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“Frankly, I dont believe you”

Certain faculty members skeptical over graduate college at town hall

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Investigative Editor

In an attempt to listen to and address concerns regarding the administration's plan to create a new academic college for graduate education, Interim Provost Robin Morgan held a town hall forum prior to the beginning of spring break.

Almost 40 people showed up to the town hall and gave comments or asked questions about the proposed college. Significant concerns included the lack of a finalized plan for funding and administering the new college, curiosity about the apparent urgency of creating the new entity and questions about the necessity of establishing an entire college to achieve the goals laid out by Morgan.

At least one faculty member who attended the town hall expressed disbelief over the authenticity of the administrations intentions, suggesting that they wish to create a top-down power structure where the administration consolidates control over graduate education.

The university announced in November that it plans to name the proposed graduate college after Stuart and Suzanne Grant,



Interim Provost Robin Morgan held two public town halls recently, aiming to gather feedback on the creation of a graduate college.

who have collectively pledged \$10 million to the project. The Review previously reported in March that Stuart Grant has brought a lawsuit against a former partner at his law firm, Reuben Guttman, claiming that the partner stole a client when he left the firm. In a motion to dismiss the lawsuit Guttman claims one of the reasons he left the firm was that Grant had sexually harassed female associates at his law firm.

When asked at the town hall whether the alleged sexual harass-

ment claims factored into their decision to name the college, the university declined to comment.

The \$10 million that the Grants pledged to the formation of the graduate college remain included in the tentative financial plan that Morgan presented. The gifts will be given in \$2 million increments over five years and will be treated as an endowment for the college.

Several faculty members who attended questioned Morgan on the perceived urgency of creating the graduate college and whether

that urgency is tied to the Grants' gift. The university plans for the college to be formally established by Jan. 1, 2018.

"There seems to be some urgency for creating a college but yet there is going to be no details," Deni Galileo, a professor in the Department of Biological Sciences at the university and current president of the university's chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP), said.

Morgan responded that the sense of urgency was because it

was important for the university to broadcast its focus on graduate education.

"I think it is urgent," Morgan said. "We are creating a graduate college because we need one."

Galileo also openly wondered if there are conditions the university must fulfill with the graduate college in order to receive the \$2 million incremental gift from the Grants each year.

"Are there other strings that are attached?" Galileo asked.

Morgan was noncommittal about what, if any, conditions might be attached to the Grants' money. She told The Review that she did not have any information on the matter.

The urgency surrounding the proposed graduate college means the university Faculty Senate will vote on the resolution at their meeting in May. At present, the plan for funding and governing the graduate college remains fluid and is meant to inform the faculty what the administration expects the project to cost.

"It is not a final plan by any means," Morgan said. "So your input is welcome."

The absence of a concrete plan indicates that the numbers and

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Meet the G.O.P. candidate for U.S. Senate: Gene Truono

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While incumbent Democratic Sen. Tom Carper and Kerri Harris, a political newcomer hailing from Dover, Del., battle it out for the Democratic Party's nomination for U.S. Senate, the winner of that primary, which takes place on Thursday, Sept. 6, will have a Republican opponent in November.

Gene Truono, a university alumnus and a former PayPal executive from Wilmington, announced his candidacy on Feb. 20. His original primary opponent, Chuck Boyce, dropped out on March 1 due to personal health issues. As of now, no other Republican candidate has entered the race. The deadline to announce a candidacy is July 10.

"I spent thirty years in the financial services industry and I saw first-hand how Congress doesn't understand how business works," Truono said. "I have a lot of great ideas on how we can simplify regulations and help the consumer at the same time as opposed to creating more burdensome regulations."

Truono started off his career at Wilmington Trust Company as an attorney. He then moved to New York to work for J.P. Morgan as a regulatory compliance officer. He is running as a "constitutionalist" and believes partisanship is not the best way to govern.

"When I don't agree with something, I'm not just going to go along with the party line," he said. "What I think we should be doing in Washington is articulate position and point of view when developing policy."

Truono addressed some very

important issues that matter to students, such as immigration and the future of "Dreamers."

"Part of the problem with illegal immigration is that we still have not a secure border and I would firmly support the [Trump] administration's position on securing the border, increasing and enhance border security, ending chain migration and changing the visa lottery system to a merit-based system; and exchange for that, what the [Trump] administration has proposed it to allow for Dreamers to have a path for citizenship and that is one that I would support," he said.

Truono also addressed the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which was recently passed by Republicans and signed by President Donald Trump last December. The bill would not make interest on student loans tax deductible and Truono agreed with that portion of the bill as well.

"Special interests and every group want to have their deduction for something or other," he said. "I believe we should have a clean, simple tax code, which allows for a lower tax rate for all ... but other loans aren't tax deductible, why would we make student loans tax deductible?"

When asked about gun policy, Truono said he does not support banning AR-15s, the same weapon that killed 17 students on Feb. 14 at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla. He does, however, support gun safety and banning augmentations that make certain weapons automatic.

"I am a constitutionalist, we have a Second Amendment, I don't believe that banning weapons is the solution to the problem," he

said. "With the issue in Florida, I think we have now been able to clearly ascertain that this individual's troubled and there was a breakdown in the system."

Instead, Truono believes in focusing on individuals' well-being, not the weapons of choice.

"We need to focus on mental health in this country ... if he had a handgun, he still could have killed people, if he had a truck and drove it into the parking lot when they were coming out of school he could have killed people, he could have even strapped a bomb to his backpack," he argued.

He also does not support raising the minimum age to buying a firearm to 21, but understands there are valid arguments for raising it.

"If I enlist in the army, and I learn how to use a weapon, whatever kind of weapon it is, and then I come disabled at 19, and you're going to take away my gun? How is that fair? How does that align with the Constitution?" he pointed out.

Another issue addressed was criminal justice reform, specifically, with marijuana. In January, Attorney General Jeff Sessions rescinded the Cole Memo, which prevented federal district attorneys from prosecuting marijuana business owners and users who are abiding by state laws where it is legal. Truono stated that he supports ending federal prohibition and allowing states to decide the laws with marijuana regulations.

"The issue that we need to implement is to remove marijuana as a Schedule 1 substance for those states that have changed the law to legalize even recreational mari-

juana, and the reason why that is is because states' rights are supreme to the federal government ... but I do not have a problem with recreational or medical marijuana," he said.

While Truono is a conservative and looks forward to working with both sides of the aisle in Washington, there is one thing about him that is not universally popular with his party: he is gay and happily married to his husband. If elected, it would make him the first openly gay Republican elected to office in Delaware.

"It's 2018 and we have moved past that," Stephen McGuire, Trono's campaign manager and university alumnus said. "I spent fourteen years in the army and someone's sexuality was never a problem because they put their

uniform on and went to work every day, and that is exactly what Gene will do when he is elected."

Emily Taylor, the vice chairman of the Delaware Republican Party and another university alumna, agrees with McGuire.

"At the end of the day, the message at the core of Gene's campaign is strong national defense, responsible government and a growing economy that mirrors the beliefs of all Delaware citizens," Taylor said. "That's what the 2018 campaign is about, and why Gene is one of a long list of strong Delaware Republican candidates this year."

The primary election will be held on Thursday, Sept. 6 and the general election will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 6.



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University alumnus Gene Truono plans to bring a blend of conservative economics and social stances from the right and left to his race for the U.S. Senate.

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| Miles Brown on the string bass, Gore Recital Hall, 8 p.m. | It's On Us, Greek Day of Action, Trabant and Perkins, 12 p.m. | Lerner MBA and Master's programs open house, Trabant University Center, 6 p.m. | Pitch Perfect 3 film viewing, Trabant Theater, 8 p.m. | Pitch Perfect 3 film viewing, Trabant Theater, 8 p.m. | UD Ballroom Dance Team public classes: Cha Cha,St. Thomas Episcopal Parish, Main Hall, 7:15 p.m. | vvUD Senior Portrait Sessions, Perkins Student Center, Williamson Room, 10 a.m. |
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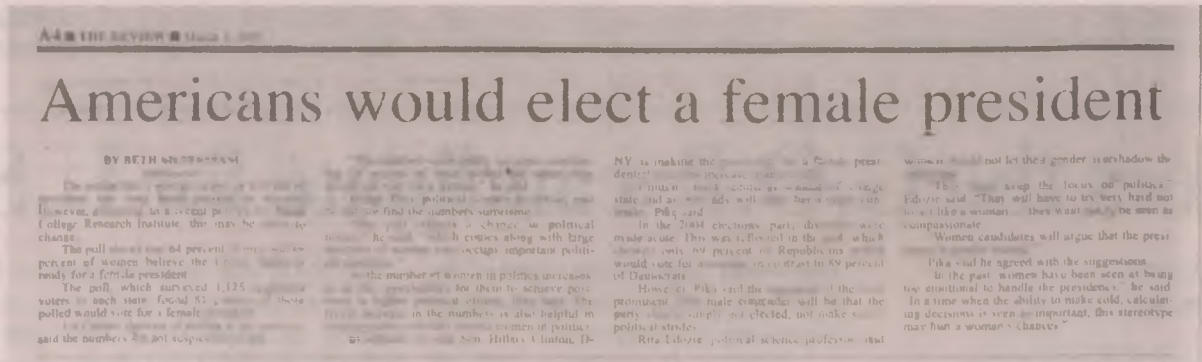
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University behind schedule on ambitious 10-year Climate Action Plan

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Almost a decade after the launch of its Climate Action Plan, the university's greenhouse gas emissions have been reduced by 5.9 percent — a figure more than 70 percent short of its goal of 20 percent carbon reduction by 2020. The 2008 senior class gift funded the establishment of the Carbon Footprint Initiative, which kick-started a wave of community efforts to raise awareness about the collective impact that the university's campus emissions have on the local environment, and what that means for global warming. The Initiative was the "first-ever effort to identify, in a systematic manner, actions to reduce our carbon footprint," according to the Climate Action Plan. It compiled a comprehensive carbon inventory of the campus.

The research and experimentation conducted by the Initiative set a baseline for the university to learn how and where the school releases emissions, how much exactly it was emitting and precisely which greenhouse gases it was emitting.

"Emissions from activities related to the operation of buildings and the activities conducted within them are the primary source of University CO2 emissions," the Climate Action Plan said. "Building emissions at the University of Delaware are a result of many different processes and powered by burning a variety of carbon based fossil fuels ... the inventory portion of the carbon footprint project revealed opportunities for improving energy use practices and technology at the University."

Patrick T. Harker, a former uni-

versity president, used Earth Day in 2009 to officially act on these opportunities for improving campus sustainability. He announced to a packed crowd in the Perkins Student Center that the university was henceforth going to be making huge strides to go green.

Harker set in stone ambitious long-term goal to attain carbon neutrality and shrink the university's carbon footprint by 20 percent by 2020. The plan — which was at the time the most aggressive commitment by any university or college in the world, according to John Byrne, director of UD's Center for Energy and Environmental Policy — also set other interim benchmarks for campus emissions that included reductions of five percent by 2013 and 10 percent by 2015, compared to the 2008 carbon levels measured by the Initiative. The end goal is to hopefully reach complete carbon-neutrality by 2050.

"At the time, I was in graduate school all the way in Australia, and even I heard about it," Michelle Bennett, the university's sustainability manager said. Bennett's position was introduced as a Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) objective to hire leaders who could demonstrate the school's intent to effectively pursue a "green buildings" strategy and sustainable transport system.

"It would be a heavy lift to get the money for these projects, then hire someone to put it into place, then try to get the entire community on board, etc.," Bennett said.

The Climate Action Plan explicitly states that "without an engaged and committed university community, the University will not reach carbon neutrality." Yet, the Climate Action Plan itself is not

published anywhere for students or other community members to find. Moreover, a simple internet search for the CAP directs users to a webpage with a single paragraph describing the goal broadly, and a link to "learn more about the Climate Action Plan" that leads to a cycle of broken links.

"Students just don't know about the Plan," Andrew Ross, an environmental humanities professor in the Department of English, said. "There seems to have been a shift in priorities for how the school goes about getting students and faculty members to actively participate in green strategies."

While the university has developed greener strategies, like upgrading to energy-efficient LED lighting in campus buildings, campaigns to increase the population and physical size of the community, such as Delaware First, are a clear indication of how the current administration's priorities are different from the Harker administration.

"Delaware First definitely poses a great challenge," Bennett explained. "But, UD engineers are extremely eco-friendly and they try to make the case to upgrade existing buildings and technologies to be more sustainable and environmentally efficient."

According to the university's sustainability website, the total student body has increased by 15 percent since 2008, and the number of buildings per square foot increased by 14 percent since the Initiative collected data in 2009. While some may argue that an influx of students could actually be beneficial to raising awareness about the harmful effects of climate change, a Los Angeles



MORGAN BROWNELL/THE REVIEW
Years after its inception, the university's Climate Action Plan continues to face neglect.

Times article from 2015 addressing effects of population growth on global warming revealed that " ... the reality is that unsustainable human population growth is a potential disaster for efforts to cut greenhouse gas emissions."

Nevertheless, according to the Climate Action Plan, "the second largest share of total University emissions stems from transportation related emissions. Transportation emissions are caused by the burning of fossil fuel consumed by the vehicle fleet as well as from campus community members commuting to and from the University using their own means of transportation."

Expanding the university community necessitates more construction to make the campus more appealing and accommodating — more construction leads to an increased total enrollment, more students requires hiring more teachers, more teachers means more daily commuters

and more commuters on the road means an increase in the amount of carbon emissions released into the ozone layer.

"It will be at least ten more years until greater progress is made," said Bennett.

The Sustainability Task Force fell apart for unrelated reasons, but the core leadership eventually moved on to greener pastures.

"They had the mission, but they had no resources or infrastructure; there was no accountability to keep them motivated," she explained.

"We're starting to look at the next Climate Action Plan. I want to bring the academic community in further because they started the first one," Bennett said. "I want to tie in the city too, since we make up about 70 percent of Newark, whatever we do on campus dramatically alters what happens on the city scale."

Students and faculty debate proposed non-discrimination policy change

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Students and faculty told Faculty Senate representatives at a March 22 hearing that they opposed the Senate's proposal to increase the standard of evidence in discrimination cases involving students, faculty and staff.

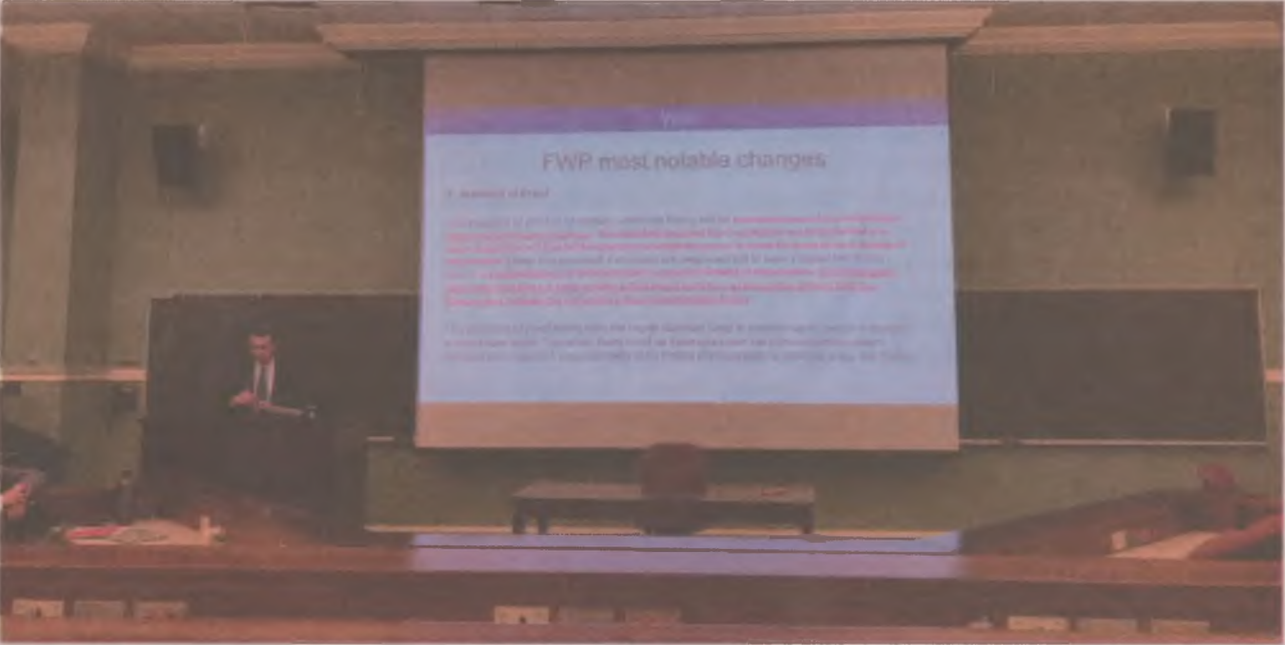
In its review of the new non-discrimination policy, the Senate's Faculty Welfare and Privileges Committee suggested a change that would make it harder to punish students, staff and faculty for discrimination. The proposed amendment would change the evidentiary standard from "preponderance of information" to "clear and convincing evidence."

The existing preponderance of information clause means a victim must demonstrate that it is "more likely than not" that the defendant discriminated against them. However, the proposed shift to the clear and convincing evidence requirement would demand that victims present definitive evidence that the defendant discriminated against them.

Students said requiring victims to display definitive evidence of discrimination against them places an unnecessary burden on students to always be on the lookout for discrimination.

"I have a concern with the amount of clear and convincing evidence [needed] because that relies on the victims of discrimination to have a catalog of every case of discrimination against them," Jules Keselman, a first-year student studying linguistics and criminal justice, said during the hearing.

According to Keselman, this statute, if adopted, would require victims to keep triggering and emotionally damaging evidence of ha-



JACOB BAUMGART/THE REVIEW
The final public hearing regarding revisions to the non-discrimination policy was held before break, and a new resolution will appear before the Faculty Senate for voting in May.

arrassment available on hand.

"The amount of clear and convincing evidence [needed] is really more victim blaming than its intended purpose," Keselman said on the floor of the meeting.

While some faculty members said they agreed that switching to a clear and convincing clause would make it more difficult to help victims, others said it was necessary for the investigation.

John Morgan, a physics and astronomy professor who serves as a Senator, encouraged students to keep all of the evidence they had of discrimination and turn it into the investigators.

"If it involves merely verbal harassment, if someone is making inappropriate remarks to you on a regular basis, in the State of Delaware it is legal to make an audio recording, even surreptitiously," Morgan said. "Delaware is a one-party consent state, so if you find yourself being bullied by someone or inappropriate remarks are being

made, make a recording and turn it over."

Students said they disagreed with Morgan's argument support for a clear and convincing evidence clause because of the message they said it sends to students.

"That puts the onus on students to be actively recording when any discrimination happens, which means we are conveying to the students that you should be recording everything at everytime, just in case," Kevin Peterson, the executive vice president of the Student Government Association, said. "The issue here is if there is a one-off case where a faculty member says something extremely horrendous that there is no physical, tangible evidence of it. You can't go back and record that second time because maybe it will never happen. Maybe this one instance is the only time it will happen, and this being a one-party recording state means nothing in that instance."

While gathering sufficient evi-

dence to prove somebody was discriminated against may be challenging, confirming that the action was discrimination may be just as hard.

The current non-discrimination policy says an action is only discriminatory if it is "sufficiently severe or pervasive" to change one's working or academic conditions, "creates a hostile or abusive working, living or academic environment" or is severe enough to limit one's ability to participate in or benefit from an educational opportunity.

Interim Vice President for Student Life José-Luis Riera said he believes the original policy's definition of discrimination was fair but also strict enough to ensure only true discrimination yielded punishment. However, he said adding a demanding, clear and convincing evidentiary standard on top of the exacting definition of discrimination may make it near impossible to prove anybody is guilty of discrimination. Riera said he supported maintaining the existing prepon-

derance of evidence clause to prevent the process from becoming this critical, while also backing the Senate's right to review the policy.

"We are once again at the university creating harm," Riera said. "The folks who are typically victims of discriminatory harassment are once again in a position because we are questioning the validity of their experiences, once again in a position of saying, 'Does the University of Delaware really care about diversity and inclusion?'"

The Senate's review of the non-discrimination policy follows university administration's failure to send the policy to the Senate for examination before adopting it. The university's Collective Bargaining Agreement with its chapter of the American Association of University Professors mandates that the Senate review "all proposals by university administration to establish, change or eliminate University-wide policies."

This open hearing was the second at which senators solicited comments for the Faculty Welfare and Privileges Committee to consider during its reevaluation of its proposed changes to the non-discrimination policy. The first hearing was on Feb. 26.

Faculty Senate President Martha Buell said she anticipates the Committee will resubmit a revised non-discrimination policy proposal for the Senate to vote on by the end of the academic year. If the Senate passes a revised policy, the provost will then review the policy before the president can approve or reject the policy.

"For my colleagues in the Faculty Senate, this is an opportunity for moral leadership," Riera said. "Will you step up?"

Takeaways from this month's Faculty Senate meeting

- In her opening remarks, Interim Provost Robin Morgan reminded senators that, on April 9, a hearing will be held in Gore Hall Room 104 at 4:00 p.m. to discuss plans for the university's new graduate college. Morgan later introduced a resolution, which will appear before the Senate for voting in May, to begin the creation process of the university's graduate college.
- Morgan also gave a reminder that the opportunity to provide feedback on the university's Multicultural Center will close this Friday.
- A final resolution on the non-discrimination policy, a subject of controversy throughout the semester, will be presented to the Faculty Senate for voting in May.
- The Honors Task Force, which held a town hall on March 12 to discuss changes to the University of Delaware Honors Program, will present its final resolution in the fall of 2018.
- Resolutions were passed to establish several new degree programs, including a Bachelor of Science (BS) in Global Enterprise Management, a 3+2 BS and Master's of Science (MS) in Sports Health and Athletic Training, and a 4+1 BS and MS in Medical Laboratory Science.

Environmental fraternity comes to campus

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Earlier this spring, the university welcomed Epsilon Eta, the first co-ed environmental fraternity on campus.

Epsilon Eta is a nationally recognized professional fraternity for college students who have a passion for environmentalism. The organization is designed to provide a path toward success for young adults pursuing careers in environmental fields. This semester, Epsilon Eta became the 12th chapter of its kind in the nation — an accomplishment that has allowed its founders to develop its own unique set of goals.

"Our goal is to spread awareness," Rachel Cohen, co-president of Epsilon Eta, said. "And for people who are already aware and ready to take on this fight, the goal is to help them find resources."

Cohen, a junior studying energy and environmental policy, originally heard about Epsilon Eta through a friend involved at the University of Michigan's chapter. Cohen was inspired by the success at Michigan, and she knew she wanted to bring that success to Delaware's campus. After gathering a small group of interested individuals, the planning for Epsilon Eta Mu chapter began.

"This fall, we all met up in the beginning of the semester and rented a room in the library and kind of nerded out about the environment for an hour," Cohen said. "We were all so excited."

Since the fraternity is part of professional Greek life, its focus is rooted in teaching members valuable skills, like job interviewing techniques and resume writing. Cohen and executive member Varujan Belekdanian also hope to create an internship database where brothers can search job openings and seek advice from other members. A main goal of the fraternity is creating a close-knit circle for networking in the environmental field.

"You have all the other pro-

fessional frats on campus like the agricultural one and the business one, but there hasn't been one in regard to the environment," Belekdanian, a junior pre-veterinary medicine and animal biosciences major and a member of the executive board of the fraternity, said. "[We want] to take care of the environment and to give back. This is definitely unique to UD."

Epsilon Eta is unique in its strong focus on the environment, but the specifics of the fraternity ends there. Students from all majors are encouraged to join, so long as they plan on implementing environmentalism into their career. While many prospective members are from science backgrounds, every organization benefits from diversity in interests and studies.

"Everyone who is applying and will eventually be in it has the common goal of devoting their lives and their careers to environmentalism," Cohen said. "We're a place where all those people who have that goal in mind can come together, and I'm so excited to see what it ends up being like."

The time commitment will be kept to a minimum in order to fit the lives of busy college students, according to Belekdanian. Members can expect weekly chapter meetings that will include guest speakers and professional workshops. Service hours will be required each semester but can be completed at the leisure of each student. According to their constitution, brothers are expected to keep a GPA of 2.25.

Cohen and Belekdanian are enthusiastic that their fraternity has had no difficulty spreading to potential members.

While rush has ended for this semester, interested students can plan to rush next school year and join Epsilon Eta's close-knit group of environmental professionals. "It's really exciting to see the response," said Cohen. "People have been responsive since we started doing outreach and they get really excited. People have even thanked us for starting this on campus which is really cool."

TEDxUniversity of Delaware brings "ideas worth spreading" to Mitchell Hall

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Community Engagement Editor

"What are chicken nuggets?" "How can you defang a vampire?" "When you are no longer the only thing in the way, what's stopping you?"

These questions and others were addressed by the 10 individuals that spoke at TEDxUniversity of Delaware on March 22 in Mitchell Hall.

Organized by Matthew Creasy, assistant director for Student Leadership Development at the university, and Ronald Phillips, co-organizer to the event, the idea to host the event originated after a brainstorming session for Blue Hen Leadership Program (BHL) senior project ideas.

Creasy and Phillips, who found themselves referencing TED talks frequently in their discussions, decided to obtain a license to hold their own TEDx event separate from BHL.

TED, which stands for Technology, Entertainment and Design, sponsors talks where individuals discuss "ideas worth spreading." The "x" in the name indicates that the event was organized independent of TED, while still being associated with the organization.

The theme of the event was "power" — a topic the organizers chose in order to allow a variety of subjects to be covered.

"The thing we like the most about it is the malleability, the versatility of the word," Phillips said. "We were envisioning power can be alternative fuels, it can be women's empowerment, it can be a plethora of things."

The topics discussed by the speakers applied to various aspects of life and fields of study, like sexuality, preservation, sustainability, interpersonal relations and refugees.

Collin Clark, a junior who attended the event, liked the different perspectives that the theme presented.

"I think it's fascinating kind of understanding how we each play a role in power and personal power versus societal power and what we

can do to use our personal power to leverage societal power and vice versa," he said.

The event could only sell up to 100 tickets per TED regulations, and both students and non-students were in attendance. For those who were unable to obtain tickets before they were sold out, the event was streamed live for three viewing parties held in Trabant MPR C, the Harrington Engagement Center and the Redding Hall Lounge.

Because she enjoys watching TED talks online, junior Jaime Renman said that she was excited to secure a ticket to the event.

"I would much rather watch TED talks than Netflix — that's my binge-worthy thing, so I was really excited to have TED here," she said.

Elon Kline, a sophomore, was one of the two undergraduates who were chosen to speak at the event. His talk centered around how people tend to try to wait for the perfect circumstances to complete tasks, and suggested that people should expect and work around daily imperfections.

"It's better to launch and learn than learn and launch," he said during his talk.

Kline said that once he stepped off of the stage after giving the talk, he wanted to go back out.

"I want to be a motivational speaker, so being on stage, I was like this feels right, this is amazing," he said.

Kline said that he never practiced with a script in order to prepare for the talk, which does not

allow presenters to have notes or a podium.

Sophomore Gillian Williams, the other undergraduate speaker, instead decided to talk about how people often stand in their own way by engaging in detrimental behaviors by telling themselves they are not good enough.

She said that other than Kline, who she knew through their mutual involvement in BHL, she did not know the other speakers. Despite this, both Williams and Kline said that the ambience backstage was both relaxed and welcoming.

While Kline and Williams represented the undergraduate population, the majority of the speakers, who were chosen from a pool of applicants, were professors or holders of leadership positions within the university.

McKay Jenkins, the Cornelius Tilghman Professor of English, often lectures on his chosen topic: the abstraction of food sources in the United States. However, because of the format's disallowance of notes, he said his TEDx talk was different. In addition, he said that the strict 18-minute time limit forced him to shorten and streamline his talk in a way that he had not done at other venues.

With an intermission during the talk and a reception after, it appeared that the event fulfilled its purpose, as attendees engaged in discussions about the ideas that were presented.

"That's what TED is all about, is talking and sharing [a variety of] ideas, so this was a beautiful experience to be a part of," Williams said.

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- Gillian Williams

GRADUATE COLLEGE

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ideas presented to the faculty now are meant to guide their vote on the resolution in front of the Faculty Senate, but may be subject to change later on, if it is passed.

Stuart Kaufman, a professor in the Department of Political Science & International Relations, is glad that graduate education is getting more attention.

"A lot of these ideas and initiatives are very welcome," Kaufman said.

However, he is worried about the level of control the administration envisions having over the graduate college, as opposed to the current decentralized power struc-

ture that exists, where each department governs its own graduate programs.

"The president's style is to centralize things," Kaufman said. "You said this is not intended as a top down directive sort of thing, and frankly I don't believe you."

The new graduate college would appoint a dean with authority equivalent to the deans of the other seven academic colleges, despite the already existing position of a senior vice provost, who is responsible for graduate and professional education.

It is unclear if both posts will be held by the same person if the

college is established.

Morgan stated that the goals of the graduate college are to reduce redundancies, lift the administrative burden on faculty creating interdisciplinary graduate programs and to increase the visibility of graduate education at the university.

In the face of those goals several faculty members asked Morgan why a new graduate college was necessary for the university to accomplish the things they want to do.

"Why can't these things be done in the existing structure?" Kaufman asked.

Morgan emphasized that the graduate college would lend much needed visibility to the university's efforts to expand graduate education.

"To me the upside is the visibility," Morgan said.

John McDonald, a professor in the Department of Biological Sciences, remained unconvinced. He found it hard to believe that prospective graduate students would decline a hypothetical fellowship offer to study at the university because it was being offered by a graduate office, as exists now, as opposed to the proposed graduate college.

"Visibility to whom?" McDonald asked.

Morgan remained adamant that creating the graduate college was a necessity to improving the education and lives of graduate students at the university.

"Graduate education is a very high priority at the University of Delaware," Morgan said.

The resolution to create the graduate college was introduced at the monthly Faculty Senate meeting on Monday. The body is scheduled to vote on the resolution at the next meeting in May.

ENVIRONMENTAL OP-EDs

Excavation at Fairhill Farm

As I turn down the gravel drive of Fair Weather Farm in Elkton, Maryland, I'm not sure which catches my attention first: the grand and beautiful white house with dark shutters to my left, the breathtaking 19th century red barn directly in front of me, or the massive, bright yellow construction vehicles and pieces of pipeline to my right. I pull up underneath a shady pine tree and step out of my car. Directly in front of me, probably less than 10 feet away, is a hole in the ground that is about 25 feet deep and 15 feet wide. Sections of an oil pipeline waiting to be installed are scattered about the construction site, two excavators are busy at work digging further sections of the hole, and men in hardhats and neon vests are scurrying about like ants, busy at work to install this one section of the 180-mile pipeline expansion for Eastern Shore Natural Gas.

I turn my back to the destructive scene and make my way towards the house, where Nancy Bentley, the owner of the organic farm, is waving me inside. She leads me to her dining room, and as she

prepares some tea I peer out the window at her pastures filled with sheep.

"So what can I help you with?" Nancy inquires as she spoons honey into her tea. As we talk, I learn more about this expansion project and how it came to be. The oil company has an easement on the land, which Nancy and her husband knew of when they purchased the house and the farm a few years ago. She told me they bought the house anyway because they figured the company was never actually going to do anything with the easement. But then, a few months after they settled, Nancy and her husband got a letter in the mail telling them Eastern Shore was coming. There was nothing they could do but wait and pray that the project would end soon.

Eastern Shore Natural Gas was originally set to arrive in June of last year, at the height of Fair Weather Farm's harvesting season. Nancy told me that she had tried to keep her membership numbers low that summer to ensure that she could still provide for everyone once Eastern Shore moved in and she lost some land to work with.

The problem? Eastern Shore never showed.

Nancy explained to me that she had been trying to reach out that summer to the legal representative provided to her by Eastern Shore "to ask if they (Eastern Shore) were still coming, and to find out what was going on."

The issue is that the representative provided to her is actually subcontracted by Eastern Shore, so it isn't a direct line between Nancy and the company. Her representative had to reach out to the company to learn what was going on with the delay that summer before he could relay anything back to Nancy. She later learned that the construction had been pushed back and wouldn't begin until early the following year. Memberships had been sacrificed for nothing.

It's not just Nancy's legal representative that's not part of Eastern Shore, though: the construction company installing the pipeline isn't, either. In fact, it seems that every part of the expansion project has been subcontracted. Eastern Shore's name, or any other company name

for that matter, does not appear on any of the vehicles, parts, or signs anywhere on the construction site. There's this massive expansion happening across the Delmarva Peninsula by a company that won't put their name on their work or make a public statement about their project to the communities they're building in. If that's not enough to raise a few eyebrows, I'm not sure what is.

Nancy and I both speculate on this and wonder if it means that we should be asking more questions to the company. I am curious if we can even get to them at all through the thick layers of defense they've built.

Now, in the cold month of March, here we sit. We can hear loud clanging and beeping coming from the construction on the one side of Nancy's house, and we are watching her animals grazing on the other side of her house. My heart aches as I picture the sight of the massive hole running through her yard. I look at Nancy holding her steaming cup of tea, a hand-woven blanket wrapped around her shoulders and a fleece hat on her head. She's gazing out the window,

and I can't help but wonder where her mind has wandered. This woman has dedicated her life to farming and to providing fresh and certified organic produce to her community. You can see in her eyes the way she looks out at her land that her love for what she does runs deep. I once again worry what secrets Eastern Shore might be keeping from her, and I wonder if her livelihood will remain intact once the excavators leave and the dust settles.

"I don't like to fight, but I can when I have to," Nancy told me. For her sake, I hope it never comes to that.

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Sucking the Apathy Out of Newark

A bar tender with flitting hands constructs house margaritas. He nods along with the music, made nearly inaudible by the hum of happy hour. Across the room of this Newark restaurant, a group of marine biology majors coalesce. Over the scratch of forks on ceramic plates, the topic of grad school arises. A joke is made about ctenophores. One girl toys absentmindedly with the straw in her sangria. Another scans the drink menu, taking a final, watered-down sip of lemonade. A second round of drinks arrives. Peeking above the rim of each glass is another piece of plastic. By closing time, this group of aspiring conservationists will grow the global waste problem by twenty-one straws.

While plastics are now commonplace, they were not widely produced until the mid-twentieth century. Likewise, plastic straws did not achieve popularity over their paper predecessors until the 1960s. However, in the decades since, our use of plastic has become a dependency. It is estimated that 8.3 billion metric tons of new plastics have been produced to date, according to

a report published in Science Advances. Unfortunately, the majority of this plastic has been discarded as waste.

Once our straws have served their brief purpose, they are cast into trashcans or left resting in empty water glasses. Striding away to our next destination, we won't spare a thought to theirs. Many will accumulate in landfills. Many won't make it that far. Plastics can enter the environment through various pathways, including intentional litter, windblown debris, and overflowing bins. From there, the waste collects in human and ecological communities alike. A straw plucked from its wrapper in Newark may even find its way to the ocean.

Of the plastic waste generated in 2010, up to 12 million metric tons entered the marine environment, according to the cited report. This includes waste produced by coastal communities, as well as inland. Plastics can be swept into nearby waterbodies by wind and rain. Streams and storm drains carry waste far from its origin, ultimately emptying into the sea. Ill-fated wildlife that encounter the trash may become

entangled or mistake it for food. Once inside the gut of a bird or turtle, indigestible plastic can lead to starvation. Additionally, the waste can accumulate on the water's surface, or break down into persistent microplastics. By 2050, the weight of plastic in the ocean is projected to exceed that of fish.

Given the small size of plastic straws, their contribution to the global waste problem may seem trivial. However, they are the toxic hybrid of ease and endurance. At restaurants, straws are plopped into ice water before arriving at the table. They are found between pursed lips of commuters, and in mojitos passed across bars. Perhaps this is why straws are among the most abundant forms marine debris, according to the Ocean Conservancy. Paired with their niche in everyday life, the material used to make straws does not readily decompose. While many products made from polypropylene (PP) are recyclable, single-use utensils are not. As a result, that straw will last much longer than ice coffee it accompanied.

Newark can survive without straws. This has been proven by

the growing list of cities making strides to minimize their plastic waste. Included on this list are the names of multiple college towns. In Davis, California, straws are no longer given automatically. As of last year, restaurants are required to ask dine-in customers if they want a straw before providing one. A similar ordinance has taken effect in San Luis Obispo, which houses the California Polytechnic State University. Failure to comply result in hefty fines, which can reach five-hundred dollars in Davis.

Seattle will soon become the largest U.S. city to kick the straw habit. Come July, restaurants will be banned from providing plastic silverware. This includes single-use plastic straws and coffee stirrers. The city will ease the transition of eateries towards more sustainable alternatives, such as paper, compostable, or reusable materials. The latter can be sanitized in a dishwasher like any other utensil. Ideally, the decision will cause community members to skip the straw altogether.

Like the charge against single-use bags, the assault on straws is about more than just plastic. It

is about feeling the weight our everyday choices. It is a call for consciousness. By disrupting the daily routine, we are forced to question the impact that our lifestyle has. In prompting discussions about single-use items, we find an opening for environmental education, for challenging the values of a community. Will we strive for awareness, or are we content to settle with apathy? Should convenience really be prioritized over cognizance? Unlike the presence of discarded plastics, ignorance doesn't have to be permanent. Everyone can do better for the environment. Even a table of marine biologists.

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EDITORIAL

Hold Your Breath

I watch Dr. Lee warm her stethoscope with her hands as Maria unwraps her three-year-old son from the layers of intricately woven blankets he is wrapped in. Maria's journey was not easy, she had to travel far to get here. She walked miles through muddy terrain and frigid temperatures in worn out sandals to seek medical treatment in the only clinic within hours of her home. José squirms timidly as Dr. Lee assesses his sharp breathes. I listen. A soft wheezing is clear, and Lee directs me to notice the boy's lungs visibly protruding with each breath, an obvious sign of a problem.

The diagnosis is the same one we have handed out dozens of times a day throughout this medical service trip to the village of Aguacate, Guatemala: asthma. Maria hesitates, could she have prevented this? By now the explanation is routine to the translator. He explains how the incessant burning of trash that occurs in the village could have released substances in the air that entered José's body and irritated his lungs, making it difficult for him to breathe. Additionally, the

black mold that has become part of the infrastructure in this damp climate is a potential culprit. While it is impossible to determine a direct cause for the elevated levels of respiratory issues in the villagers here, it is difficult to ignore the looming presence of environmental contaminants. It dawns on Maria that maybe this same disease is what causes her other children to walk inside coughing and breathless after playing outside each day.

As I arrived back to school at the University of Delaware, I thought of the people I left behind in Aguacate. They were living in poverty, faced with no other choice but to burn their trash in backyards and unknowingly inhale the invisible particles left behind. It was unsettling to think about as I walked the streets of Newark, thinking about this far away land. I felt lucky to live in a place where I could run outside without fear of foreign substances entering my system. However, the problem was much closer to home than I expected. As I stood three thousand miles from the rural village in Guatemala, I realized that

people here were also plagued with this same disease: asthma seems inescapable.

The United States faces an asthma epidemic that cannot be ignored. As of now, this disease claims the title of "third leading cause of hospitalization for children under 15" as reported by the American Lung Association. Asthma causes respiratory distress with symptoms including wheezing, tightness in the chest, breathlessness, and coughing. In the U.S. 8.4% of children under 18 suffer from asthma and 7.6% of adults are affected, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. These numbers echo a serious sense of urgency.

Chester, Pennsylvania, a quick 40-minute drive down I-95N from Newark, DE is a town that is all too familiar with these high rates of asthma. The Delaware Valley Resource Recovery Facility, a trash incinerator, finds its home in Chester next to factories nearby that have all contributed to a decrease in air quality for decades. The trash incinerator exposes residents to toxins daily by releasing high levels of

environmental contaminants, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. Among these contaminants are nitric oxides and sulfur oxides, as well as particulate matter, all found to have links to premature death and respiratory disorders such as asthma. It was found that the prevalence of asthma for children in Chester is 38.5%, shockingly higher than the national average, according to a report by the Center for Excellence in Environmental Toxicology at the University of Pennsylvania.

It is no longer just speculation that these contaminants affect our health. It was discovered that certain pollutants from air contamination known to cause respiratory issues were found in children's urine, and the amount correlated with how close the subject resides to the polluting site, in a study by the EU's European Research Council. The implications of these findings are that particles from the air, such as black carbon, are able to not only enter our lungs, but also enter our bloodstreams, leading to devastating results we are just beginning to uncover. The villagers of Aguacate and

the residents of Chester share a common bond. Separated by thousands of miles, a language barrier, and the level of development of their nation, the bottom line is unchanged. The people live in poverty and face exposure to environmental contaminants that are damaging their bodies. The air we breathe should be clean. Children should be able to run and play outside without exposing themselves to chemicals that have the potential to create lifelong illnesses. From Guatemala to Chester, PA, we cannot continue to settle for the air we rely on to sustain life to be polluted.

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Defending Delaware Water

Fifteen years ago, fishing in the Delaware Bay was drastically different. The diminishing fish population reflects a downturn in water clarity and quality. Bait turns brown within minutes of being placed in the water, and fish fight clouds of mud sweeping down the bay. Just a decade and a half ago, "you would load 200-quart coolers up with croaker, and now you are lucky to catch three," Keith Beebe, a Charter Captain from Delaware's coastal town of Lewes told me. Each year, the fishing in this area has gotten poorer and poorer.

Some of the ways humans degrade water quality in coastal areas is through nutrient pollution, land-use change, and industrial contamination. The Delaware Bay and its tributaries are not only affected by activities in the immediate area, but from impacts that might occur at the far reaches of the watershed. These upstream inputs of pollution eventually work their way downstream to the

bay where they are accumulated and compounded. "One of the largest sources of pollution is from fertilizers that lead to nutrient pollution and eutrophication within our waterways." Taylor Deemer, a Master of Science student in Marine Biosciences at the University of Delaware, Lewes campus said. Deemer explains that farmers anticipate losing a portion of the fertilizer that they put down on their fields to runoff from rain events. As a result, to ensure that their crops receive the proper amount of nutrients, they often put down extra. These nutrients are not just useful for promoting the growth of terrestrial plants, but also promote the growth of aquatic ones as well, such as phytoplankton. When the excess nutrients reach the bay, they lead to what is known as algal blooms, which are proliferations of various phytoplankton species. Phytoplankton is generally a good thing in aquatic systems, as it

provides much of the oxygen that aquatic organisms need to survive. These bloom events, however, lead to bacterial growth that draws down the oxygen levels and lead to fish kills for those organisms that can't escape the area.

Options to combat nutrient pollution would be to simply use less pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers. An additional option is to find methods of application that incorporate the fertilizers into the soil, rather than just spreading them across the surface where they run off more easily.

Another issue that promotes these blooms is land-use change. Changing the usage of land is especially problematic when coastal salt marsh environments are removed and used for other purposes, like home developments, shopping centers, and industrial use. Salt marshes, when present, act as buffers between the mainland and the estuaries. They absorb runoff pollution from

the mainland, trapping it in the sediments. These systems also mitigate coastal flooding events by acting as a drainage area during times of increased water level, such as major storms or extreme tidal events. "They also provide a nursery habitat for many species of fish and invertebrates, acting as a safe space for the young to grow and mature." Deemer added. I, personally, have spent countless hours educating the public on the importance of Delmarva wetlands as the Creative Director of a team of UD students whom constructed a display on vernal pools for the 2018 Philadelphia Flower Show. With this display, we illustrated how crucial ephemeral pools and wetlands are to the reproduction and development of aquatic species.

When speaking with Taylor, I asked him about building berms to combat nutrient pollution. "It would be really difficult to intercept all of the water by building berms," he

told me. "It would be much easier and more environmentally friendly to promote wetland habitat protection and restoration." Wetland restoration was the focus of University of Delaware's piece at the flower show. Some states have programs where citizens document vernal pools so that they are protected. The exhibit urged onlookers to contact their local department of natural resources to find out if there are certification programs in their areas. If you live in Delaware, you can contact the Delaware Nature Society to learn how to identify and protect these areas from construction sites.

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EDITORIAL

Help make a difference during Sexual Assault Awareness Month and beyond



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April 2018, like so many Aprils before it, is recognized as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. This is a time for mobilization and advocacy; a time to highlight steps forward and progress. But, as with any month dedicated to a specific cause, it cannot end here.

Sexual assault is an issue on every campus and in every community. RAINN has reported that 1 in 5 people ages 18-24 people make up 54% of all sexual assault survivors. Men in college are five times more likely than men who are not students to be sexually assaulted. It is also estimated that women in college are twice as likely to be sexually assault than they are

robbed. An issue this prevalent should not be ignored – we, as a campus and a community, cannot afford to ignore it.

We want to stress that change can start small; anyone is capable of making a difference and it can be done in a multitude of ways. Whether it is through keeping an eye out at parties, becoming educated on the impact sexual assault has on a survivor, or joining an advocacy group, your actions matter. Learn how you can make a difference through prevention, awareness, and intervention, and how you can help create a supportive environment for survivors. Sometimes these actions

can feel thankless or unnecessary, or maybe they feel like a waste of time, but the importance of sensitivity and looking out for each other cannot be overstated.

Throughout the month of April, there will be events hosted by a variety of groups on campus that are an opportunity for students to get involved and educated, including, but not limited to: Greek Day of Action Action (April 4), A showing of Escalation (April 9), a talk-session hosted by It's On Us at UD about consent (April 11), Denim Day and Red My Lips (April 25) and Take Back the Night (April 26). We highly recommend attending events when you can and keeping

an eye out for others that will be occurring.

There is no time like the present to learn more about sexual assault on campus and to make change. Be a courageous bystander. Don't be afraid to speak out. We thank you for your efforts, no matter how small they may seem.

If you are interested in extending your efforts beyond April, you can look to helping with UD groups like Sexual Offense Support (SOS), Students Acting for Gender Equity (SAGE), kNOW MORE, V-Day, Men Active in Societal and Cultural Change (MASCC) and It's On Us (IOU), in addition to others.

Sexual Offense Support (SOS) provides 24/7 support for all survivors, as well as survivors' friends, family, roommates and UD staff trying to provide assistance. If you would like to speak to an advocate, call 302-831-1001 and Press 1.

Chase Meadows and Natalie Walton are Co-Presidents of the RSO It's On Us at UD. If you are interested in learning more about the organization, you can find them on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook at IOUatUD. And if you are interested in co-sponsoring an event or finding out more about It's On Us, you can also reach them at itsonusdelaware@gmail.com.

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Study abroad spotlight:
Rebecca King

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For Rebecca King, the university's Russian program was only the beginning of a long-term goal to build a career around her proficiency in the language. Her drive to improve her skills led her to seek out grant programs that specifically offered a focus in the language, as opposed to traditional study abroad programs. For King, scholarships like the Boren Awards, which sponsors students to study in countries less travelled, but where "critical languages" are widely spoken, seemed like a natural choice. Among the Boren's offerings, King decided on Kyrgyzstan.

"I was interested in continuing my Russian education, so I wanted a program that would allow me to apply it professionally," she says.

Also unlike other study abroad programs, Boren Award-funding programs focus almost exclusively on improving language competency, something King has appreciated thus far.

Among other underrepresented, Russian-speaking countries, King says that Kyrgyzstan stands out for a few key reasons.

"It's important because it used to be on the Great Silk Road, and of course was once a part of the Soviet Union, and it's in a very geopolitically important spot," King says.

But some of King's most notable experiences stem not from the country's history at large, but from the cultural immersion she has experienced personally. Everyday encounters reveal both welcoming similarities and stark differences between Kyrgyzstan's culture and our

own.

"I lived in Kyrgyzstan for six and half months, and I can tell you that it's difficult to predict anything, which I would say is the best part of studying abroad [here]," King says. "The culture is a little bit more spontaneous than American culture; here the concept of time is completely different, and people tend to spend more time with their loved ones, and when people here spend a lot of time with their loved ones, it's not time wasted, which has been quite an adjustment from America."

In particular, King notes an anecdote that encapsulates Kyrgyzstani culture well.

"Sometimes my host family will tell me 'get ready, in about 10 minutes we're going to a party' and parties out here last for about five hours."

Between her classwork, King has kept busy with extracurriculars and travel to get the most out of her experience.

"I am involved with Hapkido here. I previously participated in it while at the University of Delaware, and I was able to find a studio in Kyrgyzstan. [It's been] quite an adjustment because Hapkido in the United States is incredibly different from Hapkido in Kyrgyzstan," King says. "From what I've seen, Hapkido is much more of sport here, and the focus is much more on acrobatics, which we did not cover as much in United States."

In looking to the future, King hopes her experience will prepare her well for a promising career involving the Russian language. While she has no current preference for any industry in particular, King says that the opportunity to study and work in Russian will be the key.



COURTESY OF REBECCA KING

Determined to immerse herself in the Russian language, Rebecca King traveled to Kyrgyzstan under the Boren Awards Scholarship.

THE FINAL SEASON
OF "LOVE"

A review of the short but sweet Netflix original series after its final season.

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“Love” ends with a heartwarming goodbye

HOLLY CLAYTOR
Managing Mosaic Editor

Nearly one month ago, Netflix wrapped up their series, “Love,” with a third and final season. After following the hectic love story of an awkward couple, Netflix kept this popular series short, but sweet.

Season two concluded an exhausting back and forth between the unlikely romance of Gus (Paul Rust) and Mickey (Gillian Jacobs) with the decision to finally commit to a relationship. Gus, a nerdy, aspiring script writer and Mickey, a recovering alcoholic and drug and sex addict, had their fair share of ups and down.

When the series reconnects us with the chaotic couple, Gus and Mickey are stuck in the “honeymoon” phase, hopelessly in love with each other. The familiar dry-humor and quirky personalities remain, but we see Gus and Mickey in a much different light this time around — happy, healthy and ready to take on the roles of “boyfriend and girlfriend.”

Since the two had finally found security in their new, gushy relationship, the series shines a brighter light on Mickey’s timid, awkward Australian roommate, Bertie (Claudia O’Doherty).

Bertie, stuck in a relentless and unhealthy relationship with homeless, jobless and broke Randy (Mike Mitchell), begins to realize her worth — and Randy’s lack thereof. She thrills herself with a secret romance with Gus’s other friend, Chris (Chris Witaske), spurred by an uneventful and lonely birthday thanks to Randy’s bowel difficulties.



COURTESY OF NETFLIX

The final season of “Love” is a bittersweet ending.

As Bertie gains more and more self-confidence, gearing herself up to leave Randy once and for all, it seems Netflix is tying up all loose ends as “Love” makes its way to its final conclusion.

Dedicating an entire storyline to Bertie’s self-discovery and internal battle over what man is right for her was a smart and heart-warming move. Bertie, for so long, was pinned as the ditzy roommate. While her relationship with Randy was frustrating (to say the least), it was never as chaotic and fiery as Gus and Mickey’s. Bertie and Randy were just bland and boring

— leaving us feeling more sorry for Bertie than anything else.

Just as I began to think Gus and Mickey would live on happily ever after, a few loops are thrown into the season. With an appearance from Gus’s previous fiancé, a visit to Gus’ parents’ household in North Dakota and jabs at Mickey’s recovery and mental health, the once head-over-heels couple heads back onto a rocky road.

While fighting and miscommunication are all too familiar for Gus and Mickey, this seemed like one fight they won’t be able to climb out of. In an emotional

rollercoaster and convincing lines that suggest Gus and Mickey are over forever, the show threatens to end on a sad note.

Yet, in a turn of events Gus and Mickey’s tumultuous relationship proves to not have been in vain. Gus, for the first time, comes to terms with his own mental instabilities and realizes it has been much easier for him to pin all wrongdoings on Mickey’s attempts at recovery.

In sum, the two tie things up in a very refreshing and healthy way — albeit their impromptu elope on Catalina Island — proving that love will never be perfect and will always

take work, but recognizing the need for communication is vital.

While the message may be cheesy and redundant, I personally felt it was a tastefully done. With the all too familiar quirky and nerdy humor, it was a bit refreshing to watch them come to terms with their own insecurities and faults, vowing to set them aside and focus on communication.

It was a bittersweet goodbye to the unconventional couple. The series ended with the message it reiterated from the beginning — love is a beautiful mess.

March for Our Lives: The view from a college student and a middle schooler

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When I woke up on Saturday morning the day of the march, I wasn’t thinking about the number of people that were going to show up that afternoon to protest gun violence. Neither was my little brother, who understood that this was a powerful moment, but didn’t quite realize his importance in the matter.

At 13 years old, my brother has reached that ‘I’m-smarter-than-you’ phase, but has not really matured yet. On top of that, his school has never really experienced any form of violence, apart from the typical middle-school-aged bullying. He has never had the first-hand experience (thank goodness).

He had the kind of attitude you would expect of a typical middle schooler that day — he didn’t really care for the sun, the cold, the people and sometimes he tried to play games on his phone. After a few moments of this, my step-dad, boyfriend and boyfriend’s father decided to nip that in the bud.

When he was finally paying attention to the crowd, the energy seemed to rub off on him. The woman holding her baby and pushing her stroller, screaming at the pro-life protesters seemed to have take effect, making him think about the political movement around us.

The family who walked by us, holding up signs with pictures of their son who had been shot a few years ago, made him stop complaining. The speeches from kids who were his own age, who lived through school shootings and arranged walkouts, helped

him understand.

By the end, he was marching and chanting along with the rest of us.

“Spread the word, haven’t you heard? All across the nation, we are going to be a great generation,” protesters shouted at the pro-life protesters standing in the center of the crowd and at the Trump Hotel to the right of us.

There were musical appearances from Miley Cyrus, Vic Mensa and Demi Lovato who all sang about overcoming these political obstacles and changing the future. Other celebrities at the event included Zendaya and Aubrey Plaza. I heard our very own Joe Biden gave a tremendous talk at the march in Wilmington.

With endless encouragement for change, the speakers from the Parkland shooting, including Emma Gonzalez, stood up and spoke powerfully about change, movement, grief and the future.

Not even a week before the march, students in St. Mary’s County, Md., had witnessed their high school classmate Jaelynn Willey get shot in the head by her ex-boyfriend —They too gave speeches and contributed to the event’s organization.

With these words and these voices of change, we witnessed a movement that really can alter the viewpoints of future generations. I think my little brother finally realized it was on his shoulders, but he’s pretty hard to read.

I think everybody there that day understood. The future is changing, the people are growing older and those who are children now are paving the way for new horizons. Nothing can stop them now.



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The March For Our Lives provided a space for people of all ages to come and have a shared experience.

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Teenage Wrist’s “Chrome Neon Jesus” is packed with nostalgia

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I’ve always had a complicated relationship with shoegaze. Part of me wants to love the genre, but I find myself becoming easily bored with the long and droning songwriting that comes with it. In recent years, I’ve been finding more bands that just barely fit into the niche genre by managing to keep it upbeat and interesting — one of those being a band called Teenage Wrist.

The LA-based alt rockers recently released their debut full-length album on Epitaph Records, entitled “Chrome Neon Jesus,” a nostalgic 90s alternative worship record that packs in elements of shoegaze and grunge in the vein of bands like Catherine Wheel and Slowdive. Although the record is reminiscent of a sound that was popular in the 90s, it feels refreshing and original given its recent release.

“Chrome Neon Jesus” begins with a song of the same name that perfectly captures what Teenage Wrist is all about. It’s upbeat and catchy with hints of shoegaze thrown in — the guitars are drenched in chorus pedal effects and the vocals are just barely audible beyond the background of the instruments. It’s soothing in a way, but it also rocks hard, and the chorus is super catchy, as most on the album are.

This same formula is found on most of the tracks on the record, such as lead single “Dweeb,” “Swallow” and “Black Flamingo.” The band does switch it up on a few songs, though — “Supermachine” feels like the title in the sense that it is very tense and stoic. “Spit” is a slower,



Teenage Wrist released their newest album, “Chrome Neon Jesus.”

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more traditional shoegaze track, as is the mostly instrumental “Kibo.”

The production on this record is what really makes it shine, in my opinion. Teenage Wrist worked with Carlos de la Garza, who is mainly known for his work with Paramore

(although the band also cited his work with Jimmy Eat World on their Bandcamp page). The bass is fat and cutting, and the guitars transition from pretty to gritty effortlessly. De la Garza’s work on “Chrome Neon Jesus” was definitely essential to

how well the record came out.

My one gripe with this record is the lyrics. At times they are good, but mostly feel lazy and uninspired (for example, “you will never be alone/we are never coming home” on “Black Flamingo,” two lines that

I feel I’ve heard a million times before). However, the issue with the lyrics wasn’t large enough to deter me from the record. In fact, the vocals are so drowned in reverb that most of the time it’s difficult to even distinguish them — another common feature in shoegaze.

Overall, “Chrome Neon Jesus” is a perfect first full length release for Teenage Wrist, in my opinion. It has its flaws, but I think that what the band is doing with their sound is something that many of their peers are trying to recreate and falling short. Fans of 90s alternative will be sure to enjoy the record, and it has a more widespread appeal to cater toward modern audiences as well.

Kelley also had favorites, stating that she liked paintings that depicted “Delawarean” landscapes, or paintings that contain images that represent the state of Delaware.

Kelley believes that the “Parallel Lives, Parallel Visions” exhibition benefitted both the incarcerated artists and the community’s perception of offenders.

“I’m not ever going to say that it erases the fact that they’re inmates, but I think somewhere down the road it helps to have that image dissipate,” Kelley says. “They’re going to come out and try to get back into society and do the right things and live a good life. Basically, I think the program gives the offenders hope.”

Out Loud: The final frontier in the age of validation

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When Snapchat’s yellow icon and white ghost pops up on my phone, my immediate reaction is to ignore it. Perhaps I’m uncool or out of the loop, but I think Snapchat, as it’s used now, is asinine. It perpetuates the millennial need to share and receive instant validation for minute aspects of our lives.

I love my friends, but I do not need 10-second pictures of your manicure or your Easter outfit. I will sleep soundly tonight if I have not sent a library selfie that’s time stamped to prove how hard I’m working and I will somehow be able to live a happy and fulfilled life without receiving a dark video of you dancing at a bar.

Don’t get me wrong — I would love to see my friend’s nails, get news that they aced an exam or hear stories from their fun night out, but I’d rather do it through a more sustainable form of communication.

This perpetual annoyance has led me to question why Snapchat is so popular, especially when its most used features, individual and mass photo sharing and chatting, can be found on iMessage and Instagram, which were in use well before Snapchat. It seems to me that the short millennial attention span, coupled with our love of sharing our lives on social media, has made Snapchat the perfect social media storm.

According to a study discussed in this article published by Time

magazine, the average attention span has dropped by four seconds — from 12 to eight — since the year 2000. Snapchat played into this by making 10 seconds the maximum amount of time a photo and its caption can be viewed before disappearing forever. The photo has to be simple and the caption short to allow the receiver to comprehend the message. The response has to be equally as brief, allowing for users to engage in a pseudo-conversation in as little as five minutes.

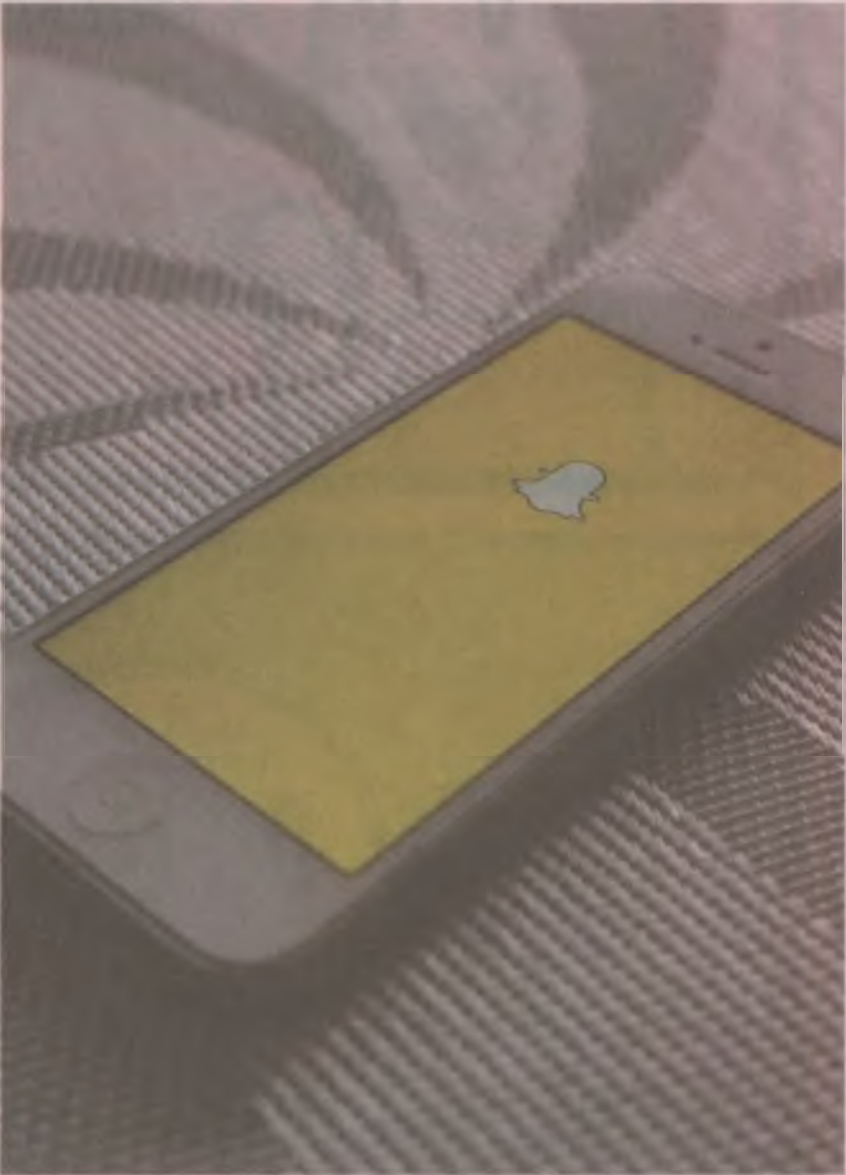
In addition to our love of the ephemeral, we love to share. It’s no surprise either. That Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs thing that your freshman-year psychology professor was talking about is pretty powerful, and social media lets us fill our belonging and esteem needs with little effort or actual interaction. The quick response time from other snappers complimenting your new manicure feels pretty good, and you have to wait for less time for compliments and responses than you would have had to wait if chose to tell a friend in person or posted a photo on other social media.

In addition to this, the streak feature, which shows how many days in a row two specific individuals have Snapchatted each other, provides yet another meaningless form of validation. People use this as a way to prove that they are in fact close friends with whoever they hold the streak with.

Those of you reading, especially if you’re connected with me on Snapchat, are probably thinking “let he who has not sinned cast the first stone.” Admittedly, I have been the source of some of the inane snaps that I was just complaining about, though I try not to be. I’ve strongly considered deleting it, but it has become so ingrained in how my peers and I interact with each other and the world. I admit that I’m scared I might miss something if I do.

That said, the app itself isn’t by nature meaningless, but the way we use it is. I love receiving Snapchats of funny, spontaneous or interesting moments people happen to capture while they’re going about their day, such as seeing somebody walking down Main Street in a strange costume, and I especially love pictures and videos of other people’s dogs. These are compelling, but don’t really necessitate much conversation outside of the event itself.

When it comes to events in the lives of the people that I care about, however, I want more than a quick photo and accompanying sentence, and I want my relationships to not need a streak number to validate them. I’ll take a conversation and coffee over a Snapchat any day.

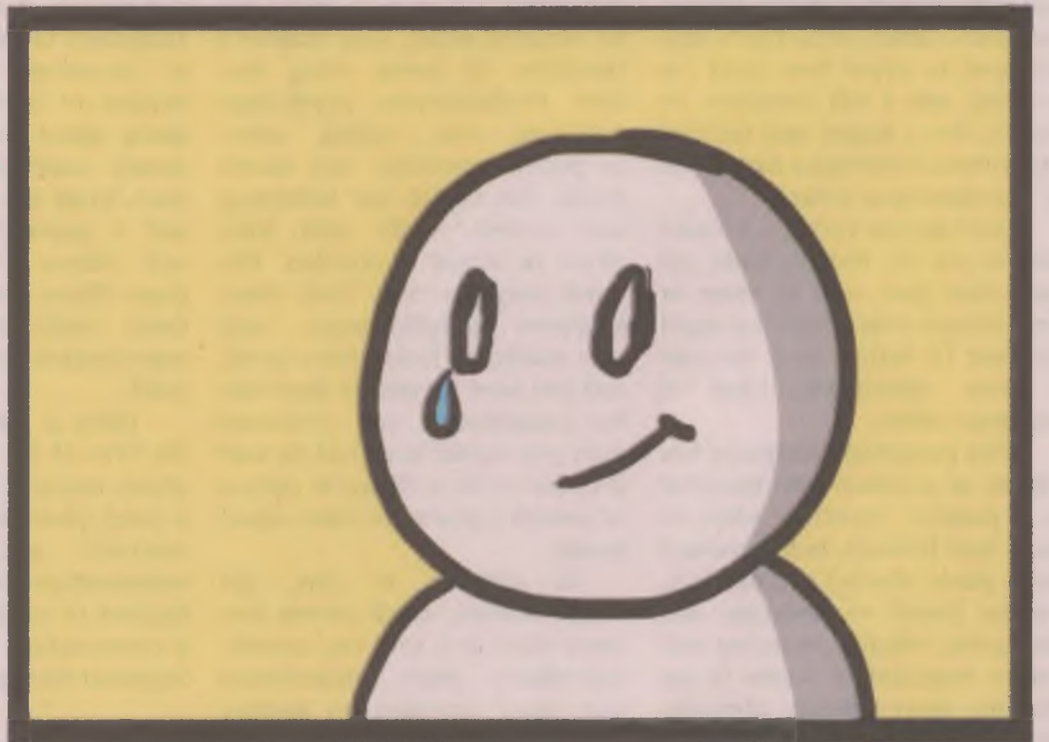
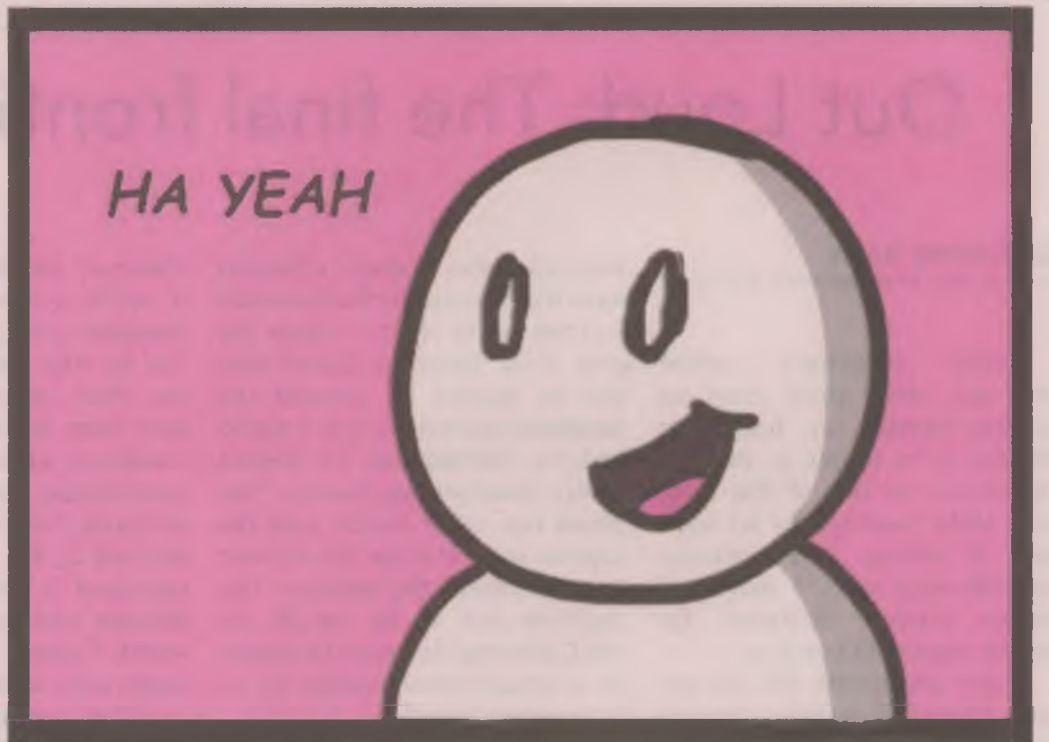


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DELAWARE CLUB GYMNASTICS OFF TO NATIONALS



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The university's club gymnastics team will head to Fort Worth, Texas next week to compete in the National tournament.

HANNAH TRADER
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The university's club gymnastics team qualified for Nationals in Ft. Worth, Texas, where they will go up against over 63 other schools over three days.

To qualify for Nationals, the only requirement set by the National Association of Intercollegiate Gymnastics Club (NAIGC) is that each team must compete in at least two meets prior to Nationals.

Thursday, April 12, the first day of the competition, marks the beginning of the preliminary rounds, which then carry into Friday. The finals are scheduled to take place on Saturday.

In previous years, the top 10 teams from each round moved

on. However, this year the NAIGC has changed the requirements to qualify for the finals to allow each competing university to have a representative for the finals.

Delaware's gymnastics team has been a registered club sport for three years and has always had individuals qualify for the finals at Nationals, but never the whole team.

"We have a lot of talent this year," senior and president of the team Danielle McMahon said. "We're really hoping that we get to finals this year as a whole team."

Delaware's gymnastics program is made up of 35 girls split into either an A, B or C team. There are no official tryouts and all skill levels are welcomed, but the A team tends to include girls who are of a higher skill level. Only 25 of the

35 members will be occupying the Nationals team, however.

"The reason we only bring 25 girls is because three teams is already a lot to send," McMahon said. "Even if we could expense-wise, it's really hard to have four teams there, and we couldn't fit all 35 people on to three teams because you can only have eight people on each team, so we just have to filter it down. It also makes everyone try harder throughout the year because they're fighting to get that spot."

To make the Nationals team, Delaware uses a point system throughout the whole season, which is used to make sure that well-rounded teammates who place high at meets and participate outside of competitions get go to Nationals. Teammates get points

from attending practices, how performing well at meets and attending fundraising events. The members who have the most points, who have been the most active in all areas of the team — practice, meets and fundraising — are the ones to make the cut.

"Since we don't have team cuts, anyone who wants to be on the team can be on the team," senior Samantha Swanson said. "But then having a Nationals team not only has people come to practice and participate, but work harder throughout the whole year and go to our fundraisers and stuff like that."

On March 24, Delaware competed at Regionals, which mainly serves as a meet to get teams ready for Nationals. It is not mandatory for the entire team to compete at

Regionals, even team members who plan to compete at Nationals.

"I feel really good overall," junior and vice president of next year's team, Alyssa Fodera, said. "I've been looking around at practice and everyone's throwing a lot of skills right now and doing pretty well so far. We're good under pressure."

Delaware competed in four meets this year leading up to Nationals, which will last from Thursday, April 12 to Saturday, April 14.

"There's so many teams at Nationals and sessions leading up to the finals on Saturday that it's very tough to qualify," McMahon said. "But we're hopeful and I think it's very possible."

HENS NOTES

BRANDON HOLVECK
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Here is what you missed over spring break.

Men's Lacrosse

Delaware defeated Fairfield University, 11-10, in the team's CAA opener Saturday. It was the Blue Hens' first win over the Stags of Fairfield since 1998. The win is Delaware's first since April 16, 2016. Last season, after defeating No. 1 ranked Rutgers, Delaware lost all five of their conference games.

In Saturday's contest, sophomore Charlie Kitchen tied a career-high with four goals, including the game-winner. Senior Dean DiSimone and junior Joe Eisele netted two goals each. Freshman Joe Lenskold, who was named CAA Rookie of the Week Monday, won a career-high 14 of 25 faceoffs. In net, sophomore Matt DeLuca recorded his seventh double-digit save performance of the season with 10 saves.

The Blue Hens are 4-5 on the season and 1-0 in CAA play. Delaware will play Massachusetts Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

Baseball

Delaware went 3-4 over the break, with a 2-1 series win over Towson (March 24-25) and a win over La Salle (March 27). Delaware was swept by Michigan in a three-game series, March 30-April 1.

Delaware's offense, which last year was among the best in the CAA, has been quiet in the early going. The Blue Hens' on-base percentage is over 70 points worse this season (.335), than last (.408). Delaware is also on pace for nearly 30 less home runs this season compared to last.

The pitching staff, which graduated MLB draftee Ron Marinaccio and has been without last year's ace Brandon Walter all season due to injury, has been boosted by the performances of freshman Billy Sullivan IV and junior Kyle Hinton. Sullivan and Hinton have combined to post a 1.97 ERA and 9.6 K/9IP across 69.2 innings of work. All other starters have combined for 47.2 innings, during which they've posted a 26.80 ERA and 6.5 K/9IP.

Delaware is 13-12 overall and 2-1 in conference play, with

their only CAA series having been against Towson. The Blue Hens return to action tomorrow at Lehigh University at three p.m. and will visit Hofstra this weekend for a three-game CAA series beginning Friday at three p.m.

Softball

Delaware was 2-6 over the break, with series losses against Drexel, Saint Joseph's and Towson. Delaware is 8-22 overall and 2-4 in the CAA.

Anna Steinmetz leads the team with a .434 on-base percentage, seven home runs and 26 runs batted in.

Women's Track and Field

The team hosted the Delaware Classic on March 24 and competed in the Florida Relays at the University of Florida from March 29-March 31.

Delaware posted four ECAC-qualifying marks at the Florida Relays, including senior Liz McGroarty's 2:08.74 in the 800-meter run (second-best in school history) and senior London Freeland's 1:02.41 in the 400-meter hurdles.



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First baseman Nick Patten is batting .218 with ten RBIs this season.

MEET THE HENS: BILLY SULLIVAN IV

DANIEL ZABORSKY
Staff Reporter

St. Mark’s product, Billy Sullivan, is a highly decorated high school athlete who’s ready to prove himself on the collegiate stage. An early CAA Rookie of the Year candidate, the first-year pitcher has already accrued conference Rookie of the Week honors, cementing his place as a force in the Hens rotation early this year.

The Review sat down with Sullivan to delve into what makes the freshman phenom tick, and get his feelings on an early, promising season.

On how the team morale going into the season:
We’re a tight bunch. We’re real confident in ourselves — right now we’re struggling a little bit with the bats and we know that, but the guys still have to remain confident. I trust in them that they’re going to have their bats going.

On his favorite baseball memory:

I was in little league; I threw my first perfect game, which was pretty cool. I was 12, so I’ll always remember that. That was probably my baseball highlight so far.

On the team’s native Delawareans:
Kyle Hinton, who’s on the team now, him and me grew up with each other, my dad knew his dad, they played softball together. I played against him which was fun, I also played against Brandon Walter, as you all know Brandon is one of the best high school pitchers to come out of Delaware, so it was fun, but it also wasn’t fun, facing him in high school. Diaz [Nardo] is another local from Cape [Henlopen]. You got Hutch [Jordan Hutchins], Actually, my junior year, we faced Hutch in the semifinals, and his team was supposed to beat us, actually, but we got a little lucky and ended up beating his team that year, he had a really good team that year. It’s always fun.

On why he came to Delaware:
Why’d I come? Well I’m a momma’s boy, so I never wanted to go too far from my mom, and I really wanted to put on for my city, for my state, you know, just want to get some recognition for Delaware. You don’t have to go to a big time school to get recognized. I know a lot of kids

think they have to go to Florida, UNC and all that stuff, but you know if you work hard, and you’re good enough, they will find you.

On the MLB player he’d like to emulate the most:
I’d probably have to go Max Scherzer, he’s a hard worker. I try to look at him, all the pitches he throws and how hard he works. He’s always the first one in the locker room and the last one out. Definitely out of everyone I’d like to be like, he would be atop the list.

On his favorite pitch:
Definitely my fastball, I’m definitely most comfortable with that one. When I throw, I definitely feel like I can overpower people with it. Last weekend at FAU, I believe I hit 98 [mph] a couple times, but normally I sit around 92, 95, and get up to 96 every once in a while.

On the team’s favorite argument:
Who the best Fortnite player is. It’s probably Jordan Hutchins, definitely the biggest one.



Billy Sullivan IV
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SPORTS COMMENTARY: SPARK THE PROCESS

DANIEL ZABORSKY
Staff Reporter

After missing 68 straight games with a mysterious shoulder ailment, the number one overall pick in the 2017 draft is finally available for action. 19-year-old point guard Markelle Fultz has been thrust headfirst into the midst of the first Philadelphia 76ers playoff run in six years.

Fultz played a limited role during the first four games of the season, then vanished for months. The Fultz shoulder saga existed as one of the strangest

storylines in the NBA, as Fultz was kept out of the lineup with little-to-no transparency from the 76ers front office.

After missing five straight months, Philadelphia fans greeted the point guard with a standing ovation, and later on in the game, serenaded him with a mockery of the Minnesota Vikings “Skol” chant, popularized by Philadelphia Eagles fans during the Eagles super bowl run, in which “Fultz” shouts echoed throughout Wells Fargo Center.

Shortly after adding Fultz to the lineup, the 76ers subtracted their star center, Joel Embiid. In a play almost too poetic for a Philadelphia team accustomed to losing stars to injury, Fultz’s right shoulder collided with Embiid’s eye, leaving Embiid with a concussion and orbital fracture requiring surgery. The

all-star center’s absence creates a gaping void in the offense. It also, however, opens up an opportunity that the rookie could fill.

Post-Embiid injury, the 76ers need help, especially in the form of a creative guard who can manufacture offense off the bench — a bill Fultz exactly fits. Patience has been key throughout the toils of the 76ers past seasons, and they’ll have to exercise it once more with their 19-year-old point guard. Fultz has only shown flashes against NBA competition thus far, but his strengths are undeniable and have reminded 76ers fans why he was selected first overall.

At 6’4” with a 6’10” wingspan, Fultz’s frame stands out; his body allows him to bully opposing guards on the offensive side of the floor, as well as match

up defensively. Despite a limited range on offense, the guard has delivered on off-the-dribble mid-range shots, as well as displayed an aptitude to glide by defenders and finish inside among towering NBA seven-footers. Fultz’s herky-jerky handle has translated effectively to the NBA — with an explosive first step and a variety of dribble moves, he’s left defenders in the dust just as he did at Washington. An underrated passing ability paired with his off-kilter handle equals a formula to dominate pick-and-rolls. His basketball I.Q. has allowed him to weave through NBA defenses, and his unique understanding of angles on the floor lets him dart pinpoint accurate passes to perimeter shooters.

Despite all of these strengths, they’ve merely been

flashes. Fultz comes and goes, as he tends to blend into the offense more often than not. His game is not 100 percent back to his college form; however, with six games left against teams with an average winning percentage of 422, the lack of competition could surely help the young point guard round into form come time for the playoffs. It only takes one game in the postseason to swing a series, and if Fultz can channel the wizardry that made him such a dynamic prospect at Washington, he absolutely could do just that.

Blue Hen Of the Week



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Charlie Kitchen, Men’s Lacrosse

The sophomore netted four goals in Delaware’s 11-10 win over Fairfield on Saturday. Kitchen leads the team with 22 goals and 31 points. Delaware is 4-5 overall and 1-0 in CAA play.



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