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What's that racket about noise violations?

The city's looking
for a quiet way
to curb assaults,
but now many students
are really making noise

BY MIKE HARTNETT
Managing News Editor

A loud knock has never created such an uproar in Newark.

Senior Adam Sidor heard it on a chilly Friday night in October, three days before Halloween.

Sidor was visiting friends in their home on West Delaware Avenue. There was no party, he said, just 15 people hanging out and listening to music. A half hour after arriving, Sidor was standing near the front door talking to a friend when he heard the loud knock.

He opened the door and was greeted with a flashlight in his face.

"Do you live here?" asked a Newark Police officer.

"No," Sidor said.

"Well give me your ID so I'll know you will come back, and I want you to get everyone that lives in this house out here right now," the officer demanded.

"What's the problem?" Sidor asked.

"Just get everyone that lives here right now," the officer responded.

"OK, sir," Sidor said. "I'm just going to close the door and I will be back with the people who live here."

"Not with my foot here you aren't."

A bit confused, Sidor asked if that was legal.

The officer's response?

"Go get people now."

When Sidor returned with the tenants, the officer told them there was a call for a noise complaint. Sidor asked who called, but the officer said, "It doesn't matter, the music I'm hearing right now is indication of a party."

"The music is coming from one of the resident's personal computers in his bedroom," Sidor said. "Why is this trouble tonight instead of every other night when he plays his music at this volume?"

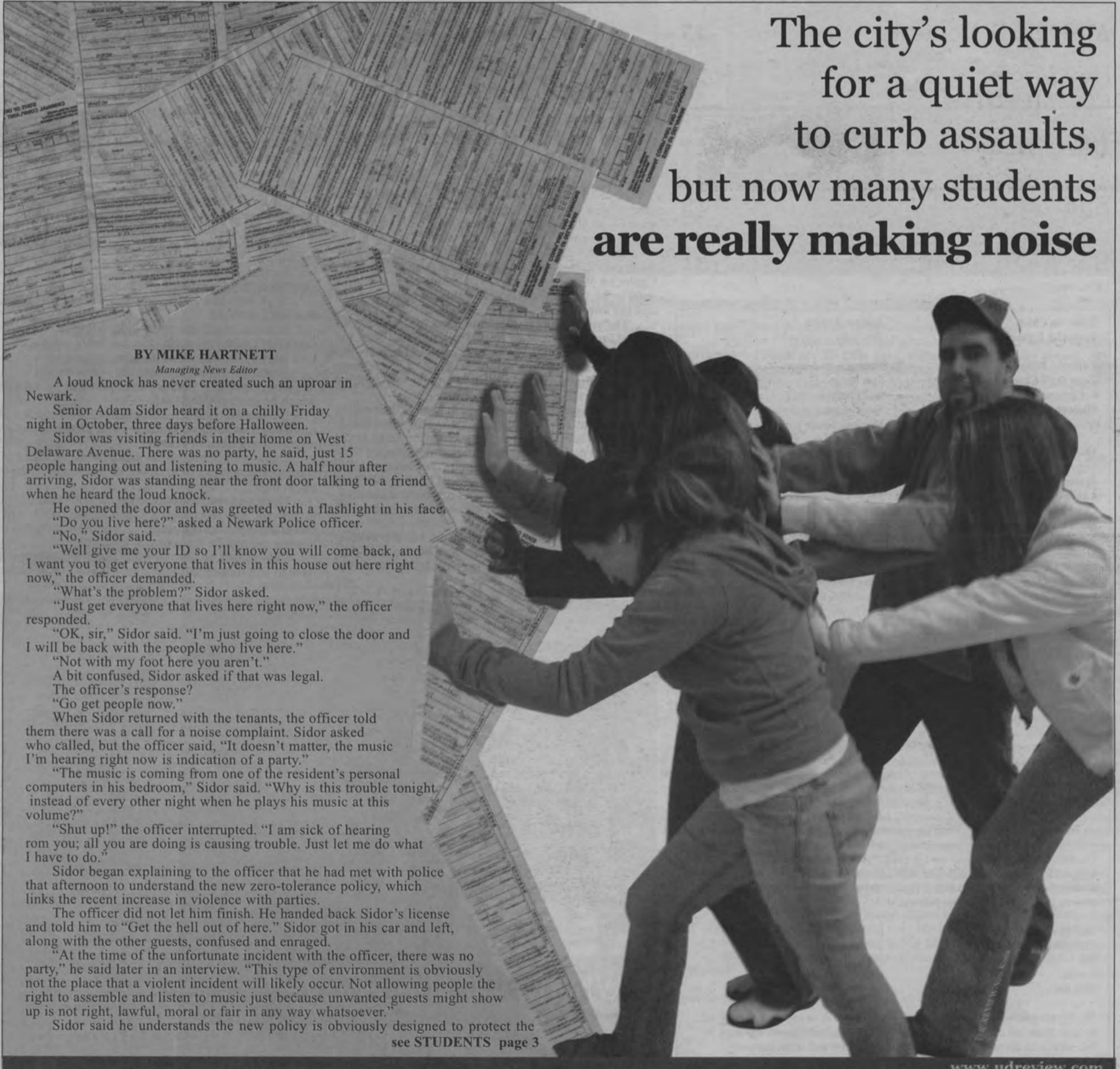
"Shut up!" the officer interrupted. "I am sick of hearing from you; all you are doing is causing trouble. Just let me do what I have to do."

Sidor began explaining to the officer that he had met with police that afternoon to understand the new zero-tolerance policy, which links the recent increase in violence with parties.

The officer did not let him finish. He handed back Sidor's license and told him to "Get the hell out of here." Sidor got in his car and left, along with the other guests, confused and enraged.

"At the time of the unfortunate incident with the officer, there was no party," he said later in an interview. "This type of environment is obviously not the place that a violent incident will likely occur. Not allowing people the right to assemble and listen to music just because unwanted guests might show up is not right, lawful, moral or fair in any way whatsoever."

Sidor said he understands the new policy is obviously designed to protect the
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Kidnapping attempted



courtesy of Newark Police
Newark Police released this sketch of a man suspected of attempting to kidnap two students Friday.

BY CAITLIN GINLEY AND EMILY PICILLO
City News Editors

In separate incidents, two female students, a 19-year-old and a 20-year-old, were approached and threatened by an unknown man early Friday, but managed to escape unharmed, Newark Police said.

Lt. Thomas LeMin said the first victim was confronted at 2:25 a.m. in front of the Trabant University Center on West Main Street. The suspect told her to be quiet or he would shoot her. The student then screamed and ran away.

The second incident occurred less than 10 minutes later at the intersection of North College East Cleveland avenues, LeMin said. The victim was walking on North College Avenue when a person believed to be the same suspect approached her and told her not to say anything or he would shoot her.

He then grabbed her arm and led her to the parking lot located at 60 N. College Ave. where his vehicle, believed to be an older model of a tan or gold Isuzu Rodeo, was parked. LeMin said the suspect pushed what the student believed was a gun against her backpack. He unlocked the vehicle door while still holding her arm, but she was able to break free and ran away screaming. She found a university police car and ran to it to report the incident.

LeMin said police have no leads, but are looking for a black man, possibly in his early to mid-20s, between 5'7" and 5'10". He is believed to be of thin

build, clean shaven with a buzz cut haircut and wearing a white T-shirt and light-colored jacket.

Lt. Thomas Rahmer, administrative officer for Public Safety, said to prevent these dangerous situations, students should walk in groups whenever possible, be aware of their surroundings and report any suspicious activity.

Public safety provides an escort service that gives students an alternative way of returning home, especially when they plan on traveling alone, he said.

In October, the department had 1,190 people ask for escorts, which Rahmer said is an unusually high number, compared to an average of approximately 800 requests in September. Rahmer said he attributed the increase to a growing apprehension among students about the number of assaults this year.

Following the attempted kidnappings Friday morning, he said Public Safety received approximately 400 escort requests from midnight Friday to midnight Monday.

Rahmer said Public Safety has not seen an increase in assaults on campus, but the department is making its officers aware of every assault or attempted assault. They also plan on increasing the number of officers on foot patrol.

"Many areas on campus, like the Harrington Beach, can only be seen if officers are on foot," Rahmer said.

Junior Sarah Foust said she feels afraid to walk anywhere on campus by herself.

"I've felt unsafe on campus for a long time and the attempted kidnapping incident topped it off," she said.

Foust said if she saw more Public Safety officers on campus, it would make her feel more comfortable about her safety.

Freshman Michelle Piaia, however, said she feels safe rather than threatened on campus.

"I've been to a lot of campuses that are worse than this one," she said.

In terms of the attempted kidnappings, she said, "I don't feel threatened during the day, but it's not a smart idea anyway to walk alone at night."

Sophomore Wes Doyle said he was surprised by the incident, especially because it occurred in an area in which he generally feels safe.

He said he considers the attempted kidnappings as more of an unfortunate isolated event than evidence of an increasing trend in assaults.

Doyle said Public Safety has a strong presence on campus and appears to be doing its job whenever he is out at night.

Foust said she is not sure what the university can do to prevent the reoccurrence of incidents such as the recent attempted kidnappings, but said something has to happen to improve the safety of its students.

"We should be able to walk alone, we should not have to feel threatened," she said.

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What will they have longer, their trophies or their injuries?

Students battle city on zero-tolerance

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safety of students. But, like many others, he thinks the policy goes too far if the officer's behavior that evening was any indication of how it will work.

Behind zero-tolerance

On Oct. 20, one week before Sidor's incident, Newark Police announced a zero-tolerance plan to crack down on the recent increase in alcohol-related assaults in the community.

Under the new policy, police will no longer issue warnings or wait until a complaint has been made to take action on loud parties or noise violations.

University Police officers are partnering with Newark Police to enforce the policy. The officers are paid overtime through a grant from the Office of Highway Safety that is targeted at reducing underage drinking.

Newark Police Lt. Thomas LeMin said the policy is based on the correlation the department believes exists between off-campus parties and alcohol-related crimes, especially assaults.

"We hope to prevent the sexual assaults, fights, thefts and damage from criminal mischief that are all too often associated with parties where large numbers of underage people are drinking," he said.

According to Newark Police, as of Nov. 12, the number of arrests for aggravated assaults doubled from nine at this time last year to 18 this year.

The number of arrests for noise violations presents more striking numbers: as of Nov. 12, there have been 387 arrests for noise violations, an increase of 80 from the same date in 2004, police said.

One month into the policy, pink noise violation slips continue emptying students' wallets by the hundreds of dollars. The line grows longer each morning at violation hearings, and while most groggy students do not say much at 8 a.m., they have been anything but quiet outside Alderman's Court.

DUSC: Noise does not equal violence

The Delaware Undergraduate Student Congress is leading the fight to immediately suspend the policy.

While DUSC commends the police for being proactive in curbing assaults, the student organization believes the policy does not correctly address the issue.

"Students are being targeted by a flawed policy based on a non-existent relationship between noise and violence," senior Joe D'Agostino, DUSC city relations chairman, said.

The organization made numerous requests for police to provide evidence that links noise to the recent increase in violence, but the data does not exist.

"These crimes are occurring on the streets, not in parties," D'Agostino said.

At a city council meeting Nov. 14, DUSC attacked the policy head-on. More than 150 students poured into a crowded meeting hall to support a DUSC petition, signed by more than 1,000 students to date.

In addition to declaring there is no correlation between noise and violence, the petition stated that neither the university nor Newark police departments have shown evidence of how many students have been assailants. Students argue the policy is targeting students, not protecting them.

"In actuality, students are more often the targets of violent crime, not the assailants," D'Agostino told the packed room full of students and residents.

As council members debated the policy, acting Police Chief William Nefosky emerged from his seat in the back of the room and was handed a microphone.

"There is some issue out there about this policy targeting noise complaints," Nefosky said. "The issue is not noise, it is parties. I've directed all officers to target parties."

Senior John Cordrey, president of DUSC, responded to the comment, asserting the policy only mentions noise.

Councilman Karl Kalbacher, District 3, asked Nefosky if any studies had been conducted in past years to determine whether a correlation existed between violence and parties. Nefosky could not produce any data.

Since Oct. 1, there were 16 assaults in which the victim did not know the assailant, Nefosky said. Nine of the assaults occurred at parties. However, he did not know whether the student in each case was the victim or assailant.

Responsible vs. uncontrolled parties

Councilman Kevin Vonck, District 6, agrees with police that problems like assaults stem from large, uncontrolled parties. But, as a graduate student, he has a slightly different set of opinions.

"The problem is that this generation — my generation — has largely lost the ability to party responsibly," he said. "Our data may be more qualitative than quantitative in



courtesy of Joe D'Agostino

DUSC President John Cordrey attacked the zero-tolerance policy at a City Council meeting Nov. 14.

Newark, but there are documented incidents of violence that are directly related to large, uncontrolled parties."

However, a universal zero-tolerance policy unfairly targets responsible party hosts who control factors such as the amount of guests, alcohol flow and noise volume, he said. Since there is such a gray area for defining unlawful noise, the accused must be given a chance to rectify the problem before criminal charges.

Certain situations warrant zero-tolerance, he said, especially when the crowd is unruly and uncontrolled; when guests are uncooperative; when there are imminent safety concerns; or when there have been multiple complaints or a history of offenses.

But if these conditions are not present, Vonck said, party hosts should first be allowed to end the party on their own.

"It allows our officers to spend more time focusing on more serious safety issues in Newark," he said.

Police 'immediately assumed it was out of control'

Junior Caitlin Redding never thought eating s'mores with friends on her back porch would pose a serious safety issue.

On a Thursday night in October, the same day the policy was announced, Redding invited her female Ultimate Frisbee teammates to her house to hang out and make s'mores.

The girls were playing music, she said, but it was drowned out by a basement band next door. There was also a bonfire in that same neighbor's backyard.

While the girls danced on the porch and munched on snacks, Redding's brother, a graduate student who lives with her, told her that he and his friend were leaving. Her brother walked onto his front lawn finishing a can of Pabst Blue Ribbon as a police car rolled up.

The officers told Redding's brother to sit down in the backseat of the car, while they walked in the backyard to confront the girls.

"Who lives here?" asked one of the officers.

"I do," Redding said. The officer told her someone called in a noise complaint. Redding had to send everyone home and follow the officers to the backseat of a second patrol car.

"What are you charging me for?" Redding asked as she sat in the patrol car confused, watching the officer write a citation.

"Disorderly premise and a noise violation," he responded.

After the police officers left, Redding and her brother walked back inside to read their citations. They were in disbelief.

The citation read: "Hosting a party in which guest urinates on neighbor's property." Her brother's citation also

said possession of open container of alcohol.

"If the cop read the citation to my face, I would've said 'There are 20 girls here, I don't think they are peeing on my neighbor's house,'" Redding said. "It is ludicrous. If the officers told us to go inside, that would've stopped the problem. They immediately assumed it was out of control."

"It was a girl's club team coming over and making s'mores. I don't understand how they can relate that to violence."

Targeting students, only? Not on the mayor's watch

Mayor Vance A. Funk III's phone has been ringing non-stop lately from parents calling to complain the city is not providing enough protection for their children.

When he hears arguments that students are being targeted by the city and treated as second-class citizens, Funk is quick to fight back.

"Not on my watch," he said. "I bend over backwards to help the students."

As a university alumnus and former fraternity member, Funk said he is more tolerant than most Newark residents who are agitated by student house parties.

"However, when it comes down to malicious mischief, vandalism and assaults, that is something we cannot tolerate at all," he said.

Funk agrees with the relationship between uncontrolled parties and assaults, but he said only time will tell if the policy is successful.

In almost every assault case, he said, the initial problem started in a crowded home where everybody was drinking.

D'Agostino and DUSC question the increase in noise violations when city and police officials like Funk and Lt. LeMin assert that assaults mostly stem from crowded parties involving underage drinking.

"This policy has become a quality of life issue, not an alcohol issue," he said. "If you look at examples of arrests made of students listening to music in the comfort of their own homes, without any complaint, what kind of violence is that addressing?"

Vonck echoes DUSC's argument, asking whether Newark Police is spending its resources and time in the best way.

"We want to spend it tackling big, rowdy parties that are out of control and may lead to more serious crimes," he said. "But in terms of going and busting up every party and spending time to make arrests, it doesn't seem like a good use of resources."

IN THE NEWS

Pa. case may hold key to unlocking Alito's views on death penalty

With no fanfare, the U.S. Supreme Court granted a last-minute reprieve this summer to a man who has spent the last 17 years on death row in Pennsylvania. Convicted of stabbing to death a tavern owner and setting him on fire, Ronald Rompilla had run out of appeals when the Supreme Court stepped in.

By the narrowest of margins — 5-4 — the court vacated the death penalty and returned the case for re-sentencing. It marked the third time since 2000 that a loose coalition of liberal and swing-vote justices has struck down death-penalty cases because of poor work by defense lawyers.

Of broader importance, the Court in the Rompilla case overturned a lower ruling authored by 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Samuel A. Alito Jr.— the same man who appears likely to replace one of those swing voters on the Supreme Court early next year.

The Rompilla case, many observers say, is clear evidence that Alito — nominated to succeed retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor — would help to reverse the Court's recent trend toward leniency in death-penalty cases.

Chicago City Council joins call for U.S. troop withdrawal

The Chicago City Council may not have much say in when U.S. troops come home from Iraq, but that does not mean it has nothing to say.

The city is one of 67 around the country that have passed resolutions calling for U.S. withdrawal, in hopes that they can help start a groundswell that will force the hand of the Bush administration and Congress.

The resolutions typically call on the U.S. government "to commence an orderly and rapid withdrawal of United States military personnel from Iraq," while also shipping nonmilitary aid "necessary for the security of Iraq's citizens and for the rebuilding of Iraq."

The Chicago resolution, passed in September, took note of the death toll, as well as the strain on U.S. military, National Guard and Reserve units. It cites the war's cost and argues that Chicago's portion could have paid for Head Start for 238,056 children for one year or 31,147 public school teachers for a year. It also charges that the treatment of prisoners has inflamed anti-American passions and increased the terrorist threat to U.S. citizens.

La. Court to review 2,500 prolonged arrests linked to Katrina

Nearly three months after Hurricane Katrina struck Louisiana, approximately 2,500 people arrested on minor charges before the hurricane are still in custody — a number of them have never been formally charged, many are being held beyond the time they were due to be released, and hundreds have never had a court hearing.

When the storm struck, approximately 8,500 people being held in the Orleans Parish prison were relocated to jails around the state, and in some instances outside Louisiana.

A small group of volunteer defense lawyers have filed writs and obtained the release of more than 1,800 of the evacuees, said Phyllis Mann, of Alexandria, La., who has been coordinating the effort.

Assistant District Attorney Donna Andrieu said, among other things, that there was "just cause" for holding the detainees longer because Orleans Parish prosecutors, dislocated from their office, had not had sufficient time to make decisions on whether to charge various individuals.

The Louisiana Supreme Court is scheduled to consider the merits of the arguments early this week.

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

POLICE REPORTS

Graffiti found on numerous Main Street buildings

A 19-year-old man was arrested early Monday after having sprayed graffiti on 14 different businesses located on Main Street, Thomas said.

At approximately 12:20 a.m., a witness directed police to the man who had been observed spray painting several buildings, Thomas said. When police attempted to arrest him, however, Thomas said the man resisted arrest, spit in an officer's face and attempted to remove a gun from an officer.

Thomas also said an officer suffered minor injuries during the arrest, resulting in swollen and bruised knees.

The man was charged with resisting arrest, attempting to remove a firearm from a law enforcement officer, hindering a police officer, disorderly conduct, underage consumption of alcohol and graffiti, Thomas said.

The total damages done to the buildings are valued at \$3,310, he said.

Paint balls damage vehicles parked on Haines Street

Between approximately 12:30 a.m. and 12:45 a.m. Sunday, an unknown suspect fired paint balls at four vehicles parked on the 100 block of Haines Street, Thomas said.

Three of the vehicles, a 2000 Mitsubishi Galant, a 2004 black BMW and a green Saturn, were parked next to each other in a parking lot located behind a residence on the 100 block of Haines Street, Thomas said. He said these vehicles were dirtied by the paint, but no dents were found on them.

A paint ball did manage to break through the rear window of a fourth vehicle, a 1993 black BMW that was parked on the street, Thomas said. Damages to the vehicle are valued at \$200.

The vehicles all belonged to university students, Thomas said.

Police have no leads and are not further investigating the incident, Thomas said.

— Emily Picillo



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Students were able to express their concerns on diversity issues to University President David P. Roselle Friday at the Center for Black Culture.

Roselle reacts to hate

BY SUSAN RINKUNAS

Administrative News Editor

'Let me start with an apology'

More than 70 students and administrators met Friday in the Center for Black Culture, giving students the chance to confront University President David P. Roselle about the recent hate crimes on campus.

For Roselle, it was a chance to issue a public apology.

"About two weeks ago, things were going a bit off-kilter," Roselle said. "There were a number of what the police classified as 'incidents' and I thought it was time to get everybody together."

Kassandra Moye, director of the Center for Black Culture, said Friday's dialogue was the result of an Oct. 28 meeting between Roselle and several black student organizations, sparking Roselle's interest to meet with more students and address their concerns about the recent campus hate crimes and incidents they feel have been increasingly directed toward minorities.

"I don't have an agenda," Roselle said. "Let me start with an apology. My apology is that many of you have been treated in a way that's not respectable and that is not what the university wants to happen ... there's no way that you should be treated with anything other than respect. And, to the extent that that has not always been the case, I am genuinely sorry. I really am."

'I don't want repeat offenders'

Cynthia Cummings, director of Campus Life, began by addressing what the university terms as "bias-related incidents," such as hateful graffiti on bulletin boards or dry erase boards that are not serious enough to be considered crimes. The perpetrators of such crimes are incredibly difficult to catch, she said.

"We have so far not found any perpetrator for those kinds of things," she said.

Cummings said people found guilty of bias-related incidents could be kicked out of the dorms, and those guilty of hate crimes risk expulsion from the university.

Sophomore Kyle Riley said

people under investigation for race-related incidents should have an educational component to their trial.

"They should attend a class or be around minorities speaking to them about why that's so hurtful and what exactly it does to people mentally," she said. "Just punishing someone won't change their mentality or stop them from doing what they're doing."

Cummings agreed, but said she would first want to decide if guilty parties should still be welcome on campus.

"The question becomes when do we try to educate these people and when do we simply say 'You do not belong here. You are not worthy of being a member of our community,'" she said. "I don't want repeat offenders when it comes to this kind of stuff."

'Coming to UD is a culture shock'

Assistant Provost Terry Whitaker said black students comprise 5.6 percent of the student body, and the debate turned to what some people perceive as segregation in campus dormitories.

"It seems like once you go over the train tracks," Rylee said, "that's where all the minorities are."

Cummings said the university tries to scatter freshmen across campus by their First Year Experience, and using Whitaker's statistic, black students might represent 5 percent of their building's population. She added that she has noticed many black students choose to move to Laird Campus after freshman year.

Roselle added: "Every now and then the white students say to me 'The black students all want to live together.'" he said. "And I say, 'Well, that's allowed.'"

When Cummings suggested everybody asking themselves why black students do not want to live on East Campus, Senior Cherish Milford responded that Laird Campus is attractive because of apartment-style living, and perhaps it should be up to some students to take the initiative to move to other parts of campus and invite their friends.

Senior Paulina Davis said she does not find the issue problematic

because black students might feel more comfortable living together in one area.

"If you come from a place ... where 90 percent of your community is black, coming to somewhere like the University of Delaware is a culture shock for you," she said.

'It was not important to the RAs'

The LIFE program was another source of contention, not only in terms of housing but also in reference to the diversity component of each class.

Davis, a LIFE peer mentor, said diversity is a required topic in LIFE classes, but mentors can approach it any way they like.

"We're not really putting students in a position where they are being challenged about the generally accepted opinions about how the world works and how society works along the lines of race, gender and sexual orientation," she said.

Freshman Brittany Battle said the university's new mandatory diversity training for incoming freshmen was not well-enforced.

"It was not important to the majority of the RAs to make the freshmen go," she said. "I know with my RA, if you went, you went, but if you stayed in bed it wasn't a big issue."

Furthermore, several students were concerned about diversity training for faculty members, which was mandatory for one year 18 years ago.

Cummings speculated on the negative reaction the training evoked from faculty members.

"I think that some faculty don't feel like they should be challenged or have their thinking critiqued and challenged and exposed," she said.

Senior Alfred Lance Jr. objected to the university's decision to make such training voluntary.

"A racist isn't going to respond favorably when they're being exposed as a racist," he said. "The idea of backing off when they protested so vehemently shows that it is the exact opposite approach to take because it shows that there's a real problem."

NCCo. homicide rate highest in state

BY MEGAN DONOGHUE

Staff Reporter

The number of homicides in New Castle County has increased threefold in the past year, which has resulted in more homicides in the county than Kent and Sussex counties combined, New Castle County police said.

Cpl. Trinidad Navarro, New Castle County Police spokesman, said 14 homicides have been reported this year in New Castle, a drastic increase from the five reported in 2004.

New Castle County is the most populated county in Delaware. Approximately 60 percent of the state's population resides there, which includes the cities of Wilmington and Newark.

Lt. Joseph Aviola, public information officer for the Delaware State Police, said the sheer size of New Castle County's population may account for the greater number of homicides in comparison to the state's other counties.

Navarro said the reason for the increase in homicides during 2005 is difficult to determine because in most

cases, the killer and the victim know each other.

Domestic-related homicides are particularly common, he said. They are generally individual cases that occur in private residences.

"It's not like the turf wars you'll find in big cities," Navarro said. "We have made efforts in the past to teach people how to report domestic violence."

The homicides in which the two parties were not previously acquainted were largely instances of self defense, he said, citing two cases in which a police officer fatally shot a man wielding a knife and a homeowner killed an intruder.

Lt. Thomas LeMin, public information officer for the Newark Police, said the increase in homicides throughout New Castle County has not been evident in Newark.

The city averages one to two homicides each year and has not seen an increase in 2005, he said.

However, LeMin said the circumstances involved in Newark's only homicide this year are atypical. James Cooke Jr., charged with the May 1 murder of 20-year-old Lindsay Bonistall, was not acquainted with the university sophomore.

"To have a complete stranger perform such an atrocious act is quite unusual," he said.

Navarro said due to the lack of a trend connecting this year's homicides, little can be done to bring the homicide rate back down.

"Disputes between spouses and acquaintances that escalate into violence normally do not occur in public areas, so a simple solution such as placing more officers on patrol cannot be applied," he said.

If the increase in homicides were to become a trend in coming years, law enforcement officers and the community may be better able to identify a root cause.

Aviola said, as of right now, social programs designed to minimize the likelihood of violence and homicides will remain in place, though the police do not know the extent to which these programs work.

"We do not know how many homicides we prevent each year through domestic violence awareness, gun control programs and drug enforcement," he said.



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Students can be charged for using a computer to commit a crime that impacts the university due to content posted on Web sites such as facebook.com.

Facebook has legal pitfalls

BY DANE SECOR

Student Affairs Editor

Students can be charged with violations of the university Code of Conduct for their actions on Web sites such as facebook.com, according to the Judicial Affairs Office.

Kathryn Goldman, director of Judicial Affairs, stated in an e-mail message that students can be charged for using any computer to commit a crime that impacts the university.

Although there have only been two incidents involving Facebook to date, Goldman said violations of the academic honesty, responsible computing, sexual harassment and disruptive conduct codes have been applied for computer violations.

Students under 21 could be charged with a violation of the university's alcohol policy if they are holding a beer in a picture on the Internet, she said. Students can also be charged for anything they say which may cause a disruption for other students.

"One may have the right to say what they want but they do not have the right to be disruptive to others," she said. "These ideas must be carefully balanced in our community."

Kathleen Kerr, director of Residence Life, said the department

has no policy in place for how Resident Assistants should react to a student's actions on Web sites such as Facebook.

RAs have an obligation to respond if they notice any actions on the Internet that would raise concerns about a resident, she said.

"If they see things on Facebook that raise concerns and they have questions about it, and they want to have a conversation with the student, we ask them to do that," she said.

A policy may be developed for these sites in the near future, she said.

"We will be spending the next couple of months looking at this issue and probably will be developing a policy for next year, but right now one doesn't exist," Kerr said. "It's just an expectation that we care about our students, so if we see something that raises concerns we react to it."

A university junior who wished to remain anonymous said he was charged for his conduct on a Web site unrelated to the university.

"It's ludicrous that the university can charge a person with violation of multiple parts of the Code of Conduct based on what they write on an Internet site," he said.

The student said no one is forced to read anything on the Internet and

the university may be overstepping its boundaries by charging students.

"It's like the thought police are out to get kids," he said. "It's mind-blowing that a student has to constantly worry that something they say or write can be held against them."

Senior Tya Pope, a member of the university Civil Liberties Union, stated in an e-mail message that some people have a false sense of security about their right to freedom of speech.

"People have to understand that freedom of speech only goes so far and once someone starts intruding on the rights of others, that right stops," she said.

Pope said students need boundaries sometimes, and students should not have to live in fear because of something written by another student on a Web site.

"People need to realize that this isn't a place where you can say and do whatever you want without repercussions," she said. "We are all entitled to our opinions and feelings about things, but there is an appropriate time and place to express them."

Goldman said although students can be charged for their actions online, there are no cases of faculty policing the Internet.

UD awarded \$53 million for solar cell research

BY PAT WALTERS

Administrative News Editor

A university research consortium will receive \$53 million to double the efficiency of solar cells over the in 50 months. The team, which will include several other universities and private partners, is being led by electrical and computer engineering professors Allen Barnett and Christiana Honsberg.

The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency will provide \$33.6 million, with private partners contributing an additional \$19.6 million, for the production of 1,000 Very High Efficiency Solar Cells. Private partners include DuPont, BP Solar, Corning Inc., LightSpin Technologies and Blue Square Energy.

"This is the largest [grant] in the history of the industry," Barnett said.

Since much of the funding will come from DARPA, the initial applications of the research will be geared toward the military, he said.

"The modern soldier has lots of electronic gear, but he isn't near an outlet," Barnett said. "It makes his life better and safer."

The first three planes that landed in Baghdad when the United States attacked Iraq carried batteries - 540 tons of them, Barnett said. Batteries make up one-third the weight of a soldier's pack.

Honsberg said one of the first devices to which this technology will be applied is the laptop computer. Traditional solar cells can charge a typical laptop in approximately three to five hours. VHESCs will generate the same amount of electricity in approximately one hour.

Ninety-five percent of solar cells sold today are constructed entirely of silicon, Barnett said. VHESCs will layer a variety of substances over a silicon base to drastically enhance the efficiency of the cells. Traditional solar cells range from 12 to 24 percent efficiency, meaning only a relatively small percentage of the solar energy that hits the cell is converted to electricity. When complete, VHESCs will be approximately 50 percent efficient. A traditional lightbulb is approximately 4 percent efficient.

In the past, a rift has existed between affordable commercial solar cells and high efficiency cells like those used in space, Honsberg said. This grant will help close the gap.

"We're going to take the cost and structure of the existing technology, take the efficiency of the super high efficiency space cells and put the two together," she said.

The high performance of the VHESCs will also allow manufacturers to produce them at almost half the cost of traditional cells, making them attractive to a growing commercial market, Honsberg said.

The largest commercial application will be rooftop solar cells, Barnett said.

Rhone Resch, president of the Solar Energy Industries Association, said the research will lead to significant advancement in an \$8 billion industry that is growing at 35 percent each year.

"This establishes a cutting edge program to develop the most efficient photo cells in the world, in a very short time period as well," he

said.

Both Honsberg and Allen have been researching VHESCs for some time, working under contract with the Department of Energy.

"This funding allows us to go faster," Barnett said.

The money will be used primarily to fund the 100 people involved in the project. Forty to 50 of these researchers will be working across eight projects at the university, including one stationed at the Institute of Energy Conversion. Approximately two-thirds will be undergraduate and graduate students.

The consortium has taken an aggressive approach to developing solar cells, unlike its European equivalent, Barnett said.

Within five years, the consortium will have revolutionized high efficiency solar cells, Honsberg said.

"You will have a power source that is suitable to replace batteries and power plants," she said. "You will have one power source that you can use for pretty much everything."



THE REVIEW/Mike DeVoll

Louis Freeh, former FBI director, spoke in Mitchell Hall Tuesday.

Ex-FBI director speaks on terror

BY CHRIS HOLDIRGE

Staff Reporter

Louis Freeh, former director of the FBI, spoke about continuing the War on Terror Tuesday night and said the United States did not react strongly enough in response to terrorist attacks in the last 20 years.

"No administration, republican or democrat, wanted to militarily respond or retaliate to attacks against our nation," he said. "It is a 20-year history of escalating violence against Americans, that finally ended with a horrific attack on American soil."

Freeh, who spoke to an audience of more than 400 people in Mitchell Hall, opened the evening by sharing an anecdote about taming mafia attack dogs to bring down a mob boss in New York. Freeh also shared stories about his time with the FBI, but eventually moved on to the focus of his talk.

"I want to talk about responses to terrorism," he said. "What a country could, should and should not do in response."

Freeh said there are several difficulties in fighting the War on Terror.

"The struggle is protecting the country while at the same time not compromising the freedoms that make it a great country," he said.

He recently published a book titled, "My FBI: Bringing Down the Mafia, Investigating Bill Clinton and Fighting the War on Terror."

During his time as director of the FBI, Freeh said he handled many investigations of terrorist attacks.

"I got called over a bunch of times," he said. "When the USS Cole was attacked, I was there.

When the embassies in Kenya and Tanzania were attacked, I was there."

Freeh said he spoke to stimulate debate among college students.

"Democracy rises or falls on the people that live here," he said. "The issues of the day are important for young people to understand."

Senior Steve Spence, a member of the College Republicans, said the group wanted Freeh to speak at the university because he is a popular author and former public official.

"More importantly we thought his views on the current foreign policy debate would be enlightening to the UD community," he said.

Spence said he was glad Freeh was able to come and speak.

"These kind of events allow students to hear from the public officials," he said "It lets them learn about important topics, and get a viewpoint that is often different than what they hear in a classroom or read in a newspaper."

"You can ask me anything you want, except about Area 51," he said. "I'm not allowed to talk about that."

After answering questions, Freeh stayed for a book signing.

Sophomore Bruce Smith said he came to the talk because he saw flyers posted on campus.

"He's Louis Freeh, he's a big name," he said.

Smith said he learned a lot from Freeh about how past administrations have dealt with terrorism.

"I learned a lot about the way Clinton dealt with things," he said. "I never would have thought that Clinton would handle things the way he did."

Fines face questioning

BY KELLY PERKINS

Staff Reporter

The number of violations among university students has increased this year, forcing many students to pay what they believe are unreasonably high fines.

Acting Newark Police Chief William Nefosky said there were 892 alcohol violations at this time last year. This year there are 992 to date.

The number of noise violations and assaults have also increased, he said.

Nefosky would not comment as to whether the increase is a result of an actual increase in violations or an increase in police activity.

George Sarris, Newark's finance director, said all fines collected by the Alderman's Court are revenues and they make up a portion of the general operating budget for the city.

Since the police department generally requires the largest budget, it gets the money collected from the fines, Sarris said.

The police department's budget is 25 percent of the city's total budget and the fines collected make up 4 percent of that budget, Sarris said. Last year, the city collected \$1.27 million in fines including traffic, parking and criminal fines.

Criminal fines include noise and alcohol violations and assault

charges, but he said specific dollar amounts could not be attributed to individual categories.

Once a person is charged, they are given a summons to appear in court for arraignment, Nefosky said. When they appear before the Alderman's Court they have the option of pleading guilty or not guilty.

If they choose to plead not guilty, they go to trial. If they plead guilty, they are fined according to the city ordinance, he said.

Barbara Wilkers, cleric of the court, said the fines given also include general court fees. Each person has the option to defer their payments but there is an additional charge to do so.

Junior Kristen Blough was charged with underage consumption and possession of an open container Homecoming weekend and received a fine of \$538, she said.

"I hope the judge realized that he ruined Christmas," she said.

Blough said she cannot afford to buy presents for any of her friends and because of her fine.

When Blough was told that the money from the fines goes to the police department's budget, she said she wondered what that really meant.

"Budget encompasses a lot of things," Blough said. "Does that

mean that the policemen get higher budgets or brand new Durangos, or does that mean that it's actually going to go to try and stop the attempted abductions?"

"Maybe they could use the money to stop serious crimes and catch real criminals instead of keeping students from having a good Homecoming," she said.

Blough said she believes her citation was justified, but she does not think she should have been charged such a large amount.

"My friend and I were arrested walking to the stadium on Homecoming to support the football team," she said. "We were not getting sick, being loud or urinating on walls."

Blough said she agrees with the new Zero-Tolerance policy, but thinks that police should make better use of it by targeting loud and reckless students and preventing assaults.

"While I was at court, I overheard one of the women who works in the front office say that the Newark Police arrested over 73 students on the previous Friday night. She even sounded incredulous at this number," she said. "Do you really think all 73 of these kids deserved to be arrested or were they just having fun on a Friday night?"

War debate packs Mitchell

BY SARAH LEWIS

Staff Reporter

The U.S. Army has a duty to keep the public informed of events in the War in Iraq, but it must also be cautious of the information it discloses due to operational security, the Chief of Public Affairs for the Army told a maximum capacity crowd of 650 people at Mitchell Hall Monday night.

More than 100 people were turned away at the door. Brigadier General Vincent Brooks said his job is to provide information to the American public without disclosing information that could endanger American troops.

If too much intelligence is disclosed, he said our enemies could use the information to their advantage.

"We're not the only ones who use information as an instrument of power," he said. "Our enemies do as well."

Jamie McIntyre, CNN Pentagon correspondent, also spoke during "Iraq Update: Getting at the Truth — Military & Media."

McIntyre said the media is searching for the truth, an elusive goal — and sometimes it is not what the Army tells the media, it is what they do not tell them.

"Our job is to try to find more pieces to the picture to try and make a more complete picture," he said. "Sometimes in war, they can't tell us the truth."

Brooks, chief operational spokesman during Operation Iraqi Freedom, said finding the truth involves balance, which is not only just the juxtaposition of two views.

"Balance should be the pursuit of the truth not yet told," he said. "It's the journey toward the rest of that truth."

McIntyre said balance should not be viewed as democrats versus republicans or the Taliban versus the United States, but the maintenance of credibility.

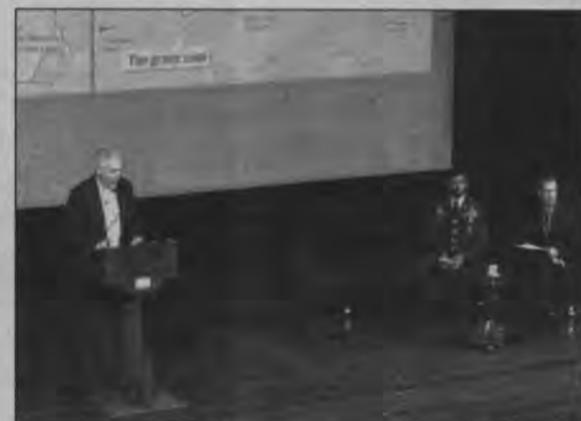
"Journalists must make the differentiation between partisan attacks that take place and what the facts are," he said.

The media did not go far enough in seeking the truth about weapons of mass destruction, McIntyre said.

"The news media failed to ask tough enough questions to substantiate the claim that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction or were hell-bent on getting [them]," he said.

The speakers said the media has difficulty balancing positive and negative accounts of events in Iraq.

Brooks said the troops on the ground make a difference in the lives of Iraqi civilians and they have positive stories to tell.



THE REVIEW/Kate Rosenblum

A U.S. Army Brigadier General debated the War in Iraq with a CNN correspondent in front of a crowd of 650 Monday.

McIntyre said the military highlights its achievements while the media tends to focus on the war's destruction.

"If you want positive media coverage of operations, then it needs to be going pretty well," he said. "The United States military is churning out press releases about positive things they've been doing."

The two speakers were invited to the university by Ralph Begleiter, the university's Rosenberg Professor of Communication and distinguished journalist in residence, who said the speech was something everyone could understand because the topic concerns the real world.

"I hope students walk away thinking 'this is really important and I should pay attention,'" he said.

People do not pay much attention to how the information they receive is conveyed to them, Begleiter said.

"If you want to know about something, you have to dig a little deeper than headlines and the surface," he said. "Most people don't give much thought to the way media reports on things."

Senior Brad Glasgow said he enjoyed the speech, especially the statements made by McIntyre.

"At first I was a little upset because it seemed like Gen. Brooks padded stuff, then Jamie McIntyre came on and talked about realistic things," he said. "People want to know good things, but we're in a war where people are getting killed."

New student site hopes to go global

BY JASON TOMASSINI

Staff Reporter

Has Facebook stalking lost its luster? Do people on your buddy list have boring away messages? Tired of spending 18 hours per day on the Internet?

If you answered "yes" to these questions, do not despair. Internet addicts can get their fixes from independent Web sites geared solely toward college students because of the sites' ability to satisfy many needs at once.

The most recent of these sites is UDelawareLife.com, launched in August as a part of the ULife Network, which hosts Web sites for 22 schools nationwide. The site has 140 registered members and includes a message board, photo albums, classifieds, advertisements, professor ratings and even streaming radio.

Recent Towson University graduates Chris Oddo and Russell Winslow, who serve as the network's CEO and president respectively, launched their enterprise last May with a site for Towson students.

"We were working on the fifth floor of a building in the traffic circle at Towson," Oddo said. "It was like a Wednesday night and we were looking out the window and all these college kids were running around and we were like, 'Why don't we just make a Web site for this?'"

Winslow said the network is in the process of expanding and its sites will include live event broadcasts, streaming video and reality TV all produced independently, as well as live connections to schools in countries including Australia, England and India.

"When we go overseas in the next couple months, we are going to bring everyone together in an online meeting place,"

Winslow said. "If someone in Delaware is doing a project on India's economy, not only do they have university resources but they can sign on ULife and speak to someone who goes to a university in India."

Oddo said the site has no affiliation with the university and is intended as a place for students to communicate with peers and express opinions.

"We had a girl sign on as an anonymous user on one of our sites and she had gotten pregnant and she didn't know whether or not to get an abortion," Oddo said. "So she made the post and she got a lot of feedback from her peers."

Oddo said the site is almost completely uncensored and only the most extreme content is filtered out by the site's moderators.

He said free speech should be important to college students. "Universities in general like to keep everyone hidden behind this facade they create that they are so prestigious," he said. "There's nothing wrong with being human. At the University of Maryland, they wonder why after basketball games kids start rioting. It's like trying to keep a lion in its cage and all it wants to do is be itself. We create an environment where students can do that within reason."

Oddo said attorneys have contacted him about some of the content of his sites but he knows he is simply using his First Amendment rights.

Other Web sites geared toward students like facebook.com and MySpace.com are well established, but Oddo said he does not see them as competition. Instead he finds their success encouraging.

One site that could be competition for Oddo and Winslow is TheBlueHen.com, an independent site for university students

that is part of The College Web, which provides Web sites for 43 different schools.

Oddo said he does not see similarities between UDelawareLife.com and TheBlueHen.com because the ULife network has a more global agenda.

TheBlueHen.com began when co-founder Jason Kilpatrick, a Drexel alumni, was contacted by his friend and co-founder Michael Hagan, a Delaware graduate, about starting a College Web site at the University of Delaware.

The site started in 2003 and now has more than 4,300 registered users, with features like a message board, photo albums and free student announcements. Kilpatrick said through user feedback, students are responsible for all of the content on the site.

The site has free registration but users can buy a premium subscription for \$24.99 per year that has several extra privileges.

Few users have premium subscriptions, but Kilpatrick said he is not too concerned with the financial aspect of the site. Any student or student group can advertise parties or events for free on the homepage of the site.

"We don't want to bog down our site with advertising," he said. "Everybody wasn't trying to make money off advertising. We wanted to make a site that was more just for the students."

Oddo said as UDelawareLife.com expands and requires more funding, he has no plans of charging users for its services.

"I'm not going to make college students spend any more money than they already have to," he said. "Kids have to pay enough for rent, books and drinking. The ULife network is going to be there whether or not we make a million dollars."

Students choose service instead of salaries

BY MEGHAN VANDEVENTER

Staff Reporter

Students prove volunteer service is a rewarding and beneficial alternative to joining the work force or attending graduate school immediately after Commencement.

Marianne Green, assistant director of Career Services, said an increasing number of students are looking into service work before entering the work force or graduate school.

Green said more than 20 percent of university graduates attend a graduate school within two years after Commencement.

The two transitional years are spent doing a number of activities, like volunteer work, waiting tables, nannying and traveling, she said.

"They've towed the straight and narrow all the way through school and want to do something different," she said.

Green said businesses tend to select resumes with service work from the pile of applications because volunteering displays leadership qualities and an admirable sense of responsibility.

"We all think that it's a good thing to do," she said. "Some employers are embarrassed because they haven't done it so they definitely want somebody in their organization who has."

"It's hard to go from being a student surrounded by young people to go into the working world where you have a lot of older people. This is a way of easing in."

Career Services put together some resources on its Web site because of the increased student interest, she said. The site gives resources and ideas for traditional, temporary and "in-the-meantime" jobs.

It is important to consider health insurance policies, references and the traditional preparation for graduate school and the work force, Green said.

Green said service work also provides an environment of people in the same young generation who plan to move on after a short length of time in service work.

"They don't expect you to stay there forever; most of the time it's temporary and you're out," she said. "You don't have to disassemble or make anything up, they let you do what you want to do and move on."

Green said it is nearly impossible to

begin a job at a company and later decide to take a year or two for volunteer effort.

"You either tell them that or they'll never touch you with a 10-foot pole or you lie," she said.

The university provides students with alternative options to the traditional route, Green said, but generally provides a 'smorgasbord' of options, including a campus interview program, job fairs, visiting companies and hosting representatives from organizations for service or transitional kind of jobs.

One problem that some students face when choosing service options arises from their parents, Green said — some parents have a different agenda for their children and caution against traveling to foreign countries to do service work.

"They don't think of this as serious, they see it more as an extension of being a student," she said. "They want them to take the corporate route or go right to graduate school because they are afraid that Johnny or Sally are never going to go if they don't go right away."

Senior Kristen Reese said she helped relief efforts in Guatemala through the Living Word Community Church in York, Pa., when the sister church in Guatemala asked Living Word to send hurricane relief after Hurricane Stan destroyed a village with a mudslide.

The 10 person medical team spent five days setting up medical clinics at the location of the mudslides in Santiago Atitlan, near Guatemala City.

Senior Elizabeth Mearns worked with Reese for five days in Guatemala City and said recovery would be difficult without the aid of volunteers.

"Here, you would just rebuild your house but there, it's just basically a mass burial ground," she said.

Mearns said the group treated more than 2,000 people during the few days spent in Guatemala from Oct. 27 to Oct. 31.

Reese said the hurricane victims needed basic health care and nutrition in order to survive.

"It was heartbreaking because we saw the people and how sad they were and I wanted to do more to somehow change their life," she said. "You feel a sense of hope and joy that they haven't felt in weeks."



courtesy of Elizabeth Mearns

Senior Elizabeth Mearns traveled to Guatemala for a church service project to assist victims of Hurricane Stan in late October.

Reese said the experience helped her put things into perspective and she learned some issues should not be ignored because they are considered hopeless. It also gave her a greater reason to pursue a medical degree and work toward a cause.

"I think any interest in health should be global because a virus or a disease or sickness isn't limited by a country's borders," Reese said. "In the village we went to, there were about 300 people who were buried alive by the mudslide and thousands were injured or hurt."

"It is invigorating to know you can do something about it," she said.

Noah Ullmann, a volunteer currently enrolled in AmeriCorps, said he joined the program after graduation to help pay student loans and make a positive influence on his country.

"Coming out of college, I knew I wanted to do something positive but it's sometimes hard to find a good organization to do that,"

he said. "AmeriCorps makes it really easy to do something positive and it's rewarding for me, personally."

AmeriCorps provides different opportunities in the costs of education and would give a volunteer the leg up with future employment goals.

"The University of Delaware made free graduate school because they saw how powerful everybody was that came out of the program," he said.

Green said taking the opportunity to do volunteer work is a wise option graduates should consider.

"You want to change and develop and you want to go to grad school with a very firm idea of what it is you want to do," she said. "This year or two of transition could really help you define that for yourself. Plus, what's wrong with having fun? When else are you going to do that? When you're 40 and you've got bills?"

Student groups lead Main Street clean-up

BY JULIA PARMLEY

Staff Reporter

The sun shined on approximately 70 students and a cleaner Main Street Saturday afternoon as Project Clean-Up Main Street hit the road. Students donned bright orange vests and purple gloves to pick up trash along the sidewalks of local businesses.

Freshman Jigna Rana, treasurer for Dickinson Complex Community Council and the event's organizer, said the residence hall's community service club adopted Main Street through the Adopt-a-Highway Program this year and put together this activity in order to involve students in the clean-up effort.

"Main Street is something we all take pride in and access," she said. "A lot of students go up and down it and we might have helped contribute to its dirtiness, so we wanted to give back and clean."

Rana said she feels the attendance of Mayor Vance A. Funk III showed the community how serious students are about the problem of trash on Main Street.

"There may be a group of students that do not think about their actions, but there is a group who really does care about the community," she said. "This is a great way of showing it."

Funk said he has been concerned about litter since he was a child and wakes up early every weekend morning to clean the streets.

"My family is from the Midwest and people took a lot of pride in keeping the city clean," he said. "If you saw anything on the ground that was litter you would pick it up and take it home. I was raised that way and always have been that way."

Funk said he was surprised at the amount of students who showed up and said he hopes residents will be inspired by the students' efforts.

"I think what you'll find is that this is really contagious," he said. "Residents will

see kids picking up trash and will think twice about throwing it out and also will feel more comfortable to join in the future."

Funk bought the students lunch afterward to reward them for their efforts.

Senior Lauren Ebersole saw an announcement online about the project and volunteered her help. She said it gave her something to do on a Saturday and was a way to stay involved in the community.

"A lot of time people think students are trashing Main Street so it's nice to show them we take care of it too," she said. "It's nice that anyone could do this and get involved if they wanted."

Freshman Emma Devine, president of the DCCC, said she was impressed with the efforts of the volunteers.

"I just watched students on their knees for 10 minutes picking up cigarette butts," she said.

Rana said she was surprised by the large turnout. The volunteers were able to split up and clean Delaware Avenue as well.

Freshman Lorraine Makone, public relations officer for Campus Alliance de la Raza, said she has been looking for community service events to get involved in. She said she feels many students have a misperception about community service and the event was a good way to address it.

"You can do something really good and do it in a group and it doesn't have to be taxing or even boring," she said. "Once students learn that community service isn't as daunting as it seems, if that's the perspective, they'll participate more."

Funk said he hopes the clean-up will improve the relationship between students and residents.

"This is an important phase to get students and residents talking instead of having all these negative comments," he said. "So many good things come from having the university here. I think it's fantastic."



THE REVIEW/Meaghan Jones

MADD held a candlelight vigil Friday in memory of those killed by drunk drivers.

Vigil held to fight DUIs

BY PETER HINCKLEY

Staff Reporter

Cindy Hardy heard her phone ring at 4 a.m. Jumping out of bed, she scampered across her bedroom to pick up the receiver.

"It was two years, three weeks and two days ago," Hardy said, thinking back to that moment, without hesitation.

The details of the call were scattered, leaving her to piece together a hazy puzzle of what happened.

There was an accident. Cindy's daughter Janet was involved. It occurred in Maryland. There were no details of injuries to Janet and the passengers in the vehicle.

Hardy, mother of two, was left helpless on the phone, unaware of what was happening to her daughter.

"It finally dawned on me, they're not telling me something for a reason," she said. "And I told the lady on the phone, 'don't you dare send a cop to my house.' And as soon as I said that, I saw the trooper's car pull up. I wouldn't open the door for him."

On Oct. 26, 2003, Hardy's world was shattered when the vehicle carrying her 13-year-old daughter Janet Marie Hardy was struck on its passenger side, killing the teen.

Stories such as Hardy's were shared at a candlelight vigil sponsored by the Mother's Against Drunk Driving organization at the Newark Municipal Building Friday evening. The vigil was intended to remind those in attendance of the consequence of drunk driving as the holiday season approaches.

Despite the freezing temperatures, more than 20 survivors and MADD administrators braved the cold to share their stories of loved ones lost.

Glynn Birch, president of MADD, whose son was killed by a drunk driver in 1988, spoke of how losing a loved one to a drunk driver can alter many lives. Birch is the first male and first minority national president of MADD.

"We're all survivors, that is why we are here tonight," he said. "We have a message we want to tell everyone: 'I remember my loved one and the precious time they were here.' And in return, I ask for hope."

The vigil was presented by MADD to kick off its "Tie One On For Safety" campaign, which

will last from Nov. 23 to Jan. 1, 2006.

Representatives from the Delaware State Police and the Delaware Office of Highway Safety, who will be teaming up to crack down on drunk driving during the holiday season, were also at the vigil.

Andrea Summers, community relations officer for the Delaware Office of Highway Safety, said to fight drunk driving during the holiday season there will be 26 state and local police departments conducting roaming DUI patrols as well as 32 DUI checkpoints at data-driven areas.

DUIs in Delaware are up 10 percent this year, and 53 people have been killed by drunk drivers to date. Delaware has invested \$40,000 in advertising to combat drunk driving, Summers said.

"Instead of burying our head in the sand, we are going to get more active and more visible to send a message that this is not acceptable," she said.

DUI enforcement was chosen to occur during the holiday season because it is the most traveled and therefore dangerous time of the year, Summers said.

Mike Williams, deputy manager for the Delaware Department of Transportation, said roughly 80,000-85,000 cars pass through the Newark Interstate 95 tollbooth each day. Between the Wednesday before Thanksgiving and the Sunday following it, anywhere between 95,000 and 130,000 cars a day are expected to drive through the tollbooth, he said.

"In Newark, we get the long distance traveler," Williams said. "We get the traveler going to visit grandma in Connecticut or Maine."

Birch said one of MADD's goals is to encourage people to drive "safe, sober and buckle up" during the holiday season.

"People are celebrating; they're drinking and having a good time," he said. "We want people to enjoy it, but if you have alcohol involved, the message we want to give is to have a non-drinker drive the car."

Hardy said that all drunk-driving accidents are 100 percent preventable.

"I don't believe that the individual who killed my daughter set out to kill somebody," she said. "But he did set out to drink and drive. He took away a perfectly happy, healthy, and straight-A student, and he took away my future."



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Main Street was cleaned up by approximately 70 student volunteers Saturday.

Sussex Co. water ruled contaminated

BY PAT WALTERS
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Clear water pours from the tap at the Boys and Girls Club in Dagsboro, Del., but for one month already, the Division of Public Health has listed the water as unsafe to drink.

Tests conducted Oct. 19 showed unsafe levels of trichloroethylene, a chemical commonly found in industrial degreasers and paint removers. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, long-term, regular ingestion of the chemical can cause serious damage to the liver, kidneys and central nervous system.

On Oct. 7 Millsboro installed TCE filters on the contaminated wells, allowing residents to resume use of tap water. Testing is ongoing and the Department of Public Health

still lists the water as unsafe.

In early October, the Boys and Girls Club and approximately 60 other sites in Dagsboro connected to the Millsboro municipal water supply, DPH spokeswoman Heidi Truschel-Light said.

Millsboro draws its water from three wells, two of which showed unsafe levels of TCE when tested last month. One of the wells registered a reading that exceeded EPA regulations by nearly 15 times.

The Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control is heading up an investigation into the source of the contamination.

Paul Will, program manager in the Site Investigation and Restoration Branch of the department's Division

of Air and Waste Management, said no site has been identified conclusively as the source.

SIRP only recently ruled out the leading suspect, the National Cash Register superfund site, located roughly one-and-a-half miles southwest of Millsboro, Will said. NCR used TCE as a degreaser in its production of cash registers and electronic equipment on the site until manufacturing operations were discontinued in 1980. Recent EPA testing determined the Millsboro contamination did not originate at the site.

SIRP is working with EA Science and Technology to complete a comprehensive groundwater investigation, Will said. The two agencies are investigating potential sources, namely businesses that regularly use

TCE. SIRP will initiate strategic groundwater testing near the end of the month, with test well drilling slated to begin Nov. 28.

This is not the first time DPH has found high levels of TCE in the state's tap water, Truschel-Light said.

In May, the contaminant was found in the water supply of the Homestead Campground near Georgetown, Del. The concentration of TCE in the campground's well water was extremely high, nearly 100 times that allowed by EPA regulations. An investigation into the source of the contamination is ongoing.

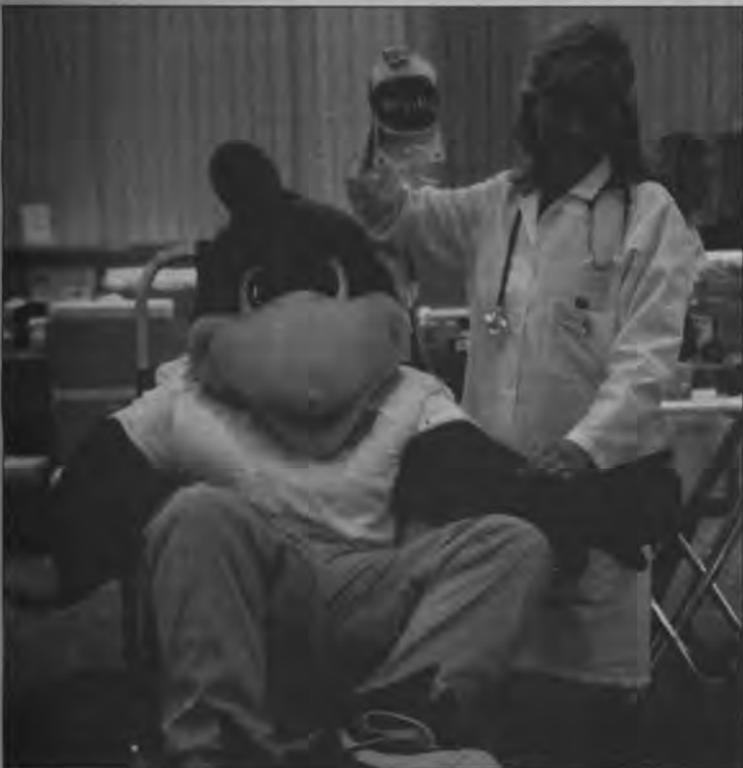
Although the state requires regular testing for TCE, Millsboro town clerk Faye Lingo said she is not certain testing for the contaminant once every three years, as the state

requires, is sufficient.

Millsboro officials test the town water supply more frequently and had done so in May without incident. Town procedure dictated tests of the water at the newly installed connections in Dagsboro, including the one at the Boys and Girls Club. The proximity of the two tests, separated by just five months, has provided some solace to residents.

Lingo said she is glad the town discovered the contamination when it did.

"I was shocked and surprised at first," Lingo said, "but the picture could have been a whole lot worse. It's not like it's been out there for years. It's only appeared in the last few months."



THE REVIEW/Megan Hanebut

Even YoUDee rolled up his sleeve to give blood Wednesday.

UD competes in blood drive

BY KELLY PERKINS
Staff Reporter

The university competed in the Colonial Athletic Association's "Have a Heart Blood Challenge" Wednesday, attempting to defend its three-year title in the competition.

Karen James, public relations representative for the Blood Bank of Delmarva, said she cannot release the number of units of blood donated until Dec. 7 when the other schools competing have completed their blood drives.

"Other schools are hot on our tails," James said. "They want to win badly, but I think this university is up to the challenge."

The winning university attends an award ceremony held with the blood bank's president and President David P. Roselle, she said.

"The winner basically gets the pride in knowing your school is the best at saving lives," she said.

James commended the university's dedication and support.

"The students are selfless and

enthusiastic about making a difference in someone's life," she said.

University blood drives are a great way for students to become first-time donors and help maintain the local blood supply, James said.

The blood collected Wednesday will be used at area hospitals, she said, including Christiana, St. Frances and Wilmington hospitals.

Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, Resident Student Association and HOLA sponsored the drive in Trabant University Center.

Junior Jessica May, a member of RSA, said the group has supported past blood drives.

"It's something we do every year to get involved in the school," she said. "It's a tradition for awareness and for volunteers."

May said blood donations are essential due to various threats.

"I feel it's important because of people who have to have surgery and because of the war and the flu," she said. "It's always good to have it handy."

Junior A.J. Beavers said she waited an hour to donate blood, but it was worth it.

"I give blood every semester so I've been here five times," she said. "Do the math, that's a lot of lives I've helped."

Beavers said there was a good turnout. The Trabant multipurpose room was not as chaotic as it usually was in past years, but there was a steady flow of people the while she was there.

"I'm always a little nervous I'm going to get dizzy," Beavers said, "but if I eat beforehand it usually goes pretty well."

She said she was aware of the CAA blood challenge, but it did not affect her decision to donate since she donates blood every semester.

Freshman Heather Ruch donated blood for the first time. Ruch commended the university on its previous titles in the blood challenge.

"I think it's great that we're helping so many people," she said.

City tradition trots on

BY PAT SHIELDS
Staff Reporter

For a runner, there is no feeling quite like cold air hitting bare skin when it is time to lose the sweatpants and start the race.

For the competitors of the 32nd annual Turkey Trot 5K and 10K, Saturday morning proved to be anything but summer weather.

Despite the cold, more than 400 runners gathered with members of the Newark community to participate in the event held at Handloff Park on Barksdale Road.

Joe Spadafino, assistant director of Newark Parks and Recreation Department, said he enjoys the event because it is a city tradition and draws many members of the community together.

Several university students participated in the event, including sophomore Matt O'Brian and junior Pat Wilcox of the university track and field team.

While O'Brian was warming up, he seemed far from mentally prepared to race, joking about how poorly he expected to perform.

"I'm not really in distance-running shape," he said.

O'Brian proved himself wrong by winning the race with a time of 16:52, breaking the previous record for his age group of

17:24. Wilcox followed in second place at a time of 17:02.

After the race, O'Brian revealed his true motivation in running the pre-Thanksgiving event.

"The only reason I do this race is because of the big turkey on the trophy," he said. "It's awesome."

Wayne Kursh, president of Marathon Sports, which organized the event, said the Turkey Trot brings together not only members of the Newark community, but runners throughout Delaware and Maryland.

Paul Palmer of Elkton, Md., brought a group of 17 runners with him to participate in the event, including 12-year-old Jordan Deshon, who finished 21st in the 5K with a time of 20:08.

"I always look at it as, no matter what time you do, you still beat all the people who stayed in bed," Palmer said.

Corporal Bernard McCarren of the Ancient Order of the Hibernians said a key part of the event for the past two years has been the coat drive sponsored by Hibernians, a Catholic Irish men's group that has worked with the city in several events and parades.

McCarren estimated that more than 300 coats had been collected by the time the event was underway.



THE REVIEW/Jenna Villani

73-year-old John Schultz (left) charged in the last few feet of the 32nd annual 5K Turkey Trot, after completing the 10K race earlier that morning.

The coats are taken to the Sunday Breakfast Mission in Wilmington and given away to those in need, he said.

"You'd be surprised," McCarren said. "Some people don't just donate one coat. We had one person bring 25 coats today."

The group seeks to help all people who need warmth in the winter and cannot afford to buy coats, he said.

"The Sunday Breakfast Mission isn't just for the homeless," McCarren said. "People

tend to think it's just for homeless adults, but they don't have to be homeless, just needy."

Both the Hibernians and Spadafino were pleased with the turnout. Spadafino said the 300 pre-registered runners were joined by approximately 150 who registered the day of the event.

"It's a nice preparation before Thanksgiving," he said. "It gets you ready for all that turkey knowing that you just ran last week."

Tracks teams with comm. *Bus system to add new routes*

BY LAURA LOPEZ

Staff Reporter

Students in the communication department have the opportunity to step outside of the classroom and apply the material they have learned to real life. Partnering with Tracks restaurant on North College Avenue, students will submit marketing campaign ideas to boost business for the restaurant.

Philip Wescott, instructor in the communication department, said he created the idea for his students to develop a marketing campaign when he visited the new restaurant.

Tracks would be a hands-on learning experience for students, Wescott said. Students could incorporate the skills learned in the classroom, collectively applying them to create a campaign for the restaurant.

There was a general interest among students, Wescott said. After the students went to the restaurant and spoke with the managers, enthusiasm increased as they were eager to provide their input.

"Students provided management perspectives they had not previously expected," he said.

Tracks' staff openly received constructive criticism on the restaurant's operations, Wescott said.

Initially, the meeting with Tracks' management was an opportunity for students to discuss how the restaurant applied to the materials learned in class, he said. After studying the restaurant, one group of students decided to compile a complete marketing campaign for Tracks, which they will present to the restaurant in December.

"It is their intent to put together a sophisticated integrated campaign," Wescott said.

Glenn Sadler, executive chef for Tracks, said the restaurant's marketing could be better.

"Business is going slower than expected," he said. "It is slightly below what we saw it to be."

Working in the restaurant business for 16 years, Sadler said he hopes the class will present a feasible campaign that will bring in the college market.

"They will come up with a campaign and present it to us," Sadler said. "If we decide to implement it or not, that's a whole other story."

The merger appealed to Sadler because it provided the restaurant with a student's perspective with no charge for service, he said. Students developing a marketing plan to attract their peers is a bonus, because students can create ideas that were not considered previously.

"Here is someone who has no investment with us and they're our target audience," Sadler said. "What



THE REVIEW/Dan Egan

Tracks restaurant partnered with communication students for marketing ideas.

appeals to them might not appeal to me."

Freshman Caitlin Zadek, a student in Wescott's class, said consensus among the class was that Tracks has to overcome the negative image associated with previous establishments at the location. She said the restaurant has to publicize its image of fine dining, distancing itself from the bar scene for which the building is remembered.

One suggestion the class offered to the restaurant was to change the sign in front of the building, Zadek said.

"We associated the logo with a fast-food restaurant," she said.

The class suggested the sign feature an old fashioned train to represent Tracks' classy interior, as opposed to the modern-looking train currently on display, Zadek said.

"There are wood floors, chandeliers and a bar that's very rustic looking," she said. "It's very upscale compared to the image they are portraying now."

Zadek said Tracks will see success if the correct image is promoted.

"If they work hard on advertising and marketing they will be able to get the student audience," she said.

NIH grant awarded to UD

BY SARAH COCHRAN

National/State News Editor

The university has received a \$10.4 million grant from the National Institute of Health to study various aspects of membrane proteins over a five-year period.

Membrane proteins are located on the surface of a cell and are involved in cell-to-cell communication.

Abraham Lenhoff, Gore professor of chemical engineering and principal investigator for the grant, said the researchers will work to better understand how membrane proteins work and what they look like.

Researchers across various fields are involved in studying several different examples of membrane proteins, he said.

The grant has been broken down into five sub-projects, each with its own principal investigator, researchers and a specified amount of funding.

Each project has one or two principal investigators and involves graduate students and some undergraduates as well, Lenhoff said.

Lenhoff said this grant is unusual because it prohibits the principal investigator from running one of the projects directly and

using any of the grant money in his own lab.

The grant is unique because it is specifically intended to support the research of junior faculty members, he said.

"This is a very impressive group of people to work with," Lenhoff said. "Most of the faculty involved are assistant professors or associate professors."

However, apart from overseeing all five sub-projects, Lenhoff said he is assisting in the research efforts of some of the sub-projects.

Brian Bahnon, chemistry and biochemistry professor, said this grant shows the interest and strength of the university's biomedical community.

"The study of membrane proteins has been earmarked by NIH," he said. "It's a really important field to go into."

Ultimately Bahnon said the researchers want to contribute to understanding the purpose and importance of membrane proteins.

"At a molecular level, we're trying to understand what goes on to aid at a medical level of understanding," he said.

Lenhoff said engineers are involved in the project to study how to make larger quantities and

increase efficiency of the research.

Each sub-project receives approximately \$200,000 to \$300,000 a year, he said. However, there is some flexibility in the funding. As preliminary results come in, researchers will be applying for further grant funding, leaving more money available for the other sub-projects.

Bahnon said the various projects have been included in one grant because they have similar needs and it is helpful to the research teams to have a set of core facilities to share.

Patricia DeLeon, professor of biological sciences and co-investigator on the sub-project studying a protein named Junction Adhesion Molecule A, said JAM-A is involved in both sperm formation and cancer metastasis due to the communication between cells.

JAM A is located at the tight junctions of cells, she said. When the protein is removed, the tight junctions are affected and when they become cancerous they lose their attachments.

"I'm sure at the end of this we'll learn some things about breast cancer and male factor infertility that we didn't know before," she said.

BY KATRINA MITZELIOTIS

Staff Reporter

Tom D'Alessandro, manager of the university transportation and delivery service, was sitting at his desk one day when he received a phone call from a disgruntled student who was late for class because the student missed the bus.

"The student called me up and said, 'I was late for class because the bus was full. I looked out my window, saw one coming up the road, ran down to catch it, and it was full,'" he said.

So what is there to be done even if students are conscious of the bus schedule and plan to arrive at class on time, as D'Alessandro suggests?

The university is adding an "experimental loop" that began Wednesday. The additional route is scheduled to run from 7-10 pm and will continue throughout the semester.

"We do try our best to get the schedules adapted to what the students need," he said. "We appreciate the patience of the students because sometimes they are running a little late. And if the bus is running a few minutes late, everyone is on edge to get to class on time."

Allison Wisniewski, a freshman who lives in George Reed residence hall, said the buses run consistently in the mornings, but in the afternoon and evening they do not run according to schedule.

"If we miss the bus, we're screwed," she said. "Walking in the freezing cold — I'm not about to do that."

D'Alessandro said the new loop was a decision based on the need to accommodate students and ensure their safety.

Caroline Barlow, an RA in George Reed, said the construction and congestion on Laird Campus leads many students to walk to class rather than wait for the bus. She said when she takes the bus, she usually leaves 20-30 minutes early to make sure she gets to class on time.

"It takes just as long to get to class if you walk or take the bus because the time you allot to take the bus is equal to the amount of time it would take you to walk," she said. "You never know when the bus is going to come. It's kind of sporadic."

One common complaint among

students who use the bus system is that the new residence halls on Laird Campus have increased the number of bus riders.

But Shearee Moore, transportation services supervisor, said the student population on Laird Campus has not increased with the new developments. Pencader Hall is under construction, limiting the amount of students that reside on Laird Campus.

She said once Pencader Hall is completed in 2008, transportation services plans on accommodating the increase in students by adding an additional route.

Freshman Ali Evans, who lives in George Reed, said she adapted easily to the bus system.

"The first week you get here you're like, 'Oh my god, it's so stressful,'" she said. "But you get used to it."

Moore said that as winter approaches, the university anticipates an increase in riders. She said because there are fewer students at the university during Winter Session, transportation should not be a problem.

However, once Spring Semester begins and the weather is still cold, students should be aware and prepare to leave for class early.

"Students should take an earlier bus because there are unforeseen things that happen that we don't have control over," she said. "If you have an 8 o'clock class, don't expect to get on the 7:53 a.m. and get to Smith at 8 a.m."

She said the amount of time students spend waiting for the Express bus while the Laird bus drives by may not save them any time. Although the Express Bus is faster, it is also more popular.

A total of nine buses run daily during the weekdays. Five of these buses run on their specific routes, while the remaining four are Express buses. After 2:30 p.m., two Express buses end their shift for the night.

D'Alessandro said congestion of vehicles and students walking to class contribute to bus delays.

"Once in a while, Newark Police want to block the road or there is a tractor trailer with a car stuck underneath it," he said. "The people on the bus know that, but the people on the other end don't."



THE REVIEW/Jenna Villani

The university transportation and delivery service will add a new bus loop to accommodate students and their safety.

DUSC: Police have no data to back plan

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Who's profiting from zero-tolerance?

Junior DJ Helmstetter and his roommates share a concern with many other disgruntled students — is Newark Police using noise violations to make a profit?

Helmstetter and his three roommates heard the loud knock Halloween night at their costume party. An officer told them he could hear music from the parking lot, Helmstetter said, and instead of one violation, each roommate was charged separately.

As the officer wrote up four tickets, Helmstetter and his roommates questioned how much money police were making off their party. The policeman only responded that Newark Police "is a business."

Mayor Funk rejects the notion that the new policy is a moneymaking scheme to fund the police department.

"The expenses to run a police department are astronomical, they don't even compare to money they get from fines," he said.

The profits from noise violations go to a general city fund, Funk said. The fund pays for a variety of costs, including cleaning up Main Street, funding city officials' salaries and paying city bills.

The fine for a noise violation ranges from \$150 to \$1,000 and/or imprisonment for six months to one year, according to Newark Police. Violators do not know how much they will be fined until their hearing.

Helmstetter has accepted the costly fine. Now, he is angrier about the university's role in off-campus arrests. Only after his violation did he discover that he and his roommates will also be reprimanded by the university.

"It had nothing to do with the university, whatsoever," he said. "The university should not be involved at all. One of the reasons people move off campus is so they don't have to worry about RAs and be a little more secluded."

Cynthia Cummings, director of Campus Life, said the Judicial Affairs Office will review all cases where students are charged with noise or other violations under the zero-tolerance policy.

"Why should we ignore students' illegal behavior just because it occurs off campus?" she asked. "Students' behavior off campus affects the community of which the university is a part."

'Police officials are sincere, but it does not mean they are right'

Mark Sisk can relate to the flood of phone calls Funk receives from parents. But parents call asking him for a different type of protection for their children — legal protection. As a Newark attorney who represents nearly 100 students, Sisk said he is skeptical of the new policy.

The police officials are sincere, he said, but it does not mean they are right. The policy brings people to their attention who might not previously have had problems.

In the last five years, Sisk said, there has been an upward trend in non-students coming to campus to commit crimes, usually because they try to take advantage of affluent students when they are drunk.

The new policy will not deter students from drinking, Sisk said. "They're going to drink anyway," he said. "They'll go outside the city and maybe on the road, where maybe they wouldn't have before."

Vonck is also concerned the policy will only make students more rebellious.

"As house parties move deeper into dark, cramped basements, the potential for tragedy from alcohol poisoning, fire, or stampede is high," he said.

Alternative Solutions

Aside from the lack of data linking noise with violence and whether students are the assailants or victims, DUSC also argues the policy fails to establish a scientific measurement for noise. Instead, officers rely on their interpretation of "audible."

By relying on individual judgments, D'Agostino said, the policy allows officers an inappropriate level of discretion.

"Without an empirical method of determining the level of noise emitted, it is impossible to ensure a check on the power of police," he said.

DUSC's petition compares the policy to traffic laws, for which a scientific method has been established to determine if a vehicle is speeding. DUSC questions why the same cannot be applied for assessing the criminality of noise, literally, by measuring noise with decibel meters.

That method has been applied in Dewey Beach, Del., where noise levels of more than 55 decibels at more than 100 feet from the residence are considered violations.

Vonck agrees that it is impossible to ensure consistency of enforcement without an empirical method, but he questions the decibel system.

"Do we really want to require our officers to take decibel readings around a property, often in darkness where property lines are unclear?" he asked.

Dialogue about the policy must continue until a practical solution is reached by all sides, he said.

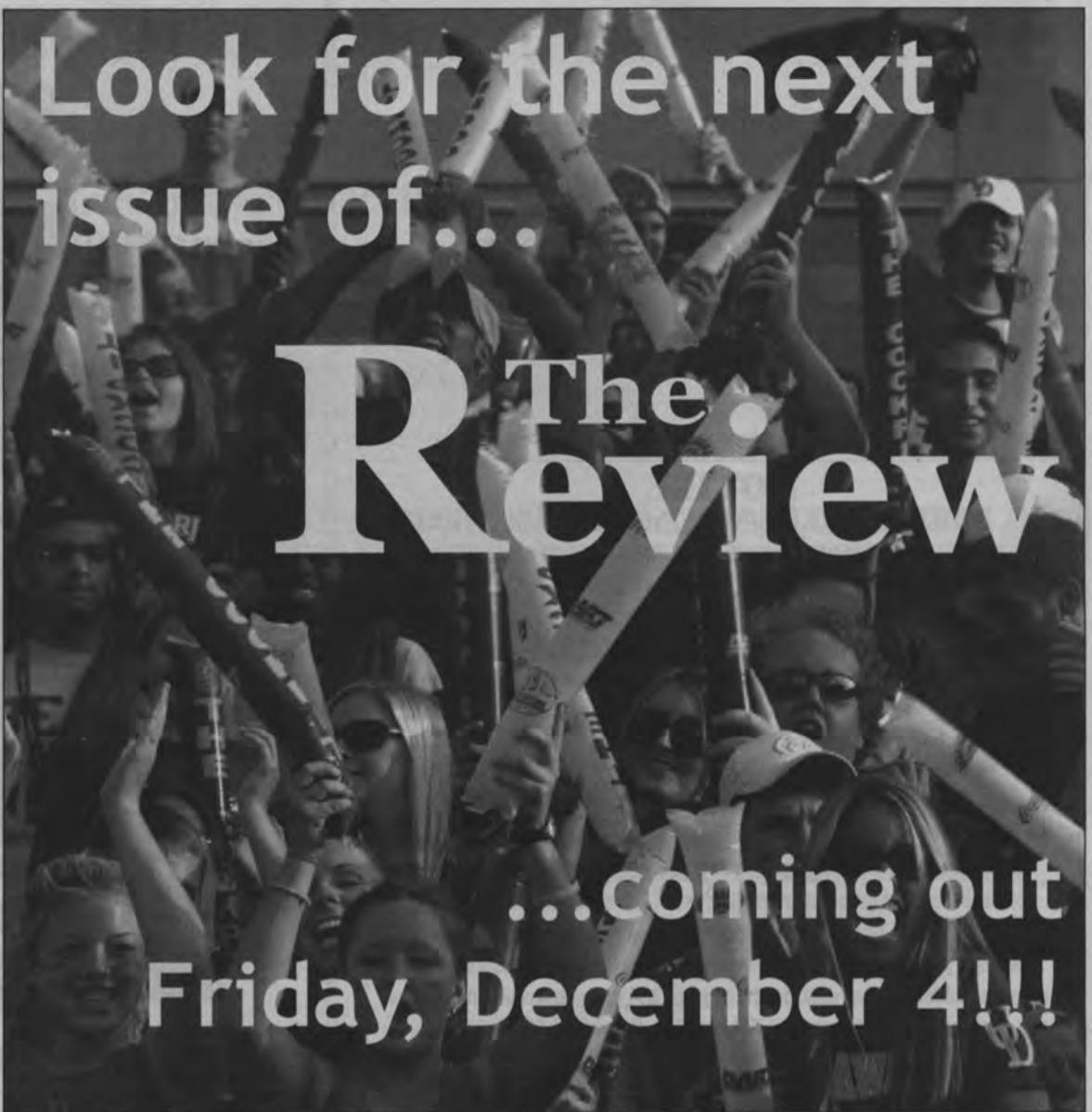
"We need to recognize the desire of students to congregate and socialize," he said. "We need to recognize the rights of all citizens for peace and orderliness in neighborhoods after dark."

However, many ideas are proposed and days it takes to reach a solution, students have made their own promise, loud and clear: until police can present data showing a relationship between noise and violence, they will not stop letting their voices be heard.

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Last week's results

Q: Do Newark Police inappropriately target students for noise violations?

85%	15%
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OUR SAY

Abduction attempts of students are last straw

One hundred and fifty students crowded into the Newark city council meeting room, 1,000 student signatures on a petition — this is the stuff change is made from.

Students are angry, and thus, what has generally been a quiet, apathetic campus, has been transformed into a widespread campaign to stand up for students' safety and unjust police policy.

The Review fully supports the Delaware Undergraduate Student Congress petition calling for the suspension of the zero-tolerance policy. The group is self-described as being "an entity designed to protect and safeguard the rights of its approximately 16,000 constituents." It must be applauded for living up to this difficult and demanding objective.

Under the zero-tolerance policy, university and Newark police have given students noise violations in an attempt to curb violence in the city, as assaults have been on the rise. However, this has resulted in police frequently and unfairly targeting houses and apartments of students who are having small get-togethers.

As DUSC has pointed out, there is no relationship between noise coming from apartments and houses and the increase of violence in Newark. DUSC has asked Newark Police several times for data to support this theory, but it does not exist.

Newark Police also failed to produce evidence that students have typically been the assailants in recent violent acts. In fact, in Newark, students seem to be the victims of violence — not the cause.

And lastly, as DUSC smartly acknowledges, city law has no scientific measurement for noise. This leaves noise to be up for interpretation by police officers.

The Review is concerned about where the lines will be drawn. What about street cleaners who make noise at 5 a.m., or students who speak loudly on their cell phones? Will they be the next targets of this policy?

The bottom line is that Newark has no idea how to combat this problem of rising assaults. Police should be commended for being proactive in addressing the problem. However, they are going about it entirely wrong. Blaming the victim is never a sound response or solution to a problem.

It is upsetting that students were not consulted about this policy in any way. Imagine any town without a college. If 16,000 residents were suddenly left out of a serious policy decision affecting all citizens; violence might ensue, and surely there would be protests. Newark: be prepared. Some students are ready to boycott Main Street businesses, simi-

lar to what Ithaca College students did several years ago. It is time to start taking students' positions seriously, they have the power to affect the economy of the city.

After the murder of a university student, more than a few assaults and two attempted kidnappings that occurred last week, what will it take for the city and police to realize Newark is no longer as safe as it once was?

In the last five years there has been an increased trend in non-students coming to campus to commit crimes, according to Newark attorney Mark Sisk. Typically, these people come because they know they can take advantage of a community with many affluent students who become impaired when they drink alcohol. The Review supports Sisk's statement, and believes he speaks for a large part of the student body, which also believe this statement.

Addressing this issue would be a step toward solving the problem. And although The Review believes police need to be held accountable, we must recommend that students take their advice about not walking home alone. Knowing that assailants are targeting students, this is simply not smart. Still, police keep telling students the same thing over and over and, like them, we have the ability to reiterate: students' safety must be the first priority.

Students must have confidence that even in extenuating circumstances, when one must walk home by themselves, they will be safe in doing so.

The Review has several suggestions for the city. There needs to be a re-evaluation of Newark, perhaps more slow-moving patrol cars (not just police stationed at apartment complexes) and better lighting in student neighborhoods. Newark Police should also utilize data better. If the university can rise above these acts of violence, combat them and eradicate them, the success could be translated as a blueprint for other college towns.

Newark Police must be commended for using part of its funding to decrease violence in the city, and hiring more officers. The Review again recognizes the department is limited financially and stretched too thin, but perhaps funding should be allocated in different ways, rather than with attempts to issue noise violations, which will not decrease the amount of violence on campus.

And to the university: work with the police to develop a less invasive and more justifiable policy with Judicial Affairs. This must be formally addressed on the books, or once again, where will the line be drawn?



THE REVIEW/Dan Lisowski

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Use of profanity is poor taste

I am appalled by the language used in the Nov. 16 Dane Cook article. The Review published Dane Cook using the "F"-word without any censorship. While I understand that this is an interview and those are his words, it looks unprofessional.

What about the adults, parents and community members who picked up a copy of this newspaper and saw the article? What does that say about The Review? Certainly not much. Just because you are not violating any publishing laws does not mean you are not violating moral standards that the university stakes its reputation upon.

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Citizens accountable for Bush

The White House has repeatedly said there were weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, yet there were none found. President George W. Bush said Iraq was tied to al-Qaida

before the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, yet there were no terrorist bases in Iraq until we landed there. This is an important topic that certain people do not want to talk about, but should because approximately 100,000 people have died and there are no clear reasons for our mainly unilateral invasion.

Regardless if President Bush lied, regardless if people believe this war is linked to the War on Terror, the American people need to have some sort of accountability of their own, because we voted him into office.

Why are Bush and his people not being impeached for perjury? Their misguidance (some would say lies) has led to deaths, billions of dollars wasted and the possible destabilization of the already volatile Middle East.

They "care" so much about the right to live, yet do not care to think about a war that we initiated at a cost of so much blood.

They do not have an exit strategy. They do not have a sincere plan to endear the Iraqis to us.

It is power politics, and this is

why other nations hate us. They do not hate our freedom. They do not hate our wealth. They hate our indolence and arrogance. Only when we hold our elected to a higher standard will we have leaders of integrity.

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Students: grow up, get smart

Far be it for the student body to actually care about something important. No, they want to relish in their shallow and superficial ways by protesting a law that will hold them accountable for their own unacceptable behavior. Shocking. Actions have consequences? Who knew!

Bottom line, students at the university should just shut up already about the zero-tolerance policy and re-adjust their lifestyles to accommodate it.

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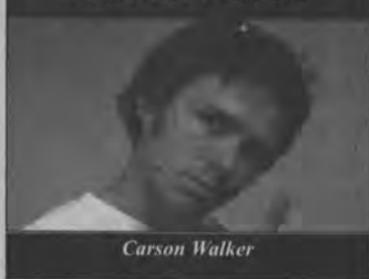
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Vatican: Intelligent Design not science

CARS ON PARADE



Carson Walker

A few weeks back, I was watching an episode of the "West Wing." The entire episode focused on a certain political issue both Republicans and Democrats were afraid to touch.

It was a hot button issue of sorts. What was it? No, it was not abortion or gay marriage. It was Intelligent Design. Since that episode my radar screen has been keeping a watch on the topic of Intelligent Design in the real world political spectrum. Who knew it was such an intense issue? Whatever happened to the simple days of creationists vs. evolutionists? Jesus Christ vs. Charles Darwin?

It seems as though people cannot just come to grips with the fact that this great nation, the United States of America, was founded upon a strong belief in the separation of church and state. Certain people are looking for ways to incorporate God into science classes.

But is there really a place for any type of religion in science classes?

The theory of Intelligent Design is one that hypothesizes

there is an intelligent being behind the creation of the universe. It is based upon the theory that the universe is so complicated it had to have someone, like a puppet-master, pulling all the strings.

What? And this is going to be taught in classrooms? Ridiculous.

Perhaps more ridiculous than the theory is the fact that certain school districts in the United States, including the state of Kansas, have approved the inclusion of Intelligent Design into their biology curriculums. It will be taught alongside fact. Parents in Dover, Pa. became so enraged and worried by the possible inclusion that they voted the school board members out before they could vote on Intelligent Design.

This move sparked televangelist Pat Robertson to go as far as to tell them not to be surprised if God abandoned them because they had abandoned God. Reuters reports Robertson blasted the small town directly: "I'd like to say to the good citizens of Dover: if there is a disaster in your area don't turn to God, you just rejected him from your city," he said.

What? Is there any sanity to be found in this issue — Christians on the far right are in strong support of the theory in schools because it allows God to creep back into science classes and public schools.

Is Robertson implying that if a disaster were to hit the United States, we shouldn't be surprised because not everyone here accepts God? Or maybe he believes we are all in grave danger because the constitution rejects the notion of a state based upon God with its separation of church and state.



THE REVIEW/Eric Sailer

The left is in strong disapproval because it feels as if it goes against all liberties and infringes upon the separation of church and state.

Where can the United States turn for answers on how to deal with the ever increasing pressure brought about by the Intelligent Design brigade?

Luckily, through all this craziness, one voice has recently emerged.

The voice is loud, far-reaching and filled with calm and a

sense of knowledge that has yet to be heard in this ongoing debate. This breath of fresh air comes from an expert in both the fields of science and religion. It comes from a giant in the political and religious spectrums. It comes from none other than the Vatican. The who? That's right, the Vatican — a sure sign that perhaps the apocalypse is not too far off.

In a move that made headlines last week, Rev. George Coyne blasted the idea of Intelligent Design as science. Coyne, the

Vatican's chief astronomer and a Jesuit priest, said it has no business in the same curriculum as biology, according to the Associated Press.

"Intelligent Design isn't science even though it pretends to be," he said. "If you want to teach it in schools, Intelligent Design should be taught when religion or cultural history is taught, not science."

Wow, that came from the Vatican. The point the Vatican is making is one that has been lost in Kansas and Dover, the point that there is absolutely nothing wrong with teaching Intelligent Design, as long as it is done separately from the presentation of scientific fact.

This is just another example of the ever-increasing logic the Jesuits bring to the Catholic church.

If the Vatican realizes the importance of the separation of church and state better than the United States, then something needs to be done.

The United States is embarrassing itself on an international stage, something that is not new. If it has any sense, the government will step in, if for nothing else, then for the pure constitutionality of the situation.

In the end, it may not matter who wins the fight between evolutionists and creationists, but rather that the government comes out of right field to break it up before it gets out of hand.

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Public Safety in need of policy changes

GUEST COLUMN

Andrew Goldman

At the beginning of freshman year, every incoming student is lectured about safety, drinking and the trouble facing students who exhibit inappropriate behavior both on and off campus. In addition to these warnings, all freshmen are encouraged to call Public Safety if they are worried about walking home. While Public Safety is also available for students who cannot get around campus due to sickness or injury, they are primarily used on the weekends for safe rides and day-time transportation.

The university has designated blue phones across campus as a way to contact University Police if you feel you are in danger. But, apparently, this only applies to certain students in certain situations in certain places at certain times.

Although the Public Safety driver is portrayed as a savior to students who are concerned about walking

home, there are serious flaws in the system. According to University Police, Public Safety will only pick up students who are on university property and need a ride to dorm rooms, apartments and houses that are within a specified boundary on and surrounding campus. While this is good and allows students to be safe, it in no way addresses the problem of students who are afraid to walk home.

On the weekends, most students venture off campus property onto the streets of Newark to enjoy a Thursday, Friday or Saturday night. As a result, people who have been drinking or are concerned to walk home are forced to walk due to an understanding that Public Safety will not pick them up at certain locations off campus property.

In addition, if you are on university property and are unable to walk home or are afraid to do so, Public Safety will not take you anywhere that is not university property within a specified boundary surrounding campus. Thus, if you are at Trabant University Center and are scared to walk home to select places off cam-

pus you are left with no option but to walk, because calling Public Safety will not give you safe escort to off

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— Andrew Goldman

campus housing outside a specified boundary.

Along with university students' inability to get safe rides home when they are off campus, those who are on campus are faced with a "catch-22" regarding drinking. If you are on campus and unable to walk home to your on campus room or apartment, you can call Public Safety. They will take you home; however, if you have been drinking and are unable to walk safely, Public Safety has the right, once you are in the car, to give you a ticket for drinking if you are underage.

As a result students are forced to make a decision. Would they rather take a risk and walk home, or should they take the safe ride and risk receiving a ticket? Public Safety and the Department of Judicial Review are in place to protect students, the policies they are currently implementing are only selectively acceptable and effective.

The goal of Public Safety should be to protect students from dangerous walks home across campus and through the streets of Newark, especially at a time when physical

assaults are on the rise in the city.

While I understand the university's predicament because of the inappropriateness of providing a taxi service, there needs to be some type of system that allows students who are unable to walk home for a serious reason to receive a ride.

Recognizing that the university cannot endorse inappropriate behavior or underage drinking, the goal of the program should be to help students be safe — not restrict them from whether they can receive safe rides home, and not to force them to make decide whether the risk of receiving a ticket is worth the ride home by Public Safety.

Finally whether the university feels that its policies are effective or not, there should be a regular outreach by it to gain student approval. This would allow the university to change Public Safety to suit students' needs.

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

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

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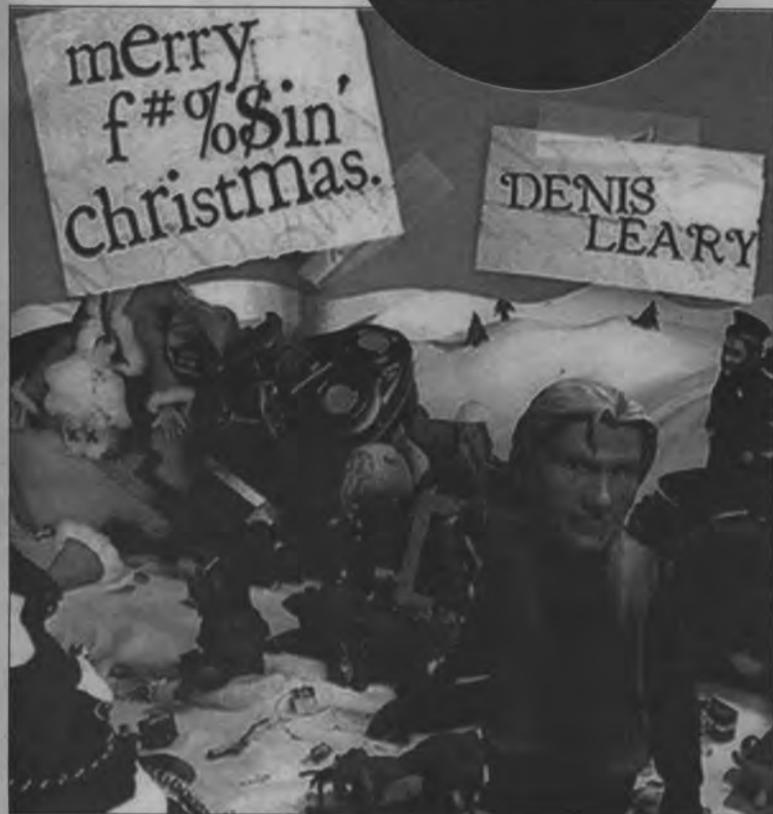
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Uprooting tradition

Latest trend has Christmas on its head

BY JASON TOMASSINI

Staff Reporter

Imagine a skinny Santa or a tall elf; Imagine cows pulling St. Nick's sleigh or grandma giving a gift besides socks. Now imagine an upside-down Christmas tree. Doesn't seem quite like the holiday season, does it?

Get used to a slightly skewed picture of Christmas this season because of a trend straight out of the Grinch's playbook: the upside-down Christmas tree.

These artificial trees, called "inverted trees," have sold out at many distributors and received publicity from major media outlets such as USA Today and Time magazine.

There are many reasons for this yuletide oddity, but Bill Quinn, owner of Dallas-based *Christmastreeforme.com*, says the trees — which his company has sold out of — are designed to make ornament-hanging easier and more attractive.

"With a regular Christmas tree, when you have something like a long crystal ornament that hangs down, they lay on the branches underneath and you can't see them well," Quinn says. "But when you turn it upside down, it hangs straight down and there aren't any branches to encumber the sight of the ornament."

Mara Forney, a buyer for the online catalog Hammacher Schlemmer, says the trees, which come in the same sizes as regular trees, can save space because the bulk of the tree is at the top.

Quinn says there are different types of inverted trees, including one supported by a metal pole and stands upright, a type that hangs from the ceiling and a variety that attaches to the wall like a painting.

In addition to the practical reasons for this image of a Christmas bizarro world, he says the inverted tree is rooted in history. In the seventh century, a German monk hung the first Christmas tree upside down.

"The Christmas tree didn't really become popular in America until there were pictures of the royal family in the UK with a Christmas tree," Quinn says. "They had a Christmas tree because they were of German descent."

Mike Streb, director of sales and marketing at Christmas Lights Etc. in Cumming, Ga., says he acknowledges the European tradition, but attributes the sudden success to recent media attention.

"I can tell you with certainty the publicity sparked the interest because only a handful of these were sold prior to this," Streb says. Forney says inverted trees are comparable in price to traditional artificial trees, but are not as popular.

In the past, upside-down trees were used only sparingly by retail outlets for their Christmas displays, Quinn says. Now, an estimated 50-60 percent of the trees are sold

for residential use, as families buy them to complement those used for presents.

"A lot of people are saying jokingly, 'Oh, they did this so you can get more presents under the tree,'" he says. "But that was more kind of tongue-in-cheek."

Streb says he is not exactly sure who buys inverted trees, but the sheer oddity of the display often sparks conversation.

"A lot of stores will pick this up just to draw attention to a display," he says. "Or people will say, 'You know what, I don't have anything better to do with my money in my house. I'm going to go ahead and put this up,' because they think it's neat to look at."

Junior Doug Reitz says he doesn't quite understand inverted trees, but can relate it to any other trend.

"Sometimes tradition gets boring and some people want to be the first to try something new and tell people what they did," Reitz says. "But if I

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Comedian Leary has choice words for holiday season

BY KATE DIEFFENBACH

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As the holiday season approaches, most people blow the dust off their Barry White or Bing Crosby Christmas CDs to use as background music for their dinner parties. This year, forget about worn-out stand-bys like "Let it Snow" and go for a more cynical approach.

Comedian Denis Leary is back to his obnoxious antics. This time, it's an anti-Christmas album, "Merry Fuckin' Christmas."

It includes tracks like "Fat Guy on the Plane" and "The Theme from Jesus and the Gang" and approximately 10 minutes of his stand-up comedy act. It can all be yours for a measly \$6, a stocking-stuffer price.

When the Sunday after Thanksgiving rolls around and the thought of spending one more second with your family makes you cringe, you can tune into Leary's Comedy Central Christmas special at 10 p.m. A supplement to the album, the special will feature guest stars William Shatner and Carmen Electra, plus skits and stand-up bits that are sure to put a damper on anyone's holiday cheer.

"You know the really happy,

upbeat, 'Let's pretend Christmas is great and we all love each other?' This special is not that," Leary says. "It's about how much Christmas sucks and how much we hate certain members of our family."

"Pretty much every angle you can think about Christmas, from the history of Christmas to the invention of Santa Claus to your favorite Christmas carols, are all basically smashed to pieces."

Leary's first two comedy albums sold a combined 700,000 copies, but "Merry Fuckin' Christmas" could push seven figures because of promotions from Comedy Central. Commercials with Leary's new single, accompanied by an animated video, will air on Comedy Central and its Web site throughout December.

Aside from the Christmas special, Leary has his plate full with his television series "Rescue Me" and his stand-up tour.

"Rescue Me," which airs on FX, will begin shooting its third season in February. Leary says the series avoids the romantic view of firefighting and sheds light on the chaos and danger of firefighters' lives.

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BEHIND THE STONE BALLOON

BY LEE PROCIDA

Entertainment Editor

Bill Stevenson is sitting at a table in Grotto Pizza; he leans over to tell a story, laughing and shaking his head as he finishes.

Occasionally he runs his hand through his thick, black hair and says, "hello," to old friends as they walk over, asking him how he's doing.

Stevenson is like a minor celebrity, it's stunning to think who else he has shared a table with him in his life. He lounged in Studio 54, shared a couch with Bruce Springsteen and a stage with Queen on a major U.S. tour.

He relates anecdotes about the bar he founded on Main Street, The Stone Balloon, which is closing mid-December.

His stories are almost too much for him to handle, approximately the period of time he owned the bar from 1972 to 1982. He's awaiting the release of his new book, "The Stone Balloon: The Early Years," which will be available after Thanksgiving. The book is the equivalent to Stevenson, sitting next to you, describing every event.

There is little to no concern for style, and it reads in a refined colloquial manner. However, elaborate style is unnecessary in a book characterized by unimaginable stories.

When asked about his feelings on the Balloon closing, he does not betray any obvious regret or disappointment. Instead, he looks back at the roller coaster ride he experienced as its owner, saying he is simply happy the bar was part of his life.

"Things don't last forever," he says. "I was just in the right place at the right time."

The place for Stevenson was Newark, and the time was the early '70s.

The university campus was a much different place in those days. The undergraduate population was about half the size it is now, and students lined South College Avenue while waiting to register for classes in the Bob Carpenter Field House.

On Friday afternoons, hundreds of cars could be found parked along White Clay Creek, where students would start off the weekend instead of finding happy-hour specials. The university owned and operated a bar and nightclub, where professors would buy students 20 cent beers, and vice-versa.

Former football head coach Tubby Raymond recruited Stevenson after seeing his promising athletic prowess in prep school. He attended the university for a semester, finishing a season on the football team, but eventually decided to drop-out and try another path.

After receiving a large inheritance from a deceased uncle, Stevenson tried to find success in



THE REVIEW/Dan Egan

The Stone Balloon has been a popular Main St. bar since opening in 1972.

starting his own company. In desperation, he bought a van and started a courier service, but it wasn't long before he was seeking to get out of the stressful business.

An act of spontaneity turned into simple genius, a major theme in his life for the next 10 years when Stevenson decided to buy Merrill's Tavern and package store on Main Street. He describes his indecision when the idea originally came about, saying it was a risky chance to take on a rickety old bar on a street with so many stores already closed.

Debating between naming his new bar the The Hen House or after a club he visited in the Virgin Islands, Stevenson chose the latter, calling it the Stone Balloon.

This was August, 1971. The bar did not open until February, 1972. Newark city building inspectors denied the opening of the Balloon multiple times, especially due to Stevenson's plans for expansion.

An article in The Review from that month questioned if the store would take the same route as the project that gave the bar its name-sake. By the time the bar opened, Stevenson says he was stressed out and desperate. That would all change with the first day of business.

Stevenson describes the first

night as an out-of-body experience. Peeking his head out the front door before opening, he was given a glimpse of something that would become a familiar sight for a long time. With snow flurries floating down and the sidewalks already white, a line was growing down the sidewalk.

"I couldn't even tell you what happened that first night," Stevenson says. "We closed the doors at the end of the night and I was like, 'Did that really just happen?'"

The Balloon was an instant success. Students and local residents packed the bar six nights a week. Stevenson had expanded Merrill's Tavern to a second room with a stage, the start of the Stone Balloon's soon-to-be legendary Rock 'n' Roll

forum.

Larry Tucker, from The Larry Tucker Band, was one of the first musicians to play on that stage on a regular basis. Tucker lived in Newark, and attended Newark High School and the university, so he realized the impact the Balloon had on campus from a resident, student and entertainer's perspective.

"It was the total hotspot. It engulfed and took over the town," he says. "There were major lines, and every band wanted to play the Stone Balloon."

As the Balloon's popularity increased, so did the quality of the bands. It became almost a symbiotic relationship, with the bands popularizing the bar and the bar getting out the name of the bands.

Ed Shockley, drummer for the Jack of Diamonds, was also one of the earliest performers to hit the bar's stage. Stevenson caught his band playing at a Sigma Nu fraternity party, but it wouldn't be long before the band became a staple of the Balloon.

Shockley describes the band's first performance as both exhilarating and nerve racking. They were supposed to open for Bruce Springsteen, but when Springsteen had to reschedule, the Jack of

Diamonds became the headliner.

"It was like baptism by fire," Shockley says, laughing.

He relates the story as a microcosm of the dynamics of the bar in those days and the scale at which things were happening.

"It was a showcase venue," Shockley says. "There was nothing to compare it to in the area. People got dressed up when they went there, too. It felt like you were some place."

The momentum of the Balloon's popularity would roll into the next decade, as Stevenson booked acts like Springsteen, Pat Benatar, Hall and Oates, Chubby Checker, Robert Palmer, Blood Sweat and Tears and David Crosby, besides a long list of other nationally recognized, high-profile entertainers.

The bar grew with its reputation, too. Stevenson built five additions, including a loading dock for kegs in the back and one on the side for band equipment trucks.

Lines were often around the corner or stretching all the way to Grotto Pizza. MTV would often broadcast live from the bar, Playboy named it one of the best college bars in the country and Budweiser rated it as its highest seller nationwide.

The great success of the bar came with its own setbacks, though. The IRS would eventually become involved after Stevenson failed to pay back a loan, the FBI would train a careful eye on the behind-the-scenes goings-on of the bar, and rumors spread that a girl who died was beaten in the Balloon's parking lot the same night.

Stevenson also had to deal with a divorce case between he and his first wife, Jill, who today is married to Senator Joseph R. Biden Jr. (D-Del.). These scandals, plus the implementation of sobriety checks, increasing the drinking age, and the effect MTV had on the music world, would wear on the Balloon and Stevenson.

In 1982, Stevenson sold the bar, ending an era of legendary proportions in the town of Newark. With his departure the lure and vibe of the Balloon would also fade.

Jerry Hludzik, guitarist for Dakota, another band that received major attention from the Balloon, says the true days of the Balloon were finished.

"Bill pulled off super acts that not a lot of clubs would attempt," he says. "He was a pioneer. The building and name still exist, but when Bill left the spirit left too."

The Balloon had become a landmark, not only on campus, or in Delaware, but nationwide. The legacy built up Stevenson carried over to the next two decades the bar would be open.

For part 2 of Lee Procida's Stone Balloon feature, check out The Review next week.

Exhibit nothing but skin and bones

BY SARAH COCHRAN

National/State News Editor

Making its East Coast debut, *Body Worlds: The Anatomical Exhibition of Real Human Bodies*, allows visitors to examine the human form like never before.

The Franklin Institute Science Museum in Philadelphia opened its doors to this unique, educational experience, Oct. 7.

Upon entering the first room of the exhibit, visitors are met with an ambiance of respect and solitude. Few people dare to speak any louder than a whisper as they peruse glass cases filled with preserved organs and examples of diseases and disorders.

Steve Snyder, vice president of exhibits and programs for the Franklin Institute, says *Body Worlds* is hard to explain in words.

"There's a sense of awe and wonder," Snyder says. "It's very personal to people."

It's one of the most popular visiting exhibits the Franklin Institute has had, he says. People are intrigued by it.

Visitors can browse 25 full-body plastinates and more than 200 individual specimens on display in three rooms.

Plastination, a process invented by Dr. Gunther von Hagens in 1977, involves the replacement of natural fluids in the body with liquid reactive plastics. Figures are manipulated into position before the plastics harden.

Full-body models are preserved through plastination in various standing poses that detail the anatomy of the body and focus on specific systems.

Lauren Rose, spokeswoman for *Body Worlds*, says the mission of the exhibit is education.

"I'm glad I quit smoking," a visitor remarks after Rose compares the blackened lungs of a smoker with those of a non-smoker.

None of the donors' names — nor their means of death — are released to the public. Rose says von Hagens' wife, Dr. Angelina Whalley, once described the reasons for anonymity.

Plastinates are left nameless so visitors can identify with them.

"It gives people a stripped-down image of the body so they can identify with it," Rose says.

Snyder says he tries to walk through the exhibit twice a day to listen to parents explain the models to their children and medical professionals explain their lives' work.

"You can see it in their eyes that this is what drives them," he says.

A woman bends down to speak quietly to a small boy in Spiderman sneakers about the display of what a heart looks like during a heart attack.

"That means the heart died," she says, trying to explain the difference between a healthy heart and the one her son is looking at.

Rose says the only plastinate in the exhibit with any form of identification is the 3-D body slice of a person who had a tattoo.

Von Hagens' best friend was plastinated after his death for medical study and research, but even he is not identified in the exhibit.



THE REVIEW/Harry Cochran

The muscles of a hurdler (top) and an archer (below) are exposed as he leaps in a new exhibit at the Franklin Institute.

Approximately 6,500 living people and 300 deceased have donated their bodies to von Hagens for posthumous plastination. Of the living donors, 130 are in the United States and three live in Pennsylvania. These plastinates appear in two *Body Worlds* exhibits and other educational settings.

Von Hagens is a visiting professor at New York University's College of Dentistry. At NYU, he uses plastinates, rather than cadavers, for teaching purposes.

Body Worlds was displayed in Chicago and Los Angeles before it came to Philadelphia. In Los Angeles, the exhibit had to be kept open 24 hours a day for the last two weeks to accommodate all the tickets purchased.

Rose says copycat exhibits have appeared in Tampa and New York, raising ethical questions.

These exhibits do not have adequate records of death or proof of body donation, she says. It has been suggested that these plastinates were victims of war or assassination.

Donation forms are provided for everyone who appears in the exhibition, Rose says. Von Hagens holds a donor convention each year to meet the people who have donated their bodies to science.

Mary-Ellen Guzdek, a New Jersey resident, brought a kindergartener, a second-grader and two fourth-graders with her to see *Body Worlds*.

"I wasn't going to come through today because of the price," Guzdek says. "But it was well worth it."

She says her favorite display is the full-body plastinate of a skeleton separated from its muscles. The skeleton stands with its hand on the shoulder of the muscle plastinate in front of it.

"It was interesting that they came from the same body," she says.

Further into the exhibit, the plastinates become more elaborate, ending with an impressive display of full-body models.

The Heidelberg Institute for Plastination, founded by von Hagens in Heidelberg, Germany, maintains donation programs for future educational endeavors.

A 20-year-old body donor, states in a press release she hopes people will one day look at her with the same sense of wonderment that the exhibit elicited in her.

"My greatest hope with plastination is that in the event I contribute nothing in life, I may do so in death," she says.



Twisted x-mas

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walked downstairs Christmas morning and saw an upside-down tree, I'd think Santa went a little crazy."

If Christmas purists are worried about these trees ruining the traditional image of the holiday, Quinn says inverted trees won't lead to skin-'n'-bones Santas and NBA elves.

"I don't think it does anything harmful for Christmas," he says. "I think it exemplifies the wonders of Christmas and the mystique of Christmas."

It's possible eggnog won't be the only thing skewing vision during the upcoming holidays.

"I wouldn't be surprised if next year was actually a bigger sales year for this type of tree," Quinn says. "People get twelve months to think about it and start looking for a unique-style tree."

Although inverted trees have reached Tickle-Me-Elmo status this season, Streb says he does not expect trees to stand on their heads for long.

"It's kind of like a diet," he says. "A diet doesn't become a habit until you do it for a while. If there was a trend like this next year, then I would say it has taken hold."



“Walk the Line”

“Walk the Line”
20th Century Fox
Rating: ☆☆☆

“Hello — I’m Johnny Cash,” mutters Joaquin Phoenix, a dead-on match for the late Cash. James Mangold’s cinematic portrayal of the country legend’s life is fair at best. Although superbly cast, the movie lacks any real substance.

June Carter, played by Reese Witherspoon, steals nearly all the movie’s plot-line. When the camera isn’t on Carter, the lens is focused on Cash popping pills, getting drunk with Jerry Lee Lewis and cheating on his first wife Vivian with drop-dead-gorgeous 18-year-old women.

Mangold’s insistence on a tender love story as the focal point doesn’t ruin the movie immediately, however. Some of Cash’s background, including family history and his childhood, manages to sneak its way into the movie early on, allowing viewers to receive at least \$2 worth the price of their ticket.

Ray Cash (Robert Patrick), Johnny’s father, is portrayed as a stern, cold and temperamental man who works the fields to provide for his family. With a sickle in one hand and a flask in the other, Ray takes the pain and aggression he feels from losing his son Jack in a tragic accident involving a saw out on Cash — telling the young boy that it should have been him, instead of his brother.

Mangold’s nauseating sense of time gets quite annoying. Skipping from scene to scene effortlessly, while glazing over large chunks of time, Mangold’s timeline is equivalent to that of a seventh grader’s, haphazardly put together as if rushing to meet a teacher’s diorama deadline.

One second Cash is in the air force writing songs in a hangar in Germany, and the next, viewers find themselves inside historic Sun Studios with Cash auditioning for the legendary Sam Phillips (Dallas Roberts).

When Mangold isn’t breezing through history, he is usually re-inventing it with conflicting versions of reality. Cash didn’t magically whip out “Folsom Prison Blues,” and certainly was never signed on the spot, according to the famous and most popular account of the story. Rather, Phillips told Cash to come back when he had sinned, providing a more realistic and marketable

sound.

Phoenix and Witherspoon play excellent leading roles, providing their own vocals on musical numbers and nailing the mannerisms of both artists. Cash’s lip expressions, guitar strumming style and tone of speech are matched impeccably by Phoenix. As for Witherspoon, she plays the sweet and innocent June Carter equally as well as that of the uptight and defensive Christian divorcee.

Those expecting “Ray” will be left wanting more. Although Cash did provide personal insight and firsthand accounts of stories, Mangold isn’t half the director of Taylor Hackford.

On an interesting note, every song in the movie, except for one, is a Cash or Carter tune. Since Mangold manages to completely eliminate Dylan’s relationship with Cash from the movie, the playing of “Highway 61” is as close of a nod Mangold will allow to the iconic folk singer, whose 1989 song, “Man in the Long Black Coat,” pays homage to Cash.

Aside from an overabundance of Cash’s love story packed into the plotline, the weakest point in the script is Mangold’s pathetic attempt at bookending the movie.

A saw shown at the opening scene of the movie, in reference to the fatality of Cash’s brother, is revisited in one of the final scenes. In this scene, which Mangold painstakingly takes a laborious two-and-a-half hours to reach, Cash is in the basement of the legendary Folsom Prison, staring at a saw and reflecting before he goes onstage to perform for a bunch of rowdy inmates.

Apparently, the basement of a maximum security prison has a fully-equipped woodshop stocked with all the essentials, including compound miter saws.

For the cultured, artistically inclined and musically knowledgeable, steer clear of Mangold’s butchering of the man in black. “Walk the Line” is like eating a large jar of Marshmallow Fluff. When it’s all over you can’t believe you ingested it, and desperately want your time and money back.

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Into the groove

“Confessions on a Dance Floor”
Madonna
Warner Bros.
Rating: ☆☆☆☆

The foundation of Madonna’s career was, for most of the ’80s, built on her ability to merge two musical genres, pop and dance, into a synthesized musical cocktail that unleashed some of the most popular songs of the last 20 years; “Like a Virgin,” “Into the Groove,” “Like a Prayer” and “Vogue,” to name a few. Madonna circa 1987 instantly set the template for all pop-tarts to follow. Then, she left the dancefloor.

The ’90s found Miss Ciccone exploring the bedroom and her inner-pornstar (“Erotica”), finding her inner-R&B diva (“Bedtime Stories”) and evolving into a techno-loving mother. More recently, emerging as a Che Guevara-esque militant for 2003’s criminally under-rated “American Life.”

Although at the time, each incarnation re-established why Madonna was still the queen of re-invention, the fascination with a cowboy or dominatrix only lasted for a moment.

“American Life,” her militant attack on the world, the war and the materialistic nature of the United States, threw a wrench into what had been the unstoppable Madonna machine, selling less than 1 million copies. The album marked a turning-point, a literal U-turn for the singer to sit back and reflect on where she had been and where she was going — back to the dancefloor.

Her latest, “Confessions on a Dance Floor,” is easily the best Madonna album since 1989’s “Like a Prayer.” There are no ballads, no electro-folk mish-mashings, and thankfully, no rapping. Mirwais Ahmadzai, producer of her last two albums, and once a breath of fresh air, shows up in the weakest two tracks on the album.

The better of the tracks, “I Love New York,” is a spiraling ode to the city that never sleeps, with Madonna telling anyone who doesn’t like her attitude to “f-off.”

The rest of the album is magnificent. First single, “Hung Up,” samples the ABBA anthem “Gimme! Gimme! Gimme! (A Man After Midnight)”, giving Madonna her first Top-20 hit in more than three years.

She sings, “I can’t keep on waiting for you / I know that you’re still hesitating / Don’t cry for me / Cus’ I’ll find my way / You’ll wake up one day / But it will be too late.”

“Confessions on a Dance Floor” has Madonna abandoning her life for a fictional reality where she is childless, husband-free and once again struggling to find her place in the world. By stepping away from her country homes, her fame and her achievements, she’s been able to tap into the original source that made her so captivating to begin with.

“Jump” and “Get Together” are prime examples of this. Similar to throw-backs from 1985, they are the cousins to “Papa Don’t Preach” and “Open Your Heart.”

Her influences on “Confessions on a Dance Floor” are varied, from Kraftwerk on “Future Lovers” to Kylie Minogue on “Sorry.” Minogue also receives a shout-out from her American counterpart, with a “better the devil you know” reference in “Let it Will Be.” Her biggest muse is herself, crafting “Confessions” in to a tribute — the ultimate vanity piece. It’s not a frivolous as it seems. Madonna re-asserts why she is the queen of pop, wiping the floor with any of the hair-extended, lyp-synching trollops who have attempted to follow in her four-inch heals.

In 1985, Madonna sang, “only when I’m dancing can I feel this free.” 20 years later, stepping back on the dancefloor, she’s found that freedom again, crafting an album of disco-fied dance-pop that proves, once and for all, how Madonna got her groove back.

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Porno-pods stir controversy

BY LEAH KIELL

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In 1972, boys snuck into theaters to see "Deep Throat," causing quite a stir. In the '80s, they crowded around skin magazines to take a peek. The '90s were rocked on the small screen by Jenna Jameson and other famous floozies. Now, as the iPod grows ever more popular, teenage boys have a new, more convenient way of exploring the mysteries of the female body: Podporn, or porn delivered straight to the pocket-sized iPod.

The new iPod can display photos and play music and videos. Along with classic favorites like "Back to the Future" and "The Goonies," iPod users can also drool over X-rated standards like "Debbie Does Dallas" and "Behind the Green Door."

This new technology may revolutionize the porn industry, as Internet porn sites have already capitalized on the trend by marketing videos specifically for iPod users.

SuicideGirls.com, a porn site that prides itself on tattooed rocker chicks with piercings, offers several short films designed for download on the iPod.

The site advertises "free 3-minute sexy videos of the lovely SuicideGirls set to music and showing off their pin-up appeal. Show your friends, your mom, the girl next to you on the bus..."

As convenient as pocket-sized porn may be, not everyone on a bus would like to watch it with their seat mate.

Jack Samad, senior vice president of the National Coalition for the Protection of Children and Families, says he is worried about the effect this new technology will have on the public.

"There are absolutely no safeguards for minors to be protected from unknowingly being able to download information that would not be available to them in a retail store anywhere in America," Samad says. "Parents are unaware of the multi-functionality of these hand-held devices, and because of that, we have great concern."

Samad says a recent study conducted by the Kaiser Family Foundation found the amount of sexual content in entertainment and broadcast television programs has doubled within the last seven years. Other studies have concluded that children who are regularly exposed to adult information, visually or audibly, tend to act five years older than they are.

"I think it's alarming to know that a parent is buying a Sony Playstation for their child with an added plug-in that has the ability to download adult material," he says. "[It] is just a stark reality that you're combining the distribution ability of adult material on an item that, generally, young people use to play games on."

Contrary to Samad's beliefs and SuicideGirls.com's hopes, one can assume most people prefer to view pornography within the confines of their homes, not on city buses.

Junior Chris D'Esposito says

he recently purchased the new iPod because he travels often and does not want to haul all of his CDs around with him.

"The video is probably the coolest feature," he says. "There's a program where you convert movies to go on your iPod, so I can get 'Family Guy' episodes and the new season of 'Entourage' on there."

Although D'Esposito says he will not be putting any porn on his iPod, he can see how it may become popular.

"I'm sure some people are doing that. I mean, I think it's stupid, but I can't speak for everybody, I guess," he says. "If I saw someone watching it, I'd probably laugh, but I wouldn't be like, 'Oh my god, let me watch.'"

With the university's crack-down on downloading, administrators have become wary of illegal downloads, cautioning students that they will be prosecuted if caught.

But Karl Hassler, associate director of the computing center, states in an e-mail message that downloading porn legally is not grounds for punishment from the university.

Hassler says the university is committed to the preservation and protection of academic freedom and the free exchange of ideas in an open collegial community. It respects the reasonable privacy expectations of its employees and students. Therefore, the university does not engage in random monitoring of written or electronic communications except under specific circumstances.

"University computing and network resources are provided to support teaching, learning and service," he says. "By policy, university computing and network usage should be consistent with these objectives. By definition, anything illegal is a violation of the policy for responsible computing."

As porn moves from the big screen to the magazines to the TV screen and finally to the jacket pocket, keep your ears perked for suspicious noises coming from the seats at the back of the bus.



40,000-year-old weapon returns

BY PETER HINCKLEY

Staff Reporter

Gary Fogleman is an avid hunter. He tracked down rabbit, sniped deer and has even speared a boar. Fogleman has done all of this without the help of a bow, rifle or shotgun.

Instead, Fogleman uses the atlatl, pronounced attle attle, an Aztec word meaning spear thrower. It's the father of the bow and arrow, and a weapon used by man's predecessors to hunt the colossal woolly mammoth which roamed the Americas 20,000 years ago.

Recently, there has been a growing trend among hunters toward using this weapon for hunting game. Although more people are beginning to rediscover the prehistoric weapon, Fogleman says he doesn't anticipate the number of atlatl users to approach anywhere near those who use shotguns, rifles or bow and arrows.

"I don't think it's ever going to experience thousands and thousands of people doing it," he says.

So why would anyone want to have a weapon used during the ice age when, with dead-eye accuracy, one could split the fur of a deer from more than 100 yards away with a shotgun?

Fogleman says one reason the weapon appeals to him is because of the small number of people using it currently.

"The participation level is low," he says. "So if you're good you can have some sort of impact on the sport."

Bob Edwards, a Montana atlatl researcher known as "atlatl Bob," says the appeal of the weapon is the ability to hunt instinctively.

"This is what people used for the longest time while we were on Earth," he says. "It's the weapon most natural to humans. It's the most human way to hunt."

In Pennsylvania, the atlatl is an illegal weapon, but a big enough following has emerged that enthusiasts of the atlatl have petitioned the Pennsylvania Gaming Commission to permit usage of it during hunting season.

The PGC says it has no current position on the weapon because it is in the process of being reviewed by the committee.

According to atlatl hunter Chuck Butorjac, in 2006 and 2007, there will be a test period granted by the commission which will grant hunters who use the atlatl the same privileges allowed to archers.

The weapon is popular enough to have accuracy competitions held by the World Atlatl Association — The International Standard Accuracy Contest. Fogleman won the ISAC world championship in 1998.

Edwards says the weapon was developed more than 40,000 years ago and humans have used it longer than other weapons. When large game such as the woolly mammoth appeared, humans needed a way to hunt and survive.

"What puts us at the top of the food chain is our ability to throw things," he says. "The atlatl was the first true weapons system developed by humans. We think this is what changed the entire lifestyle of the human race from the scavenger lifestyle to the true hunter-gatherer lifestyle."

Soon after, the bow and arrow emerged from the atlatl and humans began to use this much quicker weapon.

Using the atlatl is simple. The weapon is approximately 24 inches long and is used as a launching pad. It has a handle which is held like a hammer. On the top of the launching pad are two spears strung like a bow to create torque. The hunter then throws the atlatl, releasing the spears, while still holding onto the atlatl.

Butorjac says using the weapon is fairly simple. "You bring it back as if you were in the position of a football quarterback throwing the football," he says.

Edwards studies the physics of the weapon as part of his job. Although the atlatl was invented long ago, the weapon can travel up to 80 mph and hit targets more than 100 yards away with remarkable accuracy.

"The key to the technology is the flexible shaft," he says. "It increases what you can do in your hand by a power of three. It gives you a greater degree of emphasis on speed and power."

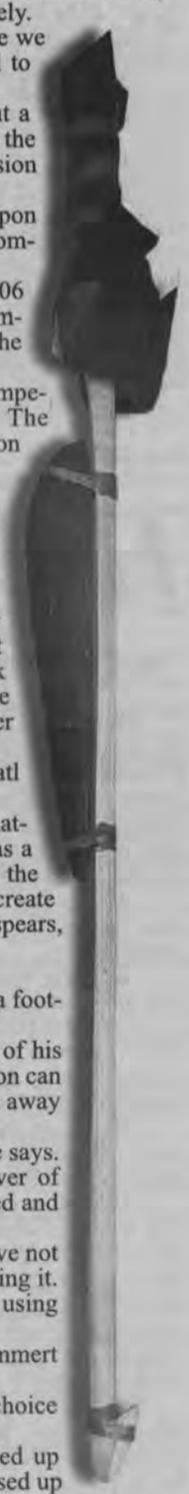
On campus, many students interested in hunting have not heard of the atlatl, but they can see the advantages to using it.

Junior Will Emmert enjoys duck hunting and says using a bowed weapon has its advantages.

"With a bow and arrow it's more of a challenge," Emmert says. "You can be sneakier."

Edwards says using an atlatl is by far his first choice when hunting.

"Some of my friends jokingly say, 'Oh, we messed up when we came out of the tree,'" he says. "I say we messed up when we adopted the bow and arrow."



Automaker test-drives gasless vehicle

Hydrogen-fueled Honda FCX could change the future of automobiles

BY ANNIE BALDRIDGE

Staff Reporter

Gavin Newsom, the mayor of San Francisco, proved tap water is a thing of the past last April when he drank out of the tailpipe of a newly released Honda FCX hydrogen powered vehicle.

It's the first vehicle of its kind to run completely on hydrogen fuel and pass federal safety crash tests. The vehicle works by converting natural gas into hydrogen gas when it enters the fuel cell. In the FCX, the fuel cell is the equivalent of an engine in a normal car and converts hydrogen to energy for the car to run on. The only bi-product of the process is water vapor.

Steve Ellis, head of marketing techniques for Honda, says the company is moving toward using fuel cells, but Honda is the first to put the cell into a car and put it on the market. He says this is just the beginning and, like many developing fields, they encounter numerous obstacles.

"It's no different from Louis and Clark, they faced a new mountain everyday, so do we," Ellis says, "but we have just climbed a big one."

He says the FCX is an important step in moving toward a cleaner environment.

"It will mean an extreme reduction in the use of fossil fuels," Ellis says.

Hydrogen power is the ideal, he says. It runs completely on hydrogen gas and is 100 percent emissions free.

The FCX is now being driven by several city officials in California and one private citizen, Jon Spallino. Ellis says he was the first person to interview Spallino and Honda chose them because he is not too enthusiastic about the project and is accustomed to the inconvenience since they already drive a natural gas-powered Civic.

The car is worth more than \$1 million and Spallino pays \$500 a month to lease it. Ellis says it is important Spallino pays a monthly fee even if it doesn't come close to what the vehicle is worth. This gives him a vested interest in critiquing the car.

"We are encouraging them to complain," he says. "When you make a person pay then they are more likely to say, 'Well, it is not as good as I thought.'"

The biggest problem with the fuel cell car is refueling, Ellis says. The best way of producing hydrogen right now is through natural gas. Honda is working on new innovative solutions such as a home refueling system.

The system is the size of an air-conditioning unit and would heat and provide electricity to a house in addition to fueling the car with hydrogen power.

Honda is also working with several universities, including Delaware, to find new processes to obtain hydrogen.

The state of California is developing a hydrogen highway. The highway would provide refueling stations on U.S. Route 405 between Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Nancy Hubbell, spokeswoman for Toyota, says Toyota coined the phrase, "hydrogen highway."

"Arnold Schwarzenegger stole it but that's OK," Hubbell says. "We let him take it."

Ellis says, realistically, the highway and other plans for refueling stations are years away, but right now the East Coast and West Coast are working well independently.

He says he hopes some day there will be a cross-country hydrogen highway. He compared the feat to the beginning of the railroad.

"There will be a day when we will see pictures of the



photo courtesy of Honda

The Honda FCX retails for more than \$1 million.

two sides of the highway meeting one another," Ellis says.

Sky rocketing gas prices and increasing instability in the Middle East have sparked interest in hydrogen fuel projects. Ellis says he thinks the possibilities of future projects with fuel cells are far-reaching.

Prasad Ajay, the principal investigator for fuel cells in the mechanical engineering department at the university, says hydrogen power is in its infancy.

"Hydrogen power is like a battery that never runs out because it is powered by the outdoors," Ajay says.

The university has recently received grants from the federal government for hydrogen research, he says. A team of 15 faculty members and several students are working on the problem of flooding in the fuel cell.

"If you're running the car at full tilt, water can condense within the fuel cell," Ajay says. "It then becomes water logged and the chemical reaction stops."

The incentive to buy a fuel cell car is foiled by the lack of fuel cell stations and the high cost. Since the actual cells are made of platinum, the cost has been driven up, he says. The university team is also working on finding a material to replace platinum in the fuel cell.

Senior Frank Miller says he would only get a hydrogen-powered vehicle if it had all the same conveniences of a normal car, without the gas expense.

Miller says he thinks the environmental effects of a hydrogen car will be minimal and a long way off.

"There is already a lot of damage done," he says, "so I don't think the car will help that much."

Gregg Kelly, CEO of the semi-conductor company, Orthodyne Electronic, says he owns a Toyota Highlander that has been converted into a hydrogen-powered vehicle.

Kelly says the biggest inconvenience is refueling the vehicle every 2-3 days. Right now, hydrogen costs about the same as gas. It is more efficient because the car only takes three gallons of hydrogen.

He says the car is so quiet he has trouble sometimes getting birds to move out of his way.

"It really freaks out pedestrians and bikers sometimes," Kelly says. "I feel like I am in a stealth vehicle."

Holiday homecoming hard on students

BY KATRINA MITZELIOTIS

Staff Reporter

Freshman Kemi Gadaleta sits at her desk in her room in Russell Hall. Pictures of her family and friends clutter her desk and walls. In less than a week, she will return home to see her parents after spending months living as an adult.

"It's gonna' be really weird, like I traveled back in time," Gadaleta says.

She says being away from college made her appreciate her parents more and she predicts her relationship with them will grow stronger. However, she anticipates tension regarding other issues.

"Spending an equal amount of time with my friends and parents is gonna be a problem," Gadaleta says.

Gadaleta is one of many freshmen who will venture home for the first time over Thanksgiving Break. As it rapidly approaches, many parents are awaiting the return of their children. However, their children have grown accustomed to living independently.

John Bishop, associate vice president for the Center for Counseling and Student Development, states in an e-mail message that the best solution for parents and students is to talk to

each other so they can reach an agreement. He says students may be surprised to see their parents may have picked up new hobbies or redecorated the house.

"Quite commonly, students return to campus after their first extended visit home with their egos somewhat bruised," Bishop says. "Among other things, they discover that life has gone on without them at home and changes have occurred there while the students have been away."

Freshman Alicia Dreher says she thinks her parents will easily adjust to her returning home with a new lifestyle. She says she is going to try to balance her time equally.

"They already had to let go once," she says. "They aren't gonna move backwards and restrict me."

Helen E. Johnson, co-author of the book "Don't Tell Me What to Do, Just Send Money: The Essential Parenting Guide to the College Years," says the first time students return home from college is an adjustment for both parents and students.

"Students want to be seen differently, and they are different after two or three months living independently," Johnson says.

She says she was excited for

her sons to arrive home from college for Thanksgiving. She wanted to spend time with them and hear all about their new lives at college. However, her sons had their own intentions.

"The truth is, they wanted to lie around, eat good food and get their laundry done," Johnson says.

To ease the transition, she says parents and students should talk to each other about the visit before coming home. Students should address the issue responsibly. If they initiate communication, it would make the parents feel at ease.

"Really smart students will say, 'I want to spend time with you, let's plan a lunch or a night for the family,' before they head out later that night to see their old high school friends," she says.

Johnson says if students and parents share their expectations for the weekend with each other, they will be able to negotiate and meet everyone's needs.

"Students may say, 'I've had 12 all-nighters this semester, I want to do nothing and veg out,' while parents may say, 'Well I expect you to be presentable at Thanksgiving dinner with the relatives.'"

Freshman Craig Rutmayer says his parents will adjust to his

lifestyle. He says he is planning on allocating his time evenly between family and friends.

"It'll probably piss my parents off if I come in real late, but I guess they will just have to deal with it," he says.

Johnson says the last thing on the minds of college students is spending sufficient time with their parents.

"Parents are treated like a doormat," she says. "Students think, 'Well, you're here, you're always here for me, so I don't have to pay attention to your feelings or your needs.'"

Johnson says parents should recognize their children are growing up and children should be more sensitive to their parents' needs.

"Parents have to accept that they are welcoming home a very different child than they dropped off a few months ago," she says. "Parents should be sensitive to the reality that their children aren't 15 anymore."

Freshman Matt Brady says he went home for a weekend and discovered his parents adjusted to him being away.

He says his parents were strict in high school. However, they accepted the fact he was now in col-

lege.

"My parents got off my case," he says. "Normally I would have to be home at 12, but when I was home I was like, 'Yea I'll be home at 3,' and they were like, 'Alright.'"

Karel Raneri-Vitale, mental health care line manager at the VA NY Harbor Healthcare System, says she recalls visiting her daughter in her freshman year.

"It's an adjustment for the parents," she says. "You hope your children are living under the best conditions possible, but you know the realities of life on campus."

Raneri-Vitale says if parents instill morals and values in their children, they will stay with them in college.

"The availability of alcohol and drugs on campuses, well that's unfortunately a reality," she says.

Communication between parents and their children is crucial, she says, and flexibility and negotiation are key components that can make the transition easier for both parents and students.

"Communication has to be a way of life," she says. "You're not gonna' give them the sermon on the mount when they're 1,000 miles away."



Comedian steals x-mas

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"We wanted to make sure that we got the firefighting part of it down," he explains. "From what it looks like inside of a fire, what it feels like, because I don't think people have ever seen that because in the movies they blow it up and make it seem like you can see each other and everyone can see each other's faces."

Leary's interest in the noble profession was put to good use when he created the Firefighting Foundation, which held its fifth annual bash to benefit the New York Fire Department this year. The foundation helps families of firefighters killed in the line of duty recover emotionally and financially.

But he says the real purpose is to raise money for new equipment and training facilities for fire departments across the country.

Leary's current altruism doesn't affect his trademark cynicism. He has no fear of attacking touchy subjects, the war in Iraq included.

"Fabulous success, extraordinary success," Leary says sarcastically. "Basically, I guess the plan is to bring democracy to Iraq even if we have to kill every single person in Iraq."

When it comes to torture, Leary says he has no problem with the CIA circumventing humanitarian laws, but he thinks torture should be used for more important issues such as weight control.

"I have no problem with torture. Actually, I think they need to take torture even further," he says. "I think in this country, for instance, torture would be a fabulous way to make fat people lose weight."

"Apparently, they're not gonna do it on their own, even though there's reports every six months in the newspapers about how fat our kids are. I would love to just have secret vans that pick up people off the street and torture them and while they're being tortured they don't get fed and in a month they come out maimed psychologically, but 100 pounds lighter."

With politically incorrect ideas like this, Leary is a counterpoint to overly festive holiday cheer. Whether he's playing the role of comedian, actor or philanthropist, one thing's for sure — Denis Leary could be this year's Grinch that steals Christmas.

Town nixes Intelligent Design

BY JULIA PARMLEY

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Message to Dover, Pa.: God apparently doesn't give a damn.

Outspoken Christian televangelist Pat Robertson has taken sides on the recent debate over Intelligent Design in the Dover Area School District.

The school board had written a statement to be read before biology classes which reminded students of the Intelligent Design theory. Believing the statement to be an endorsement of religion, the town voted out the entire school board and filed a suit against the school.

Robertson has taken offense.

On his show, "The 700 Club," Robertson said the town's actions have "rejected God." He also said the town should not ask for God's help because "he might not be there."

Founded in 1960, the Christian Broadcast Network was the first of its kind in the United States. Robertson is CBN's main host and his show, which incorporates news coverage with live guests and music, is the network's featured program.

According to CBN's Web site, "The 700 Club" can be seen in more than 200 nations and is translated in more than 70 languages.

On air since 1966, it is one of the longest-running programs in history. It airs in 90 million homes and averages more than a million viewers daily.

In response to the large volume of media inquiries regarding his comments, Robertson released this statement on Nov. 10:

"I was simply stating that our spiritual actions have consequences and it's high time we started recognizing it. God is tolerant and loving, but we can't keep sticking our finger in His eye forever. If they have future problems in Dover, I recommend they call on Charles Darwin — maybe he can help them."

The statement under debate, which is posted on the school district's Web site, reads: "Because Darwin's Theory is a theory, it continues to be tested as new evidence is discovered. The theory is not a fact."

The statement also encourages students interested in Intelligent Design to read "Of Pandas and People: The Central Question of Biological Origins," which can be found in the school library.

Glenn Branch, deputy director of the National Center for Science Education, says Robertson's comments were a desperate attempt to get attention.

"His attitude is not the attitude of most Christians, I don't think," Branch says. "Christians do not call on God to fight their political battles."

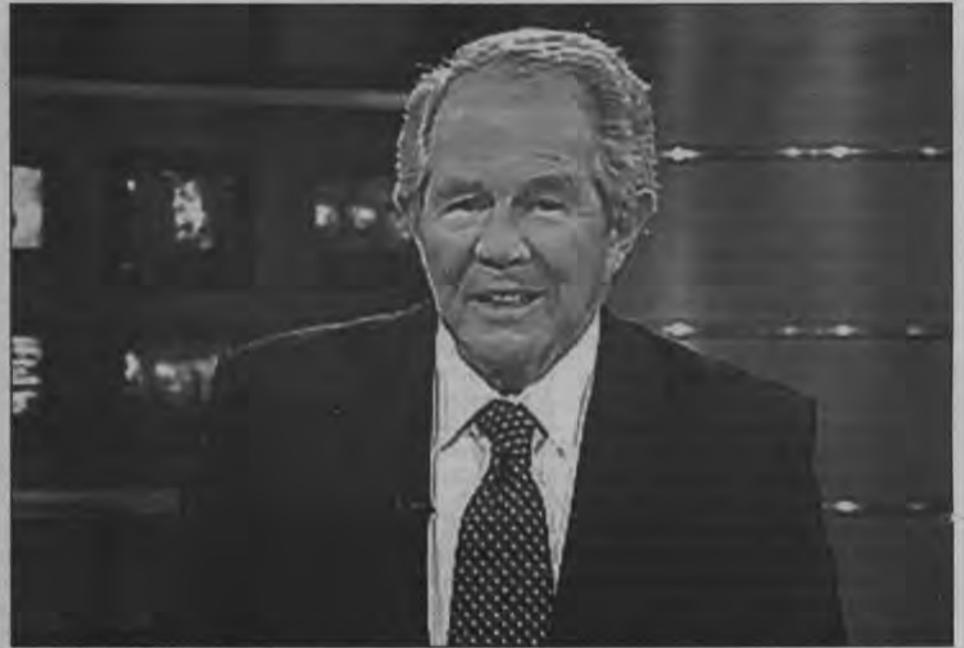
He says the center, a non-profit secular organization, worked with local activists before the lawsuit was filed to organize and work against the pending pro-Intelligent Design policy.

After the lawsuit, Branch says the center became an official consultant on the case and worked with plaintiffs to help them understand the science involved and the history of creationism.

"It was something we knew was coming and we wanted to make sure the best case for the plaintiff was made," he says.

The center also helped select an expert panel of witnesses, which includes the center's president and two of its board members, Branch says. A written decision on the case is expected by December or January.

Branch says evolution is the core of mod-



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Dover, Pa. was recently blasted by Pat Robertson for not endorsing Intelligent Design.

ern science. "The center is for teaching it because to not teach it in high school biology would be like performing 'Hamlet' without the prince," he says. "You'll see at university departments that evolution is presented accordingly as the centrally unifying principle of biological sciences."

He says the center endorses the teaching of evolution by equipping local grassroots activists with tools so evolution can be taught completely free of religious dogma.

"Because education is so much under local control, it takes local people to be involved," Branch says. "Attempts to compromise teaching of evolution in school district after school district cheapen students' chances to be scientifically literate."

John Calvert, managing director of Intelligent Design Network, says Intelligent Design helps people understand the intricacies of life.

"We are seeing indescribably complex processes systems," Calvert says. "In order to understand them, we need to use the kind of mind of a computer scientist."

Philosophy professor Jeffrey Jordan, who teaches "Science And Religion," says he doesn't feel the statement is as controversial as it has become.

"The statement does not look to be an imposition of a religious viewpoint, so it's hard to see what harm there would be to do that," Jordan says. "It's innocuous. What ninth-grader is going to say, 'Oh, there's another textbook I can look at?'"

He says he feels the decision should not be in the hands of a federal court.

"School boards and local groups should be able to set any policy they like, but it has to have consequences," he says. "When you have a majoritarian rule, people are going to make bad decisions. That's just a consequence of freedom."

Senior Kiri Wallace, a group leader for the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, was raised to believe in the six-day creation theory, but says she feels the scientific points are plausible.

Wallace says she likes the approach of Intelligent Design and would strongly support its inclusion in curricula.

"It's better to give students the freedom of

choice rather than blocking them from different options of thought," she says. "America was founded for religious freedom and it's gone from that extreme to the other."

Junior Laura Bauer wants to teach middle school science. She says she cannot incorporate religion in her lessons for public schools, but understands evolution is not for everybody.

"I do not feel that evolution should be forced on anyone, considering it is not a proven fact," Bauer says. "In my classroom, I would mention evolution because it is the scientific explanation for how everything came to be, but I would make sure to reassure the students that it is OK to follow their own beliefs."

Calvert says one side of the dispute should not be given more attention than the other.

"I think that we have to realize that when you ask the question where we come from, it's a question both science and religion address," he says. "I don't see why guys like Pat Robertson should be censored when there is a whole raft of evolutionary biologists who are not reluctant to say that anyone who is a fundamental Christian is stupid."

Branch says Robertson's comments aren't indicative of the views of most creationists.

"It is a mistake to take his attitude as representative of creationists' attitudes because it would be an underestimation of their political suaveness and strength," he says.

Junior Jon Osborn, treasurer of Campus Crusade for Christ, says he feels Robertson's comments are divisive and are not the opinion of the majority. He thinks the school board's statement is reasonable and feels the debate over evolution won't go away any time soon.

"Ultimately, one day, scientists will stand before God and explain how they didn't believe he was a creator," Osborn says. "People who do not believe, it's before them and God."

Wallace says people like Pat Robertson are extremely detrimental to the debate.

"He's representative of the extreme, which is not what we are pushing for," she says. "Students should be exposed to different theories without prophecies of doom and religious implications."

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I find the more I watch television comedies the more I become disenchanted with real life. Sitcoms are almost entirely lost on me anymore. With so many recycled and predictable jokes floating around, it's frustrating to know some individuals actually enjoy such bland humor. "Seinfeld" was one of the few comedies that could make the laugh-track work, while most insert entirely contrived and thoughtless jokes and rely on the laugh-track to peer pressure the viewer into laughing, or at least cracking a grin.

With sitcom writers giving their sense of humor an extended vacation, I constantly turn to cartoons to make me laugh in earnest. "Adult Swim," in all its absurdity, doesn't let me down if I can get into the right mood. "Aqua Teen Hunger Force," "The Brak Show," "Spaceghost" and "Harvey Birdman" are so ridiculous I cannot help but watch episode after episode.

Of course, there are some cartoons I cannot watch. I have my standards raised higher than many shows can reach, and although I might be able to point to the cause, it highlights an upsetting, almost sacrilegious, but nevertheless accurate observation: "The Simpsons" aren't funny anymore.

Many readers might sit back in revolt at such a statement, but I assert the challenge to truthfully sit and compare an episode from today to an episode from the third season. I too grew up with "The Simpsons," and I credit the show with expanding my idea of what creative humor could be.

However, like an athlete who lingers too long in a sport and finds himself on a steady decline of ability before quitting, "The Simpsons" have been on a downward slope for some time now.

Again, describing why something is funny requires extensive analysis, thoughtful reflection and various examples, which there is not space for now.

Today, there is one cartoon comedy I cannot get enough of — one that with every episode shocks me into once again singing its praises, and with every segment my expectations are raised for what other comedies could and should be. I avoid melodrama when I say this, because can any other show on television aspire to touch the level of humor that "Family Guy" is currently riding on?

It is the only show on TV that can infinitely proceed in directions we may have already seen, yet still find a way to insert comedy even the dedicated viewer would not be able to predict. This ability to be one step ahead keeps "Family Guy" well ahead of the pack, and where "Aqua Teen Hunger Force" supplies absurdity just for its own sake, "Family Guy" can do it in a way that injects clever social criticism throughout an

episode.

I find myself obsessed with each flashback, segued by "Remember the time," that sets up a joke you think you could predict the punchline to but makes you incorrect every time.

"Family Guy" is simply ahead of the times in terms of comedy. Most of society is still catching up with the daring humor the writers employ, and until then, the show leaves viewers in stitches. "Chappelle's Show" was close, but with the limits of real life, and the ability to only insert one or two skits between commercials, it didn't provide the non-stop onslaught of comedy "Family Guy" provides. "South Park" shocked America into thinking on a more vulgar level, while satirizing contemporary topics, making one not only laugh, but think as well.

"South Park" still has the ability to do all those things, and is still one of my personal favorites. Unlike "Family Guy," though, I don't plan ahead to set aside time to watch "South Park." I enjoy it when it's on, but watching "Family Guy" is almost a necessity these days. What it does that "South Park," and to a higher degree most other shows do not do, is always leave the viewer guessing as to what the next episode will be like.

An easy example is this: a recent episode opens in a cave in Afghanistan, with Osama Bin Laden taping a video, proclaiming death to Americans. Instead of maintaining his stern demeanor, he starts laughing mid-way through, and for the next three minutes, continuously mimics the behavior of so many DVD comedy outtakes.

Suddenly Stewie Griffin appears and disposes of Osama and his gang a la Indiana Jones/Yoda fighting techniques. Instead of progressing into the normal opening sequence and song, the intro turns into Stewie on his tricycle taking the place of the patrol car seen in the opening of the "Naked Gun" series. He raids a gay pride march, rides through a screen sequence from the videogame "Doom," then finds himself on a familiar street.

He then chases Homer Simpson into his garage like every opening to "The Simpsons," yet where the door normally swings open, Homer finds himself plastered to the front of it and slides down. Peter Griffin opens the door and looks down at Homer's unconscious body, asking, "Who the hell's that?"

Realistically, if "Family Guy" continues to eclipse other comedies in the way it currently does, we all might begin looking at them and asking the same thing.

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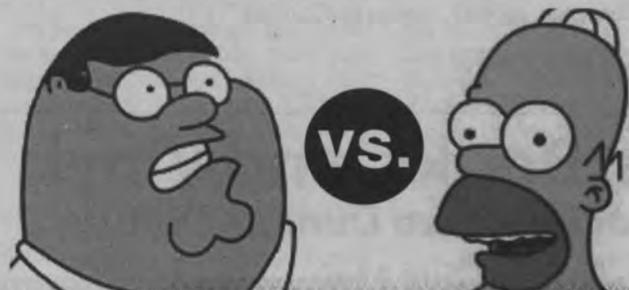


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PRICE OF FAME

Russell Crowe was sentenced to a conditional discharge after pleading guilty to third-degree assault, thesuperficial.com reports. What does this legality mean in English? Basically, Crowe cannot get arrested for one year and will have to pay a standard \$160 court surcharge.

Apparently, sexing your way to the top of the music industry wasn't enough for **Madonna**. Once she was there, she had to steal other people's music and pawn it off as her own, or at least try to plagerize the material. Madonna has lost a plagiarism case against Belgian songwriter **Salvatore Acquaviva**, thesuperficial.com reports. Acquaviva claims the 1998 hit "Frozen" took musical concepts from his Belgian song, "Ma Vie Fout L'camp." Considering you can't do that without the prior oral, written or expressed consent of the artist, and even then you have to credit the artist and pay royalties, Madonna obviously broke the law. The judges ruling: "Madonna must withdraw from sales of all remaining disks, and TV and radio can no longer play 'Frozen,'" Acquaviva's lawyer, Victor-Vincent Dehin, says.

Kirstie Alley was quoted saying some outlandish things, reports thesuperficial.com. Alley claims to have not had sex for four years — desperately pining to sleep with a widower who has children. "I want a man who loves his wife desperately and she just died a couple of years ago. So he's had enough time to get over her, but he's got the kids. And he wants a great stepmother. I thought I was too fat to have sex. I'm not kidding. There's no way I would ever have had sex when I was really fat. I would have just died. I turned men down, saying, 'Look I'm too fat. Don't bother me now. When I'm skinny again maybe we'll talk about it.' I once spent three days in bed because I felt that I was so fat, old and ugly and thought I was never going to work again," Alley says.

Supposedly a pre-nup between **Brad Pitt** and **Angelina Jolie** centers on Pitt's visitation rights for Jolie's two adopted children.

26-year-old **Kimberly Stewart** is now engaged to 19-year-old **Talan Torriero** from "Laguna Beach."

Orlando Bloom is being sued by his former management company for neglecting to pay \$660,000 in commission, BBC News reports.

The Associated Press reports **Michael Jackson** caused a commotion entering the ladies bathroom at a mall in the United Arab Emirates. Shocking? We think not.

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Gemini

(May 22 - June 21)

Oh, the Gemini. Two faces of the same coin. There is no horoscope for you this month. Just sit back, relax and enjoy the turkey. Don't forget to get two helpings of stuffing. Maybe get out that diet book a little early because Christmas isn't going to treat your waistline any better.

Cancer

(June 22 - July 22)

Oh, you're splendid. You are better than Splenda, actually. Send a fruit basket to yourself at work. Others will take notice, realizing how truly amazing you are. In turn, you will probably find more fruit baskets coming your way. Now that's yielding the fruits of your labor, literally.

Leo

(July 23 - Aug. 21)

You're hot. Contain yourself because you just might get arrested for looking so good. Unfortunately, it's getting colder by the day, so you will have to find new ways to be seductive and scandalous. Think hard — and when in doubt, less is always more!

Virgo

(Aug. 22 - Sept. 23)

Your friends should pay to hang out with you. You are just that cool. Starting tomorrow, you will charge each of your friends a quarter a day to hang out with you. Stay on top of them, though. If five friends pay for a year's worth of your company, you will make a sly profit of \$456.25. Now that's money!

Libra

(Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

Put that Webster's dictionary down and pick up an interesting magazine. Gals, grab a fireman's calendar or something. Stop being bland. You have creative juices flowing within you. Get an early start and unleash them this holiday season so they're roaring by summer.

Scorpio

(Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

You are like lox on a bagel. A true delicacy. Toasted or untoasted: that is the question. Actually, what flavor bagel and spread to share with you is the true question. Find the right spread to get toasty as the elements change. You're a delicacy, remember, so you'll have a lot of options. Choose the right one.

Sagittarius

(Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)

Thanksgiving is going to treat you well this year. Mom has made your favorite souffle and dad's got some of your favorite scotch. So go home a day early this year and thank mom and dad for loving you so tenderly. Bake them a pumpkin pie in return.

Capricorn

(Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)

Steal a moment for yourself. You deserve it. Go to Blockbuster and rent "Planes, Trains and Automobiles." Actually, rent any comedy you darn well please. Bring the movies back a week late. You have certainly earned a respite from society's formalities.

Aquarius

(Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

Forget the fish sticks. You deserve the escargot. Get some overpriced crackers from the pretentious delicatessen around the corner and spread the finest caviar on real thick. When the crackers crumble, falling to the floor, don't sweat it. The maid will be by shortly to sweep them up.

Pisces

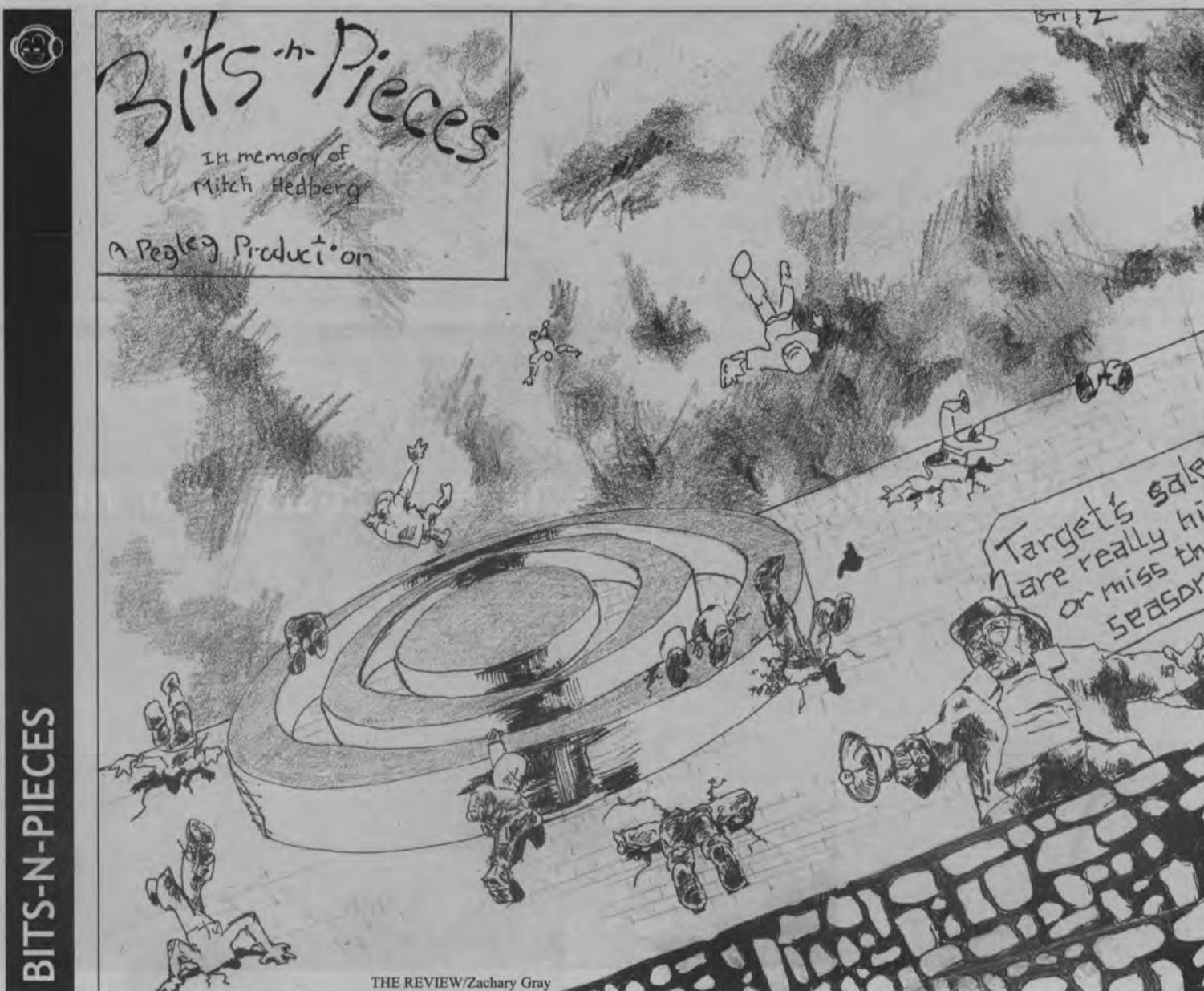
(Feb. 20 - March 20)

You're purer than filtered water, kiddo. You are as pristine as the Montana skyline or an Arizona sunset! Break a rule or two, but only this week. The astrological powers that be have turned their heads for a while. So run that red light. We won't tell.

Aries

(March 21 - April 20)

You need to visit the local grocery store. Indulge. Feed your biggest cravings. You have had a hankering for some goodies, but haven't had the knackis to get them. Make yourself a can of that alphabet soup you've had a hankering for. Shut the door. Mmmm...enjoy.



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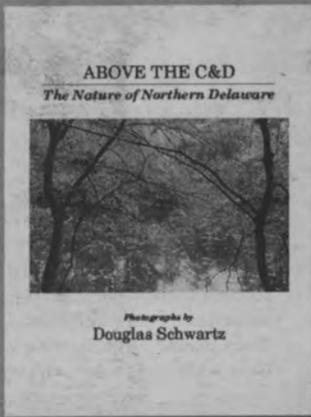
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BY STEVE RUSSOLILLO

Sports Editor

VILLANOVA, Pa. — Fans have become accustomed to the Delaware-Villanova rivalry, consisting of Division I-AA powerhouses who battle it out for the Atlantic 10 title each year.

Saturday, on the other hand, featured the polar opposite as both teams concluded their 2005 seasons playing for pride and not play-offs.

Behind the outstanding play of senior quarterback Sonny Riccio, the Hens (6-5, 3-5 A-10) avoided a losing season and a last place finish by defeating the Wildcats 38-13 in front of 9,611 fans at Villanova Stadium.

Delaware's second consecutive win propelled its record above .500 for the 17th time in the last 18 seasons, while Villanova (4-7, 2-6 A-10) finished in last place for the first time since 1995.

Riccio had another mistake-free game throwing the ball, but it was his rushing game that opened everybody's eyes during his final collegiate game. He ran for a career-high 90 yards on 14 carries and became only the second quarterback in Delaware history to run for four touchdowns in one game.

"He's an absolute warrior," fourth-year head coach K.C. Keeler said. "I thought he stepped up big."

In a season which Delaware will be remembered for a sub par record, numerous injuries and the domination of sophomore running back Omar Cuff, Riccio flew under the radar for virtually the entire year.

Riccio finished the 2005 season with more than 1,800 passing yards, 13 touchdowns and five interceptions. He did not throw a pick in eight of the 11 games this season and ended with a 55.4 completion percentage.

Not only was he efficient through the air, Riccio was a force on the ground, rushing for 413 yards and seven touchdowns.

While his passing numbers were not

mind-boggling, he continued to be a steady and consistent force in an offense that focused more on its running game. He never seemed distracted by the injuries that decimated his receiving unit. Riccio completed 11 of 19 passes for 128 yards Saturday, but more impressively, he spread the wealth by completing passes to seven different receivers.

The Hens wasted no time grabbing the lead against the Wildcats. Delaware marched 74 yards in 11 plays off the opening kick and took the lead when Cuff scored his 18th touchdown of the season.

Cuff tried to pound the ball up the middle, but he ran into a plethora of Villanova defenders and switched his direction at the last possible second to scamper into the end zone for a three-yard touchdown.

"We got the ball, got a drive and got seven on the board right away," Keeler said. "I think running the ball at them was the key thing and it really established the tempo of the game."

Delaware has struggled with getting off to a good start throughout the season. Saturday marked only the third first quarter touchdown of the season. Riccio made his presence felt during the drive with separate rushes of 14, 24 and 11 yards.

With the score tied at seven early in the second quarter and the ball deep in Villanova's zone, Riccio ran an option route to his left. As the defense collapsed on Cuff, Riccio tucked the ball and scampered 23 yards into the end zone for his first touchdown of the game.

"We were coming into the game thinking run first," Riccio said. "The option worked out great today. We did a good job of running it, executing it and hitting it at full speed."

Behind Riccio and Cuff, the Hens ran all over Villanova for 228 rushing yards. Cuff rushed for 125 yards and one touchdown,



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Delaware sophomore offensive lineman Mike Byrne celebrates after a Hens touchdown.

including a 54-yard burst late in the fourth quarter to help seal the victory. Saturday marked the seventh time this season Cuff ran for more than 100 yards.

The Hens took advantage of Villanova's mistakes on offense and special teams to take control of the game. Villanova botched a punt snap in the first half and committed three turnovers in the second half, which led to Riccio's three additional touchdown runs.

"We knew we had to run the ball right at them or we'd have some problems today,"

Keeler said. "I thought we threw the ball enough to keep them honest, but the reality was we needed to run the ball today."

Delaware finished the season on a two game winning streak, with impressive road victories over William & Mary and the Wildcats.

"It was a great defensive effort," Keeler said. "We played two pretty high-powered offenses the last two weeks and our defense really stepped up and they've gotten better."

A season of growing pains

BY KATE DIEFFENBACH

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VILLANOVA, Pa.- The 2005 football season could be termed a disappointment considering the Hens began the season ranked No. 5 and were crowned Atlantic 10 co-champs the previous two years, including winning a national title in 2003.

But a 38-13 win at Villanova Saturday saved the Hens from what would have been the ninth losing season for Delaware football since 1940.

Delaware's 11 seniors ended their collegiate careers with an overall career record of 36-16 and an A-10 record of 22-12, including three wins over arch rival Villanova.

Saturday was the best K.C. Keeler's squad looked all season. The defense shut down the high-powered Villanova offense, holding them to only 262 total yards. Senior quarterback Sonny Riccio led the offense by showing his maturity and confidence in reading the defense and running the ball when gaps opened.

The Hens suffered from inconsistency due to younger players having to fill the shoes of their injured teammates all season. Despite losing their top four receiving targets to injury, Riccio and Keeler had

faith in their young receivers.

"We have four of the best receivers in the country coming back and we have none of them playing for us right now," Keeler said. "And here's a kid who never said a word about it and just went out there and competed."

The season looked bright at the start when the Hens raked in three wins over non-conference opponents, including a talented Lehigh squad. A three-game losing streak, including a last minute loss at Towson, a low-scoring fall to Hofstra on a muddy Homecoming and a "home game" loss at Richmond began Delaware's downward spiral.

Delaware showed poise in a 34-28 victory over defending National Champion James Madison Oct. 22 before dropping consecutive games to Maine and No. 8 Massachusetts, which dashing any lingering playoff hopes.

The Hens' vibrant start dwindled even further when they found themselves at 4-5 with two road games remaining and only pride to play for.

"When we were 4-5 the only thing we talked about was trying to finish the season off the right way," Keeler said. "Emotionally I thought we were

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Junior Rashaad Woodard sprints down-field in the Hens' victory.

Morning glory: a day in the life of crew

BY NICK CAPOZZI

Staff Reporter

It's just another rainy Tuesday as five college students are rolling down I-95 in junior John Kindelan's Dodge Intrepid blasting Dane Cook's CD "Retaliation." But no one laughs. No one stirs. Dread hangs heavy over their hearts.

Sophomore Matt "Chief" Larkin is plastered against the back driver's side window motionless. Junior Tom Fox sighs and stares out the fogged-up passenger-side window. The mesmerizing swish of the windshield wipers provides background music to Dane Cook's jokes.

Kindelan turns onto U.S. Route 13, drives into the parking lot and turns off his car. They gather their senses, stretch and step out into a world of puddles, wind and rain.

It's 5:50 a.m. and crew practice is about to start.

The morning is awash in madness. People are coming and going inside the Wilmington Youth Rowing Association building. Bodies move in all directions beneath a sheet of rain, walking in and out of the boat bay, putting together the boats or shells.

Junior coxswain Evelyn Lemmons shouts, "Lift the stern. Carry it straight out. Watch your head John."

Kindelan ducks just in time as the stern sails over his head. Coxswains are shouting orders, coaches are assigning seats, and boats are carried back and forth. In a matter of minutes seven eight-man boats are set up on the Christina River and no one misses a beat.

The sun is still asleep as coach Chuck Crawford pushes off the dock with his motorized launch. He zips up his jacket and grabs his megaphone. The rain keeps pouring and the temperatures are at their wintry worst. The air is liquid ice.

"The river's beautiful, it's like glass," Crawford says. "The rain keeps the waters flat."

He speeds up to each boat, shouting orders. Eight men sit in each shell, oars in hand, breathing synchronized heavy clouds into the bitter air and forming a kind of choreographed dance.

"Feel the rhythm of the boat," Crawford yells into the microphone.

They pull and Crawford watches each flick of the oar, each tip of the boat. He has coached and trained men's crew for more than 23 years. He started Delaware's club crew team in 1991, but left to coach crew at Saint Joe's Preparatory School in Philadelphia in 1996. He returned to the university three years later.

"When I came back in 1999 we had less than 26 students on the team," he said. "Right now we have over 100."

Crawford explains that the past few years have been leaps and bounds for Delaware's rowing program. The varsity Heavyweight Eight has been propelled to the forefront of serious competition.

He says the heavyweights would rank among the top 35 in the country and, within the next five years, Crawford hopes to improve to somewhere in the top 15. Delaware's varsity Lightweight Eight boat is one of the top competitors in the coun-

try, ranked among the top 10.

"What other sport in this school has a team ranked in the top 10 in the nation?" Crawford asks rhetorically.

Regardless of the men's crew team's merit, its school funding and support remains weak.

"The school gives us \$10,000 a year," Crawford says. "Most competitive rowing organizations use close to \$500,000 a year for traveling, equipment and racing."

Assistant coach Vince Puma and Crawford fund most of the team's equipment and help support the team as best they can, but the students often have to buy their own entry fees and hotel accommodations. The women's crew team has better funding because it is considered a varsity sport. The men's team is a club sport.

"I pretty much volunteer my time," Crawford says. "The university doesn't pay me."

The university doesn't pay any of the coaches. They also don't give any scholarships. Crawford even had to buy a few of the boats himself.

"I'm holding them until the club team has enough money to pay us back," Crawford says.

Crawford is quick to shift the focus back to the team as he compares the men to track runners.

"They're a different kind of fit, we like 'em lean and mean," Crawford says. "Take a football team out here, they may pull harder the first hundred feet but they'd lose power fast."

The boats have all rowed a few miles down the river as the rains lighten and the approach of daylight creeps along the horizon. Crawford gives the orders to speed back to the boat house. They pull harder and Crawford follows with a watchful eye; he knows the inner workings of crew first-hand.

"I was the one of the last kids cut from the football team and one of the last kids cut from the basketball team and I wanted to be involved in a sport," Crawford says. "So I went for crew."

Crawford made the crew team. He competed on a high school, intercollegiate and won a gold medal at an international level in the lightweight category and was an international junior medalist.

The boats begin to dock one-by-one and the seven mile journey is over. The rowers crawl onto the land and the frenzied action churns up once more.

"We've got a great group of young ability and we're only going to get better," Chuck says, supervising the cleanup. "These guys deserve a lot of credit."

It's 7:30 a.m. and the rest of the world is waking up. But for Chuck and the crew team the day is well under way.

All five crew members trudge back into John's car. They are soaked through their clothes. They shiver, throw their soggy schoolbags in the trunk and plop down in their seats exhausted. They get back onto I-95 just in time for rush hour. The heat is at full blast and there are hats, sweaters and shirts sitting on the dashboard drying. Dane Cook plays louder on the way back.

Tom punches the back of junior passenger Chris Czech's chair. John tells Tom to stop or they will bring him back to the circus.

The crew team gets back on campus just in time to get ready and head to class. They all gather their wet, freezing clothes and rub their aching muscles. They head out for the day and try to keep awake through philosophy and history classes. It is, after all, only Tuesday. Thursday's forecast calls for morning practice with a chance of freezing cold rain.



courtesy of Tom Fox

Crew coach Chuck Crawford's varsity Heavyweight Eight during practice on the Christina River.

The process of scheduling football's opponents

BY MATT JANUS

Staff Reporter

As the Delaware football team finished its disappointing 2005 season Saturday, many fans were already turning their attention toward the future. Who will be the starting quarterback, and how much all the young players will improve are questions that won't be answered until at least spring practice. But who the Hens will play through 2009 is already known.

Athletic Director Edgar Johnson, the man responsible for putting together the football schedule, says it is a much more difficult task than many fans realize, especially after Delaware won a national championship in 2003.

"After you win a championship no one wants to play you," Johnson said. "No matter how many times you call them or what you offer them, they just don't want any part of you."

Every year the Hens have to play eight Atlantic 10 games. From there, it is Johnson's responsibility to fill out the remainder of the schedule. Some years call for three non-conference opponents, others for four, depending on whether the NCAA allows 11 or 12 games that season.

Either way, Johnson said the best way to make the schedule is to get the contracts signed as far in advance as possible.

"We try and lock our schedule down because that way if any changes need to be made because of conferences or anything we have everything else taken care of and can focus on that," Johnson said. "Plus it takes two teams to agree before a contract to play each other can be signed."

"The further in advance two schools' athletic directors start talking, the easier it will be to get a deal done."

The difficulty is not locking yourself in too far down the line.

"I remember one time in the late '80s we had a schedule that went out 15 years," Johnson said. "We realized we were scheduling games for kids who, at the time, were still in diapers. That's a little too far, so now we try and keep it around five to seven years."

One school that has been on the schedule every year since 1967 is West Chester.

"The West Chester game is a local rivalry that we play every year for several reasons," Johnson said. "They bring a lot of fans down so it fills the place up, a lot of people love their band and it's become almost a tradition to play them here every year."

The other two or three opponents are determined based on a myriad of factors, first of which is whether Delaware will play a Division I-A school.

According to Johnson, Delaware's decision on whether to move up a level to face an opponent is based on factors different than most other I-AA schools.

"We want to only play I-A teams for competitive reasons not financial reasons," Johnson said. "Other schools have to play a I-A team to balance the budget, but we don't."

The reason a game against a I-A school could help "balance the budget" is because larger schools will pay easily beatable smaller schools big time money just to play at their stadium once.

Delaware will play two I-A schools in the foreseeable future: Navy in 2007 and 2009 and Maryland in 2008.

"Navy is a great atmosphere for our players and our fans to experience with the flyovers, the cadets and all of the

pageantry," Johnson said. "Maryland is a neighboring school which our fans can travel to and can provide an unbelievable atmosphere for our athletes to soak in."

The Maryland game serves as an excellent example of the role K.C. Keeler plays in the scheduling process.

When Johnson was approached by Maryland school officials, he said he would be interested, but wanted to see what Keeler thought about the opportunity before signing anything.

The two sat down and agreed it would be an excellent opportunity.

Johnson said Keeler is not unlike former Hen coach Tubby Raymond with regard to scheduling.

"Tubby and K.C. wanted to be consulted with during the process, but neither wanted to take a hands-on role," Johnson says.

With the remainder of the slots Johnson tries to find I-AA opponents willing to come to Newark.

"If we are going to play a I-A school, between them and our Atlantic 10 slate we have more than enough serious challenges," Johnson said. "We look more for schools that are just willing to come here and don't want a return date."

Keeler said even when his school doesn't play a I-A school like this year and next, Johnson still finds a way to challenge his team.

"I like to know where we are in the process, but I leave all the negotiating to the administration," Keeler said. "I want to be able to focus on who we are playing, not on figuring out who we are going to play."

"We played the seventh toughest schedule in the nation this year," Keeler said. "We like to face a challenge every time out, and (Johnson) does a good job of that."

Women's basketball nets first two wins

BY TIM VITEZ

Staff Reporter

The Delaware women's basketball team prefaces each game with the reciting of the "Our Father."

Subsequently, engrossed with excitement, the girls bellow a deafening chant of "UD Hoop Squad" before they burst onto the floor.

The pre-game rituals have proven effective as the Hens have started the season 2-0, winning both games in a decisive fashion.

Friday night at the Bob Carpenter Center, the Hens routed non-league opponent Massachusetts (2-1) 71-44.

The next day, the women traveled to Washington D.C., thumping American University (0-2) 64-38 in another non-league bout.

Last year the Hens captured the Colonial Athletic Association regular season championship. Finishing 25-6, Delaware went on to compete in the women's National Invitational Tournament for the third time in the last five years.

Junior guard Alena Koshansky, who recorded 14 points in the win over The Minutewomen, and four assists in the win over American, commented on the team's aspirations for the season.

"Our goals for this year are to win the CAA tournament and to advance to the post season," Koshansky said. "We also want to be undefeated at home. We take pride protecting our home court."

Koshansky continued, acknowledging just how good of a conference the CAA actually is.

"Old Dominion is always a tough team," Koshansky said. "[James Madison] and Drexel will also be good. Regardless of who we play, every game is a battle. We've got to put our best effort forward."

In the season opener against Massachusetts, the Hens shot 52.7 percent from the field, connecting on 29 of 55 shots.

As the first half came to a close a spark ignited in Delaware and it began to break open a previously close game.

Leading by only two points with roughly eight minutes left in the first half, the Hens began to turn it on.

Inspired by an 8-0 run, which included a 3-ball from Koshansky, the Hens started to run away, closing the half with a 31-15 lead.

The Minutewomen could not eclipse the deficit, allowing the Hens to win easily.

Massachusetts never got within 13 points of the Hens throughout the entire second half.

A similar performance was boasted against American.

The Hens held American scoreless throughout the first five minutes of play.

Refusing to look back, Delaware found itself up 28-16 at the half. The Eagles went just five of 26 from the floor in the second half, allowing the Hens to win comfortably.

With the two victories, head coach Tina Martin improved to 168-96 overall in her 10-year career at the university.

Martin noted that although the two wins to open the season were impressive, there is still a long way to go.

"Obviously, yeah, I was pleased with our performance," Martin said. "We shared the ball really well and our defense really came together. It is, however, a long year."

Martin acknowledged what the team would need to improve if it wanted to continue to achieve success this season.

"We are not as big as we were in the past," Martin said. "This group has so many question marks. We need to continue to rebound the ball as a team. I want our team to play consistently. We need to take it one game at a time and improve with each appearance we make on the court."

Tomorrow night, the Hens take the court against LaSalle at home in the Bob Carpenter Center at 7 p.m.



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Freshman guard Ethlyne Thomas shoots a jumper in the Hens' victory over UMass.

COMMENTARY



DAN MEASURE

Cornucopia of thanks

other Colonial Athletic Association foes. Be thankful for Tyresa Smith's jump shot, which goes down smoother than grandma's sweet potatoes.

Pass on the men's soccer team, just like one might pass on a crazy aunt's Thanksgiving coleslaw. Sorry, but maybe next year with a new cook in the kitchen it will be worth a try. The right ingredients are there for a stellar dish. Just a few more changes and it should be ready to chomp down.

Be thankful for the men's club ice hockey team. Sure it may not be as well-known in the Delaware sports world, but lets give credit where it is due. The Division-I team is currently ranked No. 13 in the American Collegiate Hockey Association, with a 10-7 record. Its defense has a reputation of stuffing opponents, and with goalies Jim Depfer and Mike Verdi between the pipes contorting their bodies like string-beans to stop the biscuit, the club hockey team is an exciting contender this season.

So let's not mourn the lack of playoff football this month. Let's enjoy the sports smorgasbord set in front of us, and be thankful for what we do have.

With that there's nothing left to say besides... Good sports, good meat, good God let's eat.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

	Tuesday 11/22	Wednesday 11/23	Thursday 11/24	Friday 11/25	Saturday 11/26	Sunday 11/27	Monday 11/28
Men's Basketball					@ Marist 7:30 p.m.		
Women's Basketball	@ Georgia St. 7 p.m.	vs. LaSalle 7 p.m.				@ Boston 1 p.m.	

Hens look promising for 2006

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pretty charged up to send the seniors out the right way."

One reason for the Hens' rollercoaster season could be attributed to the inconsistency and inexperience of the defense. Seniors John Mulhern and I-AA pre-season first team All-American Tom Parks spearheaded Delaware's defensive efforts and acted as mentors to their younger counterparts.

Mulhern, a linebacker, recorded 97 tackles and 3.5 sacks while Parks, a defensive lineman, added 31 tackles and five sacks.

However, it was a long season for the young secondary which lost standout defensive backs Dave Camburn and Sidney Haugabrook to graduation. Senior Roger Brown missed the final eight games of the season due to a sports hernia. That left juniors Rashaad Woodard and Kyle Campbell as the only defensive backs with collegiate experience. Junior Nicos Chavis and freshmen Aaron Hicks and twins Rafiq and Jahiri Gunthorpe were all called upon to step up in the backfield.

Although Hicks started at three different positions this season as a true freshman, he has found his niche in the strong safety position. Because young players were forced to step up and perform, it will give the Hens the luxury of returning eight starters in the secondary next season.

"All year everybody has been talking about how young our defense is," Mulhern said. "Well, they got 11 games under their belt now, so they're not young anymore."

Another bright spot for the Delaware future is sophomore running back Omar Cuff who finished the

season with 1,205 rushing yards including 14 touchdowns. Cuff also led the team through the air with 414 receiving yards and four touchdowns.

He set a school record when he scored five touchdowns against Lehigh in the first game of the season. He also led the A-10 in scoring and was honored as an All-American candidate and a finalist for the Walter Payton Award given to the top offensive player in NCAA I-AA.

Although he was originally recruited as a defensive back, Cuff's speed and ability to hit holes with quickness could be deadly for opposing defenses in 2006.

Freshman receiver and punt returner Aaron Love as well as freshmen Armand Cauthen and Kervin Michaud stepped up to replace receivers David Boler, Brian Ingram, Justin Long and Joe Bleymaier. Boler and Long never saw action, as Boler tore knee ligaments in the pre-season and Long was suspended from the university. Bleymaier and Ingram each suffered season-ending injuries mid-year.

Love led the young trio with 24 catches and two touchdowns.

"Those receivers are good," Riccio said. "They are going to be great in a year or two and it's going to be fun looking back and watching them."

With returning talent and experience, Keeler has a lot to work with for the 2006 campaign. The Hens showed maturity in beating two of the historically premier teams in the A-10 to round out the season and gain momentum for next year.

"It was a great way to finish the season, a winning season," Keeler said. "With all the young guys we have coming back, I think it is a really nice springboard for us into winter workouts."

HEN PECKINGS

The men's basketball team won its first two games of the season before falling to host North Carolina State 73-57 Sunday, in the final round of the Hispanic College Fund Classic at the RBC Center. Senior forward Harding Nana led Delaware with a team-high 14 points and 16 rebounds and senior guard Rulon Washington scored 13 points. Delaware was unable to find a rhythm all game long, as they shot 30 percent from the field. The Hens defeated The Citadel Friday and Stetson on Saturday to reach the final round of the tournament.

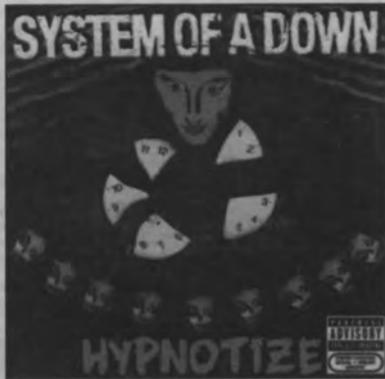
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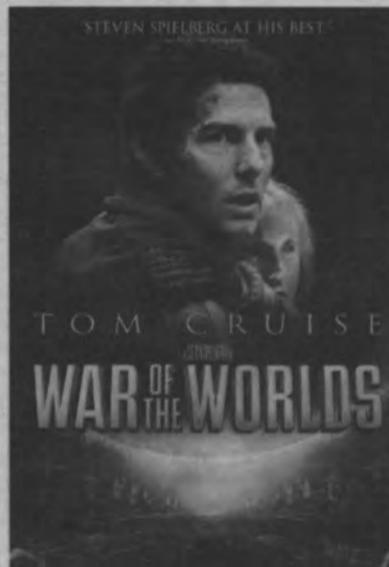
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