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## Bird flu fears spread in region

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The avian flu, a strain of the deadly bird flu currently sweeping across Asia, has been found in Southern Delaware and has led to the destruction of over 72,000 chickens so far.

The strain was detected Thursday at live chicken markets in New Jersey, and routine tests on a farm in Pennsylvania indicated the flu may be present there as well.

Since the initial discovery of avian flu on a Kent County farm last week, several East Asian countries including China have banned the importation of U.S. poultry.

Richard Lobb, spokesman for the National Chicken Council, said despite safety precautions being taken throughout the state, the flu could get worse.

So far two farms in Delaware have been found to be contaminated with the H7 strain of Avian flu.

The first affected flock found in Southern Kent County, Lobb said, was operated independently and not connected to the poultry industry.

Tita Cherrier, spokeswoman for Perdue Chicken, said the second farm affected, located in Sussex county, contained commercial industry chickens belonging to Perdue.

Lobb said the strain of the flu found in Delaware is milder than the Asian bird flu.

The first farm affected has already declared the strain found on its farm to be low pathogenic, while results on the second farm are still pending.

"The bird flu in Asia, which is not low pathogenicity, causes a higher rate of mortality," he said.

While testing is still being done to determine what is responsible for bringing the disease to Delaware, Lobb said, many fingers are pointing in the direction of backyard farmers.

"This is not a human health issue," he said. "This is an animal health problem."

Lobb said the affected chickens are being destroyed and disposed of instead of being slaughtered to be sold for human consumption.

Cherrier said Perdue Chicken products, along with other poultry, is still safe to eat.

Lobb said live bird markets such as those in New York and New Jersey make it easy to spread diseases when the birds are sitting in cages in close contact and molting feathers or excreting feces.

These birds or even their empty cages could be transmitting the disease when brought to backyard farms, he said. People could also be transmitting the flu by carrying mud on their boots, clothes and vehicles when entering farms.

Economics professor James Butkiewicz said he thinks this could potentially have a serious effect on Delaware's economy.

Chicken production is one of the major sources of revenue in Southern Delaware, and the farmers and people being affected are concerned about the ramifications of the discovery, he said.

Butkiewicz said people's natural reaction to the news coverage of the avian flu is to avoid consuming chicken, although most of the it is most likely not affected.

Lobb said he hopes Delaware will not face the devastation suffered in Virginia in past years where farmers experienced drastic losses as a result of avian flu.

"Delaware is doing a great job of catching things early," he said. "They don't want the flu quietly spreading from farm to farm."

Cherrier said Perdue, along with the state of Delaware, is doing everything they can to stop the spread of the flu.

She said she hopes this outbreak will cause a crackdown on backyard farming, which does not have to comply with federal regulations.



THE REVIEW/Doug Shields

Last week's discovery of a strain of avian flu on chicken farms in Southern Delaware has prompted several Asian nations to ban importing U.S. poultry.

"Hopefully they will establish a bio-security procedure that will prevent things like this from happening," she said.

It is too early to tell if the bird flu will continue to spread, she said.

"Everyone is doing everything possible to make sure it doesn't," Cherrier said.

Dennis Geogob, organizer of the group Birdflu.org, said the organization has compiled news articles about the worldwide avian flu events.

"I know personally I'm not eating as much chicken until all of the tests come back," he said.



THE REVIEW/K.W. East

As part of the plan to build six more apartments at Ivy Hall, the complex will engage a private security system to address minor incidents.

## Ivy to build new units

BY NATALIE BISHOP AND MEGAN SULLIVAN  
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The Newark City Council agreed Monday to rezone land south of Ivy Hall Apartments, allowing developer Michael Purzycki to add a six-unit apartment building to the complex.

Councilman Karl Kalbacher, 3rd District, said although many council members were hesitant to support the plan, they could not go against city policy.

"I reluctantly support the building of Ivy Hall," he said, "but by law we have to support some sort of building."

The council is forced to pass the plan, Kalbacher said, or be faced with legal problems, such as a lawsuit.

During the meeting, the city agreed to rezone a .553-acre parcel of land south of Ivy Hall Apartments, thus labeling it a multi-family dwelling/garden apartments instead of general industrial.

The decision to rezone was made by the council after thorough review of material submitted by the Planning Commission.

After rezoning the land, the requested plot does not conflict with the purposes of the Newark Comprehensive Plan, thus there was no legal way the council could vote against the addition.

Kalbacher said the original plan was to build eight units, but Purzycki modified the plan to six units.

According to the city's approved plan, he said, a new security program will have to be set up to prevent future problems with a larger complex.

Purzycki, owner of Ivy Hall, said he offered to hire private security to take care of minor incidents occurring on the premises.

"We offered to have on-site security during certain hours of high social activity," he said.

Purzycki said since the apartments are located directly adjacent to a residential area, student behavior sometimes generate neighborhood complaints.

With on-site security, he said he hopes to minimize disruptiveness and misconduct.

This will be done in cooperation with Newark Police, and a protocol will be specified under which circumstances private security will call police, he said.

In the past, Purzycki said police were receiving

calls for trivial and minor incidents. By establishing private security, the police will be kept available for more serious incidents.

Kalbacher said Ivy Hall has had a history of misconduct issues and the city received 189 police calls last year.

Councilwoman Christina Rewa, 6th District, said more buildings at Ivy Hall would compound a problem that already exists.

"It is already a situation," she said. "Are we going to complicate it even further?"

Kalbacher said he was hesitant about supporting the addition of a six-unit apartment building because of the number of police calls.

"I was resistant because based upon the record of significant Newark service calls to that facility," he said, "I did not think building was appropriate for a place that has so many violations."

The Council also decided that the city and the developer must review the on-site private security each year for three years.

Kalbacher said he would not have approved the plan if there were a way out of the situation, but the council has to abide by the law.

"I would not have approved the plan if my hands weren't tied," he said, "but we have to adhere to property law rights and make the best of a situation that is not ideal."

Purzycki said the decision to build a six-unit apartment building addition is due to the high rental demand.

"We literally haven't had a vacancy in five years," he said.

Purzycki said there is an old house that was rented out that now needs to be demolished before the construction of the new building can take place.

Remodeling of existing buildings, including new roofing and siding and hallway and outdoor concrete repairs will proceed, hopefully starting this summer, he said.

"We didn't want to start a redeveloping or remodeling project before we knew what we were doing with this project," Purzycki said.

Purzycki said he hopes construction of the new apartment building will begin in the summer of 2005.

—additional reporting by Stephanie Andersen

## Clark leaves primary

BY ERIN BURKE  
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A strong win in the Tennessee and Virginia Democratic primaries on Tuesday not only put Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., further ahead of his opponents in the primary election but also made him the second non-southern Democrat in 36 years to beat a Southern candidate in Southern states.

Since 1968, the only candidate to do this was Michael Dukakis, when he beat Al Gore in two Southern primaries in 1988.

In Virginia, Kerry won with 52 percent of the vote, trailed by Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., who received 27 percent, and finally Retired Army General Wesley Clark with 9 percent.

Kerry won Tennessee with 41 percent of the votes, followed again by Edwards who received 26 percent. Clark finished closely behind Edwards with 23 percent.

Clark announced his withdrawal from the race Wednesday, after finishing third in the two key Southern primaries.

Clark has won only one Democratic primary, in Oklahoma on Feb. 3.

Kerry has now won 12 Democratic nomination contests and lost just two, which has

placed him as the current primary frontrunner.

Mark Graber, political science professor at the University of Maryland — College Park, said at this point it will be very hard for another candidate to defeat Kerry.

"The question now is whether the other Democratic candidates will damage him enough to cause [President George W.] Bush to win," he said. "Never underestimate the Democrats' ability to self-destruct."

It is hard to say who will win the election, he said, but one major point is that Bush has more campaign funding.

In regard to the South, Graber said the issue is not whether Kerry can beat Bush there in the general election.

"He can't beat Bush in the South," he said. "That's like saying Bush will beat Kerry in Massachusetts."

The key issue will be whether Kerry can win some Southern states, he said.

"He needs to make a threat in the South to force Bush to spend money there that he would rather spend somewhere else."

Nearly 90 percent of exit poll respondents in Virginia said they thought Kerry could beat Bush in the fall.

The candidates are now turning their focus to Wisconsin's primary on Tuesday, where Edwards will attempt to take former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean out of the race.

Dean is planning to make a stand in Wisconsin where he has recently focused his campaign.

He did not campaign in Virginia or Tennessee where his votes were in the single digits, earning 7 percent and 4 percent of the votes, respectively.

Dean previously said if he did not win the Wisconsin primary, then he would withdraw from the race. He has since rescinded that statement, saying he will stay the course of the election.

Graber said he doesn't think there is any chance for Dean at this point.

"Clark made the right decision to drop out of the race," he said. "Staying in at this point is a service to Bush."

To win the Democratic nomination, a candidate needs 2,161 delegates. Currently, Kerry is leading with 516, Dean has 182, Edwards has 165, Clark has 102, the Rev. Al Sharpton has 12 and Rep. Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio, has two.

## Rush begins this weekend

BY JOE OLIVIERI  
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Formal spring recruitment for sororities will begin tonight in Clayton Hall at 6 p.m.

Formal recruitment, also known as rushing, is the process by which students learn more about sororities and attempt to join them.

Matthew Lenno, assistant director of the Trabant University Center, explained the nature of the process.

"The women are required to meet every sorority during the recruitment process," he said. "They learn about the philanthropy, community service, goals and sisterhood."

After obtaining more information, potential sorority members make their decisions as to which sororities they would be interested in joining, Lenno said.

"The women select their top three choices for sororities and the sororities choose their top tier of women," he said. "Then the conference meets and using a computer program, they match bids to sororities."

He said more people have already registered for recruitment than the previous year. Approximately 450 people signed up, with approximately 90 registering in one day alone.

The Panhellenic Conference, which governs the sorority system at the university, oversees the recruitment process.

Michelle Sperber, president of Alpha Epsilon Phi sorority, described the process in further detail.

"One of the benefits is that you get a wide variety of people," she said. "For the girls, they get to see how different the sororities are."

"It's like a pairing up," she said. "See how you pair up with each other, you and the sororities."

Freshman Colleen McCoy said she was interested in participating in the rush process.

"I'm going in without expectations," she said. "Better to have an open mind. I just think I'm going to meet new people and make the campus seem a little smaller."

Freshman Jenna Matthews said she was unsure what to expect but was optimistic.

"[I'm] hoping I'll meet new people and have a good experience," she said.

Matthews said that a conversation with a relative convinced her to register.

"I was going back and forth and at the last possible day to sign up, I signed up," she said. "I did after I talked to my cousin who is in a sorority and she said it was the best thing she ever did. So I said 'What the heck?'"

The recruitment events will take place from tonight through Sunday and again from Feb. 20 to 22.



# Pentagon scraps e-voting

BY ANDREW AMSLER

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The Department of Defense called off plans to offer Internet voting as an alternative to the absentee ballot in November's presidential election, Pentagon officials said Feb. 6.

Maj. Sandra Burr, a Pentagon spokeswoman, said the office of Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz, issued the decision just one day before the South Carolina primary, where the Secure Electronic Registration and Voting Experiment was to be tested.

Although unable to comment on the exact nature of the problem, she said Wolfowitz was advised by a group of computer security experts who found several security risks associated with the SERVE system.

A study released one week prior to Wolfowitz's decision stated, "Because SERVE is an Internet and PC-based system, it has numerous other fundamental security problems that leave it vulnerable to a variety of well-known cyber attacks."

"Such attacks could occur on a large scale and could be launched by anyone from a disaffected lone individual to a well-financed enemy agency outside the reach of U.S. law."

Polli Brunelli, director of the Federal Voting Assistance Program, which oversaw the SERVE project, said security was a primary concern in the development prior to the launching of the SERVE system in June 2003.

"Security is everyone's first question about Internet voting," she said, "so we made security the driving factor in the SERVE system design."

The system was to be used in seven states during the November election, including Florida, South Carolina and Washington and could have affected more than 100,000 U.S. citizens and Armed Forces personnel overseas.

However, if implemented nationally, the SERVE system could reach up to 6 million citizens residing outside the United States.

Political science and international relations professor Joseph Pika said the use of SERVE could have a notable effect on elections.

"Primarily, it could increase voter turnout by making the voting process easier," he said.

In addition to reaching voters who reside abroad, Pika said, the implementation of an online voting system could make voting easier in areas where voters have to travel great distances to get to polling places.

Burr said despite the recent setback in the program, the Pentagon continues to look into the possibility of using online voting in future elections.

"The Pentagon is always interested in making voting as accessible as possible," she said. "The SERVE system will be considered once integrity is restored to the program."

Pika said the system is, unfortunately, not the breakthrough technology everyone has sought to solve the questions raised after the last presidential election.

"There will be a great deal of exploration of this program," he said, "but until all the bugs can be worked out, it will not be an effective method of voting."

The control of elections rests with state and local officials, not with the federal government, Pika said, which makes a nationwide SERVE system unlikely at the present time.

"This translates into very different voting practices among the states," he said.

Elaine Manlove, director of the New Castle County Department of Elections, said although an online absentee ballot system is not a far-fetched idea, Internet voting at polling places would most likely come first.

Delaware uses the Direct Recording Electronic voting system, which prevents over-voting by allowing voters to select only one candidate for each political office.

"This is a much more secure form of voting than the online system," Manlove said, "but I do think Internet voting will become popular one day."

The DRE voting system is less corruptible, she said, because all votes are recorded directly onto a cartridge before counting, not transmitted electronically like the SERVE system.

Pika said there is no foolproof voting system, but some methods of voting are more secure than others.

"The system that Delaware has in place gives you an increased amount of control and added security," he said.

# Disaster volunteer teams funded

BY JENN GUGLIELMINO

Staff Reporter

Delaware is currently receiving funding in the form of federal grants to establish and train a group of medical volunteers to aid in the event of a devastating emergency, such as terrorism.

Lt. April Kidd, a spokeswoman for the Medical Reserve Corps, said the Corps, which manages and runs the emergency response program and stretches its outreach to individual communities within the state, funds the grants.

The exact amount of the three-year grant is undetermined, she said, but will be decided within the next few weeks.

The number of volunteers needed is unknown at this point,

but the amount is expected to be significant, Kidd said.

The volunteers, she said, will ideally be individuals who already have training in the medical field, such as retired doctors or nurses.

Donna Sharp, spokeswoman for the Delaware Division of Public Health, said the department currently has an employee database storing information about staff members that could be most helpful in an emergency.

"For example, the database we have now would be able to know who, in the event of an emergency, is bilingual," she said. "This is important information to have to be able to lend our best efforts to our community in a crisis."

The current database, Sharp

said, is able to tell which employees have four-wheel-drive vehicles in the event of a huge blizzard.

"Someone might have something unique to lend in the case of an emergency," she said.

Organizers anticipate that volunteers will be placed in a similar database, Sharp said, so in the case of an emergency, such as a terrorist attack, the people best suited for help could be called up at a moment's notice.

"The program empowers the state as a whole," she said.

Philip Cabaud, Delaware Homeland Security advisor, said the effort to establish a volunteer base is going to be a "tremendous asset" to the state.

"The health care and medical system operates at capacity

every day," Cabaud said. "In the event of a catastrophe, we would need resources beyond the day-to-day operations to best serve our communities."

Hopefully, he said, the program will have the ability to screen citizens and analyze their current status in the event of an emergency to determine who needs care, assess treatment and administer necessary aid.

"Prevention is the ultimate goal of all of our homeland security efforts," Cabaud said. "An alert and prepared public is far less vulnerable to terrorism. However, a competent response plan is necessary to appropriately, effectively and efficiently react in the event of a catastrophe."

# Del. to expand reading program

BY SARA SATULLO

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Gov. Ruth Ann Minner announced a plan to put a reading resource teacher in every public elementary school in the state to improve statewide reading performance.

Minner proposed the plan Jan. 22 in her State of the State Address.

Ron Gough, public information officer of Delaware's Department of Education, stated in an e-mail message that the proposal asks the state legislature to allocate \$3.8 million in the 2005 fiscal year budget for the program.

Currently, there are 50 reading resource teachers in elementary schools, Gough said, and through these programs the state has documented dramatic reading skill improvement for students involved.

Pam Nichols, spokeswoman for the Delaware State Education Association, said the money will be used to hire an additional 68 reading specialists.

"We think that there needs to be more resources in classrooms besides reading, but yes, it is definitely a good thing," she said.

Gough said to combat the lack of math and science teachers at middle and high school grade levels, Minner proposed a Delaware Teacher Corps program in her State of the State Address.

"For each year of college tuition paid for by the state [at Delaware institutions of higher education], the graduate would agree to teach a year in a Delaware public school," he said. "The Governor specified that at least for the first year, this program would be targeted toward filling the critical need area of math and science teachers."

Nichols said the reading resource program will not be easy to implement because it

is difficult to find certified reading teachers.

Reading is a subject that involves special knowledge, Nichols said, and requires much strategizing because each child learns differently and has individual needs.

The program could face problems if teachers without special training are hired, she said. This need for special training has made hiring difficult.

Gough said teachers choose to become reading specialists at the undergraduate or graduate level.

There is currently no shortage of reading resource teachers, he said, since the majority of the teachers are highly qualified with the skills necessary to work in a reading program.

Gough cited several programs including "Reading First," the "Delaware Reading Project," a Teacher-to-Teacher cadre, as well as professional development clusters which help teachers gain experience at working with children who need special attention.

Federal funding for these programs helps offset the costs to school districts for the training and materials for these programs, he said.

Martha Buell, university professor of early childhood development, said parents are an essential component of developing children's reading skills.

"The best thing to improve reading in the lives of the children of America is to turn off the television," she said.

Studies show parents need to interactively read to their children 20 minutes per day in a developmentally appropriate manner to promote literacy, Buell said.

Parents need to get involved in the reading, she said, and need to show children the story comes from words, which have phonetic sounds behind them, not just illustrations.

The problem, Buell said, is many parents do not do this, which is why reading resource teachers are needed.

Gough said the individualized attention of the reading resource teachers has helped to identify children who have difficulty reading and correct the problems earlier in the child's academic career.

Buell said if reading resource teachers are used effectively, they can compensate for the lack of parental involvement at home greatly helping at-risk children.

Resource teachers should be given the opportunity to be involved with both classroom teachers and students, she said.

If the teachers are only used to offer literary and curriculum input to teachers, Buell said, their special training is wasted.

Sometimes, resource teachers are very effective when integrated into the school, she said, and are allowed to use authentic assessments of language and literary skills, rather than standardized tests.

Nichols said due to time constraints, resource teachers who are currently in place are not able to utilize the full potential of their training.

Instead, resource teachers run sessions and workshops for teachers, rather than working with the students in the classroom.

Gough said the proposed \$3.8 million would allow Minner's initiative of putting a reading resource teacher in every public elementary school to go into effect, which he sees as a tremendous boost to the development of reading skills.

"We don't see a downside to this program at all," he said.



## DOCTORS, HOSPITALS CHALLENGE FEDERAL SUBPOENAS FOR MEDICAL RECORDS OF ABORTION PATIENTS

WASHINGTON — Court records and officials said a group of physicians and hospitals is fighting Justice Department subpoenas for confidential medical records of patients who have undergone a type of late-term abortion, part of an escalating legal battle over a new federal ban on the procedure.

The dispute resulted in contradictory orders last week from federal judges in Chicago and New York City over whether the records may be released.

The outcome of the dispute could determine whether federal officials will be able to widely enforce the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act, which was signed into law on Nov. 5 but has been restricted by several temporary restraining orders issued in federal courts.

In a lawsuit filed by the National Abortion Federation and seven physicians against Attorney General John Ashcroft, Justice Department attorneys have demanded patient records from hospitals used by the doctors involved, records show. Government lawyers contend such requests are common in many areas of civil law, and patients' names and other identifying information can be redacted from the files before they are turned over.

A federal judge in Illinois last week blocked the government from enforcing a subpoena against Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago, ruling that the demand violated state and federal privacy laws.

Officials said hospitals in Michigan, New York and Pennsylvania have also refused to comply because of patient privacy concerns.

The standoff so angered a New York judge that he threatened last week to lift an injunction barring enforcement of the abortion ban against the plaintiffs in the case, who represent half of the nation's abortion providers.

U.S. District Judge Richard Conway Casey of the Southern District of New York told attorneys the physicians had opened themselves to such subpoenas by filing the lawsuit, and the records request would not threaten patient privacy because personal information would be blocked out.

On the same day U.S. Chief District Judge Charles Kocoras of the Northern District of Illinois quashed the government's subpoena of records at Northwestern Memorial, calling the request "a significant intrusion" of patients' privacy that would provide "little, if any, probative value" to the government's case.

The law at the heart of the court fight bans a controversial abortion procedure, generally performed in the second or third trimester, in which the fetus is partially delivered.

The procedure was relatively rare, with 2,000 to 2,200 performed annually before the ban, according to various estimates. That number represents about .17 percent of total abortions annually.

## SOUTH KOREAN SCIENTISTS CREATE HUMAN EMBRYO CLONES

SOUTH KOREA — South Korean scientists have succeeded in creating human embryo clones, a major breakthrough for the promising field of stem cell therapy and for the controversial endeavor of cloning a human being.

The achievement, published today in the journal Science, was hailed by many scientists, because it brings closer the possibility that replacement tissues might one day be grown to treat medical conditions such as diabetes, spinal cord injuries and Parkinson's disease.

The Korean authors were able to grow the embryos for several days and extract stem cells from one of them, then show these cells could turn into many types of tissues.

But the findings also demonstrate there is no inherent barrier to using cloning technology to create babies that are genetic copies of pre-existing people.

Scientists and ethicists urged that laws be enacted to ban any such attempts while permitting research into cloning for medical therapies to continue.

They stressed that trying to make human baby clones would not only be ethically questionable but also unsafe.

Studies on cloning in animals such as pigs and cows show that many of the embryo and fetus clones die because they contain tiny, genetic errors.

Experts in stem cell and cloning who had scrutinized the article said the findings appeared strong, in stark contrast to the high-profile but unsubstantiated reports of cloned babies and pregnancies that have cropped up in the media over the past few years.

While cloning has been achieved in many animals since Dolly the sheep was born in 1996, the only published scientific account of attempts to clone human embryos reported the embryos only grew to about six cells in size before dying.

Some researchers had suggested the cloning of primates, including humans, might prove especially difficult, because attempts to make monkey clones have been unsuccessful.

## AIR FRANCE MEMO WARNS FOREIGN-BORN EMPLOYEES OF DELAYS IN UNITED STATES

PARIS — Air France has issued a memo warning some of its foreign-born employees to expect long security delays at U.S. airports and instructing them to avoid the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport altogether.

The memo, sent out in December by the chief of Air France's Americas division, warns staff members they might experience difficulties when entering and leaving the United States if they were born in one of 10 countries, including Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt, Libya, Iraq, Iran, Lebanon, Syria or Indonesia.

Ulli Gendrot, spokeswoman for Air France, said the list was drawn from a longer list supplied by the U.S. government under procedures established in 2002 when the National Security Entry-Exit Registration System, or NSEERS, was updated.

Airline officials said Air France issued its memo after noticing it was taking its flight crews much longer to enter the United States because some staff members were being held for lengthy interviews.

Air France said its memo, first revealed in the French Communist Party daily newspaper l'Humanité, was not meant to suggest its crewmembers were being exclusively targeted by U.S. officials.

"It applies to everyone, to all companies," Gendrot said.

She said in a separate memo issued to crewmembers, Air France said employees could elect not to work in the United States.

Homeland Security officials said immigration inspectors may require closer scrutiny of passengers born anywhere else, not just in the countries cited in the Air France memo.

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

## THREE-DAY FORECAST



FRIDAY

Mostly sunny,  
highs in the 40s



SATURDAY

Partly cloudy,  
highs in the 40s



SUNDAY

Mostly sunny,  
highs in the 20s

—courtesy of the National Weather Service

## Police Reports

### MAN ROBBED ON TRAIL

An unknown person knocked down and robbed a Wilmington College student walking his beagle on the James F. Hall Trail at approximately 7:20 p.m. Wednesday, Newark police said.

Cpl. Tracy Simpson said the student was walking his dog near Phillips Park, and the person struck him on the head from behind.

The student was knocked down, allowing the assailant to take his wallet, she said, which he rummaged through searching for cash before fleeing.

The student got up minutes later and returned home to call the police, she said.

Simpson said police brought a K-9 unit to sniff down the person's scent, which they tracked to a home on Ritter Lane.

Police then interviewed the residents of the home, she said.

The unknown man escaped with \$15, Simpson said, and the case is pending inactive due to a lack of solid leads.

### MAN ATTEMPTS TO RUN OVER POLICE OFFICER

A known man participated in a drug transaction and attempted to run over a Newark police officer in the parking lot of Wachovia Bank on South College Avenue at approximately 7:20 p.m. Tuesday, Simpson said.

Police were conducting surveillance in the area of South College Avenue and Marvin Drive, she said, when they observed two men inside a car making a transaction.

Simpson said the police contacted the men, and one of them attempted to run over an officer in an attempt to escape.

After striking and damaging a parked vehicle, she said, the man

exited his Dodge Intrepid and continued fleeing on foot.

Police then searched the vehicle and discovered more than 5 pounds of marijuana, Simpson said, along with other drug paraphernalia used for weighing and packaging illegal substances.

When caught, the known man faces outstanding charges of trafficking in marijuana, delivery of marijuana, reckless endangering in the first degree, possession with intent to deliver marijuana, maintaining a vehicle for the delivery of a controlled substance, resisting arrest and criminal mischief, she said.

Simpson said the case is active, as police have received multiple tips and expect to find the man within days.

—Stephanie Andersen



# A new chapter in bookstore rivalry

BY AMY KATES

Copy Editor

Lieberman's Bookstore kicked off spring semester book sales in its new location within the Main Street Galleria.

Owner Dan Lieberman said he is pleased with the new location.

"I think we have the nicest store front on all of Main Street," he said.

Lieberman said they were fortunate to start up a business where the Gap was previously located because of its attractive décor.

"The Gap put in very nice, expensive hardwood floors," he said. "If we had done that ourselves, it would have cost us a lot of money."

Lieberman said he has plans for the store in the near future.

"We're only in phase one of three phases," he said. "We're not even close to being done."

Customers were uncomfortable in the old location, Lieberman said, because of the smaller size, so the goals of the new store are targeted around customer comfort.

"Our customers like to look for their own books," he said. "It

is easier for them to do that now with the bigger space, plus we have staff on hand if they need assistance."

The new space will allow for more than just textbooks, Lieberman said. The store will also include clothing merchandise and school supplies.

He said he still has the lease for the bookstore's previous location across the street.

"We have a lot of cool ideas and concepts for the [old] store," Lieberman said. "We want to do something that will make people want to take a trip down to Main Street."

He would not specify what the changes will be.

Nathan Bright, assistant operations manager for the Delaware Book Exchange, said he is not concerned about competition with Lieberman's new location.

He said he believes the Book Exchange offers superior service, but there are other factors that will keep them in competition with Lieberman's.

"[Lieberman's side] of Main Street does less business," he said. "Our side is sunnier, and people simply tend to walk on our side of the street more."

Bright said he could not tell if there was a change in the usual pattern of customers.

"All I can tell you is that we've been extremely busy since Friday," he said.

Bright said when it comes to choosing a bookstore, students tend to be lazy.

"If the walk is closer to Lieberman's, students will go there," he said.

Bright said he believes the Book Exchange has a loyal customer base.

"Freshmen who don't know any better will go down to Lieberman's," he said. "But the upperclassmen, they know better. They take the few extra steps down here."

Freshman Ashley Coyle said she found it easier to shop at Lieberman's.

"It was bigger, so there weren't as many people in your way every time you went to grab the book you need," she said. "There were also more registers, so the lines went by quicker."

She said she was also impressed with the employees' efficiency in keeping things moving quickly.

Although Coyle chose Lieberman's, she was not happy



THE REVIEW/Jessica Sitkoff

**With Lieberman's bookstore in its new location across Main Street from Delaware Book Exchange, the perennial competition for students seeking refuge from high book prices continues.**

about the Gap closing.

"As a Gap employee, I miss using my discounts right on Main Street," she said. "It sucks that it's not here anymore."

Junior Jeff Benjenk said he used to shop at Lieberman's, but he switched over to the Book Exchange once they expanded their store.

He said he would not go back to Lieberman's now that it has

also expanded its store.

"I don't really support bookstores taking over clothes stores that people need and use," he said.

Benjenk said he thinks the Book Exchange is a friendlier store to walk through, and he thinks it has shorter lines.

"Plus, they give out [coupons for] free pizza," he said.

# Group to promote study abroad

BY CHRISTINA HERNANDEZ

Student Affairs Editor

Twelve students attended a preliminary meeting Monday for the Study Abroad Ambassadors, a new student group that aims to promote the university's study abroad program.

The group, which is advised by the Center for International Studies, intends to bring students together who had previously studied abroad to inform others about the program.

Students interested in joining the Ambassador program, which is in the process of becoming a registered student organization, must have previously studied abroad and be recommended by the professor they traveled with.

Junior Kim Hazzard, president of the Study Abroad Ambassadors, said the program will act as a liaison between students and faculty, because it is easier for students to relate their experiences abroad to other students.

"People are more likely to listen to students [about studying abroad]," she said.

The Ambassadors will hold "talk tables" Tuesday and Wednesday in Purnell Hall and Feb. 24 and 25 in the lobby of Smith Hall to inform students about upcoming study abroad programs and distribute brochures about studying abroad.

Senior Richard Coddling, who was approached by the program's adviser to be a Study Abroad Ambassador, has traveled abroad several times during his years at the university, including trips to Spain, Costa Rica and a tour of Europe.

"Study abroad has been such a big part of my college career," he said.

Coddling said he has saved photographs, money, casino chips and other trinkets from each country to put into scrapbooks.

"If I can persuade people to study abroad," he said, "it would clarify my great experience."

Students are invited to view photographs and displays from various study abroad trips at an exposition in the Trabant Multipurpose Rooms from 2 to 4 p.m. March 3. Tables will be organized by geographic regions, and all areas of the world from Asia to Antarctica will be represented.

Hazzard said she encourages students to look into studying abroad, as a trip to another country is often a welcome break from the university setting.

"It's a lot nicer if you're in the sun of Costa Rica doing your Group Ds," she said.

Hazzard said her trip to Costa Rica last Spring not only opened her eyes to another culture, but also persuaded her to add a major when she returned to the university.

Sophomore Lindsay Dorland, secretary of the Study Abroad Ambassadors, said students could initiate their own study abroad program with the backing of a faculty member.

"It's important for students to know that we have control," she said.

# Newark café gets a European twist

BY SHAWNA WAGNER

Staff Reporter

The coffee house formally known as Jam'n Java revamped its interior and menu over the university's winter break.

Patrick Matic, owner of the Newark Shopping Center's newly-christened Adria Café, said he changed the name to signify the addition of a dinner menu and wider variety of food.

Matic, a native of France, said the new name also indicates the menu's regional tastes from the Adriatic Sea, located between Italy and Yugoslavia.

The menu is largely comprised of Italian dishes, he said, and new specialties include quiche with salad and vegetable or seafood lasagna.

Matic said he has received the most compliments on his mochachino.

"It is one of the best in town, people claim," he said.

Matic said he has received encouraging feedback about the changes he made.

"The comments are on the positive side," he said. "People say [the interior] looks better than it used to."

Matic said customers are especially pleased with a new window that allows them to view the chef making their food.

"It is nice to know who is cooking for you," he said.

Successful advertising has drawn in a mix of students, locals and others from outside the area to the café, Matic said.

Adria café also attracts many stateside Europeans who are accustomed to variety, he said, as the menu ranges from standard onion rings to wine.

"The Europeans or foreign people that come here don't mind drinking beer in a coffee house," Matic said. "Americans are not used to this type of business."

Senior Laci Barrow, a patron before and after the café's transformation, said the café brings back memories of a year she spent in France.

"I like the French atmosphere, and I like the wines," she said. "Sometimes he'll play French or other international music, and I really like that because it reminds me of being back in Europe."

Newark resident Jessica Bisio said she enjoys the café's new paintings, silk screens and European flair as well as the espressos.

"His espressos are huge," she said. "They are the best on Main Street."

The café's East Main Street location is farther than other coffee shops and cafés near campus.

Junior Erin O'Connor, a regular patron of the Brew Ha Ha on East Main Street, said the convenience of a standard American coffee shop outweighs the long walk to an eclectic European café.

"During the hours of the day when you are having classes," she said, "it is inconvenient to walk all the way down Main Street when Brew Ha Ha is near all your classes."

Barrow, however, said she will continue to frequent the newly-updated café.

"I am happy with the change because he has kept all the drinks from before, and he has only added to the food menu," she said. "I am now excited to eat lunch here."



THE REVIEW/Jessica Sitkoff

**The former Jam'n Java coffe shop has redesigned its decor, expanded its menu options and adopted Mediterranean-style foods.**

# Main Street ice cream store mixes it up, stone cold

BY MEGAN SULLIVAN

City News Editor

East Main Street just got chillier.

Cold Stone Creamery, a new ice cream shop, opened last Friday and employees went through 25 cases of ice cream at 10 pounds each to serve cold-braving customers.

Lisa Kopolovic, manager, said Cold Stone Creamery served 250 pounds of free ice cream from 6 to 9 p.m.

Kopolovic, a Newark resident, said she and her family were on a vacation in Las Vegas when they first discovered the Cold Stone Creamery franchise.

"We saw a Cold Stone there and fell in love with it," she said.

Kopolovic, along with the assistance of her mother Sharon, father Peter and sister Hana, is running the Main Street Cold Stone located next to Pita Pit.

Kopolovic said Main Street was the family's first choice for location.

"I think that I am going to do well in a college campus," she said. "Young people are usually more receptive to what's new."

Jen Mallon, an area developer for Cold Stone Creamery, said the franchise was first started in 1988 in Tempe, Ariz., and there are currently 1,500 stores nationwide.

Mallon, said customers can select from 32 original Cold Stone creations, which are concoctions based on popular desserts. Customers can also opt to create their own unique blend by choosing a base flavor, such as French Vanilla, White Chocolate or Cake Batter and then select from more than 40 mix-ins, such as cookie dough, brownies and candy.

Kopolovic said the ice cream, as well as the waffle bowls and cones, are made fresh daily on the premises.

The ice cream is made by using a bladder of raw mix, which comes in base flavors Sweet Cream and Chocolate, she said, and then combining it with other ingredients to make flavors like Coffee or Cheesecake.

From Banana Splitacular to Oreo Overload to Fruit Stand Rendezvous, Kopolovic said the employees prepare all creations on a granite slab chilled at 16 degrees.

Using metal spades, she said, the workers place the ice cream on the slab, add the toppings on the bed of ice cream, mash it all together and then put the creation in a cup or cone.

Depending on the appetite of the customer, sizes come in Like It, Love It and Gotta Have It.

Kopolovic said the store also offers no-sugar-added and fat-free ice creams, smoothies, milkshakes and banana splits. Customers can also take ice cream home in a pint, quart or ultimate bucket.

Mallon said her job is to work with new franchises during their first week of business and return on a quarterly basis to assist with training and other needs.

She said 55 Cold Stone Creamery locations were launched this year, including two in Rehoboth Beach, and one in Dover, Glasgow and New Castle.

Kopolovic currently has approximately 30 employees, mostly high school and university students, but said she is always hiring.

The job, however, is not for shy folks, since it entails singing, screaming and jumping after receiving tips from customers.

"If you're fun and crazy and like to have a good time, you're going to fit in well," she said.

Employees sing along to tunes such as "I've Been Workin' on the Railroad" and "She'll Be Comin' 'Round the Mountain," except the lyrics are altered to "I've been workin' on the cold stone" and "We'll be mixin' on the cold stone when you tip."

Sophomore Kate Howard said although she had just eaten ice cream at the dining hall, she could not pass up an offer to test out the new ice cream shop.

"It was worth it," she said. "It's kind of like Ben and Jerry's, but they make it in front of you."

The only thing she found lacking in the store, she said, was that the seating is limited to four tables with two chairs each.

Sophomore Andy Kelly, who sampled Chocolate Devotion, said the atmosphere reminded him of Starbucks and he was pleased with the portion size.

"They pile it on," he said.

Employee sophomore Marni Sorin said working at the shop has been a lot of fun.

"It gets kind of wild late at night," she said. "It's a workout, but it's better than going to the gym."

Kopolovic said the shop is kosher and will soon be certified, and

she may look into adding the shop onto the Off Campus Meal Plan as well as extending hours in the near future, especially during the summer.

Part of tomorrow's official grand opening profits will be donated to the Make a Wish Foundation.



THE REVIEW/K.W. East

**Senior Dana Kaplan melds an ice cream creation at Cold Stone Creamery, which opened on Main Street last Friday.**



# UD professor honored

BY NICOLE SARRUBBO

Staff Reporter

Joel Schneider, university professor of chemistry and biochemistry, was recently awarded the National Science Foundation's prestigious Career Development Award.

Elizabeth VanderPuten, spokeswoman for the NSF, said the award is a highly competitive grant recognizing young new scholars who are integrating both research and education.

The award, which is in its ninth year, is open to new assistant professors with a doctorate in a field supported by the NSF on a tenure track.

Schneider was awarded over half a million dollars by the NSF to fund his research in the design and synthesis of peptides and proteins and their functions.

"[The research is working] to develop new materials, or 'scaffolds' that cells can attach to and grow and hopefully develop into new tissues," he said.

Most materials are currently made out of synthetic polymers; however, we are working to design new materials that are more natural."

Charlie Riordan, chairman of the chemistry and biochemistry department, said the Career Development Award aims to get the next generation of scientists off the ground.

"Joel is a dedicated scientist,

scholar, and teacher," he said.

Riordan said Schneider is not only an outstanding research scientist, but also an excellent teacher.

He said that much of their professional training tends to focus on research and not as much attention is given to the teaching aspect.

"He is very adept at explaining complicated topics in laymen's terms," he said.

Schneider's proposal was among 2,200 submitted to the NSF's panel of experts with only about 20 percent of applicants actually receiving the grant.

VanderPuten said Schneider's achievement is especially unique because he is involved in interdisciplinary research, combining both chemistry and biochemistry; and had to convince more than one set of experts with his proposal.

"Some of the newer faculty are really breaking some new ground," she said.

Schneider, a five-year veteran of the university, said this award is a "total package award," meaning that the award committee reviews an applicant's entire career, including their undergraduate and graduate experience.

He said the grant will be used in many different ways with a portion of it going toward bringing in high school teachers during the summer to experience research and to learn more skills which they can bring back to their schools to use to further develop their curriculum.

According to NSF, the institution that receives the grant is responsible for overseeing that the money is spent in accordance with certain NSF principles.

VanderPuten said the Career Development Award has had a very successful past and most recipients receive tenure and go on to become outstanding professionals.

In addition, the NSF is about to conduct an evaluation to research more ways to integrate research and education, she said, which is the foundation of the Career Development Award.

"We are very proud of all our awardees," she said.

Among Schneider's other accolades is a \$9 million dollar grant that was the result of five assistant professors who wrote a proposal accepted by the National Institute of Health.

This semester, Schneider will be teaching, conducting research, and speaking at various institutions, including Scripts Research Institute and the University of Texas — Austin.

He said his favorite part of the job is teaching his students.

Riordan said the Career Development Award benefits the university in many ways.

"[The award acknowledges] a really great faculty member, and Joel is reflective of our faculty and consistent with the department as he is committed to both teaching and research," he said.



THE REVIEW/Jessica Sitkoff

Hyacinths and dragonflies, which opened Dec. 10 on East Main Street, presents a variety of local art, clothes, jewelry and antiques.

## Store spotlights local art

BY ANNIE BALDRIDGE

Staff Reporter

Hyacinths and dragonflies, a new business located on East Main Street offering a unique blend of shabby to chic antiques and art, opened Dec. 10.

Owner Elizabeth Custis said her shop is a unique store because it features work by local artists as well as students.

The store has everything from jewelry to furniture and vintage clothing.

Custis said she has been fixing up furniture and turning trash into treasure for years.

"I have been [refinishing old furniture] in the garage for so long," she said, "and then one day, all of a sudden, I knew what I wanted to do."

In the downstairs area of the store, customers can find jewelry, candles, hand-made blankets and lotions. Each room is adorned with themed artwork from local artists.

Upstairs the store resembles an art gallery, each room encompassing themed artwork and antiques.

The store is a multi-level house that previously housed a local rock band in the 1970s, Custis said. The attic has now been transformed into a retro-themed room filled with trinkets from the post-World War II era.

Hyacinths and dragonflies doubles as a reception hall for art openings, she said. The last reception drew more than 80 people to the store.

Custis said this is her first store, as she has her cosmetology license and has been a practicing

beautician for several years.

Resident Rose Nester said it is nice to look at art while shopping and not have to step over the clutter most antique stores possess.

"I love this place," she said. "I love everything in here," she said.

Custis said she is excited about the new store and the interest people have shown for the art displayed.

"I think if the building could talk, the whole space would smile when there are people here admiring art," she said.

Although there are shoppers of all ages, Custis said she is particularly excited about displaying students' work.

"The students have new, fresh artwork," she said, "and they need to start somewhere."

Custis said she would like her store to be a stepping-stone for upcoming artists. Eventually, she hopes to display the work of local high school students.

Although there are several other stores on Main Street that sell gift items, she said she does not expect much

**"The students have new, fresh artwork, and they need to start somewhere."**

— Elizabeth Custis, owner of Hyacinths and dragonflies art and antique store, about the prospect of displaying student artwork

## 'Bright ideas' see light

BY SARA SATULLO

Staff Reporter

The university recently selected 10 winning entries for the Bright Ideas program that began in October 2002.

Richie Holland, manager of Human Resources, stated in an e-mail message that the program gives any permanent university employee an opportunity to suggest improvements to campus operations.

Bernard Dworsky, senior advisor for the Water Resources Agency, submitted his winning idea proposing distance markers be implemented into the Green's walkways for exercisers.

As avid walkers, Dworsky said that he and his wife enjoy the campus scenery but found it unfortunate they never knew how far a distance they had traveled.

He said he was sure others felt the same way and hopes the possible installation of the markers will be an incentive for others to exercise or to encourage those who already run and walk on the Green.

"It is a relatively inexpensive thing to implement," Dworsky said, "though I'm not too sure the grounds staff are very happy with me."

This is his second entry to the contest but the first to be selected. In addition, Dworsky said he is thinking about resubmitting his other idea because he still believes in it.

He thinks the program is great because it allows employees to suggest fixing areas of campus, and the ideas often save the university money.

Norma Gaines-Hanks, assistant professor of individual and family studies, said her suggestion can already be seen in the Perkins Student Center parking garage.

Her idea was conceived after receiving a parking ticket for parking her car over the zoned parking instead of near Academy Street, as instructed.

"If you are not from the university," she said, "the Academy Street side means nothing to you."

Thanks to her idea, the garage is now zoned by color to clarify student parking spots from the pay-to-park spots.

"It gives an easy visual [at eye level from the car] of where you can park with little confusion," Gaines-Hanks said.

Once ideas are submitted for the contest, they are reviewed by a selection committee, which convenes four times a year.

Maxine Colm, vice president of administration, along with Holland, are co-chairs of the committee.

Holland said the committee also has a professional staff person, a salaried staff person, and a member of the faculty sitting on each committee.

"Each person reviews the ideas submitted for a specific quarter, selects their top ideas, and we discuss and select as a group."

Colm said the administration has been actively involved in developing and implementing the Bright Ideas concept.

"I think the program has worked very well," Colm said. "Our employee base is happy and we've had some really wonderful ideas."

Holland said the program was conceived by Mary Hempel, assistant to the president and director of public relations, and then developed on the Internet by graphic design artist Molly Chappel.

In the past two years there have been 200 submissions, he said.

Colm said 10 ten winners receive a \$100 cash reward and a T-shirt for having "Bright Ideas," as well as an invitation to a spring reception at the Blue and Gold Club to celebrate.

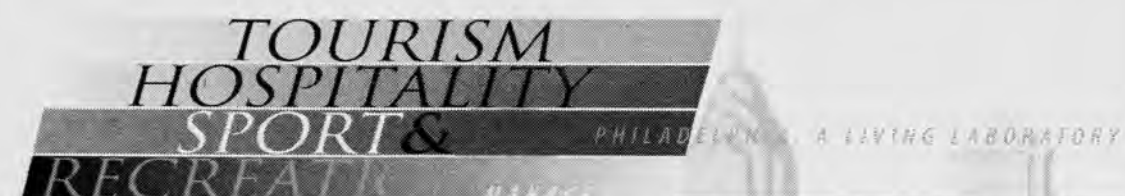
At the reception, the ideas and their possible implementation are discussed.

"The feasibility of the idea, not the cost, is the major factor in implementation," she said.

"Also, sometimes we select an excellent idea, which we find is already being implemented when we contact the department to see if it is possible."

The program is funded through Colm's budget. Previous years' "Bright Ideas" can be seen around campus in the pedestrian crosswalk by Perkins and various signs around campus.

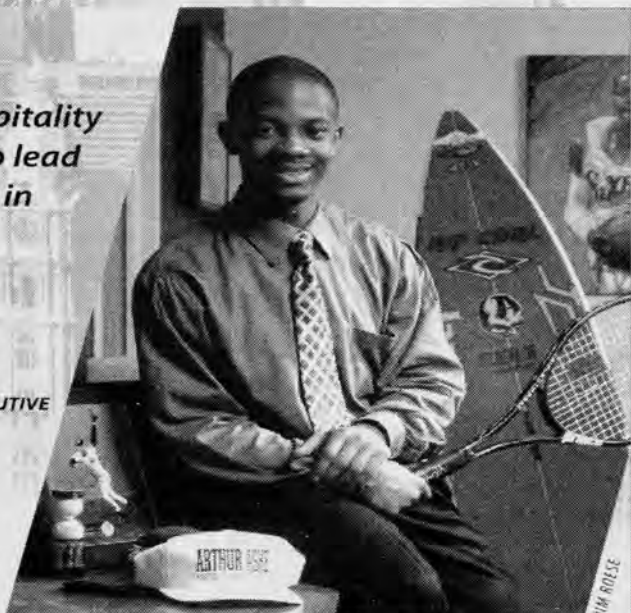
Holland said some ideas that have not made the cut are heated roads, parking garages and a proposal for a campus monorail.



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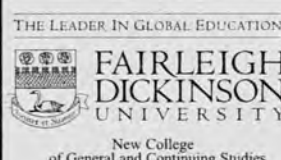


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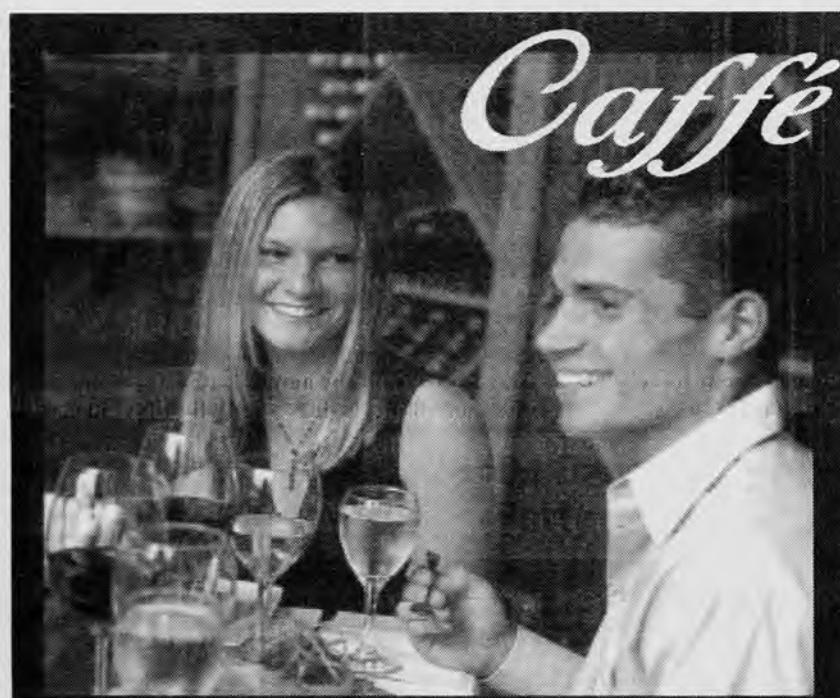
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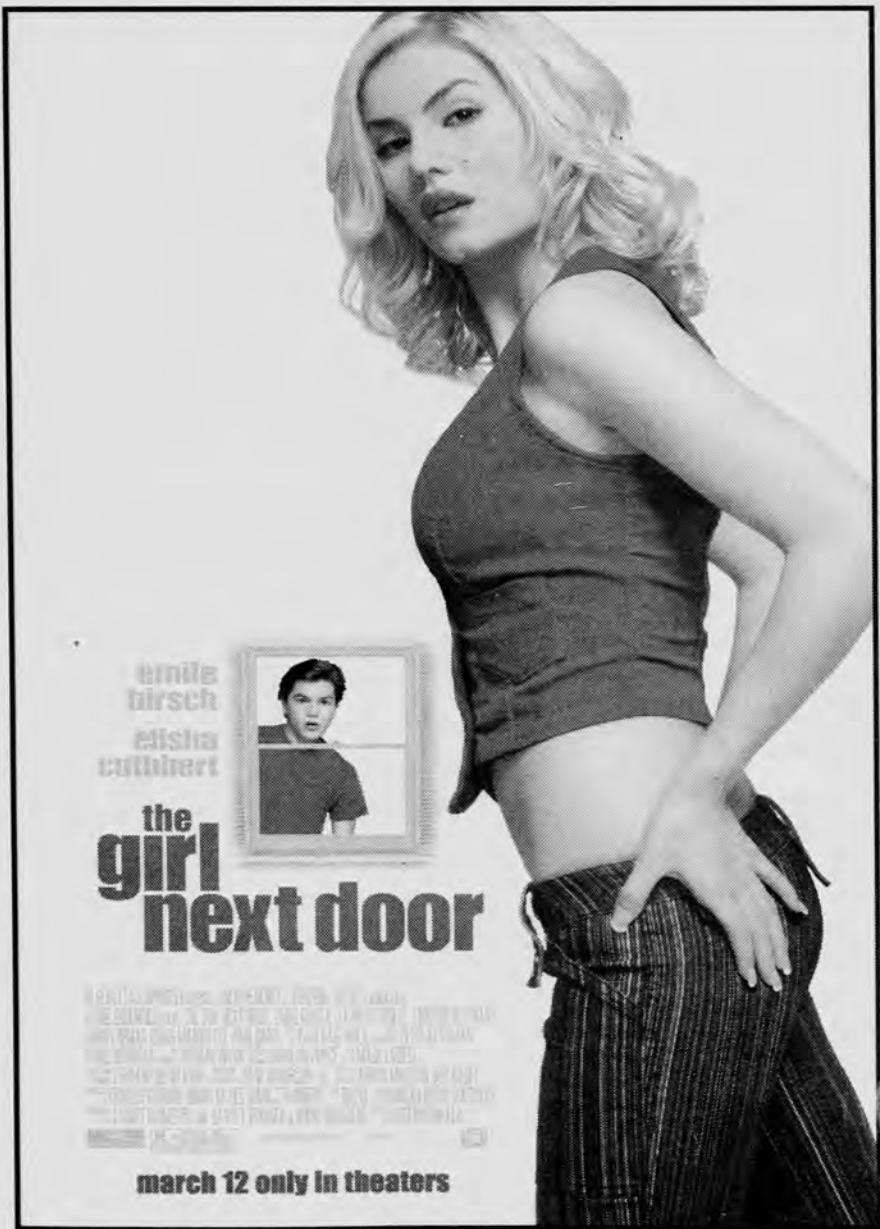
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# Editorial

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## E-Voting

Last week, the Pentagon announced a decision to terminate the Internet alternative to absentee balloting in the upcoming presidential election.

The Secure Electronic Registration and Voting Experiment was to be implemented in seven states to service more than 100,000 U.S. citizens and members of the Armed Forces overseas.

If the program was successful, it would potentially be used to reach approximately six million U.S. citizens outside the country.

Following the 2000 presidential election problems, many hoped this technology would answer voting questions.

However, the security risks associated with the Internet were too great. The Department of Defense decided the pro-

gram's vulnerability to a large-scale cyber attack was too much of a gamble.

The Review applauds the decision to call off Internet absentee voting, and to do so well before election time.

The program would have benefited a huge number of people and anything done to enhance the integrity of the election process should be seen as a step forward.

But the absentee balloting process as it now stands is a complicated and tedious project. Not only that, the entire voting

system is in need of dramatic, widespread reform. The election process should be standardized across the country.

The government has made a step in the right direction but still has a long way to go.

### Review This:

The Pentagon made a smart move to abolish the Internet voting experiment for the 2004 presidential election.

## Ivy Apartments

A new six-unit apartment building will be added to the Ivy Hall Apartment complex, after approval from the Newark City Council.

Council members were reluctant to vote at their Monday meeting in favor of the construction because Ivy Hall has been known to have a high occurrence of police calls.

However, the developer, Michael Purzycki, has agreed to hire private security to patrol the complex during peak hours of high social activity. The new security system will help divert some of the minor disturbance calls away from the Newark Police.

In addition, Purzycki will ensure a specific protocol is set up to specify which circum-

stances would make it appropriate for private security to call in Newark Police.

The Review commends Purzycki for taking the initiative to set up private security in an

area with a history of police calls.

This move will do more to improve safety for students living off-campus than an Apartment Committee would have established. Also, Purzycki has shown that landlords can handle security concerns without interfer-

ence from the city.

As long as private security will be carefully monitored, The Review applauds such a move to improve safety and relieve Newark Police from unnecessary calls.

### Review This:

Private security at Ivy Hall would greatly benefit residents and the Newark Police.



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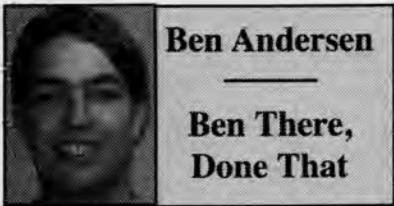
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## Focus on the issues, not Bush-whacking



**Ben Andersen**  
—  
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their votes more than any other quality. What were they thinking?

Yes, Kerry can beat Bush. It would not surprise me if Kerry could beat Bush in a fistfight as well, but in an election year the public has an obligation to learn about the issues and make decisions that will affect the world we live in now as well as the future.

We live in the most user-friendly time in the history of the world. Any miniscule detail can be Googled, yet neither Kerry's ideals nor his tax plan are going to sweep him into the Democratic nomination. Right now he is running on pure momentum, and every candidate that drops from the race early on makes his inevitable challenge for the presidency more difficult.

Kerry is a centric Democrat who appeals to moderates. Say what you will about Howard Dean, but his fiery criticisms of the President are popular with a large portion of the country, especially younger voters, who are disenchanted with the current administration. The longer Democrats have to stay on the campaign trail one-upping each other in their mudslinging toward Bush, the better for Kerry.

The circus that is the Democratic primaries has captured the attention of the public, and possibly for the first time in his presidency put Bush on the defensive. His recent television interview and the release of his military pay stubs prove that a hotly contested primary season can bring up issues that did not dominate the headlines when there was an anointed nominee like Al Gore.

As soon as Dennis Kucinich leaves the race, the Democrats lose the vegan vote, and with Al Sharpton sticking around, debates are

What makes a candidate electable? Charm? Sparkling wit? Boyish good looks? Who knows, but after almost every primary that John Kerry has won, voters said his ability to beat George Bush swayed

going to continue to be watchable. Dean has become something of a joke, and eventually he is going to stop making "last stands," but his grassroots organizational style could be utilized in a challenge against Bush. Even the most devoted Dean supporter would forsake the good doctor for a chance to put a Democrat back in the White House.

Unfortunately, America likes a winner. As long as Kerry does not stumble along the way, like Dean has, he could wrap up the nomination quickly. Instead of reading into issues that affect them, Americans have begun to blindly follow. This will leave Kerry vulnerable to unforeseen attacks in the presidential race, but more importantly, many pertinent issues will not be addressed.

Our republic is set up for majority rule, while protecting the rights of the minority. The sheep-like quality of many voters is trampling those rights. To make sure that ordinary citizen's rights are protected they must be greedy with their votes and look out for themselves first. If the person is an autoworker in Detroit he or she should vote for the stonehearted candidate with a protectionist policy for American cars. If voters take pride in the national parks, a vote for the bleeding heart liberal is in order.

Many people will argue that defeating Bush is the primary objective in the 2004 election. However, a quick nomination process is dangerous for the Kerry ticket. When Kerry wins the nomination with little resistance, not having to clearly define his stances on issues, he is going to be stranded alone against a strong, incumbent administration. A pre-election hibernation that takes the focus away from the Democratic primaries and places it on anything else would be a cyanide pill for Kerry's campaign.

This is why electability is a joke. Kerry needs the advantage of other candidates attacking Bush to allow him to take a dominating lead. He is electable, but right now the Democratic National Committee is looking for a quick end to the race to help save funds



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for the November elections.

The party is split right now between the extreme liberals and the centrist, more moderate Democrats. The possibility of winning the election keeps the two sides together, and with five candidates left in the race there are enough choices to excite both halves and keep them actively recruiting more support until the end of the primary season.

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## Nothing safe to eat except for ice cream



**Leah Conway**  
—  
**Party Foul**

tious cuisine after a long winter break, I suddenly became utterly confused.

It was not the result of the wide variety of delectable dining hall dishes, but because of everything I have read, seen, and heard over the past few months.

As a first thought, I decided I would have a little seafood. After all, it is pretty light and healthy — an important aspect to any dish as Spring Break approaches.

On my way to the grill, I stopped, and not just because the fish being cooked was unidentifiable.

I remembered that just a little over a month ago on virtually every news station in the United States, I saw reports telling me not to eat salmon because it was dangerous.

A worldwide survey found that salmon, specifically farm raised salmon, have a high potential of containing some chemicals that have been known to cause cancer. The food that some salmon are being fed has exhibited high levels of toxins.

Although the Food and Drug Administration later said these concerns with salmon were not overly serious and it was not recommended to change your eating patterns, I decided to sneak away from the grill.

With the beach in late March still floating around in the back of my mind, I made a move to the salad bar.

The first thing I saw sitting there was tuna — a good source of omega-3 fatty acids and identifiable enough to differentiate it from salmon.

Before adding the tuna to my empty tray, I remembered hearing that some tuna has been found to contain mercury, another dangerous toxin. Data released from the FDA noted that more expensive white canned tuna, or albacore, can contain almost three times as much mercury as light canned tuna.

Unsure and still skeptical, I left the salad bar and decided to just avoid all fish.

As my stomach began to growl quite noticeably, I headed over to check out the chicken stir-fry.

After a moment, I realized the chicken about to inhabit my plate may be an old friend of the some 72,000 chickens in lower Delaware destroyed in the last week to prevent the spread of the avian flu also known as the bird flu.

A version of the bird flu is thought to have already killed 19 people in Asia.

However, agricultural officials are saying the virus in Delaware is different from the one in Asia,

As I rounded the corner into Russell Dining Hall ready to eat some scrumptious



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and it is most likely not transmitted through cooked poultry.

I decided I would rather not take my chances, not even caring that chicken is low in fat and a good source of protein.

Although I hardly ever eat red meat, I decided maybe the juicy burgers in the corner would be my best bet.

But before even taking a step in that direction, a vision of crazy mad cows running over the Canadian border suddenly flashed into my head.

Although the government is slowly ending their search for these "mad cows," during the investigation 255 animals of interest were identified by the United States Department of Agriculture as possibly linked to the infected dairy cows birth herd in Canada.

As my stomach could be heard growling across the cafeteria, I decided to give up. I decided that there really is no safe food left in the country.

That was until I passed by the ice cream machine.

After I filled up a large bowl and stared at my delicious sundae, I realized this could possibly stand in the way of my plans of frolicking down the beach at the end of March. But thankfully, media sources and special reports all over the world have helped me realize that almost nothing in America is safe to eat, and have steered me away from unhealthy choices.

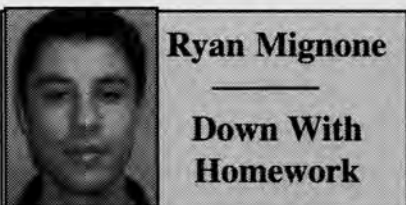
Forget the fact that people have been eating many of these products for hundreds of years. I think we should just boycott all food — except, well, except perhaps for ice cream.

Hey, I am no health expert, but it seems to me that the most logical answer to all this confusion is to stick to ice cream.

But then again, even my own expert health advice came into question as I put down my spoon after the last delicious bite — Where does the cream in my ice cream come from?

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## Border security should not apply to locals



**Ryan Mignone**  
—  
**Down With Homework**

that big of a deal, right?

It's a way of life and tradition for millions of Americans, and why should anyone think twice about attending their local congregation?

Yet, how would you feel if you were fined \$10,000 by the U.S. government for worshipping in the same location you have been for most of your life?

Unfortunately for Richard Albert, of Township 15 Range 15, Maine, and many others who live in this small town, they have had trouble crossing the U.S./Canadian border on the weekends since the elimination of the Form 1 program in May 2003.

This program formerly permitted pre-approved residents to cross the border between Township 15 Range 15 and St. Pamphile, Quebec when the border offices were closed.

Now, the trouble is not getting into Canada, that's the easy part — the trouble lies in getting back to Maine. The border station is open Monday thru Friday from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 8 p.m. to 4 p.m. If a U.S. citizen wants to legally cross the border when the station is closed, he or she has to travel 200 miles out of their way to the nearest open border crossing.

If custom offices are closed, the citizens of Northern Maine are out of luck, since the majority of the town's stores, medical facilities, family members and churches are in Quebec.

Albert, a U.S. citizen, has been crossing the border for 40 years and has had absolutely no trouble in the past. In fact, he lives a measly 30 yards from the U.S. Customs office on the Maine side of the border.

However, on a Sunday in January, Albert trekked into Canada to baby-sit his niece and go to church, with a special pass issued by the Canadian government.

This pass allows him, and other U.S. citizens, to enter the country when the border stations are closed.

However, U.S. law prohibits entry back into the United States when border stations are not open. A few weeks later, Albert received two

Going to Church on Sunday should not be

\$5,000 fines for crossing the border.

"We're supposed to stay here and not move?" Albert said. "There's nothing here on the American side. We feel like we're being treated like animals here. At 9 p.m. we're locked in the barns, and at 6 a.m. we're let out of the pasture."

Indeed, Albert and the citizens of Northern Maine have something to gripe about, and they have every reason to be angry.

What's amusing about this whole situation is the Canadian government accommodates our citizens better than our own government.

That's kind of odd, don't you think?

The Canadian government understands that our citizens need to come into Canada for various reasons and they are able to make exceptions — why can't we?

I would not doubt the U.S. government's reasons behind the stricter controls.

We have to be on watch constantly since the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and I'm sure our government is thinking that a closed border should stay that way — closed.

Yet, if this were true, why did it take so long for them to make the changes? I'm sad our government takes too long to make necessary changes.

It took them nearly 20 months to eliminate Form 1 — god only knows how long it will take them to realize the situation is unjust.

Trust me, I'm for tighter border security, but the U.S. government needs to examine the situation and give these citizens back their previous freedom.

In addition, paying a \$5,000 fine for something you've done your whole life is ridiculous and costly.

I guess a fine of that magnitude lets everyone know our government means business — don't cross our closed borders or you'll get a hefty fine!

I'm sorry, but I just always think of the worst-case scenario, such as what if there was a sudden emergency in Albert's family on Sunday where he needed to cross the border?

What should he do? Should he cross the border and just bite the bullet and take the fine, or will he reconsider his actions because he already owes our government an extra ten grand.

I'd put money on it that if he did cross the border, the government would fine him again.

Ryan Mignone is the copy desk chief for The Review. He wants to change the title of his column to "Up With Mini-skirts" but Agnes and K.W. won't let him. Send comments to [csn@udel.edu](mailto:csn@udel.edu).

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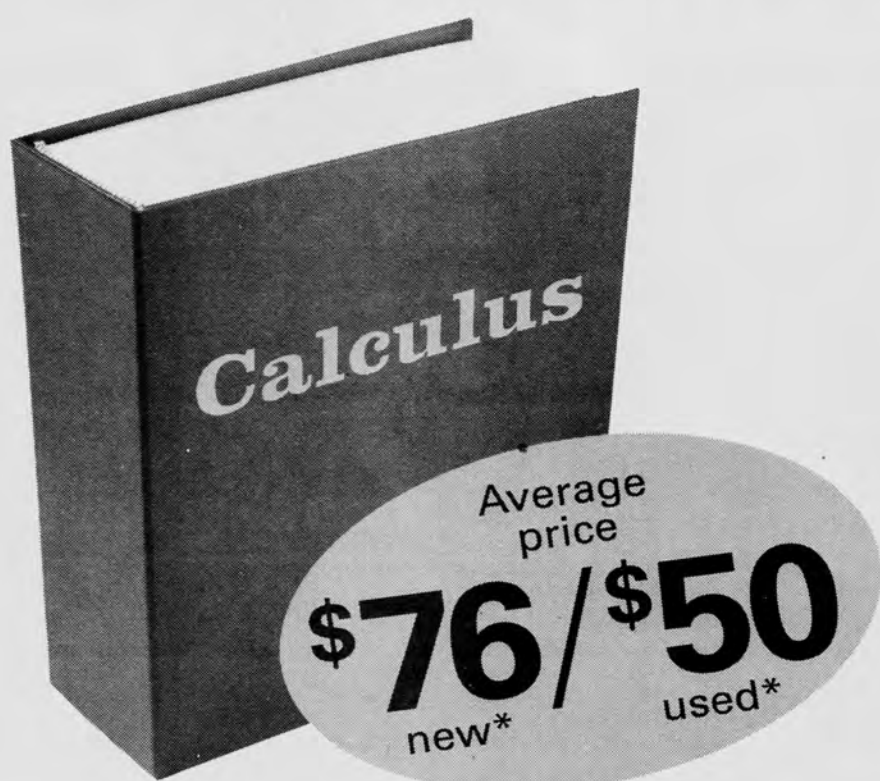
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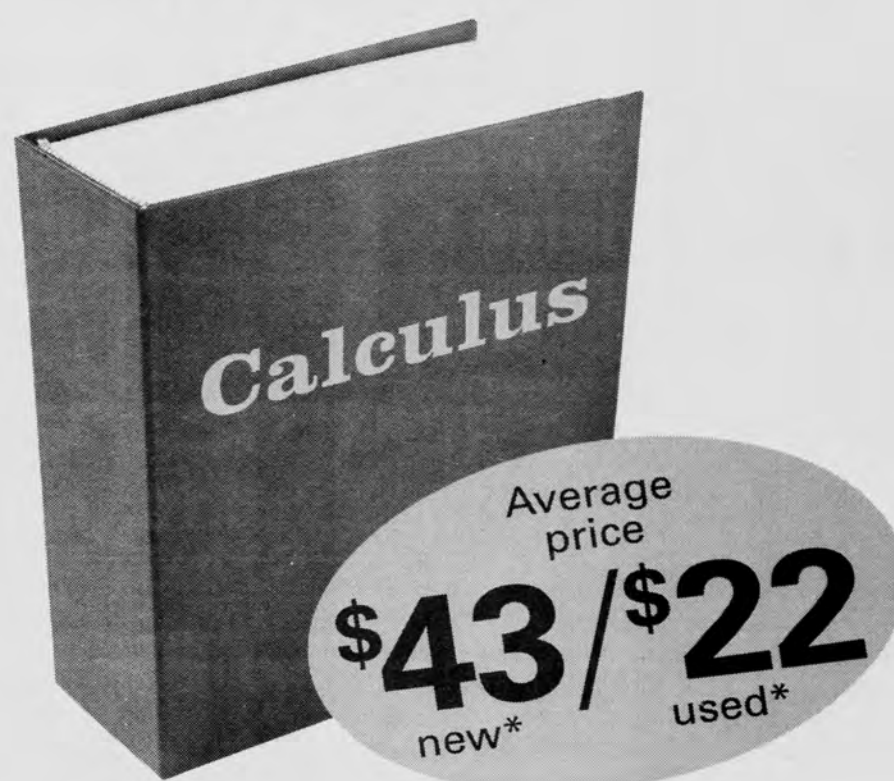
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## Senses don't lie

BY  
LAURA BOYCE

Features Editor

Cupid can ditch the bow and arrow. Single guys and gals alike no longer need to rely on the sometimes-questionable aim of the love god's arrow in order to snag a Valentine. All along, the key to finding a special someone has been locked within themselves.

What people taste, smell, see, hear and touch all play a role in picking a partner that suits their fancy.

Although each sensation can separately help determine if the fire between two people is hot, Helen Fisher, professor of anthropology at Rutgers University, says attraction ultimately results from the human senses working together to create an entire brain system, to accommodate romantic feelings.

Once in a relationship, the brain allows both the newly smitten, as well as those whose love has lasted to enter into states of sexual, romantic or attached feelings. These feelings can occur in any order throughout the relationship, she says.

This brain system of love was actually inherited by humans through the course of nature, she says, comparing humans to more wild animals.

Animals must choose mates quickly due to short mating seasons, Fisher says. However, it is true that all animals have favorites within their own species. Dogs, cats, mice among other species make the rapid decision by searching out the object of their desire with the use of their senses.

"Even though they are animals, they won't copulate with just anyone, but when they see the one they want, they need to act quickly," she says. "Humans do the same thing, which is why the phrase 'animal attraction' is sometimes heard."

It is this idea that can explain a human's ability to be spontaneously attracted to another person, or "love at first sight," which Fisher says she firmly believes in.

Of everything the human perceives, 80 percent is visual stimulants, she says.

"We are extremely visual animals," Fisher remarks. "Why do you think the phrase is 'love at first sight,' not 'smell'?"

So what draws the eye to gaze upon a hunky He-man or sassy senorita? Well, the first thing most people notice about a person is the face, she says. By looking at a face a person can become immediately attracted, and, interestingly enough, even more so if the face resembles their own.

Fisher says that a person who is visually symmetrical also stimulates attraction between two lovers.

"Symmetry represents a healthy immune system," she says. "It shows they have good genes and as a result will produce good offspring, which is attractive to people when choosing a mate."

Unless a couple has embarked on an e-relationship, appearance is usually the initial force of attraction. However, the sound of a person's voice could create an immediate response of yay or nay when considering a future relationship.

"The sound of a voice can be very important," Fisher says. "If a voice is irritating to your ear, it could be very difficult to continue with a relationship."

The tone of one's voice can also be a clue to whether attraction is mutual. When people are talking with someone they might have feelings for, the voice tends to go up an octave, Fisher says, becoming higher and softer.

This change in tone is a sign of desire between two people and often results in a deep, unintentional stare during the conversation. This stare is often called the "copulatory stare."

Fisher says appearance and talking are the first two senses that work together to develop attraction.

Striking up a conversation with someone brings the two people in proximity, now being close enough to touch.

Women typically are the first to make a move, she says. They initiate the first physical interaction ever so casually with acts like brushing the other's knee or elbow during a high point of the conversation.

Unfortunately, Fisher says a move too soon could draw a quick end to the prospect of a second date. If the woman touches the man and he flinches, she will not attempt to try again, as she feels rejected. If there is no reaction to the touch, there is a possibility that she may take another stab at it, however, a returned touch is a green light for further touching as well as high hopes for furthering the relationship.

"People definitely notice when they are touched," she explains, "so the timing of the first touch is crucial. A touch too early can be seen as an invasion and ultimately end up repulsing someone."

After a definite attraction has been formed and the two lovebirds have moved past the getting-to-know-you phase, more intimate touching can spark feelings of lust between them.

Activities like massages put couples in the mood for romantic love, Fisher says. This sort of romantic contact releases a chemical in the brain called oxytocin, which acts as a feel good drug. Lovers can become high on this drug just by walking hand in hand or dancing together.

Pheromones are another chemical thought to act as an aphrodisiac. However, Charles J. Wysocki, neuroscientist at the Monell Chemical Senses Center in Philadelphia, Pa., says there have been no sexual pheromones biologically identified in humans.

Although there are four types of these odorless chemicals detected by the nose, humans only have three, excluding the form that has been responsible for sexual urges in other animals, he says.

Every person does, however, have his or her own odor print, Wysocki says. No two people smell the same.

Fisher says that through evolution, human's sense of smell has become reduced. Humans do not have a good sense of smell, so even if there are sexual pheromones given off they would probably not be picked up. But, a person's odor print may in fact begin to smell sweet if an initial attraction has occurred.

"We form real attractions by looking at and interacting with people, it is then that their smell, whether on a T-shirt, hat, et cetera, can become an aphrodisiac for the person," she explains.

The smell of a lover can become a strong stimulant for someone in love. Along with sight, touch and sound, the impression of a butterscotch-sweet kiss can be created.

Taste is often confused with other reactions, Wysocki says. In actuality there are only four basic characteristics our tongue picks up on, which are sweet, sour, bitter and saltiness. Therefore, when talking about love, there is no actual influence due to taste, but when kissing another person, a combination of experiences takes place.

Chemical irritations take place through tastes, he says. For example, the hotness someone experiences when eating something spicy is an irritation. A food is not hot, but rather it is spicy.

Knowing that chemical irritations take place and including the textual feelings on the tongue, auditory sounds, the visuals and the touching that all take place during a kissing session, the taste may seem fabulous, although in reality the combination of senses has fooled the mind, Wysocki says.

While everyone seems to be searching for romance, however it cannot just be looked for, but also tasted, smelled, heard and felt.

## Sweet recipes for your sweetheart

### Chocolate Dipped Heart Cookies

It cannot get any simpler than this. A chocolate twist on prepackaged dough adds a little something extra to this recipe.

#### Ingredients:

- 1 (18 oz.) pkg. Pillsbury Refrigerated Sugar Cookies, well chilled. (Chocolate Chip will also do.)
- 1/2 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 tablespoon shortening

#### Preparation Directions:

1. Heat oven to 350 degrees. Remove half of cookie dough from wrapper; refrigerate remaining dough until needed.
2. Sprinkle about 1/4 cup flour onto work surface. Coat sides of half roll of dough with flour. Roll out to 1/8-inch thickness using additional flour as needed to prevent sticking. Cut with floured 3-inch heart-shaped cookie cutter. Gently brush excess flour from dough hearts; with pancake turner, place hearts 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheets.
3. Bake at 350 degrees for 7 to 9 minutes or until light golden brown. Cool 1 minute; remove cookie sheet. Cool completely.
4. In small saucepan over low heat, melt chocolate chips and shortening, stirring occasionally until smooth. Remove from heat. Dip half of each cookie into melted chocolate; allow excess coating to drip off. Place cookies on waxed paper-lined cookie sheet. Refrigerate until set.

Makes 28 cookies.

### Fudge Crostata with Raspberry Sauce

Staying in for Valentine's Day? Why not try making this recipe with your roommates? Finish the entire tart all the way down to its flaky crust while watching anti-love movies.

#### Crust:

- 1 (15-oz.) pkg. Pillsbury Refrigerated Pie Crusts, softened as directed on package

#### Filling:

- 1 (6-oz.) pkg. (1 cup) semisweet chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup butter
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 1 cup ground almonds
- 1 egg yolk

#### Sauce:

- 1 (12-oz.) pkg. frozen raspberries without syrup, thawed
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- Sweetened whipped cream, if desired
- Chocolate curls, if desired
- Whole raspberries, if desired

#### Preparation Directions:

1. Prepare pie crust as directed on package for two-crust pie using 10-inch tart pan with removable bottom or 9-inch pie pan. Place 1 prepared crust in pan; press in bottom and up sides of pan. Trim edges if necessary.
2. Place cookie sheet in oven to preheat. Heat oven to 375 degrees. In small saucepan, melt chocolate chips and 2 tablespoons of the butter over low heat, stirring constantly until smooth. In medium bowl, combine remaining 1/6 tablespoons butter and 2/3 cup sugar; beat until light and fluffy. Add almonds, 1 egg, egg yolk and melted chocolate; blend well. Spread mixture evenly over bottom of crust-lined pan.
3. To make lattice top, cut second crust into 1/2-inch-wide strips. Arrange strips in lattice design over chocolate mixture. Trim and seal edges.
4. Place tart on preheated cookie sheet. Bake at 375 degrees for 45 to 50 minutes or until crust is golden brown. If necessary, cover edge of crust with strips of foil during last 10 to 15 minutes of baking to prevent excessive browning. Cool 1 1/2 hours or until completely cool.
5. Meanwhile, in blender container or food processor bowl with metal blade, blend raspberries at high speed until smooth. Place strainer over small saucepan; pour berries into strainer. Press berries with 3/4 cup sugar and lemon juice; blend well. Bring mixture to a boil, stir constantly. Reduce heat to medium-low; boil 3 minutes, stirring constantly. Cool; refrigerate until serving time.
6. Before serving, garnish crostata with whipped cream, chocolate curls and whole raspberries. Serve with raspberry sauce. Store in refrigerator.

### Raspberry Cream Heart

Steal the heart of your date with this simple and deliciously light recipe and worry about working off the calories later.

#### Ingredients:

- 1 (15-oz.) pkg. Pillsbury Refrigerated Pie Crusts
- 1 (8-oz.) pkg. cream cheese, softened
- 1/4 cup powdered sugar
- 1 (14-oz.) jar strawberry pie glaze
- 2 cups fresh raspberries
- 1 teaspoon powdered sugar

#### Preparation Directions:

1. Heat oven to 450 degrees. Let both piecrust pouches stand at room temperature for 15 to 20 minutes.
2. Remove 1 crust from pouch. Unfold crust; remove top plastic sheet. Press out fold lines. Invert crust onto ungreased cookie sheet; remove remaining plastic sheet. Make paper pattern for 11x10-inch heart. With paper pattern as a guide, cut crust into heart shape. Generously prick crust with fork.
3. Bake at 450 degrees for 9 to 11 minutes or until light golden brown. Cool 15 minutes. Repeat with remaining crust.
4. In small bowl, combine cream cheese and 1/4 cup powdered sugar; beat until smooth. Place 1 cooled crust on serving plate; spread with cream cheese mixture.
5. Reserve 1/2 cup of the pie glaze. Spread remaining pie glaze over cream cheese mixture. Top with second crust. Spread reserved 1/2 cup glaze over top crust. Arrange raspberries, stem side down, over top. Sprinkle with powdered sugar.

— compiled by Lindsay Hicks  
Recipes appear courtesy of Pillsbury.com.

## Gifts your Valentine doesn't want

BY JAMES BORDEN

Entertainment Editor

### 10. Plastic Flowers

They may smell real, but these cheap and tacky faux flowers still look and feel like plastic. They're cheaper than real flowers and everyone knows it — if money's tight, just steal some nice ones from your neighbor's garden.



### 9. Box of Wine

A bottle of Chardonnay? Classy. A box of cheap Mexican wine? Not so much. While it's a good, cheap way of getting your significant other inebriated, they probably won't be able to get drunk enough to forget what a terrible present you gave them.



### 8. Half-Eaten Box of Chocolates

Even if you've only scraped the bottoms to find out what was inside, there's still no excuse for not being able to spend \$3 at CVS for an unopened package.



### 7. Re-gifted Teddy Bears

It's one thing to re-gift junky "corporate executive"-type gifts from your co-workers, but anyone lazy and thoughtless enough to give their main squeeze a used Teddy Bear deserves to be single.



### 6. Fast Food Gift Certificates

Just because you consider dinner at Arby's a night out on the town and a couple of McGriddle sandwiches an intimate breakfast doesn't mean your current flame is going to appreciate being able to spend \$50 on cheap hamburgers, soggy French fries and watered down soda.



### 5. Hardcore Porn

Yikes. There's no reason to buy this in the first place, even if it's for personal use only. Giving this as a gift is only recommended if you don't have the courage to actually break up with the person you're seeing.



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# Not a good first-date film

**"50 First Dates"**  
Columbia  
Rating: ☆☆☆

## Sneak Peek

### HOLLYWOOD

Drew Barrymore and Adam Sandler have paired up once again after the success of 1998's "The Wedding Singer" for "50 First Dates," a romantic comedy about attempting to make an impossible relationship work. Although the two actors still have a unique onscreen chemistry, "50 First Dates" is more bittersweet and dramatic than "The Wedding Singer," and even though typical Sandler comedy is splashed throughout the film, the dramatic scenes that immediately follow the humor can make laughing almost difficult.

Sandler plays Henry Roth, an arctic marine life veterinarian who lives in Hawaii and seeks out attractive yet gullible female tourists to spend his nights with. He has a strict rule about not dating locals in order to prevent him from getting involved in long-term relationships. Although he has a knack for breaking naïve women's hearts, he

#### The Gist of It

- ☆☆☆☆ Picnic on the Beach
- ☆☆☆☆ Dinner & Movie
- ☆☆ Miniature Golfing
- ☆☆ Monster Truck Show
- ☆ Dinner at mom's house

has no qualms with his strategy and finds solace in befriending the animals he works with at his job at Sea Life Park. Henry's life is smooth rolling until he spots Lucy Whitmore (Barrymore) at a local café and is awestruck by her beauty. Henry strikes up a conversation with Lucy and agrees to breakfast the next morning, but when he shows up the following day, he learns that Lucy doesn't have a clue who he is, due to a car accident the previous year that causes her short-term memory to be erased every night as she sleeps. She wakes up every day and does everything as she did the day of her accident, including going to breakfast for waffles every morning at the café.

Henry sees something in Lucy that causes him to pursue her, despite the huge disability that inhibits her from remembering who he is every day. The result is a sometimes funny, sometimes bittersweet attempt to make a bizarre relationship work.

Lucy's family is a rare spectacle, as her father Marlin (Blake Clark) and brother Doug (Sean Astin) try their hardest to protect her from anyone who will ruin the daily routine she performs methodically. Astin is slim and buff as a steroid-popping body builder with a serious lisp and he looks quite different than his most recognizable character, Samwise Gamgee from "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy. Doug attempts to be a tough guy around Henry and is constantly itching to test his muscles out on him, but he comes off as a loser meathead with a bad affliction for ugly muscle shirts and spandex shorts.

Henry's best friend, Ula, is played by Sandler's real-life friend/collaborator Rob Schneider, and Schneider's role as the pot smoking, crass best friend with too many kids is hilarious. Ula is determined to help Henry out with his mission to secure a future with Lucy, and makes himself look like the village idiot who could care less about



what anyone thinks of him.

"50 First Dates" is a reunion film of sorts, bringing the actors and crew together for a different project. Director Peter Segel began working on the film immediately after completing "Anger Management," which also starred Sandler. A cameo by Dan Aykroyd as Lucy's doctor brings Sandler and Schneider together, all former "Saturday Night Live" comedians.

The background of Hawaii complements the film well, and the original idea of setting the film in Seattle would have been dreary and dull. Thanks to Adam Sandler, the location of the movie was changed and it was a well-made decision. The beautiful scenes may make the viewer want to jump into the screen and lather in the crystal blue ocean or hike up the enormous moun-

tains.

Although "50 First Dates" is nowhere near as funny as "The Wedding Singer," there are still enough bad '80s style jokes and Sandler humor to satisfy fans of the funny guy. "50 First Dates" contains the sporadic humor seen in "Big Daddy" and "Mr. Deeds," while throwing in some dramatic scenes. Barrymore fans will most likely adore her as the sweet and charming character of Lucy, and although Barrymore isn't playing a different character than she has in the past, she still shines in the genre.

*Calve Morrissey is an entertainment editor for The Review. Her past reviews include "Girl With a Pearl Earring" (☆☆☆☆1/2) and "The Perfect Score" (☆☆1/2).*

**"Triplets of Belleville"**  
Sony Pictures Classics  
Rating: ☆☆☆

"Triplets of Belleville" is an incredibly unusual film, vastly different from any film — animated or otherwise — which precedes it. That being said, this French film (subtitled in English) is not a movie for everyone; the plot takes a backseat to the bizarre, innovative animation, which is as grotesque as it is breath-taking, nearly every last character is an underdeveloped, hideous caricature and there is relatively scant dialogue.

The story centers on Champion, who as a young boy is vigorously trained by his grandmother to become the top cyclist in France. He is then later kidnapped by a group of gambling criminals and pursued relentlessly by his grandmother/trainer throughout most of the duration of this 78 minute film.

The triplets of the title are music-hall stars of an early 20th century world, serving both as aid to the grandmother in her search for Champion and as a springboard to a number of outlandish musical sequences — which integrate everything from refrigerators to bicycle wheels. It's difficult to categorize the movie as anything beyond animated, although a large focus seems to be on the satirization of French and American cultures. The Statue of Liberty is depicted as an overweight, burger-chomping glutton; the



French triplets hunt frogs with dynamite.

The frog-hunting scene is jarringly comical and representative of a number of the darkly humorous elements in the film; it's not enough that the frogs are being blown up; one of them actually survives and attempts an escape from the pot in which it is being cooked. Additionally, there are a number of sequences which could only work in a film of this type — a dog barks everyday at a passing train, and dreams of traveling on it while barked at by humans, dirty old men become monkeys while ogling a young girl, etc.

Sylvain Chomet, the writer/director of "Triplets" spent nearly five years creating this unique, surreal blend of hand drawn and CGI animation. While it may divide audiences in terms of enjoyment, as the art-house crowd will likely love it while mainstream moviegoers may find themselves bored and repulsed, it is nonetheless a stunning visual achievement, a short, strange trip into a dark and unusual world.

— James Borden

**"The Dreamers"**  
Fox Searchlight  
Rating: ☆☆☆

Set against the backdrop of the 1968 student riots in Paris and inter-cut with footage of films and events of the period, Bernardo Bertolucci's "The Dreamers" fails to relate the absorbing story of lost innocence to its surroundings.

When a young, naive American student (Michael Pitt, best remembered as the skeezy stoner Donny from 2001's *Bully*) gets involved with the son and daughter of a famous poet due to a shared love of cinema, he is invited to stay with the family.

Once Theo and Isabelle's parents leave for parts unknown, Matthew gets caught up in a world of sexual intrigue and political debate.

Matthew soon realizes there is something awry with the children, whose shared scars imply they were twins conjoined at birth, as he spies them sleeping together nude and their film-inspired head games take an increasingly sexually sadistic turn.

As Matthew and the twins sink into depravity, the house mirrors their bohemian lifestyle, becoming cluttered with refuse and debris.

The arguments between Theo and Matthew about Mao, Buster Keaton vs. Charlie Chaplin and other topics of



the period continually ring hollow, as it becomes obvious the two will never actually put their ideas to good use.

Throughout, the protests, happenings and riots of this turbulent time in Paris' history seem as forced as the deviant acts the main characters inflict on each other.

While the graphic depictions in the film serve their purpose to inspire the same feelings of discomfort and awkwardness in the viewer, it never comes close to matching Bertolucci's masterpiece, "Last Tango In Paris."

Bertolucci and the actors, however, do seem to capture the pompous outlook and nicotine-stained look that is so easily associated with the time.

While "The Dreamers" tells an intriguing story of the lines between love, abuse and incest, it never really grounds itself in its touted milieu, leading the viewer to believe it could have happened anywhere, at any time.

— K.W. East

"Cupid's Arrow"  
By: Dan Lisowski

## SAY WHAT?

The Review asks students:

What's the worst gift to receive on Valentine's Day?

— compiled by Allison Clair

<p><b>Mia Kirsten</b> Sophomore</p> <p>"If a guy got my name tattooed someplace on his body."</p>	<p><b>Gina Mucci</b> Junior</p> <p>"Those cheesy heart-shaped boxes from K-mart."</p>	<p><b>Nick Kendus</b> Sophomore</p> <p>"If you give a girl a scale, that's not good."</p>
<p>"If you give a girl a scale, that's not good." — sophomore Nick Kendus</p>		
<p><b>Damien Dittberner</b> Freshman</p> <p>"If you get nothing."</p>	<p><b>Jodie Fertoli</b> Sophomore</p> <p>"A bad gift would be a half a pack of Busch Lite beer."</p>	<p><b>Tim Deschepper</b> Senior</p> <p>"Gift certificates are blah, but really any gift is nice."</p>

## CONCERT DATES

**THE TROCADERO – (215) 922-5483**  
Mushroomhead with Dope, Twisted Method and 13Even  
Feb. 14, 7 p.m., \$15

**HERSHEY GIANT CENTER – (717) 534-3911**  
Barenaked Ladies, Feb. 15, 7:30 p.m., \$39.50

**NORTHSTAR BAR – (215) 684-0808**  
Futureman (of Bela Fleck & the Flecktones) with DeSol,  
Feb. 15, 7 p.m., \$14, 21 to enter

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**REGAL PEOPLES PLAZA (834-8510)**

50 First Dates 11:45, 12:15, 12:45, 1:15, 4:00, 4:30, 4:55, 5:30, 6:45, 7:15, 7:45, 8:15, 9:15, 9:45, 10:15, 10:35

Barbershop 2 11:50, 12:20, 1:45, 2:20, 2:50, 4:35, 5:05, 5:35, 7:05, 7:30, 8:00, 9:35, 10:00, 10:30

Catch That Kid 12:00, 2:30, 3:45, 7:20, 9:40

Miracle 12:30, 1:00, 3:30, 4:05, 7:00, 7:25, 9:50, 10:25

The Perfect Score 11:45

You Got Served 1:05, 4:10, 7:50, 10:30

The Butterfly Effect 12:35, 4:25, 7:35, 10:10

Along Came Polly 12:50, 4:50, 7:55, 10:25

Cheaper by the Dozen 12:25, 2:45, 5:00, 7:35

Cold Mountain 2:00, 5:10, 8:30

The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King 11:55, 3:30, 8:05

Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World 9:55

Mystic River 11:50, 2:55, 6:50, 10:05

**NEWARK CINEMA (737-3720)**

50 First Dates Fri. 4:45, 7:00, 9:30 Sat. 1:15, 3:30, 7:00, 9:30 Sun. 1:15, 3:30, 6:30, 8:45

The Big Bounce Fri. 4:45, 9:40 Sat. 1:30, 9:40 Sun. 1:30

Miracle Fri. 6:45, 9:15 Sat. 1:00, 3:45, 6:30, 9:15 Sun. 1:00, 3:45, 6:20, 8:50

Mystic River Fri. 6:45 Sat. 1:30, 9:40 Sun. 1:30

Rocky Horror Picture Show Sat. 11:50 p.m.

**THEATRE N AT NEUMORS (658-6070)**

Veronica Guerin Fri. 8 p.m., Sat. 8:00 p.m., Sun. 2:00 p.m.

## THE HITLIST

**FRIDAY**

Trabant University Center  
Theater: "School of Rock," 7:30 p.m., "Love Actually," 10 p.m., \$3

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

Stone Balloon: DJ Dance Party, 8 p.m., \$5, no cover with university ID

Klondike Kate's: Dynamite DJ Dance Party, 9 p.m., no cover

East End Café: Brother Sister, 10 p.m., \$3, \$5 minors

**SATURDAY**

Trabant University Center  
Theater: "School of Rock," 7:30 p.m., "Love Actually," 10 p.m., \$3

Stone Balloon: DJ Dance Party, 8 p.m., \$5, no cover with university ID

East End Café: Zane Campbell & I'm not Sally, 10 p.m., \$3, \$5 minors

Deer Park Tavern: Diatribe, 10 p.m., \$3

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





THE REVIEW/Jamie Edmonds

# Dates for sensation-seekers

BY LINDSAY HICKS  
Features Editor

Does an afternoon spent plunging from a 50-foot cliff with a special Valentine sound more appealing than sharing a romantic pasta dinner at home?

Does the thought of twisting upside down with your legs hanging seem like a more enthralling date than a quiet walk on the beach?

The answer to these questions may be more important than many realize.

Professor Marvin Zuckerman formulated a survey in 1964 to determine the amount of excitement individuals require to stay satisfied.

The questionnaire, titled the Sensation Seeking Scale, is used by many couples to determine their level of compatibility by asking 40 questions about one's reaction to a variety of situations.

Zuckerman says the importance for couples to match their level of sensation-seeking determines their compatibility more than some may think. If a cautious lover's significant other finds satisfaction in living a risky lifestyle, studies show they have a poorer chance in staying together than those who require the same level of excitement.

"We've done studies of married couples and we find that those coming in for marital therapy often have a discrepancy," he says. "Happily married couples have high correlations on their Sensation Seeking scores."

The former professor says he originally wrote four, high sensation-seeking prototypes based on the personalities of friends. These sub-traits include experience, disinhibition and thrill and adventure-seeking along with boredom susceptibility.

Disinhibition seekers crave a nonconforming, or hippie lifestyle, Zuckerman says. When the scale was developed in the '60s, these were the people more likely to use drugs and alcohol and participate in sexual activity.

Thrill and adventure seekers find arousal from doing physical activities like sports, whereas experience seekers crave mental stimulation through the mind and senses with friends who are unpredictable.

Zuckerman says boredom susceptibility is a characteristic shared by all high-sensation seekers.

He says a study done among couples at the university showed partners who share the attitude that seeking risky situations for arousal is unnecessary make the best match.

High-level sensation-seeking couples also tend to be compatible, though less so because of their drive to switch partners more frequently.

"The worst combination is the high and the low," Zuckerman says. "Not just in the area of sex. Their tastes are different, like different kinds of people."

When two people share an experience, their arousal levels are important in determining whether they will survive a long-term relationship.

If a couple spends a date at an amusement park, riding thrilling rides and experiencing arousal from fear together, it is said that they may fall

in love quicker.

This is not necessarily true, Zuckerman says. However, it is important to focus on whether or not the couple shares a common desire to partake in this risky activity.

There is a biological basis for sensation-seeking, he says, which means people may inherit their level of sensation-seeking from their parents. Outside influences, though, play a major role in the determination of one's level of satisfaction caused by fear or arousal.

Although Zuckerman is unaware of any studies being done to determine how the effect of riding a roller coaster or participating in an exciting activity early in a relationship influences one's feelings, he says compatibility of interests in seeking different levels of excitement attracts people to each other.

Ask a date if he or she is willing to be put in danger to achieve higher levels of sensation, and it may predict whether or not a relationship is worth it.

Psychologist Kathe S. Morse says if two people were to experience a fearful situation together, they tend to feel an intense need for attachment. This feeling, she says, should not be misinterpreted as love.

"I don't think that love and fear are really equated," she says. "I think that when you are very fearful in a situation with somebody else, you are looking for a way to survive that situation."

One does that by attaching to another person so that it is a bonding experience, Morse says.

Many abusive relationships last, she says, because people have in their minds that fear and love intertwine.

In addition, the sense of fear caused by risky activity is separate from the heightened arousal caused by abuse, she says.

"When there is fear of anger, people flight from that situation rather than attach."

Psychology Professor Jeffrey Rosen says there are similarities between the autonomic effect of intense attraction or love and fear.

Sweating, queasiness and rapid heartbeat are some of these effects.

People who experience fear together would probably not fall in love more quickly, he says, although the body's responses can make it unclear whether one is feeling fear or another kind of arousal.

"A lot of it has to do with shared experience and emotion in general," Rosen says. "Whether it's fear, love or sorrow, the experience is much more heightened."

Arousal caused by daring or risky situations causes an overall heightened feeling that may make people more excited about other things.

If two people are standing on the Brooklyn Bridge and the wind is blowing, there is heightened arousal and someone might say, "Oh, I love you!" because of this arousal. They are very emotional, he says, and the context has now changed from fear to an expression of love.

So this Valentine's Day, remember that in the search for lasting love, opposites only attract sometimes. It might be time to see just how thrilling a love interest can be.

## Valentine's Day: A Hallmark holiday spans the world

BY ALLISON CLAIR  
Assistant Features Editor

No matter the country or culture, it seems impossible to avoid that cupid-saturated, red-infused, sticky-sweet holiday — Valentine's Day.

From Japan to Australia, many countries celebrate this holiday in some form, even though it is not always wholeheartedly embraced.

Japan is one country that has adopted this holiday with enthusiasm throughout the last 30 years.

In Japanese culture, Valentine's Day fun can be doubled to two days to celebrate lovers and couples alike.

The Japanese observe Feb. 14 like most Americans, by consuming candy and chocolates by the box load, just to do it all over again one month later.

However, the holiday does differ from the Americanized version of this day of love.

Professor Nobuhisa Kobayashi, advisor of the Japanese Student Association, says Feb. 14 is embraced more by the younger generation than their parents, who prefer to observe more traditional Japanese holidays.

Another difference between American and Japanese culture, Kobayashi says, is that the gender roles on Feb. 14 are reversed.

"Girls usually give chocolates and sweets to

boys," he says.

Kobayashi says when he lived in Japan more than 20 years ago, the holiday was slowly gaining popularity. However, he does not feel Valentine's Day is as popular in Japan as it is in the United States.

He says Valentine's Day is centered on capitalism, much like other western holidays such as Christmas.

In fact, rumors say a candy company imported Valentine's Day to Japan, which is probably why flowers and cards get the cold shoulder.

On March 14, the Japanese rejoice for White Day, celebrating the art of giving back, as those men who received sweets from the women a month prior are expected to return the favor. This holiday is more popular among married couples, according to a survey by japan-guide.com. White Day is a holiday celebrated exclusively by the Japanese.

Countries including Canada, Mexico, England and France traditionally celebrate the red-and-pink-colored holiday.

Recently, other countries have begun celebrating Valentine's Day due to western influence. Bulgaria counts itself among these countries. Although it does not garner the importance Americans associate with the holiday, young people are especially susceptible to its charms.

Senior Stella Ilel, who moved from Bulgaria

seven years ago, says she remembers people celebrating on Feb. 14.

"It's not really as big over there, but it's basically the same thing. People going out on dates, chocolate and gifts," she says.

"But older people would never celebrate it. It's more of an American-imported holiday."

Interestingly, Bulgaria has another holiday that usually falls around the same time. Ilel says it is called Trifon Zarezan and is much more important to Bulgarians than our Hallmark holiday.

"This is like a spring holiday," she says. "Everyone celebrates the end of the winter with wine and dancing. People wear leaf garlands in their hair."

It also differs from Valentine's Day in that it celebrates non-Christian saints, unlike Saint Valentine.

In India, couples holding hands while walking the streets of Bombay and buying candies are not an uncommon occurrence on this day. But, as in Bulgaria, it just doesn't have the same caché that it does in the United States.

Junior Aarti Mahtani, president of the Indian Student Association, says she does not see many South Asians going out of their way to make Valentine's Day special.

"I think they feel it's too commercialized," she says. "However, some teenagers here celebrate it with their boyfriends and girlfriends."

## A little thought goes a long way

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### 4. Cash

Nothing says "I love you" like a fistful of twenties. Still, for some reason people tend to prefer gifts that require at least some thought, and which may someday have sentimental value.

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### 3. "Dating For Dummies"

It's bad enough this book exists in the first place, but the idea of buying it for someone you're currently dating is more of a slap in the face then, well, a slap in the face. Besides, if that special someone is so terrible at being in a relationship, a book with chapters like "The Date: Having a Way Cool Time" isn't going to do them much good.



### 2. Diet Pills

Lacking even the subtlety of a gym membership or new exercise equipment, this sends only one message to your true love — you're fat enough that I want you to risk the dangerous side-effects of diet pills. If you're shallow enough to consider some added pounds a real problem, at least have the courage of your superficial convictions and tell them this directly.



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## Did you know ...

Richard Cadbury invented the first Valentine's Day candy box in the 1800s.

Although we celebrate Valentine's Day on Feb. 14, the holiday is actually a fusion of the holiday called "The Feast of Lupercalis," a Roman holiday celebrated on Feb. 15.

The figure of Cupid is taken from Greek myths. He is Aphrodite's son, Eros, who represents the Goddess of Love.

According to The Chocolate Manufacturer's Association of America, 36 million boxes of chocolate are sold for Valentine's Day.

Shakespeare mentions St. Valentine's Day in two of his plays, "Hamlet" and "A Midsummer Nights Dream."

Valentine's Day used to be celebrated with a huge feast, just like Thanksgiving is today.

It is said that the first Valentine was sent by Charles of Orleans to his wife in 1415, while he was trapped in The Tower of London.

Valentine's Day boasts the second largest sales of greeting cards, other than Christmas.

According to the Greeting Card Association, more than a billion cards are sent and received on Feb. 14.

It is believed Valentine's Day got its name from Bishop Valentine, who performed weddings against the Emperor's wishes in Roman times.



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## Simply an overrated holiday

Valentine's Day is the worst made-up, Hallmark holiday ever invented and no matter how you look at it, it's inevitably the feel-bad day of the year. Even worse, people totally buy into it, every damn year.

As hard as I try to ignore all the red and pink candy boxes, roses and cards that begin to fill store shelves the day after Christmas, it's almost impossible.

Almost.

I have spent the last few years of my life erasing the bruises caused by Valentine's Day letdowns, making it possible for me to have no expectations and most importantly, no hurt feelings on Feb. 14.

As a female, I am constantly bombarded with ads for jewelry and flowers, commercials for Valentine's themed teddy bears and store shelves filled to the brim with candy hearts.

I am supposed to like and look forward to Valentine's Day — or at least candy companies, jewelers and florists think I should.

Guys with girlfriends have it even

worse. They are expected to fill some made-up void and buy just the perfect thing for their girlfriend. If they screw up by waiting until the last minute, they may only be able to get a small red teddy bear instead of the life-sized one, causing their girlfriend to think he doesn't care enough.

Give me a break. Making anyone go through that type of stress is ridiculous.

As if the politics of having a significant other weren't bad enough, Valentine's Day is ultimately the day of misery for singles.

Single men and women get down because they have no one to share the day with, except maybe their family. Sure, it may be a nice gesture to receive a box of Whitman chocolates and a card from your mom or dad, but it's a short-lived moment. The parental Valentine's Day gift will lead the single recipient to ponder their current partnerless existence on the day when they may think everyone else has someone.

The answer to all Valentine's Day woes? Have absolutely no expectations. Stop making such a big deal out of Valentine's Day and ignore all the hype. It's not an easy task, but it is by no means impossible.

Just because you have a great significant other, don't expect him or her to automatically make reservations at a restaurant, followed by a romantic evening of sipping

champagne on a rose petal-laced velvet bedspread.

Don't make Valentine's Day into a "who can outdo who this year?" contest, because it is a losing battle. Many couples make a huge deal out of Valentine's Day one year, and become disheartened when following years don't match up.

If you have a significant other, agree to not go crazy on Valentine's Day. No candy, no overpriced roses and no dinner at a popular (and expensive) restaurant.

If you absolutely feel the need to join in on the "festivities" of Valentine's Day, the least you can do is wait until after Feb. 14, when the candy is on sale, the roses aren't "specially" priced and there isn't a huge crowd at all the decent restaurants.

Of course, people will say that there is nothing wrong with showing a little appreciation for a loved one just one day a year, but that is exactly the problem. Shoving a bunch of emotion into material things on one stupid day out of the year is lousy and unimaginative. If you really care for someone, do random nice things for him or her all the time, not just on Feb. 14.

The worst scenario is when girlfriends just sit back and expect their boyfriends to buy them something exquisite and wonderful for Valentine's Day. They claim it's the



THE REVIEW/Kristen Margiotta

guy's "job" to bend over backwards for them, yet have no plans on buying anything in return. Then, if their boyfriend doesn't get them anything, they freak out and think it's the end of the world because they didn't get a Valentine's Day gift.

Get over it.

I recommend that couples scrap the one-on-one events and spend the day with sin-

gle friends. Go on a group outing to the movies. Or if you have no friends, lather yourself with non-traditional Valentine's Day gifts, such as a new CD or DVD.

Whatever you do, don't let Valentine's Day get you down. It's not worth it. It's a fake holiday with just about as much significance as the Easter Bunny.

## Movies that make the singleton happy on V-Day

BY JAMES BORDEN

Entertainment Editor

As if being without a date on a regular Saturday night isn't bad enough, this weekend is Valentine's Day, rubbing salt in the collective wounds of the (unwillingly) single. The holiday, aside from being a major source of revenue for greeting-card companies, puts forth the ideal that life is much better if its experiences are shared with that special someone. Or is it?

In honor of this Hallmark holiday, The Review looks at five films that may help you realize love isn't all it's cracked up to be — and that perhaps being single isn't so bad after all.

## "Better Off Dead"

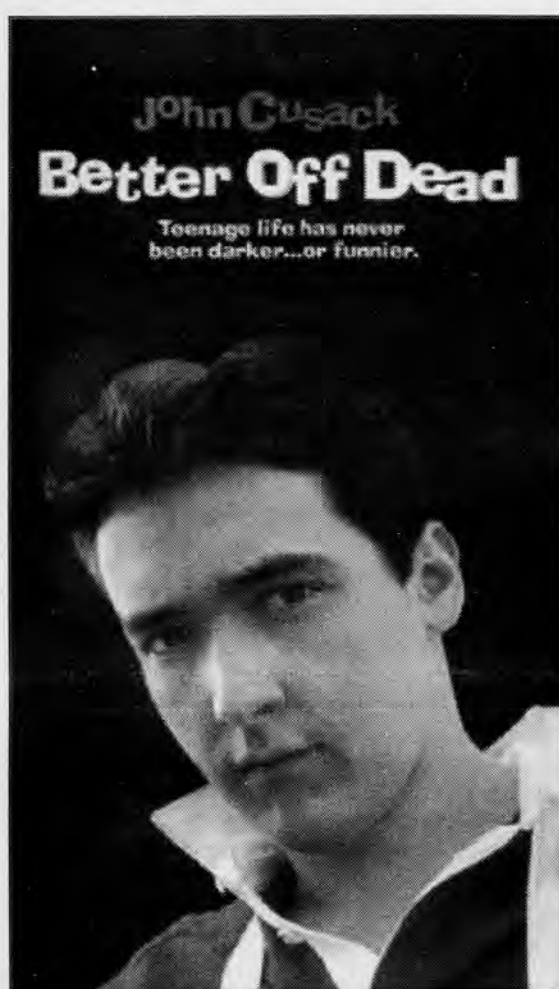
Because it stars John Cusack and was made in the 1980s, the movie ultimately has a happy, romantic ending. But the title and first segment of the film belie much darker undertones than typically found in that of the generic teen-romance comedy. Dumped and forlorn, Lane Myer (Cusack) decides that without his girlfriend, life just isn't worth living and repeatedly tries to kill himself.

Of course, this is far from the only story to suggest that suicide is the best and most obvious solution for the broken-hearted, but after witnessing Cusack's sad and pathetic attempts at taking his own life, the notion of how weak and pathetic love can make someone is really hammered home. Watch the movie and think about it — you're better off single.

## "Sleeping With The Enemy"

Externally, the Burneys appear to be the perfect couple: rich, successful, attractive and happily married. But as it tends to go in these type of films, the husband Patrick is a controlling, sadistically obsessive head case, essentially turning their home into a prison for Sara (played by a young Julia Roberts.) She lives in a constant state of fear, never knowing what will set off Patrick's next violent outburst and hoping only for a chance to escape.

After faking her own death, Sara flees to a new town and begins a new life, only to be tracked down by her crazy husband, now bent on rubbing her out. Although he succeeds in killing her new lover, in the end Patrick gets his and is shot to death by Sara. They say it's better to have loved and lost than to never have loved at all, but is it really better to have loved and lost your life than to never have loved at all?



## "Gone With the Wind"

In this sweeping Civil-War era epic, screen legend Clark Gable plays Rhett Butler — a suave, successful and strong man unafraid of life's countless challenges. A wealthy businessman and a war hero, Butler is able to handle whatever comes his way. Everything, that is, but the horrid, yet beautiful, Scarlett O'Hara, who he falls for and eventually marries. O'Hara stands as the epitome of the worst of the so-called fairer sex's character flaws. Selfish, indecisive, deceitful, melodramatic and foolish, it's a wonder that it takes Butler so long to tell her off with that famous and immortal phrase and walk out of the door, and her life, forever. Although not a popular choice for single guys, this movie can serve as a great reminder why they shouldn't give a damn about being alone.

## "Fatal Attraction"

Michael Douglas plays Dan Gallagher, a happily-married lawyer whose brief affair with a co-worker backfires in the worst imaginable way — she becomes obsessed and begins stalking him and his family. When Alex Forrest (Glenn Close), the woman with whom Gallagher has the affair, is first introduced, there doesn't appear to be anything wrong with her. But when their weekend tryst comes to an end and Gallagher tells her he must return to his family, she begins to transform into a pet-murdering psychopath bent on having Dan all to herself. In the end, it's Dan's wife who saves the day, fighting and killing Alex. This upbeat ending reminds audiences of both genders that a relationship of any sort can be a very "fatal" mistake.

## "From Justin To Kelly"

Like "Better Off Dead," this is a romantic comedy with a happy ending, but this time suicide seems a more viable alternative than falling for either of these boorish, unappealing freaks trying desperately to extend their long-gone 15 minutes of fame. In a perfect example of miscasting, Justin Guarini plays the part of a swinging ladies man on Spring Break. Kelly Clarkson, who beat out Guarini for the "coveted" title of American Idol, plays the one girl he finally falls for. While actually watching the film isn't recommended, just picking up the box and looking at the cover art can be enough to remind girls that even though they're single, at least they're not dating that hideous mistake of a human being and remind guys that even though they're single, they're not stuck dating a vain, no-talent never-was.



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## Take a train ride back to childhood and make believe

BY KEVIN MCVEY

Senior Mosaic Reporter

For those who do not like the hustle and bustle of the city or want to experience life in a quaint rural setting, there is a little town where family businesses rule and jobs for the hardworking man are ever-plenty.

This remote, away-from-it-all scenic wonderland known as Northlandz is the site of the largest manufacturer of toothpicks in the country, the location of the famous Iron Valley, the world's tallest outhouse and most importantly, more than 100 trains that travel through the rural town.

A trip to Northlandz, a fictional miniature countryside located in Flemington, N.J., sounds like a great fieldtrip for a third grade class. Northlandz is a 16-acre attraction and, like the "Town of Make Believe" in "Mr. Rogers Neighborhood," not a real place where a family can spend a vacation.

Take the typical train set that may fit under a Christmas tree and that is Northlandz.

Upon entering the building where Northlandz is housed, creator Bruce Williams Zaccagnino, with his gray and bushy goatee, greets the patrons in his felt fedora hat with a feather in the side. As a Cub Scout pack makes its way to the front, Williams stops the group, giving them some guidelines.

"Now you don't want to rush through here," Williams says. "You want to take your time for many reasons because there's hundreds of mountains and you want to make sure you wait so you can see all the trains go through the tunnels."

Williams points at a concession stand to his right. "Now, we have soda and pizza over there if you want, and you can bring it with you. Enjoy the trip."



THE REVIEW/Kevin McVey

Northlandz, a fictional miniature countryside located in Flemington, N.J., has more than 100 trains.

After the group of scouts start their tour, Williams sits back down in a folding chair, adjusting his hat while anxiously waiting to greet the next group.

Williams' love for trains began as a young boy when he noticed something missing with the train track he had in his bedroom.

"We had a train line that ran on the floor," Williams says. "I was unhappy because I didn't have a tunnel. So I took part of [the track] and ran it under the leg of the bed and I was happy because I finally had a tunnel."

He began using the basement of his Flemington area home for train sets in 1972. Throughout the next five years, he expanded the basement for the increasing amount of sets. Eventually, he opened his creation to the public, which took 80 men to run the entire railway sys-

tem.

Among other occupations, Williams and his wife became involved in real estate and Williams continued to make a living as a musician, along with showing trains. He plays a 2,000 pipe organ inside the Northlandz complex, entertaining visitors.

After 13 years of patrons entering his basement to see his love for trains, Williams finally realized the attraction and the number of visitors became too large for his basement.

In 1990, he bought land in Flemington, tore down the attraction in his basement and, by 1992, built the complex that would eventually house Northlandz.

Beginning in 1993, Williams constructed the attraction working 18 to 19 hours per day, mainly by

himself. Today, Northlandz contains more than 500,000 miniature lichen trees, 52,000 square feet of wood (enough to build 42 large houses), 4,000 miniature houses and eight miles of Atlas Super Flex Track. Touring the mile-long attraction takes the average visitor approximately two hours.

In order to make his dream come true, Williams memorized a few engineering books for his creation and by the time the site was finished, he had used 300,000 lbs. of plaster for the mountains as well as building 300 to 400 bridges. The longest bridge measures 40 feet and Northlandz's highest mountain tops 30 feet.

As Northlandz continued to grow over the years, newspaper coverage became even more widespread and stories about Williams' creation appeared in The New York Times, Baltimore Sun and The Philadelphia Inquirer.

"Many people find out from word-of-mouth," Williams says. "People go through, get excited and say to others, 'Wow, you've got to see this!' From that, we've had TV and paper coverage all over the world and now many of the families that come in, we recognize."

Williams' most recent installment was the Raritan River Railway, which takes visitors on a tour outside of the Northlandz complex and through, the woods of Flemington. However, amidst his life's work and the challenge of creating Northlandz, Williams has remained happy, but not because of the success of Northlandz.

"The key to a good life is to be happy," Williams says. "And the way to be happy is to make someone else happy and that's what I've spent my life doing."



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The Jewish Community Center of Newark wants to invite kids (K-6) to join them for a night of fun, without parents, on Saturday February 14, 2004. The evening begins at 5:30pm and ends at 9:30pm. The cost for members is \$12 and \$17 for non-members. Call JCC Newark 302-368-9173 to reserve a spot. The JCC is located off I-95 on Route 896 going north, on the corner of West Park Place and S. College Ave.

The Women's Business Development Center presents "Financial Analysis" on Thursday, February 19th, 2004 from 6-9pm at the Women's Business Development Center on 1315 Walnut Street, Suite 1124, Philadelphia. The cost is \$35. For more information or to register, call 215-790-9232 or fax: 215-790-9231.

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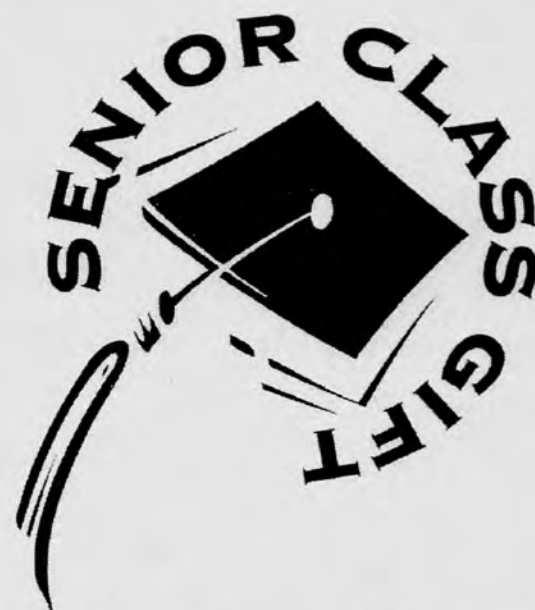
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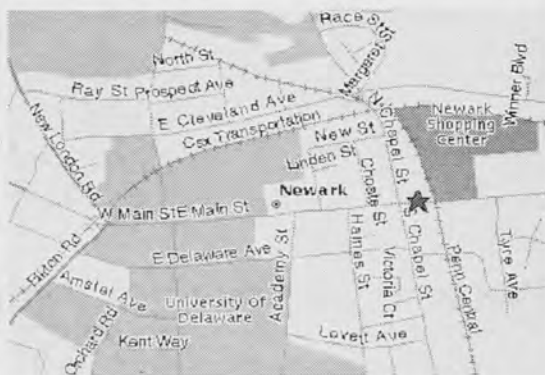
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# CAA baseball outlook

BY ROB MCFADDEN

Sports Editor

In a preseason poll of the Colonial Athletic Association's nine head coaches, Virginia Commonwealth was unanimously picked to repeat as conference champion in 2004.

"They're the team to beat," head coach Jim Sherman said. "UNC-Wilmington will be good, as will William & Mary."

Delaware was ranked fifth in the poll, a ranking head coach Jim Sherman says is "realistic" after the team's seventh-place finish last season.

With no team having a clear offensive advantage, Sherman said the CAA's top six teams could be separated by just a handful of games at the end of the season.

**George Mason** — The Patriots are already eying a rematch with Virginia Commonwealth after the Rams one-hit them in the 2003 CAA title game to sweep the season series 6-0. Picked by the coaches to finish fourth, this team will be fighting for a spot in the NCAA tournament. They return several playmakers, including 2003 All-CAA third baseman Nick Shimer (.349, 9 HR, 41 RBI), CAA Defensive Player of the Year Jeff Palumbo (.310, 5 HR, 36 RBI) and first baseman Chris Looze (.343, 15 HR, 56 RBI), who was a second-team All-CAA selection.

**Hofstra** — The Pride is 24-75 over the past two seasons and did not receive any All-Conference selections last year. With a young coach, a struggling pitching staff and a challenging schedule, this team will have trouble trying to finish out of last place in 2004, let alone making the playoffs. Expect to see a team slightly improved from last season's 12-35 squad. The Pride return outfielder Josh Stewart (.317, 40 R, 9 SB), sophomore third baseman J.P. Wechter (.328, 17 2B, 35 RBI) and sophomore shortstop Josh Stern (.294, 8 HR, 35 RBI).

**James Madison** — The second-best team in 2001 and 2002, the Dukes have yet to

secure a CAA title. Unfortunately for them, 2004 doesn't look to be their year. The team is perhaps the youngest in the conference. Twelve freshmen and 13 sophomores make up most of the 28-man roster. Junior right fielder Mike Butia (.368, 8 HR, 48 RBI) is the lone returning All-Conference selection, while sophomore catcher Matt Sluder (.300, 8 2B, 21 R) will look to build on last year's impressive freshman campaign.

**Old Dominion** — The Monarchs will rely on pitching and defense in 2004, a recipe that

Despite losing two of the best players in school history (Gregg Davies and Scott Bacon), the return of experienced players like juniors Mike Costello (.360, 6 HR, 51 RBI), shortstop Brian McKenna (.330, 7 HR, 30 RBI) and first baseman Bobby Paduano (.305, 2 HR, 24 RBI) will propel this team to a respectable position in the CAA. Depending on the consistency of Towson's pitching staff, the Tigers could finish as high as third place this season. Offensively, this is as good a CAA team as you will find.

**UNC-Wilmington** — Last year's NCAA tournament was a first for the Seahawks. That and the return of 21 letterwinners are reason enough to assume the Seahawks will be a team to reckon with in 2004. The team is led by three 2003 All-CAA second-team selections: OF Matt Sutton (.309, 8 HR, 36 RBI), DH Chip Grawey (.316, 3 HR, 29 RBI) and RP Blake Cross (4-4, 13 svs., 2.03 ERA).

**Virginia Commonwealth** — Ranked 36th in the nation in a preseason poll by Collegiate Baseball magazine, the Rams have won two conference championships in a row and are still rolling. They return five starters and five of their top pitchers, including 2003 first team All-CAA selections Justin Orenduff (8-3, 1.65 ERA, 108 K's) and Cla Meredith (6-0, 0.99 ERA, 6 svs.). All-CAA catcher Jeff Parrish (.320, 3 HR, 40 RBI) also returns.

**William & Mary** — The 2001 CAA champs will try to bring the title back in 2004 and they just might have the tools to do it. Like the Rams, the Tribe sports a dangerous set of arms led by senior Chris Shaver (4-1, 4.13 ERA), 2003 CAA Rookie of the Year Forrest Cory (8-2, 5.13 ERA) and closer Bill Bray (4-1, 1.95 ERA, 3 svs.). Seven returning starters and eight returning pitchers will give William & Mary a tremendous advantage over most teams they face.

## PRESEASON COACHES POLL

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just might work for a team returning its top three pitchers. 2003 All-CAA starter Justin Verlander (7-6, 2.40 ERA, 139 K's) will be the ace of this year's staff. Also returning is junior outfielder Evan Chipman (.340, 25 SB) who was ranked 25th nationally in stolen bases last year. If Old Dominion can step up its performance at the plate, a trip to the playoffs is probable and a trip to the title game is not out of the question.

**Towson** — When a team receives a second-to-last place ranking in a preseason poll, fans know the word "underdog" will be used frequently throughout the season. But that is exactly the position the Tigers want to be in.



THE REVIEW/Matt Basham

Sophomore guard Rulon Washington exhibits his vertical jump to launch a shot over a defender in a recent game. He helped lead the Hens over the Tribe on Wednesday.

## Balanced play lifts Delaware

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However, the Hens were never too far behind thanks to solid defensive play, holding William & Mary to 36 percent shooting for the half and 38 percent for the game.

The defense was particularly tough against Adam Hess, the CAA's leading scorer. Coming off a 36-point performance against Drexel, Hess, who averages 20 points a game, was held to 11 points before fouling out late in the second half. In the first half, Hess was able to manage just two of six shots, finishing the game a measly 4 of 12 from the field.

Despite the negation of Hess, the Tribe built a 28-19 lead with less than four minutes remaining in the first half, led primarily by reserve guard Taylor Mokris, who scored a team-high 15 points on the night.

However, the veteran play of guards Ames and Slattery kept Delaware close, bridging the gap to one point at the end of the half. The duo accounted for all of the points in the Hen's 8-0 run.

Though the first half was a game of runs for both teams, the second began in a back-and-forth battle for the lead. For the

first 10 minutes of the half, both teams traded points, with the game becoming tied on five occasions and the lead changing hands four of those times.

With 11 minutes remaining, William & Mary slowly began to increase their lead. Two Taylor Mokris three-pointers helped the Tribe go on a 15-6 run to give them a 63-54 lead with five minutes left in regulation.

As they had all season, the Hens refused to give up. Ames cut the lead to 63-58 with a 3-pointer, giving Delaware the momentum. Shortly after, layups by Wentt and Lunn brought the Hens even, and they never looked back. Delaware's defense sealed the deal, limiting William & Mary to five points over the final five minutes during their crucial 19-5 run.

With the victory, Delaware improved their conference record to 8-5, setting up a showdown against the third place Old Dominion in Norfolk, Va. on Saturday. With their road woes behind them, they hope the homely comforts of the Bob Carpenter Center won't be necessary to pull out an important victory against the Monarchs.

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## Women's troubles continue in loss

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and 17 points, while committing 13 turnovers. Their 14 total field goals tied a season low.

The 48 points scored by Delaware was 15.5 points below their season average and was easily their lowest point total of the year.

The Hens did actually out-rebound the Tribe 38-29, as senior forward Tracy Howell helped out by grabbing 12 rebounds.

The win snapped a three-game losing streak for William & Mary (8-12, 4-7 CAA) as they swept the season series with Delaware for the first time in school history.

After starting the year 9-1, Delaware (13-7, 5-6 CAA) has lost six of its last 10 games, including the current three game losing skid to conference opponents. The Hens had not lost three straight conference games in six seasons and now have lost

as many CAA games this year as they did in the past two seasons combined.

The surprisingly large crowd of 2,472 fans was a season-high and more than doubled the average home attendance this season. Many people left the Bob Carpenter Center Sunday, including head coach Tina Martin, disappointed in the play of the Hens, as the team dropped to sixth place overall in the CAA.

This is uncharted territory for Tina Martin and this young Hens squad — Delaware has not finished lower than second in the CAA standings since joining the conference two seasons ago.

Delaware looked to rebound last night at home against James Madison, a team that drubbed the Hens by 27 points just two weeks ago. James Madison (8-14, 3-8 CAA), however, had lost five of the last six games coming into last night's game with the



THE REVIEW/File Photo

Junior guard Julie Sailer pushes the ball upcourt in a game against LaSalle earlier this season. After a 9-1 start, the Hens have lost six of their last ten games.

Hens.

The game against the Dukes ended after this issue went to press. Coverage of Thursday's

game and Sunday's away contest at Hofstra will be covered in Tuesday's issue.

## Hens fly south

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he's ready to have a great year."

**Outfield:** Sophomore Brent Rogers was strictly an infielder last year, but Sherman said he would see time in center field in 2004. Sophomore Dave Harden and junior Ed McDonnell will flank Rogers in the outfield.

Sherman said Harden, the brother of Steve, is the best defensive outfielder on the team and has a great arm. In addition, the younger Harden "has some pop in his bat."

McDonnell, a transfer from Seton Hall, brings some legitimate power to the team. He played for the Protocall Starz of the Atlantic Baseball Confederation Collegiate League over the summer, ending his season with a three-for-four performance in the championship game.

Another player who could see time in the outfield is freshman Bryan Hagerich.

**Pitching:** Mihalik is the staff ace going into the season, followed by junior Scott Rambo.

"Rambo is consistent, steady and has great poise," Sherman said. Rambo went 3-5 last season with a .02 ERA. His 63 strikeouts were third best on the team.

"After him, it's going to be a mad scramble for that third spot," Sherman said. "[Junior] Chris Arrick, [redshirt freshman] Mitch

Heckert and [senior] Jarame Beaupre, a transfer from Drexel, will be in the mix. [Sophomore] Joe Couden will vie for some starts."

Looking ahead, Sherman highlighted Delaware State as an opponent he was looking forward to meeting this season.

"They won all four games against us last year and deserved to win them," he said. "But we want to take back over the state of Delaware."

The Hens first test of the 2004 season begins at 3 p.m. today when they face Coastal Carolina in the first of a three-game series.

Delaware has opened three of the past four seasons against Coastal Carolina and has lost each time. Sherman said the reason is simple.

"We're 'coming out of the barn,' this field house, having faced nothing live," he said. "No ground balls live, nothing live. They've been playing outside for several weeks already."

The Hens goals this weekend will be to work out the kinks and focus on the basics.

"The first two series are critical," Sherman said, "not for the wins, but to get back to playing fundamental baseball."

"It's tough, but I don't get frustrated," he said. "I want to win but I have to be realistic."

## A look ahead ... and a look back

Here is a look at what is coming up this weekend for Delaware athletics.

The men's basketball team will look to continue its recent success as the Hens will travel to Old Dominion Saturday night in another CAA battle. The Hens defeated William & Mary Wednesday and have now won four of their last five games. They sit in fourth place in the CAA with a record of 14-8 and 8-5 in CAA contests. Old Dominion comes into Saturday's matchup tied for second place in the CAA at 9-4 in the conference.

The women's basketball team will travel to Hofstra on Sunday to take on a solid Pride squad that is currently second in the CAA at 9-2. The Hens are currently 5-6 in the conference and will be looking to sweep the season series with The Pride after defeating them 78-47 at home nearly a month ago. Delaware is currently in the midst of three-game losing streak and need to make a late season run to secure a top-four seed for the CAA tournament.

The baseball season gets under way this weekend as the Hens travel to Coastal Carolina

for a three-game series to open their 2004 campaign. The Hens will look to improve on last season's record of 21-32. Delaware was swept by Coastal Carolina in last season's opening series.

The men's lacrosse team also begins the regular season this weekend with a road game at St. Joseph's on Saturday. The Hens will face a variety of non-conference opponents before they begin the 2004 CAA season at Hofstra on April 3. The Hens are looking to improve on last year's season that saw them go winless in CAA play.

The men's and women's track teams will head to New York City this weekend for the Collegiate Invitational this weekend.

The men's ice hockey team will travel to West Chester on Friday for a matchup with the Rams and will return home Saturday to host Rutgers at Rust Arena at 5 p.m.

A look at what's been going on during the winter in Delaware sports.

The men's basketball team continues to live dangerously.

The Hens have won three games in overtime this season and a majority of the Hens' victories have been come from behind. Senior guard Mike Ames has had a stellar season to this point, including nailing a three-pointer with two seconds left to send the game into overtime against Towson last weekend. Ames also became Delaware's all-time three-point leader after he nailed his 212th career three-pointer in a loss to Hofstra Feb 4. Ames also set a school record with nine consecutive three-point shots made over the span of two games this season.

In women's basketball, junior forward Tiara Malcom continues to be a force for the Hens. Malcom is currently eighth in the CAA in scoring averaging just over 14 points per game and is sixth in the conference in rebounding with 7.2 boards per game. Malcom also ranks third in the CAA in blocked shots per game with nearly two per game.

The women's swimming team continues to dominate the CAA with a 5-1 conference mark. The Hens will look to capture the CAA crown Feb 18

when they travel to George Mason for the CAA swimming and diving championships. The men's team hasn't had much success this season, as they are winless in conference meets this season and have managed just two victories for the season.

The National Champion Delaware football team had an outstanding recruiting class, receiving 18 letters of intent for the fall of 2004. The Hens biggest recruit was perhaps Armand Cauthen, a wide receiver from Hargrave Military Academy. Cauthen had received offers from Division I schools such as Virginia Tech and N.C. State. Cauthen is ranked as the fourth best Div. I-AA recruit by the Sports Network. The Hens also added Sonny Riccio, a transfer quarterback from Missouri. Riccio should step in and replace departed quarterback Andy Hall. Riccio is rated the third best Div. I-A transfer by the Sports Network.

- Compiled by managing sports editor Dan Montesano.



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# REVIEW SPORTS

Who popped out today?

L.L. Bean - 1873 - outdoorsman  
Eddie Robinson - 1919 - football coach  
Jerry Springer - 1944 - home wrecker  
Mats Sundin - 1971 - hockey player  
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## Commentary

DAN MONTESANO



## The real 'S' word

When I say I'm a fan of sports, I mean all sports. A little healthy competition is good. In the past I've discussed that I don't feel some "sports" should be considered sports (like poker and synchronized skating), but those I consider sport-worthy are entertaining.

With that said, I feel the need to address the current sex-epidemic that has infiltrated the sporting world. Originally, I thought it was a great idea. Hot chicks everywhere, some female athletes posing in Playboy, Wilt Chamberlain boasting of the thousands of women he's been with.

Now, I'm not too sure. The last year has seen an explosion of sexually-laced sporting incidents that take away from any athletic side of the sports I so dearly love.

First of all, you have all of the stripper problems with college and pro athletes. The University of Colorado has been in hot water recently due to recent revelations that football players have been recruited through the use of strippers. Ignoring the fact that this violates the NCAA rule regarding the use of "excessive entertainment" to tempt recruits, I think this interferes with the actual recruiting process.

I have traveled a good portion of the United States and I can tell you there are strip clubs everywhere. Any area can provide strippers, it's what the actual school can provide that should be important during high school recruiting. Another problem at Colorado is the use of sex-parties to entice recruits, but that is a story for another day.

St. John's has also been in the news for having five of its basketball players break curfew after an away game in Pittsburgh and go to a strip club. After a little partying, they took a woman back to the hotel room and got to know her (in the biblical sense).

She accused them of rape after they refused to pay her the \$600 she demanded, but they got off because one of the players taped it all on his camera-phone.

But it only gets more bizarre.

Football Hall-of-Famer Lawrence Taylor admitted in his autobiography that he frequently sent strippers and callgirls to opponent's hotel rooms before games.

Last May, 15 Long Island high school baseball players were on a trip in Florida and went into a strip club. Those 15 guilty of succumbing to the evil siren's call of those floozies were suspended from school and from the rest of their baseball season.

Those evil women. They cannot keep their hands off athletes at any level. Where is the hope for a normal guy like me when he goes to a strip club when all of the good showgirls will be off entertaining the entertainers.

The injustice of it all.

And we all know what happens with professional athletes who found themselves one-on-one with women. Just ask Kobe Bryant.

But it's worse than that. Pro athletes are invading all crevices of the world of sex.

Mike Ditka and his wonder-drug Levitra have made me never want to get an erection for the fear it might last forever. Who really wants to picture Ditka or Rafael Palmeiro as the saviors of the warg.

ESPN.com is constantly polling its readers as to who they think the hottest female athlete is. Personally, I think Jenny Finch (U.S. softball) is overrated, (Heather Mitts she is not), but I digress.

It isn't just the guys though. The women athletes are trying to get in on the action.

Sue Bird, a guard for the WNBA's Seattle Storm, made a bet with a Seattle DJ that her assists-to-turnover ratio will be better than 2-to-1. If Sue won, the DJ would buy season tickets for the WBNA. If she lost, Bird would receive an on-air spanking while yelling, "harder, daddy, harder!"

I don't really know if that has anything to do with basketball. I don't even know if it would succeed in drawing people to WNBA games, unless the spanking took place on the court.

The Lingerie Bowl is another matter entirely.

I'm pretty sure all of this has been happening for years, which is perfectly fine with me. Morally, I have no problem with this. People can do what they want to do — and others will do the same thing in leather suits and masks — but the coverage of this has increased to epic proportions.

Stupid media. I just hope the focus can turn back to the actual games a bit more than what happens out in the real world.

Now, I guess with all of this competition to see who can top who, sex could be considered a sport.

If only there was a way to keep score.

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# Batter Up: Baseball season begins

## Hens look to rebound from tough 2003 season

BY ROB MCFADDEN

Sports Editor

Since 1938, the Delaware baseball team has gone through just five losing seasons: 1944, 1953, 1966, 1989 ...

... and 2003.

So when head coach Jim Sherman and the rest of the Hens' 2004 squad take the field for this afternoon's season opener against Coastal Carolina, they will not only be looking to shake off the cobwebs of winter, they will also be attempting to reassert Delaware as a power in college baseball.

The Hens face an uphill battle and enter the season as underdogs in the Colonial Athletic Association after going 21-32 (7-13 CAA) last year to finish seventh in the conference.

Delaware is also faced with the loss of 2003 captains Kris Dufner and Steve Harden. Dufner led the team in runs scored (41), walks (29), triples (3) and on-base percentage (.384). He was chosen by the Tampa Bay Devil Rays in the 38th Round of the MLB Draft. Harden led the team in seven offensive categories, including batting average (.302), hits (61), home runs (12) and RBI (43).

Sherman said the duo would be hard to replace.

"Dufner was just one of the best players to ever play Delaware baseball," he said. "[Harden] had a great senior season offensively and is one of the best defensive first basemen I've ever seen."

The Hens also lost pitcher Mark Michael to the draft. He was a junior last year, but opted to forego his senior season when he was selected by the St. Louis Cardinals in the fourth Round.

Despite losing eight letterwinners, Sherman said the team's goal of making the playoffs is very realistic.



THE REVIEW/File Photo  
Junior outfielder Dave Harden slides into third base in a home game last season. The Hens look to improve on their 21-32 record in 2004.

"I'm kind of excited about this group," he said. "The kids are excited to get out there and climb out of this hole that we've been in."

Last season's difficulties can be attributed to the team's lack of experience, Sherman said.

"It's really simple arithmetic," he said. "When you put a lot of guys on the field who have zero or one year's experience, you're going to struggle."

"What it comes down to is that we were a very young group last year," he said. "This year, we have a lot more one and two-year players."

Two experienced players that will be

counted on to lead Delaware's playoff charge this year are senior co-captains Steve Van Note and Mike Mihalik.

Sherman said the coaching staff chose Van Note primarily because of his experience offensively, while Mihalik, a player who "leads by example," was chosen because of his pitching experience.

Another player Sherman will count on this season is junior second baseman Brock Donovan, who finished last season third on the team in batting average (.272) and fourth in hits (49).

"Brock Donovan is ready to have a breakout year offensively," Sherman said, "and he's been very steady defensively."

Position by position, the 2004 Delaware baseball team looks poised for a CAA title run:

**Catcher:** Sophomore Brian Valichka will assume full-time duties behind the plate after splitting time last year with 2003 graduate Matt Wimer. Sherman said the team would like to see more offense from Valichka, who struggled at the plate and hit just .168, but there is no question about his defense.

"He's as good a catch-and-throw guy as you can find in our conference."

**First Base:** Van Note and junior Kelly Buber will platoon at first base. As an outfielder last season, Van Note hit .232, was fourth on the team in hits (44) and third in home runs (7). Buber transferred from Yuba Community College (CA), where he was named Second Team All-Conference as a catcher.

**Second Base:** Donovan will hold down the fort at second base for the second straight season.

**Third Base:** Junior Ryan Graham transferred to Delaware from Triton College (IL) and will start at third base. He was named to the NJCAA Region IV Division I all-region team last season.

"He's what we call a 'park rat,'" Sherman said. "He loves being around the baseball field."

**Shortstop:** Sophomore Todd Davison will again start at shortstop, something he did every game last year. Davison hit .254, finishing third on the team in hits (53), second in runs scored (31) and second in doubles (10). Sherman said Davison might have had some difficulty adjusting during his rookie year.

"He had a great start last year, but faded a little towards the end," he said. "I think

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THE REVIEW/File Photo  
Junior forward Tiffany Young drives past a defender on the way to the basket in a game this season. The Hens lost to William & Mary 55-48.

## Women drop third straight

BY JON DEAKINS

Sports Editor

After an afternoon marred by horrendous shooting and sloppy turnovers, the Delaware women's basketball team still had a chance to tie the game with 25 seconds remaining.

Freshman Alena Koshansky's three point attempt was no good however, as the Hens lost their third straight game Sunday, falling 55-48 to Colonial Athletic Association rival William & Mary.

The Hens, who were down by 12 with under four minutes remaining, cut the lead to three with 1:20 on the clock.

After Koshansky's missed three pointer, the Tribe wasted no time burying Delaware's comeback attempt as William & Mary freshman Kyle DeHaven made two fast break layups in the final 17 seconds.

DeHaven's second layup came off the Hens' 19th turnover of the game, as the freshman stole the ball from Delaware's Julie Sailer with eight seconds left for the unimpeded score.

She led all scorers with 25 points while making eight of 12 shots. She also drained an astounding five of seven three-point baskets, eventually earning CAA Rookie of the week for her performance.

Junior forward Tiffany Young led the Hens with 16 points and nine rebounds. Tiara Malcom (13 points) was the only other Delaware player in double figures though, as the Hens shot a dismal 29.8 percent from the field.

In what could very well have been the ugliest first half in Delaware history, Delaware managed only four field goals

## Football celebrates

BY DUSTIN SEMONAVICK

Staff Reporter

The sounds emanating from the Bob Carpenter Center Tuesday night may have seemed out of place to someone unfamiliar with the University of Delaware.

Football? In February?

But to the approximately 3,000 fans that came together to chant, cheer and celebrate the Delaware football team's 2003 NCAA Division I-AA Championship, the night was nothing less than pure bliss.

"It's great to have an event like this," freshman Scott Klatzkin said. "It's not every year we win a national championship."

Festivities included introductions of every member of the 2003 team, a video highlight reel and speeches from Sen. Joseph R. Biden, Jr., D-Del., Gov. Ruth Ann Minner, Newark Mayor Harold F. Godwin and University President David P. Roselle.

Several senior players addressed the crowd, including co-captain and All-Conference safety Mike Adams.

"It's amazing having everyone's support," he said.

Co-captain offensive lineman Jason Nerys joined Adams on the stage. Though Nerys played offensive guard, a position unfairly thought of as "unskilled," Nerys fans know that it was the cocoon created by Nerys and his linemates that allowed quarterback Andy Hall to work his magic. Pro scouts noticed as well, and there is a good chance that No. 73 will be suiting up for an NFL team next year.

Despite just two seasons as a Hen, Hall's 2003 performance has made him one of the most beloved athletes in recent Delaware history. His physical and mental strength were displayed every Saturday as he battled injury after injury, bringing the Delaware faithful to their feet with his grit and determination.

When Hall walked to the sideline for the final time in Tennessee, he received a standing ovation. There is no doubt that one of his favorite memories will be the sound of thousands of fans chanting his name, "An-dy! An-dy!"

"Without the fans, this means nothing," he said.

At a pep rally prior to the Hen's semifinal game against Wofford, Hall had encouraged students to rush the field and bring down the goalposts after Delaware's victory. Students complied, swarming out of the bleachers in the South end zone to topple the North End Zone goalposts.

The award for loudest ovation of the night went to Keeler as he showed the crowd what they had been waiting for, the national championship trophy.

"What an absolutely unbelievable year," he said, as he narrated video of the key moments in Delaware's season.

Included in the video were touchdown runs by senior running back Germaine Bennett, a punt return that junior defensive back Sidney Haugabrook ran back 80 yards for a touchdown and "the hit," senior defensive back Leon Clark's touchdown-saving breath-taker that was named a 'Top 10' highlight nominee by ESPN.

The Hens defeated previously undefeated Colgate 40-0 in Chattanooga, Tenn., for the school's first I-AA title and sixth national championship.

It was an impressive title run in which the Hens clicked both offensively and defensively while outscoring their opponents 149-23.

With a championship under his belt, expectations will be high for Keeler's third year as Delaware head coach. But Keeler said he would not start talk about repeating and he plans on taking next year one game at a time.

Though Keeler refused to talk big, Minner seemed to have no problem with it.

"I look forward to going back to the championship game next year!"

## Hens end road woes

BY ROB L. FRANCE

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All season long, the Delaware men's basketball team has been forced to rely on its success at the Bob Carpenter Center to carry them through conference play.

With only five conference games remaining before heading to Richmond for the Colonial Athletic Association playoffs, that trend may be coming to an end, as the Hens won their second conference road match of the season Wednesday night, defeating William & Mary 73-68.

Delaware punctuated its victory with contributions from the entire team. Eight Hens finished with at least five points. Senior guard Mike Ames finished with a game-high 18 points to lead the team, making six of 11 shots from the field. Junior guard Mike Slattery added eight points and five assists, while sophomore

guard David Lunn finished with seven points and six assists. Freshman reserve Lebo Maepa came off the bench for nine points.

Delaware was boosted by the performance of junior forward Robin Wentt, whose stellar play in the absence of sophomore forward Harding Nana earned him the CAA Co-Player of the Week award. Wentt has been playing the best basketball of his college career and notched his third straight double-double against the Tribe, scoring ten points and adding a game-high ten rebounds. They are the only double-doubles he has recorded for the Hens.

In the beginning of the game, things did not look so bright for the Hens, as they quickly fell behind in the opening minutes. Poor Delaware shooting staked the Tribe to a five-point lead.

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## Coffeehouse

8:30pm Tuesdays in The Scrounge  
**FREE**

February 17

**Sherrod Small**

February 24

**Veronica Mosey**

March 2

**Upright Citizens  
Brigade**

March 9

**Vijai Nathan**

March 16

**Rubber Chickens**

March 30

**Steve Byrne**

April 13

**Tim Young**

April 27

**Lee Camp**

May 4

**Mike Birbiglia**

## R-Series

9:00pm Thursdays in The Scrounge  
**FREE**

February 26

**Zox**

March 4

**Stepanian**

March 11

**Local Band Nite:  
Setting East &  
Sara O'Reilly**

April 1

**Stargazer Lily**

April 15

**Local Band Nite:  
Middleground &  
Blue Tree**

April 22

**Local Band Nite:  
Omnisoul &  
Marlon Spike**

April 29

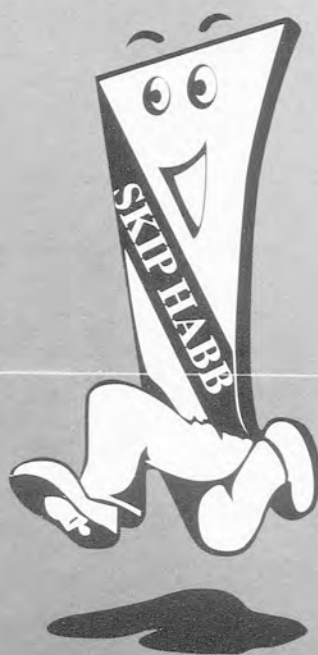
**Licorice Factory**

## Jim Norton

April 19 - 8:30pm  
Trabant Multipurpose Room



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## Weekend Film Series

in the Trabant Theatre  
Check SCPAB.com for showtimes **\$3**

February 13-14

**School of Rock/Love  
Actually**



February 20-21

**Kill Bill I/Texas Chainsaw  
Massacre**



February 27-28

**Matrix Revolutions/  
Scary Movie 3**

March 5-6

**Elf/Bad Santa**

March 12-13

**Master and Commander/  
Office Space**



April 2-3

**Last Samurai/Fight Club**

April 9-10

**Old School/Animal House**

April 16-17 & 19

**The Lord of the Rings:  
Return of the King**



April 23-24

**Win a Date with Tad  
Hamilton!/Paycheck**



April 30-May 1

**Dirty Dancing/Breakfast  
Club**



May 7-8

**Cold Mountain/50 First  
Dates**

May 14

**Kill Bill: Volume II  
(Outdoor)**

## Wednesday Film Series

in the Trabant Theatre  
All shows 7:30pm **\$2**

February 18

**Lost in Translation**



February 25

**Tupac: Resurrection**

March 3

**American Splendor**

March 10

**Thirteen**



March 17

**Mystic River**

April 14

**Shattered Glass**



April 21

**Big Fish**

April 28

**Pieces of April**

May 5

**The Singing Detective**



May 12

**21 Grams**

Look for sneak previews on Mondays & Wednesdays!

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