.385	9-14	.391
Hofstra	5-8	.385	8-15	.348
James Madison	4-9	.308	11-12	.478
Drexel	3-10	.231	10-15	.400
Georgia State	3-10	.231	6-17	.261

Women's Basketball

	Conf	Pct	All	Pct
Old Dominion	11-0	1.000	20-3	.870
James Madison	9-2	.818	16-6	.727
Virginia Commonwealth	8-3	.727	18-4	.818
Towson	7-4	.636	15-7	.682
Drexel	7-4	.636	12-10	.545
William & Mary	5-6	.455	11-12	.478
Delaware	5-6	.455	6-17	.261
UNC- Wilmington	4-7	.364	13-9	.591
George Mason	3-8	.273	9-13	.409
Georgia State	3-8	.273	6-16	.273
Northeastern	2-9	.182	7-14	.333
Hofstra	2-9	.182	4-18	.182

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Athletes of the Issue



Vincent Giordano

In the men's lacrosse season opener against St. Joseph's, senior attackman Vincent Giordano had a career-high five goals in No. 14 Delaware's 18-10 win.

Giordano took a game-high 10 shots, six of which were on goal, in Saturday's win. It was the third hat trick of his career.

His goal with less than three minutes left in the third quarter sparked a Delaware six-goal streak. Giordano added his fourth and fifth goals with less than two minutes remaining in the game.

Last season, he tallied 16 goals and 8 assists and was ranked fifth on the team with 24 points.

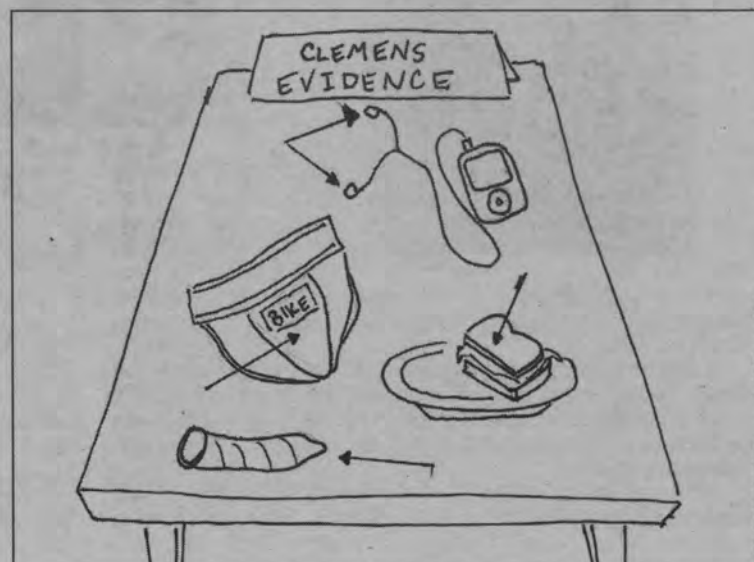


Vanessa Kabongo

Freshman guard Vanessa Kabongo led the Delaware women's basketball team in scoring in both of the Hens' games last week. On Feb. 7, Delaware upset Virginia Commonwealth (17-4, 7-3 Colonial Athletic Association) 42-37. Kabongo was tied for a team-high seven points and added two steals and two assists.

On Feb. 10, Delaware lost to George Mason, but the freshman had a team-high 11 points and grabbed six rebounds playing all but one minute of the game. She also went 7-for-8 from the free throw line.

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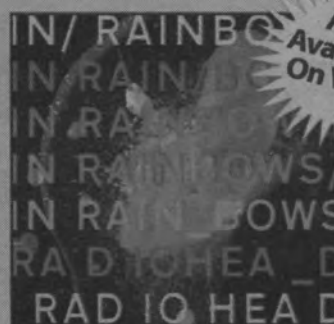
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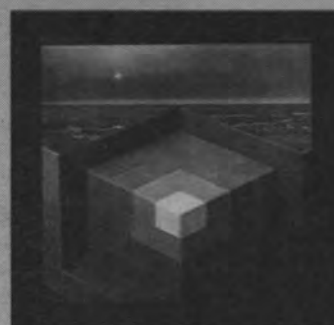
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"I am feeling depressed." We hear this statement all the time when we work with college students who have psychological issues. One problem is that this phrase means different things to different people. We do know that some small part of the population suffers from depression that seems to have biological roots.

These kinds of depression can be very debilitating, and medications are often a large part of the treatment for these students. More often college students complain of sadness and unhappiness that is either situational or a result of

the way that they are making sense of their life circumstances. We tend to see lots of "depression" amongst students whose expectations of the world and other people are not met. Many students expect the world and others to behave one way and when these people and the world don't comply they get very upset, sad and grief stricken. Another source of depression is the realization that some people in one's life, even parents, may not be the people we want them to be. As we mature there is often grief as part of the acceptance that the reality of people doesn't match with what we would like. We can become even more depressed if we try to use our energy to change people who don't want to be changed.

It is a good idea to talk with a professional who knows about depression so that students can learn about what might be affecting their moods. A psychologist might ask questions about sleep patterns, eating and appetite, energy levels, changes in mood, changes in life circumstances (losses), if one has diminished interest in activities, feelings of worthlessness or even recurrent thoughts of death. While many people have some of these issues at times it is important to find out how much distress and/or impairment is present, especially in social as well as other areas of functioning. If these are issues for students, psychologists and psychiatrists at the Center for Counseling and Student Development are available to help identify and treat depressions of various types.

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Heading off Headaches

Headaches are one of the most common health complaints, not just for college students, but for adults and even children. The signs and symptoms of headaches may vary depending on the type of headache. The most common headache type is a tension or muscular headache, which can cause a dull ache in your forehead, above your ears, or at the back of your head, pain in the neck or shoulders. Tension headaches are caused by tense or tight muscles in the face, neck or scalp. You can get a tension headache from a number of things:

- Not getting enough sleep
- Feeling "stressed out"
- Reading or working at a computer screen for long periods of time
- Doing repetitive work
- Staying in one position for a long time, such as working at a computer

Migraine headaches happen when blood vessels in your head open too wide or close too tight. The signs and symptoms of migraine may include a headache that is located on one side of your head (one side of head hurts more than the other) nausea and/or vomiting, seeing spots, wavy lines or flashes of light prior to the start of the headache, sensitivity to light or loud noises. Certain things, such as caffeine, alcohol, certain foods, changes in sleep patterns and strenuous exercise can trigger migraine headaches in susceptible people.

A sinus headache occurs when fluids in the nose aren't able to drain well and a buildup of pressure occurs in the sinuses. A cold, allergies, smog or air pollution and airplane travel can

cause a sinus headache. Signs and symptoms include pain in the forehead, cheekbones and nose that is worse in the morning, increased pain when bending over or touching your face, and nasal congestion.

Although tension, migraine and sinus are the most common types of headaches, other causes can trigger headaches including:

- Eating or drinking something very cold – "brain freeze"
- Low blood sugar; hunger
- Cigarette smoke, exposure to chemicals and/or pollution
- Uncorrected vision problems, such as near-sightedness
- Caffeine or nicotine withdrawal
- Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ) Dysfunction

Self care for common types of headaches includes the use of over-the-counter pain medications such as

Tylenol, Advil or Aleve. Resting in a quiet, dark room with your eyes closed may also help relieve headache symptoms. Placing a cold or warm washcloth, whichever feels better, over the area that aches can also provide comfort and relief.

Most headaches don't require medical attention. But some types of headaches are signals of more serious disorders and call for prompt

medical care. Seek medical attention for the following:

- Sudden, severe headache
- Sudden headache associated with a stiff neck
- Headaches associated with fever, convulsions, confusion or loss of consciousness
- Headaches following a blow to the head
- Headaches associated with pain in the eye or ear



Access your RECORDS –in record time

You may have noticed or will be noticing on your next visit a number of technological changes at Student Health. Student Health installed and is now using an electronic medical record from Point and Click Solutions. This is the same electronic medical record used at over fifty other colleges and universities including Stanford, Columbia, University of Pennsylvania, and Penn State. The Web interface will be introduced to students within the next few months which will enable students to use their UDelNet ID and password to access secure Web services. This system, which is also used by the Center for Counseling and Student Development, includes automatic access to Student Health's in-house lab system and to LabCorp for requesting and reporting lab tests and self check-in terminals where students who have appointments can sign in using their UD#1 card. Our system for the Student Health lab, where most of your lab work is done, includes automatic interfaces to instruments so that your lab results can automatically be transmitted.

Student Health also converted from a traditional x-ray system to a computerized radiography system. Your x-rays will now be stored digitally rather than on a traditional film. This will allow for quick transfer of images to off site radiologists for readings and will allow us to give students images on a CD as well as in printed form to bring to physicians at home.

Student Health has worked with University of Delaware Information Technology to assure that your information is protected by highly advanced security devices.

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