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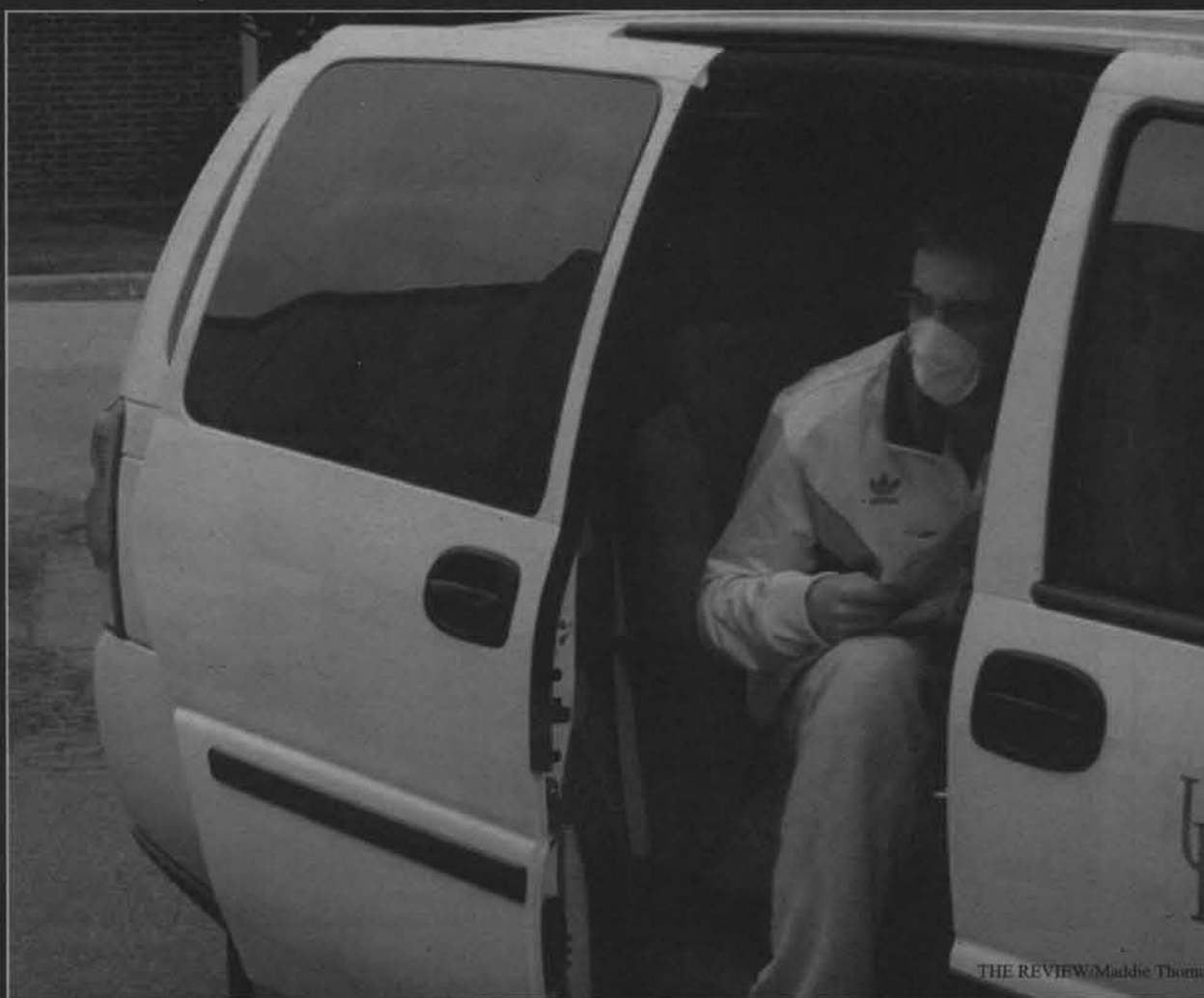
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Swine flu hits UD



THE REVIEW/Maddie Thomas

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The number of confirmed swine flu cases in Delaware has jumped to 20, all of which are university students, the Delaware Division of Public Health announced Monday. Of the six probable cases in Delaware, four are university students and two are individuals outside the university.

Karyl Rattay, director of the Delaware Division of Public Health, said the count does not represent an increase of cases but rather lab results catching up with a backlog of old tests sent in last week. This puts Delaware in the top four of 36 states with confirmed cases nationwide.

News of the outbreak at the university broke late April 28, as students and parents received text messages, phone calls and e-mails from the UD Alert System announcing four university students had been identified with mild cases of influenza that met probable definitions for swine flu.

Jay Lynch, spokesman for the Delaware Department of Health Services, said the four students sought treatment April 27 at Student Health Services for mild flu-like symptoms. The preliminary tests were then sent to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for official confirmation.

In response to the outbreak, state health officials opened a health clinic at the Carpenter Sports Building for students feeling ill or those who had recently traveled to Mexico.

The clinic was staffed by officials from the Delaware Division of Public Health, according to an e-mail from university spokesman John Brennan. Student Health Services in Laurel Hall continued to

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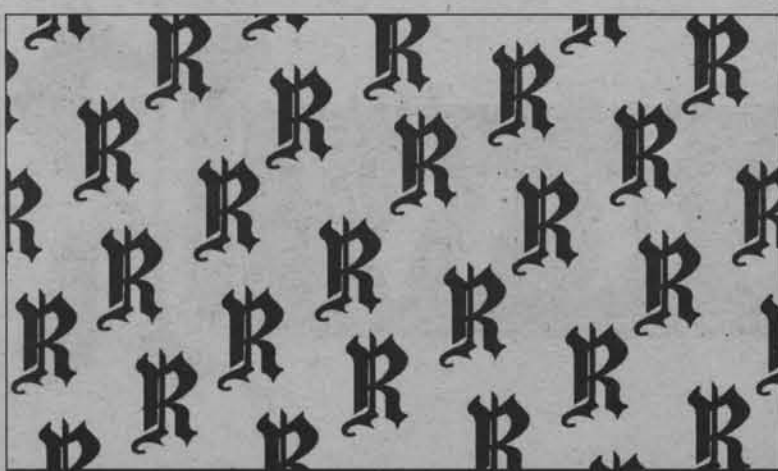
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A political science class surveyed more than 1,000 students.
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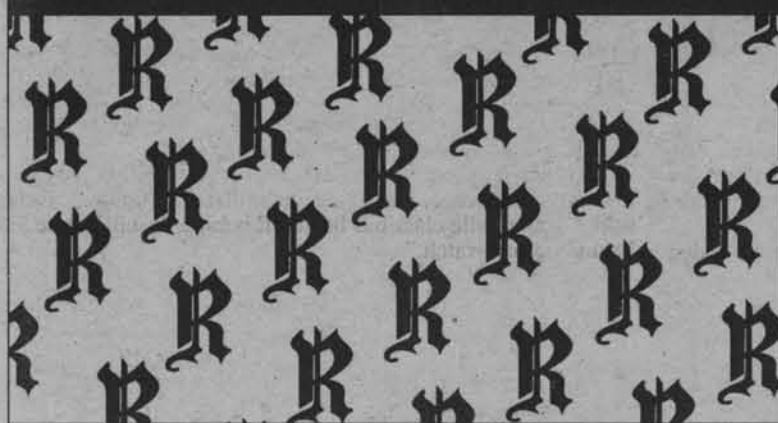
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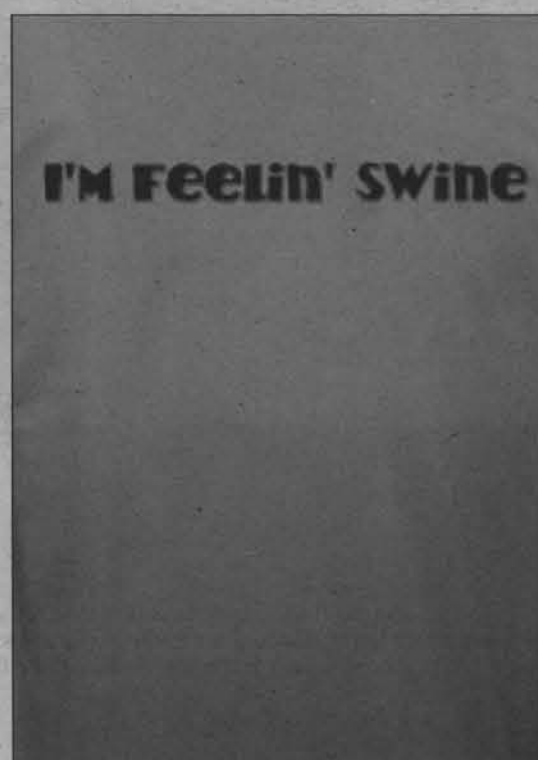
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Family and friends gathered Saturday morning to plant a tree in Brett Griffin's name on Laird Campus. THE REVIEW/Steven Gold

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Students made T-shirts after the swine flu
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Biden, local officials hold conference on campus

Meeting addresses offshore wind power, calls for stronger environmental policy

BY LAURA DATTARO

Editor in Chief

Vice President Joe Biden spoke in Memorial Hall yesterday to a small crowd of press and local and university dignitaries. Biden, who was joined by other officials, discussed the benefits of offshore wind power and the overarching importance of a greener economy.

The vice president was the last to speak, following university President Patrick Harker, U.S. Representative Mike Castle, R-Del.; Sen. Tom Carper, D-Del.; Gov. Jack Markell; Willett Kempton, associate professor of marine and earth studies; and Ken Salazar, the secretary of the interior. Biden took the opportunity to passionately discuss the \$787 billion recovery act and his commitment, along with President Barack Obama, to create jobs and develop a stronger middle class.

The vice president called this a turning point in history, stating that the country is in a unique position to change the course of human history. He stressed the importance of the Obama administration's actions in its first 100 days, fighting off criticisms that it took on too much instead of focusing on the economy.

"We cannot lead the world in the 21st century without a fundamental shift in our education, energy and health care policies," Biden said. "So it's not a question of doing too much. There is no option. It is now, now, now. And for those who say that we could not invest the money in the recovery act, let me tell you, failure to invest now would put us in the position where we would be behind the curve for the next generation, in my humble opinion."

He called the recovery act the boldest initiative put forth by an administration in the midst of an economic recession, and cited the act as the reason state and local governments have been able to move forward with new environmental policy.

Harker opened the event by acknowledging the \$1.4 million in federal funds going to the construction of a wind turbine at the university's Lewes campus and mentioning the university's commitment to reducing carbon emissions by 20 percent by 2020.

Kempton, whom Harker called a national leader in marine-wind research, summarized four points of recognition for the university's wind power researchers and students. He said thus far they had determined the size of the offshore wind resource; gauged a sufficient level of public support for wind turbines, an issue that is often cited in the discussion of wind power; provided credible, objective information to decision-makers; and trained students for the new industry. Kempton and Harker both mentioned that the university was the first in

the nation to offer a course in offshore wind power.

"The magic combination was science, innovation, citizen engagement, private entrepreneurship and a supportive government," Kempton said. "The result? For Delaware, a historic new source of electricity, at competitive prices. For the nation, a new industry."

The speakers firmly stated the belief that the future of the economy lies in the renewable energy industry, and pointed out that such an industry would shift jobs back to American soil and reduce dependency on foreign oil.

Markell summarized an agenda titled "Core Prosperity," announced at his first State of the State address last week, that includes bolstering the state economy through the creation of sustainable jobs.

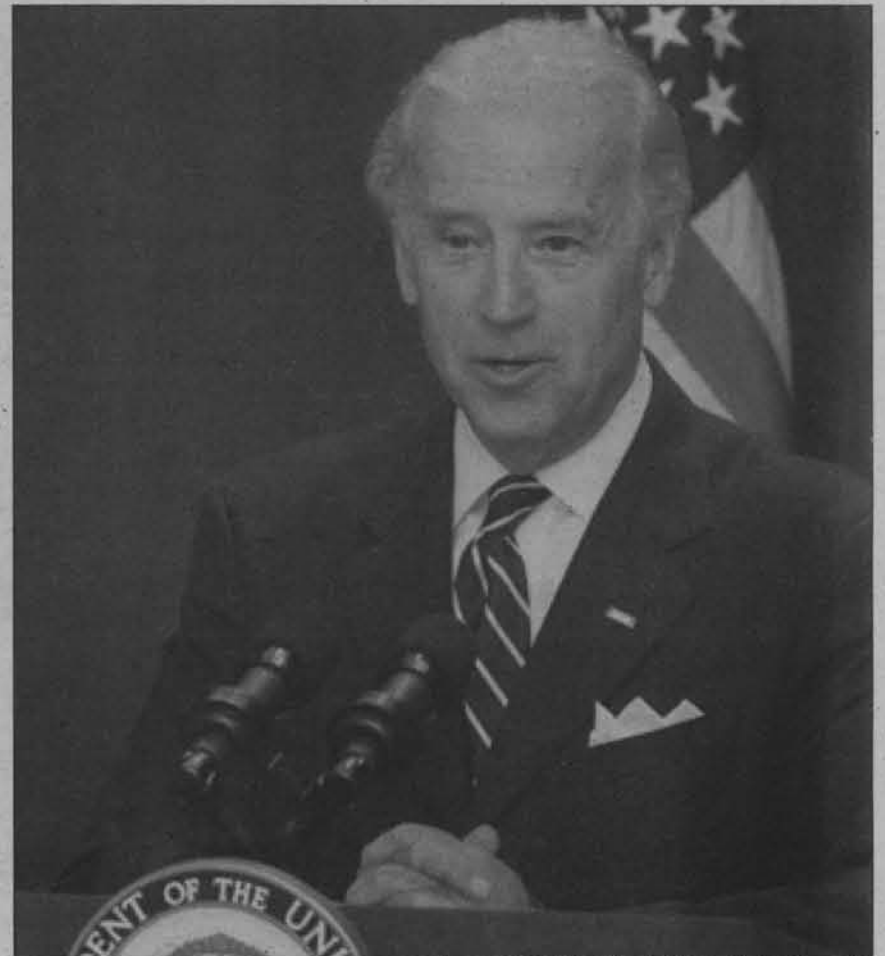
"A critical piece of that does come from realizing that the health of our economy and our environment are very much intertwined," Markell said.

He stressed that Delaware is leading the nation in this arena, citing last year's agreement with Bluewater Wind to begin development on an offshore wind park. Bluewater Wind is the only domestic offshore wind developer to have a signed 25-year Power Purchase Agreement with a utility, in this case Delmarva Power, according to a Bluewater Wind statement released yesterday.

"Now, I understand that talking about green is easy, but capitalizing on the opportunities that it represents is not easy, and frankly very few states have figured it out yet," Markell said. "I believe the state that most effectively marshals all the resources available to it will be the state that is most successful."

Biden reiterated his belief in the environment, calling this the first time in his 37 years of holding high public office that the environment and the economy were codependent. He stressed that creating sustainable jobs through industries like wind power would jumpstart the economy now, as well as create a better living standard for future generations.

"A green economy is the automobile of the future," Biden



Courtesy of the University of Delaware/Ambre Alexander

Vice President Joe Biden visited campus yesterday to discuss the importance of the environment in rebuilding the economy.

said. "It is the technology of the future."

He also stated his belief that investing in sustainable technology was the way to restore the world view of the United States as a leader, one that he believes has diminished in recent years. He recalled the great economic growth at the end of the 19th century but stated that many of the jobs created then paid too little to support the middle class, a group the Obama administration is intent on helping.

"If we went out and created another 10 million jobs paying minimum wage, we would view that as a failure," Biden said. "The middle class has been left behind. It will not be left behind on our watch."

Tree planting ceremony held in Griffin's honor

BY ELISA LALA

City News Editor

Family and friends of Brett Griffin, a Sigma Alpha Mu pledge who died last semester after attending a fraternity-organized off-campus party, now have something tangible to keep his memory alive on campus.

In a ceremony Saturday morning, Griffin's classmates planted a tree on Laird Campus accompanied by a plaque with his name inscribed on it in his memory.

The tree, a Delaware native flowering plant, which sits beside McKean Hall, Griffin's residence hall where he spent most of his free time outside of class. It is a symbol

of his lasting presence on campus, as well as a physical place for Griffin's friends to reflect on their time shared together.

During the Fall Semester before his death, Griffin was a member of a Freshman Year Experience class of approximately 15 students with undeclared majors under the guidance of professor Kathy Dettwyler.

The class, which met once per week with a goal of becoming more accustomed to life as a college student, focused most of its time reflecting on the theme of nature.

"We talked about the impor-



THE REVIEW/Steven Gold

Brett Griffin's classmates, friends and parents planted on tree on Laird Campus to honor his memory.

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THE BLUE HEN POLL

The student frame of mind, by the numbers

BY BRIAN ANDERSON

Executive Editor

The results of the second annual Blue Hen Poll, run by university students for university students, will be released today in the Trabant University Center.

The poll asked students questions about social, political and economic issues, as well as problems on campus. Political science professor David Wilson's Public Opinion, Politics and Society class (POSC318) assembled, distributed and analyzed the poll.

Wilson said the course combines learning about public opinion, understanding the theory of polling, collecting public opinion data and understanding how to interpret the data.

"Understanding how to gauge public opinion is a big thing," Wilson said.

This year, 2,500 students — 2,000 undergraduates and 500 graduate students — were randomly sampled by data provided by the Office of Institutional Research and Planning. One thousand ten people responded to the survey, which took place in mid-March until mid-April.

Eight hundred and eleven undergraduates and 199 graduate students responded to the poll, giving it a 3 percent margin of error. That gives Wilson and his class a 95 percent confidence level in the data.

Before he began teaching at the university, Wilson worked at Gallup, an organization that studies human behavior and opinion through polling. Polls, in general, inform the government, organizations and the media about what the population is thinking and believes, Wilson said.

He said at Gallup, trying to get an idea of the public's opinion is difficult because the U.S. population is always changing, and most people are difficult to get in touch with. At the university, the population is basically fixed, but Wilson said there are other problems when trying to poll university students.

"Here, it's much easier to get right, but it's much harder to get people to understand what you're trying to do," he said.

Wilson said it is important not only to understand what people are thinking, but why they feel a particular way.

"The why will tell us what we will do next," he said. "Just knowing that they're dissatisfied isn't enough."

Satisfaction with UD

Martin Amis, a junior who is taking Wilson's class, said he was not interested in the poll when the process began, but he got more interested in the data and methods as time went on.

Amis said he often felt bored in his classes and wondered if other students did as well. When he looked at the poll results, he looked closely at the satisfaction with the university by students and wanted to see how bored they felt in classes.

"I wanted to see if students felt the same way I did," Amis said.

According to both the data and feedback comments sent by respondents, approximately 90 percent of students polled are satisfied with the university, which is about the same as last year.

The data showed that 22.8 percent of students felt bored in class at least once per week, and an additional 18.4 percent felt bored almost daily.

Overall, students are satisfied with fitness facilities, athletic programs, their friends, Morris Library and university President Patrick Harker's job performance. However, most students are unsatisfied in two areas: parking and the elimination of the Public Safety driving escort system.

The data shows that 61.1 percent of students disagreed with the change, and 89 percent of students will use the service less.

"This school is awful for getting rid of Public Safety escorts. It is by far the worst decision I have seen made at this school," wrote one respondent in the open-ended section of the poll, which allowed students to submit comments.

Another wrote, "I am just upset about the parking. I commute to school,

and to pay the amount of money I do to park is ridiculous."

Sophomore Greg Dwyer, a political science major enrolled in the class, said he expected most students to disagree with the Public Safety policy change, but was interested to see what impact their perception of safety had on their views on the change. He found that students' satisfaction with safety was a very significant factor in their opinion of the change.

Dwyer also found that a majority of graduate students agreed with the change, while most undergrads disagreed. This was the first year the poll was offered to graduate students. He hopes it continues so everyone's voice can be heard, because there are differences.

"It looks like there is this disparity between graduate and undergraduate students at the University of Delaware," Dwyer said.

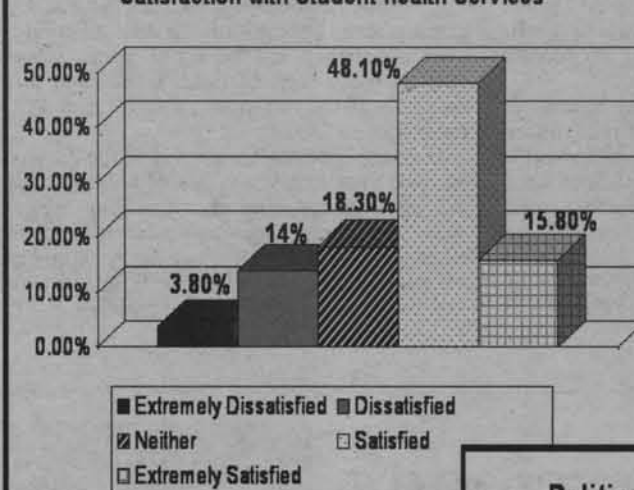
Social life on campus

The Blue Hen Poll also examined social aspects of the university, including how involved students are in clubs and Greek life, how religious students are, how often students visited their families, the percentage of students who drink on campus and how students feel about certain groups of people, including Republicans, Democrats, Wall Street executives and local law enforcement.

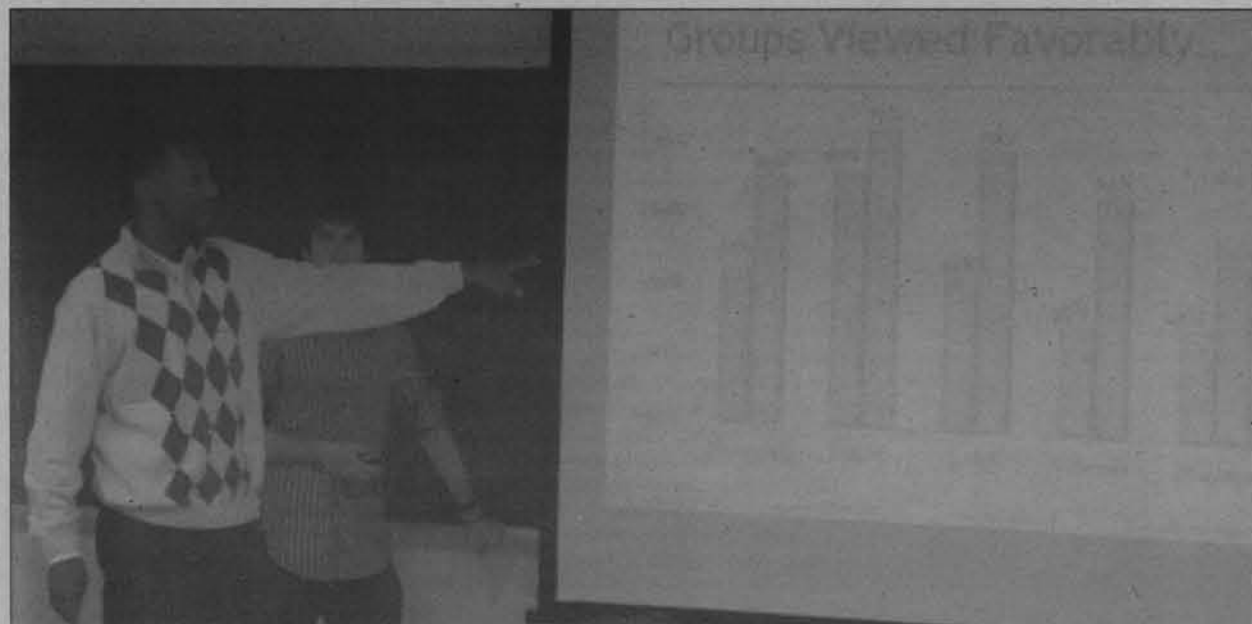
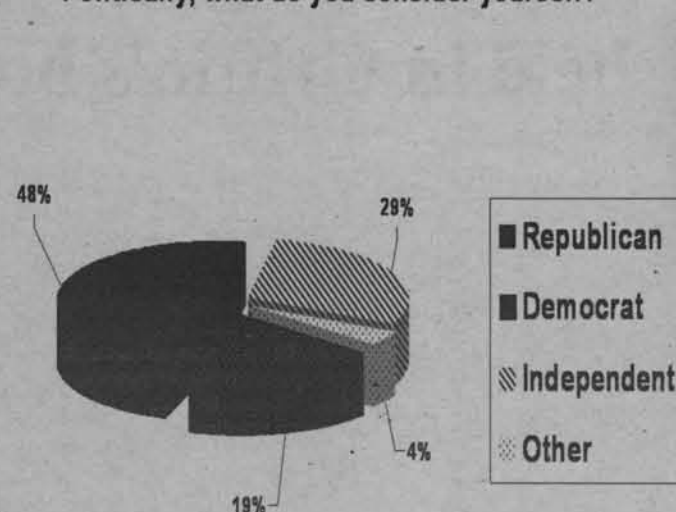
Senior Ashlee Miller, also a member of the class, said she was interested in seeing how students felt about the Amethyst Initiative, a collection of higher education leaders who support discussing the lowering of the legal drinking age to increase responsibility among college students toward alcohol consumption.

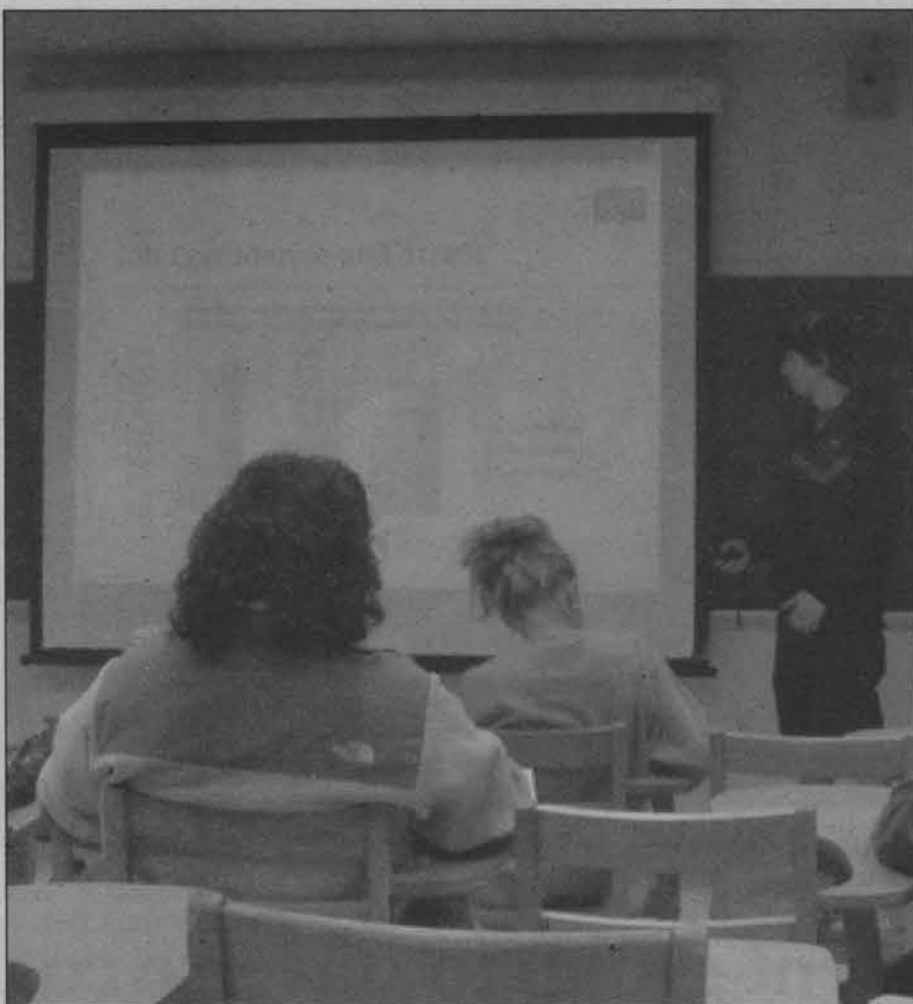


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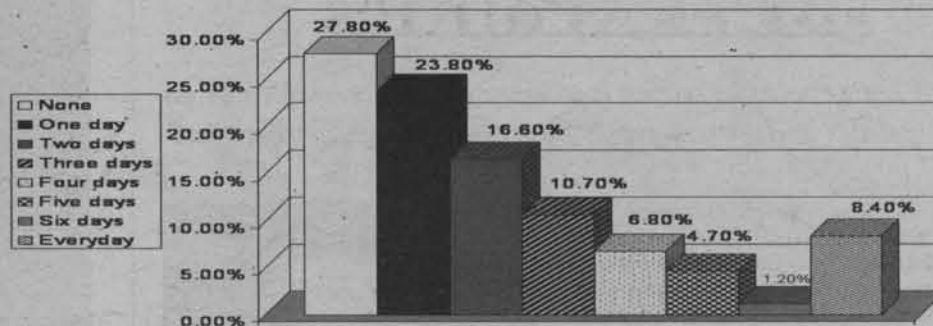


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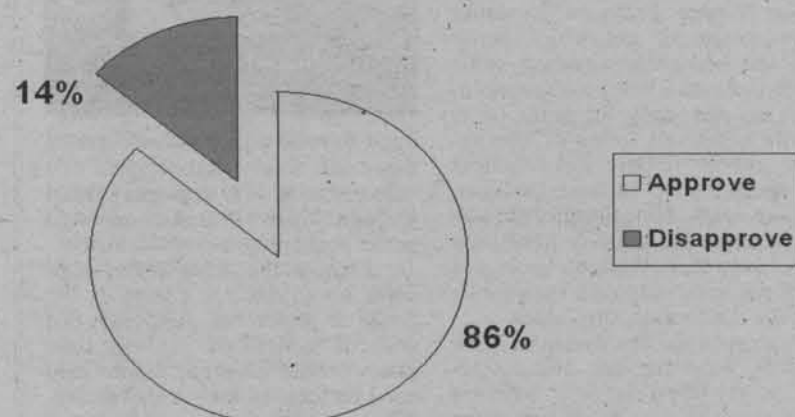




How often have you discussed politics with others?

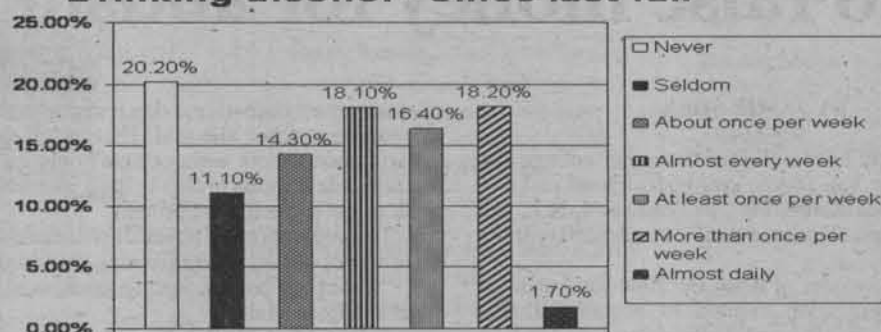


Do you approve of how President Obama is handling his job as president?



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Drinking alcohol - since last fall



Miller believed that most students would be unaware of the initiative, but most would likely support it if they were informed. According to the data, only 10.4 percent of students knew about it, while the rest were unaware.

However, both students who knew about the initiative and who did not were in support of it. Approximately 70 percent of both groups agreed with lowering the drinking age.

Approximately 53 percent of students thought the drinking age should be lowered to 18 years old, as well.

To Miller, this means the discussion about the university signing onto the Amethyst Initiative should begin soon.

"I just feel that now seeing this data, that it would be beneficial to start a discussion with students and the administration at the university about signing onto this initiative because it would start taking a look at if lowering the drinking age would curb the dangerous binge drinking environment at UD," she said.

However, not everyone who took the poll feels that way.

Nick Jenner, a junior exercise science major who participated in the poll, heard of the idea of the initiative before, but does not support it.

"I'm sure there are many students on campus that think it's a wonderful, great idea," Jenner said, "but all of those students have made plenty of bad decisions, dangerous decisions and things that they'd probably like to go back and change, whether they want to admit it not. I just don't think that increasing access in any way will increase responsibility."

In another aspect of social life at the university, the poll found that 23.5 percent of students feel true happiness more than once a week, and 33.1 percent feel true happiness every day.

A political campus?

The Blue Hen Poll shows that students are not as politically minded as one may believe. Approximately 32 percent of students show little to no interest in politics, and only 43.6 percent have some interest in politics, according to the poll.

The Blue Hen Poll asked many questions regarding politics, including how involved students are in politics, how often they view or read political news and blogs, their feelings on President Barack Obama, the role of the government and their political party identification.

The poll showed that 82.5 percent of students voted in the 2008 presidential election, and most students, 76.9 percent, voted for Obama.

Additionally, 66.6 percent of the student population identifies as a Democrat or leans Democratic.

Jobs and the economy

Sophomore Rebecca Riley, a political science and communication major who worked on the Blue Hen Poll, said she got interested in the economy because of another class and while working with the poll decided to see how students were feeling about the job market after graduation.

The poll found that 79.7 percent of students are at least somewhat confident they will be able to get a job after graduating from the university. Only 3.3 percent had no confidence.

Riley said before seeing the results, she wasn't sure what to expect, but once she worked with the data, she and her partner, Amanda Rosenberg, realized that students in different classes feel differently about the economy and job market.

"One thing that Amanda and I did find that I thought was pretty interesting was that seniors were much less confident, on average, in their ability to get a job after graduation in comparison to each younger grade," Riley said.

Students were also asked about their family's economic state, their views on the future of the economy and what the federal government should spend money on.

In the poll, 21.7 percent of students felt very concerned they would be unable to pay for college, while 33.9 percent were not concerned at all.

Riley said she was not surprised at all by this number because even though the economy is struggling, the university is able to assist students in going to college.

"I took it as the fact that financial aid would work with students, and we realized that," she said. "They weren't out to get us."

The future of the Blue Hen Poll

Wilson said before this semester, he was unsure if he would do the Blue Hen Poll again, after it began last spring. However, there was so much interest in it from the administration and students he decided to create the second installment.

He said he would like to conduct the poll every semester, so eventually students can do research on students at the university and find trends in the data. He said in the future, he hopes students and researchers, including The Review, use the data so students and researchers can learn about the issues that others care about on campus.

"I have no desire to control student attitude or be the voice of the students," Wilson said. "I want them to learn how they can communicate their issues to the public."

Polls allow people and populations to voice their opinions to the government and the people who govern them, he said. Wilson said he hopes the Blue Hen Poll allows the students and the administration to begin talking about what issues most affect the university.

Rachel Schiavone, a graduate student who took the poll, said she hopes to see the results of the poll give everyone a better understanding of the issues that affect everyone on campus.

She said she hopes when people begin to talk about the issues, the line between graduate students and undergraduates disappears.

"I hope we're all recognized as a community — a university community — whether you're a teaching assistant, an undergrad, a graduate student researcher — that we all move together, making our university community safer, more respected, more respected toward each other and hopefully building more of a community," Schiavone said.

Wilson said he hopes to get more student groups involved in the poll in the future, and get the poll more student-centered. However, he will always want the poll to spark dialogue between everyone in the university community.

"Public opinion data is supposed to get conversations started, not end them," he said. "It's supposed to open up dialogue so that people can understand what folks are thinking."

Brick's Politics

A senior political science major presents his weekly views on politics and current events from a center-right perspective.

University of Delaware students and young people around the country want a greener world in which to live. This year, after being pressured by student groups, the dining halls stopped using trays to save water, and for the third year in a row, graduating seniors will leave their mark by helping make the campus become more environmentally friendly.

Meanwhile, the university's Solar Power Program is doing great research, and wind energy has the potential to reduce some peak demand. Yet, both technologies are not ready for prime time, while nearly all forms of alternative energy require development of much better batteries to store power when, for example, the sun is down or the wind is not blowing. Even then, these technologies will not have universal applicability for the foreseeable future.

Lost in the discussion of solar panels, wind turbines and cafeteria trays, however, is a solution that can make a huge difference today. Today our country has the ability to take control of its energy destiny with an existing technology that is clean, plentiful, and surprisingly safe. The answer: nuclear.

According to the United States Department of Energy, we generate 20 percent of our electric power from nuclear energy, even though a nuclear plant has not been built since Pennsylvanians were alarmed by the near-meltdown at Three Mile Island in 1979. Since then, insurmountable government regulation, pressure from environmentalists and strong (though weakening) public opposition has stunted nuclear energy growth. Meanwhile, coal, the dirtiest of power generation options, makes up nearly half of American energy and, according to *Scientific American*, emits 100 times the radiation of an equivalent amount of nuclear energy.

A nuclear future is possible. The French create nearly 80 percent of their electricity with nuclear power, and other nations are seeing nuclear as the best and fastest way to live up to their pledges to reduce carbon dioxide and other emissions.

A 2003 Massachusetts Institute of Technology study noted that 90 percent of U.S. carbon emissions from generation of electricity come from coal, and inferred that, "Taking nuclear power off the table as a viable alternative will prevent the global community from achieving long-term gains in the control of carbon dioxide emissions." If Americans wish for a greener future, they will need to get past their fears and superstitions about nuclear energy.

Accidents can certainly happen. However, all of our nuclear plants were built decades ago. Since then, newer, more efficient, and safer models have been devel-



Michael Brickman
Columnist

oped despite paltry public investment and nearly non-existent private research. If new plants started to be built, investment in new and better technologies would follow.

One of the other major concerns about nuclear energy is the waste it generates. Although the amount generated is less than many would assume, plants also need to look to fuel reprocessing, which would further reduce the amount of radioactive materials that must be stored. Still, despite our lack of a central storage facility, nuclear waste has safely accumulated for decades at each of our country's 104 reactors.

Problems such as dealing with waste need to be addressed, but the environmental impact of waste is negligible when you consider the massive amount of carbon dioxide, sulfur and other emissions the environment is spared for each nuclear plant.

According to the Nuclear Energy Institute, an industry group, nuclear energy spared us nearly 700 million metric tons of carbon dioxide and 3 million tons of sulfur in 2007, which, without nuclear, would have been generated by coal. These numbers should be much higher.

There is hope, as it appears energy companies are clearing hurdles to finally build new plants. However, it is more than likely we will see only a few new plants in coming years, if any at all, rather than the dozens we need.

Nuclear energy is not a universal or eternal solution to our energy needs, but it is a great solution for the here and now. The problems of nuclear energy are real and must be addressed and mitigated. However, if we wish to reduce the damage we are doing to our environment, we must recognize that wind and solar energies are far less practical and are only economically comparable to nuclear because nuclear is so heavily regulated and wind and solar are so heavily subsidized.

If graduating University students want to truly make an impact on their environment, they should advocate for research into new technologies for tomorrow, with improvement in overall energy efficiency and investment in nuclear energy today.



Courtesy of John Lose

Senior John Lose (back) founded Rock the Boat for Autism. Members of his group will row 1,500 miles up the East Coast to raise funds for autism.

Student group to traverse coast to raise money for autism

BY JAMIE SHEA

Staff Reporter

Senior John Lose will join five other college students in rowing Van Duyne surf boats a total of 1,500 miles from Boca Raton, Fla., to Wildwood, N.J., this summer in efforts to raise awareness and \$250,000 for autism.

Lose, the founder of Rock the Boat for Autism, a non-profit organization created to accomplish this goal, is a summer lifeguard in Wildwood, N.J. where he was trained in running, rowing and swimming. He said rowing started off as just a part of the job, but turned in to a hobby.

"We love rowing," Lose said. "I just thought that if we row this much and like it, we should do it for a good cause."

They chose autism, the fastest-growing developmental disability in the world, according to the Autism Society of America's Web site. The day after he decided to row the long distance for a cause, Lose was patrolling the beach and there were four instances in which he had to ask a child to obey beach rules. He found out each child had autism.

"I had never dealt with that disability before," he said. "When I interacted with four in one day it was just like, 'Okay, this is what we're rowing for.'"

From there, Lose went about obtaining official nonprofit status. He said all it took was a little paperwork. After that, Lose said a few friends wanted to help and the project took off.

"One friend offered to make a logo, so I said sure," he said. "Another one wanted to make a press kit, so that happened and it just became a group effort."

Senior Sara Manning, logistics manager for Rock the Boat for Autism, said Lose is completely the founder of the organization and that she just tags along.

"He told me about the idea and at the time I thought it was a little far-fetched," Manning said. "But, once we got cleared to have an actual, real non-profit organization, I realized it was the real deal and decided to jump on board."

Manning is in charge of finding hotels for the rowers to stay in, getting them food supplies and scheduling their rowing itinerary. The rowers are scheduled to depart on June 13 and will be welcomed in New Jersey with a beach party on Aug. 1. They will be rowing an average of 35 miles per day, taking into

account an average of one day per week of not rowing due to bad weather, she said. That means that the rowers will spend about eight or nine hours each day rowing with a few short breaks to eat a peanut butter sandwich to get some instant protein.

To prepare for the physically demanding journey, Lose works out on an erg [rowing] machine.

"It's about having lasting endurance, not about muscle," Lose said.

Junior Melissa Rowland handles some of the finances for Rock the Boat for Autism. She said she got involved with Rock the Boat for Autism because her older brother has autism.

"I have seen firsthand how these organizations and nonprofits have helped and the services they provide," Rowland said. "They can really impact a family."

One of Rock the Boat for Autism's main goals, as stated on its Web site, is to help all those that are affected by autism.

"While the research currently being conducted on autism is making progress, we are still many miles away from where we need to be," the Web site states. "It is our sincere hope that the generous donations you make will help narrow the gap between where we are now and where we need to be to find the cause and more efficient treatments for autism."

Manning said the whole experience has been rewarding.

"It's been really cool to be able to see how this plan evolved from beginning to now," she said. "It really has come through."

Rowland said her main goal is to raise a lot of awareness due to the amount of people that stare at children with autism and do not know how to act around them or toward them.

"I think a lot of people push them aside and don't think they are an important part of society, and that is definitely not true," she said. "They have goals, personalities and desires just like us. We are equals."

Rock the Boat will be holding several fundraisers this month on Main Street at places such as California Tortilla on May 14 and Klondike Kate's on May 18 to benefit the cause.

"We're not just doing this to raise awareness, but also acceptance," Rowland said. "I think at this point, acceptance is the cure."

Seniors face troubles with graduation advisement

BY ADAM TZANIS

Staff Reporter

Graduation is less than a month away for seniors at the university, who have spent four years studying, writing papers and pulling all-nighters to get the course credit they need for the diploma of their choice. The only thing that could possibly hold them back now is some paperwork, a process some students believe is not receiving enough attention from advisers.

According to the Frank Newton, assistant dean of the College of Marine and Earth Studies, the process for seniors to graduate is to have a senior audit of their coursework to verify that they have completed all necessary requirements. The Dean's office then designates them for graduation eligibility. Once the degree is conferred at Commencement, the registrar's office officially designates the degree on the transcript.

Newton said seniors are advised in a number of ways including academically, professionally and personally. He said advising is a critical function at the university.

"Student advising is an essential component to student success here and as they move forward after graduation, whether that be to graduate school or into the world of work," Newton said. "The advising and mentoring relationships that students have with faculty, professional academic advisors, assistant

deans, career services staff and others helps students explore their options and set goals and strategies to succeed."

Cynthia Shenkle, assistant dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said the checkout is of tremendous aid to students in helping them ensure they are on track to graduate. A senior checkout combines all of the remaining requirements for the student's majors and minors.

For seniors graduating at the end of the semester, the process began with one e-mail from advisers that said, "The important document attached to this message is your OFFICIAL SENIOR CHECKOUT," a form used by the Dean's office to determine degree eligibility and lists a senior's academic credit information and requirements.

Shenkle said the process has some room for improvement.

"I think that it would be very desirable to incorporate into the system a means for students to acknowledge that they received and reviewed the senior checkout document that is provided to them," she said. "It would also be great if we are eventually able to have the checkout information added to materials that students can access through UDSIS."

Although advisers may be a vital resource for some students, senior Gavan Crawford said his adviser was not very helpful.

"My adviser doesn't know jack," Crawford said. "I asked him about senior checkout, and he said he didn't know anything about it."

Crawford, a criminal justice major, said making sure he had completed all formalities was a big ordeal.

"I had to go to the dean of my college and go through all this paperwork," he said. "It took me like two weeks, but if I hadn't, I wouldn't have been able to graduate on time. They helped me get it done, but they didn't put too much effort into it."

Senior Gillian Vernon said the university's advisement system is suffering because of the amount of responsibility placed on advisers.

"I feel like since the advisers are also professors, they don't have the time for it," Vernon said. "It's not a really good system if you have one adviser for 100 kids, especially when it comes to graduating."

She said her senior checkout was cleared, but problems arose on her unofficial transcript that had not been there before. Vernon said a poor advisement system is to blame for graduation complications.

"It's difficult to get any question answered without having to ask four or five people," she said. "I think that's what causes seniors to become fifth-year students."

Engineering senior Tom Craig said he had

no problems with his checkout list and fulfillment of his graduation requirements.

"They throw a lot of the responsibility on you, but I don't really see a problem with that because that's what the real world is about," Craig said. "A lot of times it's balancing social life and school work, and sometimes people put their social life ahead of the game."

He said he didn't utilize the advisement system as much as he should have and did his own class scheduling. He said the graduation process is fine the way it is.

"I don't think they should change it, maybe get the word out a little more than just sending out an e-mail," Craig said. "We need the responsibility and we need to get used to it. Not everything is going to be handed to you in life."

Senior neuroscience major Lauren D'Italia said she has an interdepartmental major, making it difficult to sign up for classes as most are listed under different majors. D'Italia said her adviser, who is also the only professor of a course she needed to graduate, is on sabbatical for this year. She said she had to take two graduate classes in order to compensate.

"It would have been nice to know that professor was going to be gone for a year. He's also the head of my major, and he was my adviser," D'Italia said. "A lot of seniors in my program got screwed over by that."

IHOP looks to move into Korner Diner site

BY MATT WATERS

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A new franchisee will try to replicate the charm and hometown feel provided by the Korner Diner by putting an International House of Pancakes in the steel-framed building on Main Street.

Steve Himmelfarb, a Washington, D.C.-based real estate agent and university alumnus, confirmed that a local franchisee is attempting to build an IHOP where the Korner Diner's shell stands.

Himmelfarb said the franchisee owns locations throughout Delaware, including a new location currently being built in Bear, and feels that the Korner Diner's old location would be a prime position for the restaurant chain.

Others, however, feel differently. When it was announced that the Korner Diner was closing for good, many in the community hoped to keep the space open for another mom-and-pop diner.

Senior Dave Anderson used to eat at the Korner Diner once per week and believes nothing could take its place.

Anderson loved the Korner Diner for its local feel, the low-key atmosphere and the friendliness of the employees.

"The diner was more than the food," Anderson said. "It was an experience every time, especially late night. I don't think you're gonna get that from an IHOP."

Himmelfarb disagrees, claiming that this restaurant would differ from the typical IHOP standard. It's managers would look to stay open 24 hours on the weekends during the school year as well as keep the frame of the Korner Diner, keeping the "retro-hip" feel of the building and Main Street.

"We want to create an IHOP that works for this location," Himmelfarb said. "We're ready to do some things that aren't traditional for IHOP."

Another unconventional step for IHOP is keeping the counter of the Korner Diner.

IHOP doesn't typically offer counter service, but Himmelfarb feels that by keeping the counter, the restaurant can keep the community feeling that the Korner Diner had. The franchisee, he said, is very community-minded and hopes to work with both the Newark and university community.

Himmelfarb said the franchisee is also aware of the unpredictability of students' schedules. He said that with their early morning and late-night hours, IHOP is perfect for the student with plenty of work to do.

"IHOPs are on a lot of other campuses around the country," Himmelfarb said. "College campus locations have a much better late night and early morning business than other IHOPs. College students like good food, big portions and low prices and we're good for that."

This follows closely in the footsteps of the Korner Diner, but not completely. The big portions and cheap food are similar, but "late night" and "early morning" isn't always good enough for students.

"I spent many nights in the Korner Diner, pulled many all-nighters," Anderson said. "The endless coffee made it the place to be."

But it wasn't just the endless coffee. Anderson also mentioned the jukebox which kept people dancing throughout the night and the young staff who enjoyed the party atmosphere.

"A lot of things that made the Korner Diner what it was were unquantifiable," he said. "IHOP won't be able to match that. I think people will be happy that something is in its place, but people that have been to the Korner Diner will realize that IHOP is lacking that feel."

Himmelfarb knows the appeal that the diner offered, but isn't worried about a lack of customers.



THE REVIEW/Ricky Berl

A franchisee of IHOP is seeking to open a restaurant on Main Street. Their focus is currently on the former site of the Korner Diner.

"We think the Newark community and the university's community would be an excellent guest base for IHOP," he said.

Himmelfarb said the landowner, however, seems to feel differently as he recently had a change of heart.

"We have a signed letter of intent from the landlord and negotiated a lease, we were dotting our I's and crossing our T's with the landlord and we just got word from the landlord that they're considering a fast food use instead of the IHOP," he said.

IHOP media contact Dan Ischy confirmed that no Newark location has been finalized yet.

"It's not on the books," he said. "If anything, it's still in its very early stages."

Himmelfarb and the franchisee are committed to the Newark area, whether it's where the Korner Diner used to stand or not.

"We believe it's a great fit for Main Street," he said. "We hope that the landlord wraps up the deal with us, but if not we'd like to find something else on Main Street."

University deals with flu

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see ill students.

Lynch said students displaying flu symptoms were given a throat culture test, waited 20 minutes for the test results and, if results were positive for flu, received the anti-viral drug Tamiflu. Positive tests were sent to the CDC for confirmation.

At a press conference Wednesday morning at the Carvel State Office Building in Wilmington, university President Patrick Harker announced the university would remain open despite the four cases of probable swine flu based on the advice of medical professionals in the Division of Public Health and Christiana Care.

Thursday morning, the CDC confirmed the four original cases and the university and state officials announced 12 more probable cases at a press conference outside Pearson Hall. Three of the four students confirmed to have the illness stayed in Newark, including at least one in a residence hall.

The university did not inform

students who share classes or residence halls with the infected students, university spokesman David Brond said, citing privacy laws. However, he said Thursday officials were working with Housing Services to make arrangements in case the sick students or their roommates request a different place to stay temporarily. On Monday, Brond said to his knowledge no room changes had been requested, although the university did disinfect common rooms in the residence halls over the weekend.

"These are mild cases," Brond said. "These are not serious cases we're looking at. This is not an outbreak. A healthy person will be fine and feel fine."

Brond said there are no known connections between the infected students. One of the 12 students listed as having a probable case spent Spring Break in Mexico, where swine flu is thought to have originated, but officials are not sure if the student contracted the virus there.

Harker sent a mass e-mail to all students in which he stated the

Division of Public Health decided on Saturday to close the clinic at the Carpenter Sports Building.

"DPH officials said today that the symptoms among UD students are mild, and all students given a probable or positive H1N1 flu diagnosis are recovering," Harker said in the e-mail. "In fact, some no longer have symptoms."

Harker thanked students, staff and faculty for their efforts to follow state health guidelines and contain the spread of the virus.

"I was enormously proud of UD this week. I thank the medical personnel who dedicated many hours to screening and treating students," he said. "And I thank the entire University community for its understanding and flexibility as schedule adjustments were made."

Rattay said Monday the state is not sure whether to expect more cases at the university after summer.

"We are preparing for an increase of influences in the fall," Rattay said. "But it's too soon to say."



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Students don masks to protect themselves from the flu.

Study abroad trip to Mexico returns to university early

BY CAITLIN MALONEY

Staff Reporter

A university study abroad trip in Mexico will be cut short due to the risk of the spreading swine flu there. University students studying in Puebla, Mexico are expected to return to the United States today. Students were originally scheduled to return home May 23.

University spokesman David Brond confirmed on Thursday that the university is requiring the trip members to fly back to the United States.

Junior Tony Roustopoulos, a student on the trip, stated in an e-mail message that rumors about leaving early began to spread more than a week ago, but the students found out Wednesday that they would be leaving today to return to the university.

Junior Nicholas Verrochi, another student on the study abroad trip, stated in an e-mail message that some students from the trip have already come back to Newark on their own flights.

"Some of us are ready to go back, some of us are wanting to stay," Verrochi said. "But at this point it's in the university's best interests to bring us back."

The decision to return was sparked after one student went directly to university President Patrick Harker with a letter. Verrochi said the letter spoke unjustly on the behalf of the rest of the students who did not share the same feelings.

"While this has angered a lot of us, myself included, I think it was the right decision for Harker to make, looking out for the university's best interests," he said.

Roustopoulos said Mario Marin Torres, the governor of Puebla, appeared on a Mexican news station and said that not a single case of swine flu had been reported in the city. The majority of the swine flu incidents have been reported in Mexico City, which is approximately two hours away from Puebla.

Verrochi said he thinks this is a drastic comparison to the 20 confirmed cases identified at the university.

"What is ironic is there are far more

'cases' in the university's student body than the 5.5 million healthy people here in Puebla," he said.

Although Verrochi said he feels safe in Mexico, he understands why the university wants to send the group home.

"Better to come home now than risk not being able to get home if the virus gets out of hand," he said.

Junior Michael Briggs, another student on the study abroad trip, agreed. After being hospitalized for unrelated reasons, he came across many people complaining of flu-like symptoms. After being in the hospital, and hearing that the World Health Organization raised the pandemic threat level, Briggs said he wanted to get out of Mexico.

"I was worried they would close the borders and I would not be allowed into my own country," Briggs stated in an e-mail message. "So I have been pushing to come home as soon as humanly possible."

Although there are no reported cases in Puebla, citizens there are still taking precautions. Briggs said the reaction in Puebla has been dramatic with people walking around in masks, soldiers patrolling the streets and once-crowded locations deserted. Most of the stores are also closed and restaurants are serving only food to go, Verrochi said.

Roustopoulos said the students are taking the same precautions. They have been wearing masks and gloves and washing their hands often.

"I couldn't tell you how many times I wash my hands a day now," he said.

Besides wearing masks, Verrochi said the students are under a sort of "lockdown"—they are not able to go outside of the house or to public places. The "lockdown," along with the media, headline news stories, parents and rumors, has caused panic in some of the students, Verrochi said.

The early return has forced the cancellation of plans and events that were scheduled for the rest of May. Roustopoulos said the students will miss out on a trip to Veracruz, which he heard was the best trip, and a service project that was planned.

"I definitely feel a little cheated," he said. "I was mad at first, but if the school wants us all to come home, there's really not much we can do about it."

Verrochi said the students were supposed to spend a week teaching English to a group of indigenous students in Cuetzalan. Another trip was planned to visit a beach, which Verrochi said the students were looking forward to.

Students also had individual plans for free weekends that they will be missing out on. Briggs said he had planned to take a tour of the Volkswagen car plant, which is the industrial backbone of Puebla. He also planned to visit a museum and the area where the battle of Cinco de Mayo was fought.

The early return has caused complications with the students' class schedules and transcripts. The students' current classes at the university have been turned into online classes for the rest of the semester, Verrochi said. Students will not be attending classes that they are already receiving credit for. The week in Cuetzalan counted for course credit, Verrochi said.

"I don't know what is going to happen with that," he said. "Some of us need that class for our minors."

With the new friendships and relationships with host families, Verrochi said the students will be sad to leave, especially on such short notice. One day the students heard it was the flu, then the town was shut down and then the school, Verrochi said.

"Now I am going home," he said. "It's kind of like if suddenly graduation was cut off four weeks early, and you and your friends had to leave right then and there."

Verrochi also said his new friends will not be traveling back to the states. Most of them live in South Africa, Norway, Costa Rica and Argentina, and he hasn't been able to say goodbye to all of them.

"It's one thing to be ready to leave at the date you planned," he said. "But in this case it happened really fast."

The students are expected to arrive at Philadelphia International Airport at 3 p.m.

A Closer Look

Swine Flu

H1N1 flu, also known as swine flu, is a respiratory disease originally found in pigs that is caused by type A influenza virus, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Web site.

Influenza can be transferred from humans to pigs and from pigs to humans. The first cases in the United States were found in Texas. Since the first confirmed case in April the outbreak has intensified, rapidly spreading throughout 30 states.

Similar to the average flu, the symptoms of this new influenza A H1N1 virus include fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue.

The Center for Disease Control recommends antiviral treatment for confirmed, probable or suspected cases of H1N1 flu.

Recommendations also include normal flu prevention practices, such as washing hands, coughing into sleeves or tissues and staying home from school and work if feeling sick.

—compiled by Haley Marks

Hosts of campus events react to cancelations

BY KAITLYN KILMETIS

Senior News Reporter

At the Asian American Film Festival, the movie screens remained blank, and at Gospelrama, there were no voices to be heard. Athletes hung up their uniforms, dancers untied their tap shoes and members of the Greek community put away their party dresses.

In the past week, dozens of university events, from women's rowing meets to Relay for Life, were canceled to take precaution against the spread of swine flu based on advisement from the Delaware Division of Public Health.

After months of planning and preparation, student opinion was mixed as to whether or not event cancelations were warranted.

Senior Amanda Tomasetti, event co-chair for Relay for Life, an all-night fundraiser to support the American Cancer Society scheduled for May 2 through 3, said it was difficult to devote so much effort into an event and not be able to control the outcome.

"I would compare it to working on a really hard project for a long time and then sitting there watching your computer crash," Tomasetti said.

She said although it was upsetting to see the event postponed, she understood the university's responsibility to ensure the safety of the event's attendees, who include students, community members and cancer survivors.

"I think the university made the correct decision," Tomasetti said. "When you're running events like this you need to think about the safety of everyone that's going to be there, not just your students."

Relay for Life has been rescheduled for May 16.

Senior and Student Government Association President Teagan Gregory said although it was disappointing the university canceled the second annual FestivALL scheduled for May 1, he understands the reasoning.

"Unfortunately, this is the way it turned out, but obviously the health and safety of the attendees has to come first," Gregory said. "It has to be our first priority."

He said SGA will not be able to reschedule FestivALL since many university groups are involved, but he hopes to create other events to make up for it.

Gregory said although students may be upset about the canceling of events, it is necessary to view the situation on a larger scale.

"I think sometimes we need to step back a little from our own lives and what we're involved in," he said. "Especially student leaders who put so much effort into their organizations, it's easy to get a little bit too tied up, and sometimes we tend to lose track of what's really important, and that's the health and safety of everyone in the university community, first and foremost."

Senior Colby Whittington, secretary of the Cultural Programming Advisory Board, said learning the Young Jeezy and Drake concert on April 30 that she helped organize was canceled the night before the scheduled performance was difficult.

"It was just a big disappointment because we've been planning this for months, and it took a lot of planning and a lot of people's energy and time," Whittington said.

Whittington said CPAB is attempting to

reschedule the event, but it is difficult to coordinate a date with both the artists. She also said there is apprehension since the threat of swine flu still exists.

"We don't know how long this thing is going to be around," Whittington said. "We don't want to plan it for this week and then the swine flu is still going around and we can't have large-scale events."

Whittington said she does not understand why the concert was canceled while the university was not shut down.

"I just feel like you still have class, people are living in the dorms and you're around hundreds of people, so I don't know why it makes that much of a difference if we have our concert or not," Whittington said.

Gregory said he agrees with why classes and extracurricular activities were treated differently.

"The first priority at a university is academics, and student life is secondary," he said. "Unfortunately you have to prioritize, so I can see where the university is coming from."

Senior Alexa Mantell, editor in chief of *Caesura*, said she does not understand why her organization's reading and awards ceremony on April 30 was canceled but classes were not.

"It was way overdone with events being canceled if the university itself wasn't being shut down," Mantell said. "I was really offended by that because I'm still in class with dozens of people and walking past hundreds of students on campus, but my event couldn't take place. I thought it was ridiculous that we couldn't have our things we were working so hard to plan and pull off, but we were still forced to go to class."

Mantell, who said she found out only hours before her event that it was canceled as a featured reader for the event flew to the university from Maine, has scheduled an unsanctioned reading today at 5 p.m. on the Green. The event's Facebook invite reads "NOTE: Of course, we trust that by you coming and bringing friends, you are assuring us you are healthy and are especially not infested with swine flu."

Senior Stephanie Wiegand, vice president of performance for Delaware Repertory Dance Company, said the canceling of the dance company's recital last weekend was devastating after an entire year of preparation.

She said although she understands the reason for canceling the event, she does not agree with it since classes remained in session.

"The first question I asked immediately was, 'Why aren't classes canceled if all extracurricular activities are canceled?'" Wiegand said. "They canceled stuff for the weekend on Thursday, and classes were held on Friday, so they were willing to protect the health and safety of out-of-staters but not UD students. I understand the whole containment idea and policy, but I don't understand putting our students at risk, so that definitely shocked me."

The event has since been rescheduled for May 8 and 9, but Wiegand said due to the new date, some dancers cannot perform.

She said she avoids thinking about the possibility the event could be canceled again due to fear of swine flu.

"I'm trying not to think that far ahead because that would be more disappointing than I could even explain," Wiegand said.

Students capitalize off flu, sell T-shirts for charity

BY ERICA COHEN

Staff Reporter

Tuesday's announcement of swine flu cases at the university had many students worried, but some took the opportunity to get in touch with their creative sides.

Junior Marc Paulo Guzman and freshman Dan Schroeder started a Facebook page titled "Swine '09 @ UD" on Wednesday night. The goal of the Facebook page is to sell T-shirts inspired by the swine flu at the university and to raise money for the Boys & Girls Club of Newark.

"When I was daydreaming in class about the whole idea of swine flu, I wanted to put a positive spin on all of the chaos," Guzman said. "A T-shirt would be a good way to remember all of this after it is all said and done."

Guzman brought up the idea to Schroeder at around 8 that evening. The Facebook page was set up within the hour, Schroeder said.

Guzman and Schroeder were hoping to have 100 people in the group by the end of the night. However, when they went to sleep at around 2 a.m., there were already 500 people in the group, they said.

With the help of their friend sophomore Aaron Fisher, Guzman and Schroeder devised a slogan for the T-shirts, which are sold through order forms on the Facebook page.

According to Schroeder, the front of the T-shirt reads, "Swine '09" and the back, "I'm Feelin' Swine." The shirts can be ordered in light pink or Carolina blue and are printed by Unique Impressions on Main Street.

Guzman said he and Schroeder decided to donate proceeds from the "Swine '09" T-shirts to the Boys & Girls Club in Newark because they wanted the money to benefit the commu-

nity.

"We wanted to know exactly where the money is going, and we wanted to be able to see the effects," he said.

After seeing how much attention the T-shirts have gained, they are charging \$10 per shirt in order to make enough of a profit to donate.

As of Thursday evening, Guzman and Schroeder had already received more than 250 orders through Facebook inbox and e-mail messages.

If they receive permission from the university to sell the T-shirts on campus, Guzman said they would like to sell them at Trabant University Center. If not, they plan to sell them on Main Street in front of Dunkin' Donuts or Panera Bread, he said.

Schroeder said the possibility of expanding the swine flu-inspired apparel exists if it continues gaining popularity.

"If it keeps spreading I was thinking about mugs or something along those lines — something else that college students could use," he said.

By Thursday night, the Facebook group had more than 1,800 members and Schroeder and Guzman had heard other students talking about it throughout the day at school.

"Walking to class I would hear random people talk about how they definitely wanted a T-shirt and they wanted to donate even more money to the cause," Guzman said. "That's when I knew we needed to sit down and make it happen."

Sophomore Sara Angel said she thinks the T-shirts are a great idea.

"I'm friends with Marc so it came up on my News Feed, and I thought the title was hilarious so I had to check it out. I sent it to my

friends and I have already ordered a T-shirt," Angel said. "I think that a lot of college students respond well to T-shirts and charity."

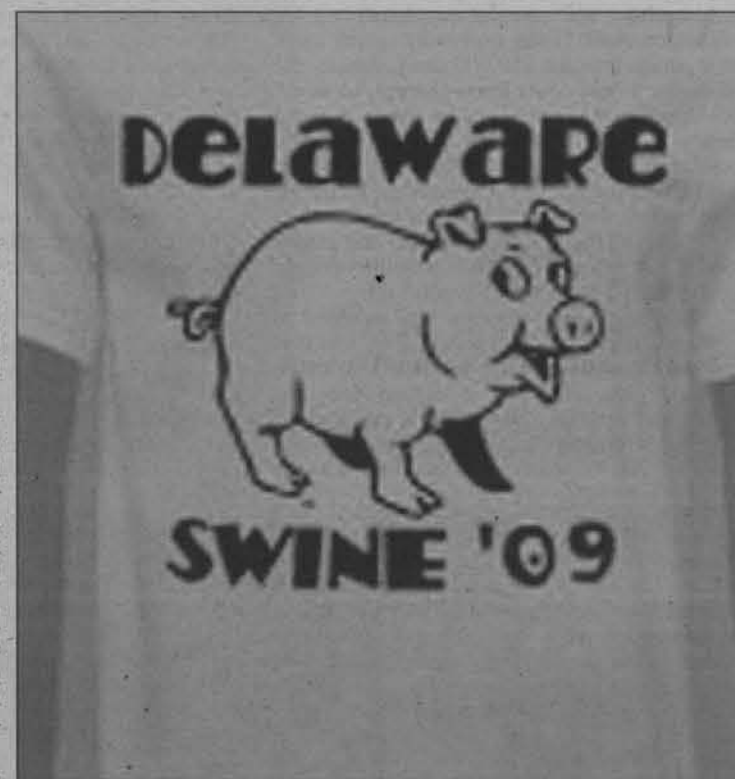
As of Monday night, 1,407 T-shirts had been sold, and Guzman and Schroeder had collected \$4,000 in Trabant. The Facebook group had nearly 3,000 members.

Guzman and Schroeder are not the only students trying to capitalize on swine flu at the university, however.

Juniors Chris Wiggins and Kyle Connelly and senior Chris Gordon also started producing T-shirts to raise money for charity. Their T-shirts read, "I survived Swine '09: Dodgin' the Flu Better Than You!"

Wiggins, Connelly and Gordon have a screen-printing machine in their basement that they use often to create clothes for their fraternity, Pi Kappa Phi, and friends. They are selling the T-shirts for \$10, or \$5 if people bring their own shirts, Gordon said. So far, they have sold approximately 20 T-shirts and will continue to sell them if there is demand.

Money from the T-shirts is going to one of their fraternity brothers, sophomore Ryan Curran, who is participating in Journey of



Courtesy of Marc Paulo Guzman

Three students have sold 1,407 swine flu T-shirts. Profits from the shirts will be donated to charity.

Hope, a cross-country trek sponsored by Push America that was founded by Pi Kappa Phi. To participate in the event, Curran had to raise \$5,000. Wiggins is hoping the proceeds from the T-shirts will help Curran reach his goal.

While both groups of T-shirts have been receiving an overwhelming response from the student community, Guzman and Schroeder do not want T-shirt making efforts to stop at the university.

"I hope this goes to other colleges and spreads nationally," Guzman said. "It is for a good cause, and I want to make the chaos and craze a more positive situation."

Senior gift donations near 20 percent of goal amount

BY JON BLEIWEIS

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In February, the Class of 2009 announced that its gift to the university would be solar panels. Since that choice was made, seniors have received phone calls and e-mails requesting donations to pay for the gift.

According to senior Nikhil Paul, chairman of the 2009 Senior Class Gift Committee, 360 students have contributed \$9,486 toward the class gift and more than 800 students have pledged to donate money in the future, as of April 30.

The goals the committee set for the class of 2009 senior gift were to raise \$50,000 and to have 25 percent of the senior class contribute to the gift, he said.

Paul said the solar panels will be installed wherever the university deems it most necessary, but hopes they will be installed at either the Trabant University Center or Perkins Student Center because they have the most students passing through them, and the centers hold many group activities.

One of the biggest problems the committee is facing is trying to convince students to give back to the university during the country's economic struggle, he said.

"We're optimistic that the students will come out in the end to show solidarity and be unified in giving back to the university," Paul said. "At the same time, it's a tough economy, so the numbers might be a little lower, but we're still optimistic that the number of people who give back will be a lot."

He said if the financial goal is not reached, the university will consider supplementing the remainder. Also, if the university wants more solar panels than the \$50,000 can purchase, the university would cover those charges, he said.

Among the seniors who have donated money is Rob Ditton. He said he recently received a call asking for a donation. While he said he was pretty tied up for money, he decided to make a donation to his alma mater.

"With all the talk about seniors and graduation, I just seem to be one in a million people they're asking for money," Ditton said.

Paul said some students feel indebted to their university, and the committee tries to find new and innovative ways to contribute. With previous gifts including a carbon footprint inventory from the Class of 2008 and a recycling fund from the Class of 2007, as well as the Class of 2009's solar panel contribution, the

trend of going green is alive at the university.

"Students are really connecting with the cultural phenomenon and more and more people want to give back to the university and be good stewards of our environment," he said. "More and more students want to help the university, especially in their last year at UD."

Senior Doug Schwarz said he received a phone call approximately two weeks ago asking him to donate to the fund. He said he has pledged to donate in the near future.

While he said he did not vote for the solar panels during the vote for the senior class gift in February, he thinks the panels could make a positive impact on the university by going with the environmental theme.

"I feel that since the university is really big on going green, that the solar panels is a decent choice for a senior class gift," Schwarz said. "I hope that this gift benefits the University of Delaware greatly."

Senior Rich Gilberto said he has not donated yet to the senior class gift but supports the results of the gift vote.

"Out of all the options, these make the most difference," Gilberto said. "I hope that the positive results of the solar panels will cause a more widespread use of them around campus."

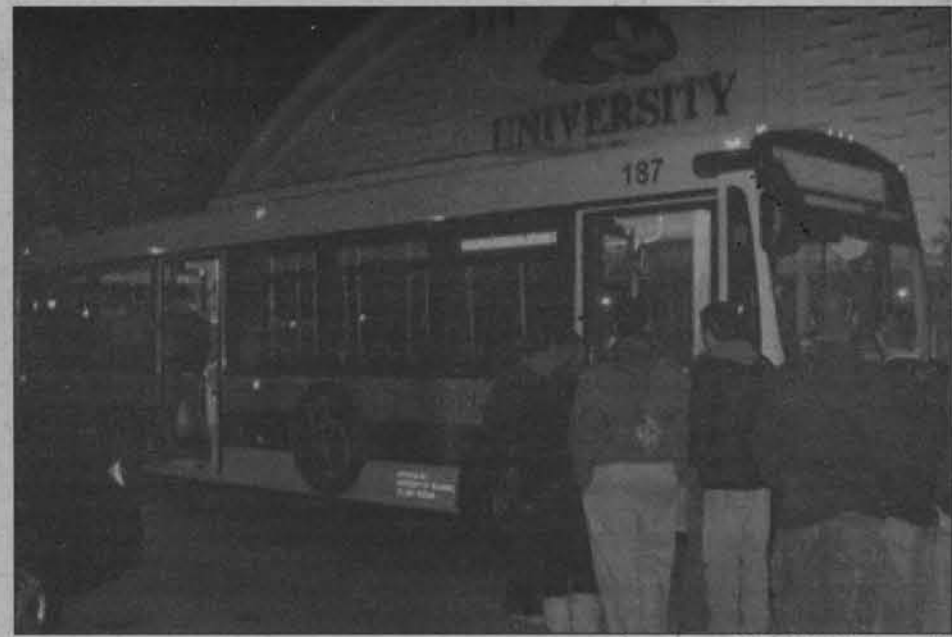
Paul said the committee has been thinking of ways to target the senior class to get them to donate money, including setting up FLEX machines for donations, setting up tables and kiosks and calling students.

Also coming out is a viral marketing campaign in which the committee will be launching a YouTube video promoting the senior class to donate money for the solar panels. Links to the video will be posted on Facebook profiles of senior class members, he said.

Paul said if seniors donate at least \$20.09, they will receive a free T-shirt from the university. If students donate by this Friday, they will have their name in the Commencement program.

While alumni are welcome to donate to the project, the committee is only recognizing donations from students of the senior class, he said.

"We urge the students themselves to donate so that we can show that we, as the senior class of 2009, have donated to this gift," he said. "Even if it's just a dollar, we still want the participation. More importantly, that's what we're trying to achieve with this project — student participation and helping to give back."



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Some students and residents have complained about the noise caused by the new campus buses.

City council addresses noise of new UD buses

BY MICHELLE ONORATO

Staff Reporter

In order to start replacing its maturing fleet of buses, the university has recently introduced four new Optima diesel buses to its transportation services. Although they are equipped with Wi-Fi and air-conditioning, the noise produced from the new buses is getting some negative attention in the university community.

At the April 13 Newark City Council meeting, Councilman David Athey raised a question from a constituent in his district about the noise these newer buses are producing.

"When you put high-noise vehicles in a residential area late at night, it doesn't make much sense," Athey said. "It makes for a very noisy 1 or 2 a.m."

Government Relations Director Rick Armitage addressed the issue, as well as concerns about the late-night bus that runs near residential areas.

Part of the noise is due to the fans on the buses, William Fitzpatrick, the interim director of Supporting Services, said. Environmental Protection Agency regulations have become more stringent and as a result, the way diesel buses are built has changed.

"We're working on fixing this problem," Fitzpatrick said.

He said he has received complaints about the noise from his daughter, who is a student at the university.

"One solution is to modify the fans to reduce the noise," Fitzpatrick said.

He was unsure about how much these modifications would cost.

As brought up at the city council meeting, complaints about the noise have been intensified because of the new bus schedule, which has later stops as a result of the changes to Public Safety policy made in March.

"I find the loud noise really annoying," junior Emily Holl said. "I can hear them from inside my dorm room on the South Green at night."

Athey, who lives on Kells Avenue suggested that the university look into a new route or possibly use smaller vans for late-night transportation.

"Rick Armitage asked for patience since it is hard to change bus routes during the semester, so it looks like we'll try to figure something out this summer," Athey said.

Future university plans include adding more buses. University are ordering four more right now, according to Fitzpatrick.

Moore said these buses will be similar, but possibly larger.

The university had planned the bus replacement for several years, according to Fitzpatrick. The typical lead time for the buses to arrive after a decision is made is about a year.

The decision process started with a request for information from various bus companies, and the university decided on Optima Buses from North American Bus Industries. These types of buses usually cost between \$300,000 and \$400,000, according to Fitzpatrick, which is significantly less than the \$900,000 to \$1 million cost of fuel cell or more environmentally friendly buses.

"It just wasn't viable to choose fuel cell buses," Fitzpatrick said. "Newer buses aren't as dependable, and considering that our buses run 18 hours a day, it wouldn't have made sense."

The university buses carry approximately 800,000 to 900,000 passengers annually, according to Shearee Moore of the university's Transportation Services.

"I'm really excited to have the new buses," Fitzpatrick said. "I wish we could replace all of the old ones right now."

Holl, who uses the bus system but hasn't ridden on a new bus yet, also said she didn't think spending extra money to modify the fans was a good use of her tuition.

"We bought them," she said, "We should stick with them, even if they're loud."

Sophomore Kevin Murphy disagreed about investing in modifications.

"I guess it's OK to spend money on them, as long as it's not too much," said Murphy, who added that he wasn't aware of the noise problem.

"To be honest, I didn't even notice the new buses," Murphy said.



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Cutouts of YoUDee monitor the progress of senior gift donations around campus.

Sugar Rush Café to hold grand opening on graduation day

BY SAMANTHA BRIX

Staff Reporter

Sugar Rush Café on North Chapel Street opened for business April 25 and will coincide its grand opening with the university's Commencement on May 30.

Owner Paul Owens said the café offers a variety of Italian specialty foods, candies, chocolates and fudge, gourmet cheeses and Bassetts ice cream.

Owens has been in the restaurant business with his wife for 20 years, previously owning a small coffee shop as well as a restaurant that seated 250 people. He said he chose Newark to station Sugar Rush Café, his newest venture, because he recognized a demand for the retail aspect that does not exist in Main Street restaurants and was also enticed by Newark's traffic flow.

Owens said Sugar Rush Café's uniqueness lies in its retail aspect. In addition to serving Belgian waffles, paninis, salads and stuffed baked potatoes for dining in or taking out, he sells packaged foods like Italian sauces, dry pasta, oils and preserves.

"The difference is if you walk into Starbucks, they don't have much of the retail aspect of the business," Owens said. "We have it set up so that you can buy more retail items."

Customers thus far have been students, many of whom Owens said are interested in the foods and ingredients they don't typically find on Main Street, such as the octopus salad, which sold out in the café's first four days.

"Students are excited about the ingredients," he said. "Their knowledge of food is far more advanced than what it was, say, 20 years ago."

Sugar Rush Café is open until 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights, and may stay open later until 1 a.m. on those nights in the near future, depending on late-night demand, Owens said.

Newark's tendency to turn into a ghost town during the summer slows traffic for many stores and restaurants on and near Main Street, Owens said he learned from managers of local businesses.

"I keep hearing that things do slow down, and I expect volume to drop off a bit," he said. "I hope the people who are still living here will make a habit of coming in."

Jerry Woolpert, owner of T'licious, which, much like Sugar Rush Café, sells paninis, salads and sweets, said any new business on Main Street causes somewhat of a concern, but he does not anticipate too much competition from Sugar Rush Café.

He said being located much closer to the Green and residence halls produces more walking traffic for T'licious than it will for Sugar Rush Café, and that the latter will probably attract more upperclassmen who live off campus nearby on North Chapel Street.

Woolpert said T'licious closes at 5 p.m. on weekends and 6 p.m. on weekdays, and he does not plan on extending hours later into the night.

"There are too many places to eat late at night," he said.

Sophomore Diana Sepulveda had lunch at Sugar Rush Café and enjoyed the food and atmosphere.

"I think it's a cute little place and fun to come with friends," Sepulveda said.

She said the sandwich and panini pricing is reasonable for students.

"My panini was about a dollar more than Panera but was 10 times better," she said.

Sophomore Arielle Bielory sat at a small table near a window waiting for her food.

"That's delicious," Bielory said, pointing to her friend's Prosciutto Italiano Panini she had stolen a bite out of.

Junior Heather Bazarnicki said she noticed the café while she was on a run but otherwise would not have known it existed.

"Anything with the name Sugar Rush in it makes me want to go, but it's not in a good location," Bazarnicki said. "They need to advertise better."



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The Sugar Rush Café opened April 25 and will hold a grand opening May 30.

Pretzel shop to open on Main this summer

BY BRIAN RESNICK

Staff Reporter

Brown paper still covers the empty storefront of Jim's Soft Pretzel Bakery on Main Street, across from Lieberman's Bookstore. It was supposed to open in March.

"We're still opening," said Fred Potok, co-owner of the Pretzel Dudes, a franchise of the Jim's Soft Pretzel Bakery chain. "It's just taking a little longer than we planned."

Potok said the construction of the store is almost done, and he could physically open the shop in June. However, he is contemplating delaying the opening until July or August to wait for the students to return from summer break.

He attributes the delay to the stress of opening five stores in two years and the economy.

"We were busy opening and getting other stores ready," Potok said. "It's a monumental task."

He has already opened four stores in Pennsylvania, including one on Pennsylvania State University's main campus. The Delaware location will be next, Potok said.

However, at this point in time he said it makes better sense to wait for Fall Semester to open the store.

"The pitfall of business in a college town is college students have a lot of breaks, and you can't cut a break on your expenses," Potok said.

However, he predicts the store will be successful in Newark despite the economy due to his low prices and large menu.

For college towns he has a different business model than a suburban store, offering more sandwich options, breakfast specials, ice cream and delivery.

"The good news is that we are an inexpensive food," Potok said. "We won't take as big a hit com-

pared to the more expensive stores."

However, he said in his Penn State store, he saw a drop off in sales this year.

"There is no question that we have seen a marked decline in spending," Potok said.

Pin Campbell is the owner of Central Perk, a few storefronts down from the proposed pretzel bakery. She said she knows about the pros and cons of operating a business in a college town.

"Business is either very bad or very good, but it evens out," Campbell said. "During the summer no matter what you do, people are not there."

She bought the coffee shop last year, never advertised it and has found success through word of mouth, she said.

For a business to survive on Main Street it needs to offer something unique, Campbell said. She likes to incorporate health food products into her store to help her stand out amongst the other shops.

Campbell said she has heard of the pretzel shop opening, but remembers seeing a sign for it more than one year ago.

"The pretzel store will do well for some people," she said. "It shouldn't affect us."

Junior Nicole Fleisher thinks Jim's Soft Pretzels might initially be successful, but might not work out in the end.

"I feel like when it first opens it will do really well," Fleisher said, "and after a while it might fade out."

Potok wants a place where students can hang out, relax and do their homework. And having a store on Main Street will do a lot of the marketing work for him, he said.

"We love our location," he said. "We find the township, while they are very strict with building codes, are fair."



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Jim's Soft Pretzel Bakery was scheduled to open on Main Street in March but will now open sometime this summer.



Courtesy of Lana Harrison

Professor Lana Harrison teaches classes that partner students with inmates to discuss issues like drugs and the criminal justice system.

Students, inmates work together for UD class

BY CASSIE KALINGER

Staff Reporter

Professor Lana Harrison and the students in her sociology classes are working in and out of the classroom to prevent issues with crime and drugs, and they hope to make major changes in the criminal justice system.

Harrison's inside-out program, Drugs and the Criminal Justice System, is held in the Howard R. Young Correctional Institution. The class is made up of half university students and half inmates. Despite the differences between the groups of students, there isn't much that divides them inside the classroom.

Harrison said all the students are peers and read and write the same things. They discuss drugs and crime and look at what our country is doing and alternative solutions to improve the criminal justice system.

Inspired by Temple University's Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program, Harrison created her own models of this national program.

She has been influenced by her work as a drug researcher for many years, including 15 years at the university, and has also worked with the federal government.

"I believe we're making a lot of mistakes on how we're dealing with drugs in our country," Harrison said. "I'm trying to get some of my students to look at their lives in a different way. I expect my UD students to. They're getting a ring-side view of the drugs and criminal justice system."

Allison Wisniewski, a student in the inside-out program, said working with the inmates allows her to learn in a way that a normal setting couldn't provide. She said the inmates are comfortable enough to open up to the class and through that she feels she learns more from them every day.

Harrison said she thinks the current criminal justice system in the country ignores the broader issues.

"They're prisoners, but they are normal people, too. They have hopes and dreams and families," she said. "Our criminal justice system is still pretty harsh. If things continue the way they are, the statistics from our justice department show that one out of

three black men will be incarcerated at one point in their life."

Wisniewski said all of the students tend to agree on most subjects, but dependent on the topic, some may be more passionate than others. She said a lot of what is discussed deals with the incarceration of criminals for drugs and ways to help change and improve the criminal justice system.

"Obviously, they feel really strongly about it," Wisniewski said. "Some of them get really emotional about it and kind of angry. Not a bad angry, but just they have a lot to say. They're in prison, so they don't get the same treatment normally as they do in class. No one really listens to what they have to say, but in class they get to voice their opinions and really have us pay attention to what they have to say."

She said many of her students approach her and express how much they enjoy her class.

"One of my students came up to me once and said, 'I'm a criminal justice major and I'm getting ready to graduate, and I've never had a conversation with a criminal,'" she said. "It's the truth, and it showed her a different side of the criminal justice system."

Harrison's classes are already full and have a waiting list for the next two semesters. Harrison and her colleagues want to take the program statewide in Delaware. She said there is a lot of demand, but it will take time.

Kathryn Johnston, a student in Harrison's Youth Street outreach, said she enjoys the chances she has to go into the inner city of Wilmington and spend time with the children and their families there.

"If there's a conflict, we pull them aside and talk to them and help them figure out better ways to handle a situation," Johnston said. "We talk to them about family life and stuff, and sometimes kids will come up and say someone gave them a black eye and ask for advice. They wouldn't tell stuff like that to someone they didn't know or trust."

Harrison also stressed the use of recreation in her Youth Street Outreach program. She said the students don't talk to the kids much about drugs, but instead focus on the

use of recreation to form relationships with them and act as role models. This gives the kids an opportunity to see what it is like to be a college student and what the norms are, rather than going to the street. By getting them involved in their community, they can find other opportunities out there, she said.

"We want to provide an alternative to the street culture," Harrison said. "The drop-out rate in inner city is about 50 percent and is related to crime and imprisonment, so we try and keep them in school and keep them involved in positive activities."

Wisniewski is also in the Youth Street Outreach program and finds it inspirational to see the kids in Wilmington approach her and her classmates. She said the class has validated her drive to become a social worker.

"If you act like yourself, then they like you even more," Wisniewski said. "We just try and spend time with them and be good role models. For example, they used to curse a lot, but we would kind of teach them it's wrong and why, and I realize they really don't talk like that anymore, so I feel like we're making a good impact."

Harrison said she hopes that through setting a good example more of these kids will be inspired and continue their education. She said many people don't know about it, but any of these kids can apply for the SEED Scholarship Program. This program provides two years of paid tuition at University of Delaware or Delaware Technical and Community College to any Delaware high school student who graduates with a 2.5 GPA.

In both of Harrison's classes, many of the students were nervous and skeptical on the situations they would be put in and the people they would meet and work with, especially in her inside-out class, she said.

"They were all very nervous at the beginning," Harrison said. "I think the inside students were really intimidated by what they thought really smart college students would be like and the outside students were intimidated by what they thought were going to be really big, mean men. But I think for three hours a week they forget they're in prison and just are regular students."

Plaque, tree located on Laird Campus

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tance of being in nature and its stress-relieving abilities," Dettwyler said. "Our class would read books with nature themes and go on class hikes as a way to reflect on our aspirations and focus our energy. Brett was a part of this."

She said after Griffin's death, the class decided to spend its university-provided money, which each class of this type was given to use as they wished, on a memorial dedicated to Griffin.

The class decided that a suitable dedication to Griffin would be to plant a tree in his memory.

Freshman Kerry Frantz, a fellow FYE classmate of Griffin's, said the tree represented Griffin's connection to and impression on the class.

"It was the most suitable choice based on our class themes," Frantz said. "It's a perfect place for students to come reflect on their time spent with Brett."

Although Griffin was a student at the university for less than three months, his presence made a lasting impression on those who were given the chance to get to know him.

Freshman Laura Healy, who lived across the hall from Griffin in McKean Hall when he died, said Griffin was someone whose genuine personality left a mark on those who got to know him.

"Even though I knew him for a short time, that time had a huge impact on me," Healy said.

She said although she will always remember Griffin for his curly, blond hair and warm, inviting smile, the tree is something tangible to keep his presence alive.

"It is so nice that his classmates incorporated his family and friends into this tree planting ceremony," Healy said.

Besides Griffin's FYE classmates, many of his fraternity brothers, hall mates and family members, including both of his parents, and his closest childhood friend since the first grade attended the ceremony.

Julie Griffin, Brett's mother, expressed her gratitude toward the students who came to honor Brett's life.

"Brett really loved it here," Julie Griffin said. "This would mean a lot to him."



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Restaurants on Main expect busy graduation day

BY TADUSZ KASIAK

Staff Reporter

As U.S. eateries are going through what the National Restaurant Association calls the "most challenging period" since the early 1980s, restaurants around Newark and on Main Street are doing just fine. So fine, in fact, that some of them have been fully booked since January for graduation day lunch and dinner.

And despite the hard economic times, families of approximately 5,000 graduates are not giving up on celebrating Commencement on May 30. A survey of six restaurants on Main Street showed this year's reservation numbers are very similar to last year's.

Senior Dashlee Lecorps believes this has to do with the uniqueness of graduation. She and 10 family members are planning to go to a nice restaurant in Philadelphia. The recession never really influenced their decision.

"This is a pretty big accomplishment for any college student," Lecorps said. "My family thinks it's important to celebrate this occasion."

Restaurants reported guests making reservations two to three months in advance.

In an unofficial poll taken in Trabant University Center and on Laird Campus, 65 percent of seniors said they will go to a

restaurant with their family for graduation. Another 25 percent said they will celebrate at home.

The poll indicated that where seniors will dine out depends largely on where they are moving after graduation. Students moving back home showed a greater preference for dining in their home state.

Another factor was where the family and friends attending the graduation were coming from. If they were from different states and had to stay overnight in a hotel, the celebration was planned somewhere close to the university. This could prove to be a problem if many students opted to stay in Newark.

But according to Ryan German, owner of Caffé Gelato, this won't be much of a problem since several considerations must be taken into account.

Students celebrate their graduation in different ways and at different times, he said. The various majors like business, nursing and engineering have individual graduations, which rarely happen at the same time. With the varying schedules, students and families won't all show up to a restaurant at the same moment.

German also points out families may have different traditions. Based on past graduation days, he said many people come in at noon or 1 p.m. That way they can eat after the main graduation, but before the departmental ceremony. Others wait to cele-

brate until after both ceremonies are complete.

People often have their own preferences of when to dine out. "Some of them dine out on Friday night and then again on Saturday, or they dine just out on either Friday or Saturday," German said.

The Stone Balloon Winehouse Manager Bill Galbraith said the restaurant is fully booked on May 29.

"We have a lot of graduation parties, and all of them are large groups," Galbraith said.

But he also said the Winehouse will have additional outside seating for smaller parties of two, three or four people.

Restaurants usually have specific times when they can hold large parties. While a restaurant like the Winehouse or Caffé Gelato may be able to accommodate 10, 20 or 30, people. Reservations are required and must be confirmed at least one week in advance of graduation.

With so many clients, few restaurants have any promotions to entice more people. Most will be offering special entrees.

The average cost of dinner is \$30 per person, German said.

Lecorps said that after paying for her tuition and school fees for four years, the expense of dining out is negligible.

"You only graduate from college once," she said.



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Restaurants like Iron Hill Brewery, Caffé Gelato (center) and The Stone Balloon Winehouse (right) are anticipating large crowds on graduation day.

Engineering professor fuels passion for Porsches

BY WILEY TAYLOR

Staff Reporter

In room 35 of Smith Hall, alumnus Steven Timmins, an owner of 20 Porsches and professor of mechanical engineering at the university, discusses his deep passion for high-performance cars, a love he has had since he attended St. Marks High School in Wilmington.

"I was fixing cars at Nick's Foreign Cars when I was 15 in high school as a mechanic and gained my passion for high-performance cars while racing hot rods at the time," Timmins said.

After high school, he attended the university, double majoring in accounting and finance. After graduating in 1984, Timmins worked as an accountant for three years before going back to the university to major in mechanical engineering.

"I actually declared myself as an undergrad of mechanical engineering, but at the time, I wasn't focused," he said. "I switched over to business because it was easy."

While at the university, Timmins started having trouble with his British sports car so he decided to look for a more reliable sports car instead. His search for a new car led him to his first test drive in a '84 Porsche 944. Timmins said he completely fell in love with the car.

"That single test drive made me a fan of Porsche," he said. "After my test drive, I immediately called my mother to help me with the loan for a car. If it wasn't for her, I probably wouldn't have become a fan of Porsche."

Within the year he bought his first Porsche, Timmins joined the Porsche Club of America. Throughout years of accomplishments in the PCA, his love for Porsches grew dramatically. He now owns 20 modified Porsches including a 1970 911 with a 3.8 liter and 375 horsepower that weighs in at 2,100 pounds, and a stock 2004 Cayenne Turbo. Timmins said he has sold at least 20 of his own modified cars to purchase more.

His love for Porsches became so strong he even used his

1983 Porsche 911 at his wedding.

"We took pictures of my wife and I driving in the Porsche, and my wife had her veil blowing in the wind," Timmins said.

Among his 20 modified high-performance cars, his favorite car is the car he used at his wedding. Years later, Timmins modified the car into a street-legal high-performance car. The vehicle has a 425 horsepower, 3.5 liter non-turbo engine running at 8000 revolutions per minute. He deemed it the Tealamonstre.

"The Tealamonstre is the fastest car I have, and the fastest I've gone in it was 170 miles per hour," Timmins said.

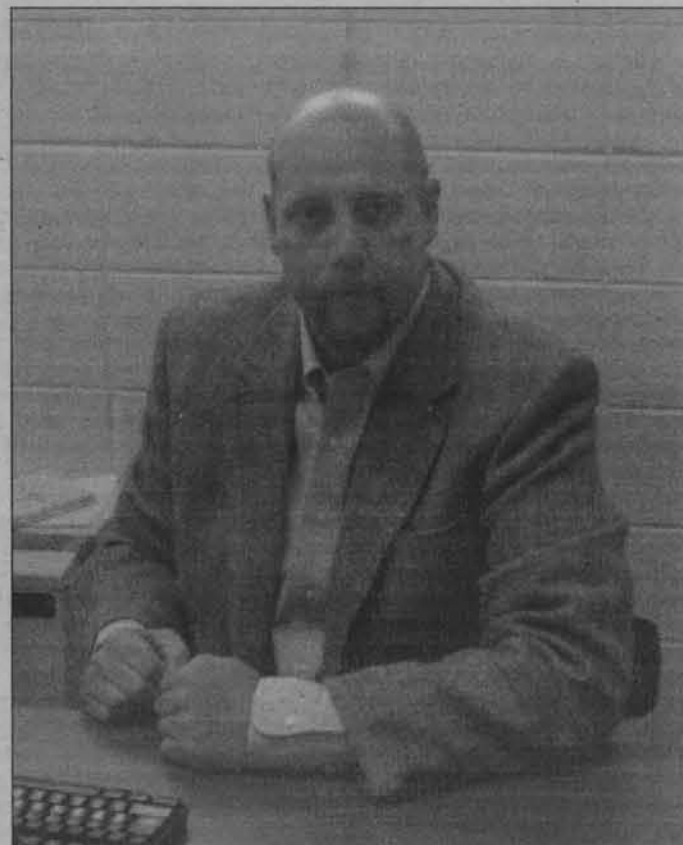
Over the years, his love of high-performance cars has garnered him many awards from the PCA. In 1988 Timmins was named Driver of the Year. After his first accomplishment in the club, he went on to become a two-time Delaware Region vice president, president and treasurer. Timmins has also been a classroom instructor of High Performance and Vehicle Dynamics and an event chairman of Virginia International Raceway Driver's Education. In 2007 he received a National Instructor's Certification and became Chief Classroom Instructor.

Every Porsche Timmins owns, except for the Cayenne Turbo, has an engine that he has built from scratch and fully modified. When Timmins is working on the cars, he said he feels like he is Dr. Frankenstein creating a monster.

"Right now, I'm working on making a GT3 from a 2001 Porsche 996," he said.

Apart from his achievements in PCA and his love for Porsches, Timmins is the adviser for the Society of Automotive Engineering and an IT/user services and information resource consultant. As a result of his busy schedule, Timmins cannot spend as much time on his vehicles as he did years ago.

"Between my job, the PCA and the family, I don't have the usual amount of time to work on the cars in my shop like I used to," he said.



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Professor Steven Timmins owns 20 Porsches.

ONLINE POLL

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Mixed feelings over flu reactions

Emergency response was necessary to prevent spread

After the shooting at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, the University of Delaware, as well as many other colleges across the country, instituted alert systems to notify their students of a possible emergency. Around 9 p.m. Tuesday, university students received a text message, e-mail and phone call saying there were four possible cases of swine flu at the university.

Although the flu was not an immediate emergency like the shooting at Virginia Tech, the alert system did its job perfectly — it alerted students of the situation at hand in an organized and timely manner. Despite many comments that the university overreacted, used the alert system when there wasn't an actual emergency and possibly fueled the mass hysteria, there was no other way to inform over 15,000 people of circumstances the student body had the right to know about.

The university Web site was continually updated throughout the week with new information about students' health, event cancellations on campus and advice for other students who were exhibiting flu-like symptoms, and included several letters from university President Patrick Harker. The university should be com-

mended for getting the information that was available posted on *UDaily* quickly for the community to see.

One week later, the panic has dwindled and the clinics set up by the Center for Disease Control have been shut down. While the students diagnosed with the swine flu are recovering, the rest of the student body is left with some questions. What wasn't made clear to students and faculty was why many campus events were canceled but not classes.

In addition to the many health updates and list of cancellations posted on *UDaily*, Harker should have composed a broad statement explaining why certain things happened the way they did. It is a confusing situation, and the university can't be expected to update students with facts when no one has all the facts. But a simple explanation as to why certain events were canceled while other large lectures remained opened would have been appropriate.

Even though the initial fear has decreased, the university should continue to keep students and faculty updated and involved with any and all decisions regarding the swine flu, while students and faculty should remember keep their heads on and remain calm.

Blue Hen Poll initiates discussion

Poll can open the lines of communication at UD

The second annual Blue Hen Poll results will be announced today. The poll, run by political science professor David Wilson's Public Opinion, Politics and Society class (POSC318), contains responses from 1,010 students randomly sampled about social, political, economic and campus issues.

Considering the poll was run both for students and by students, this is a great start for opening up lines of discussion between students and administrators. The poll is concrete evidence of students' feelings about the issues we care about most, since the questions were crafted by students themselves. Wilson, who previously worked for Gallup, exemplified that the encouragement of students to promote awareness concerning both national and campus-wide issues is important to the functioning of the university.

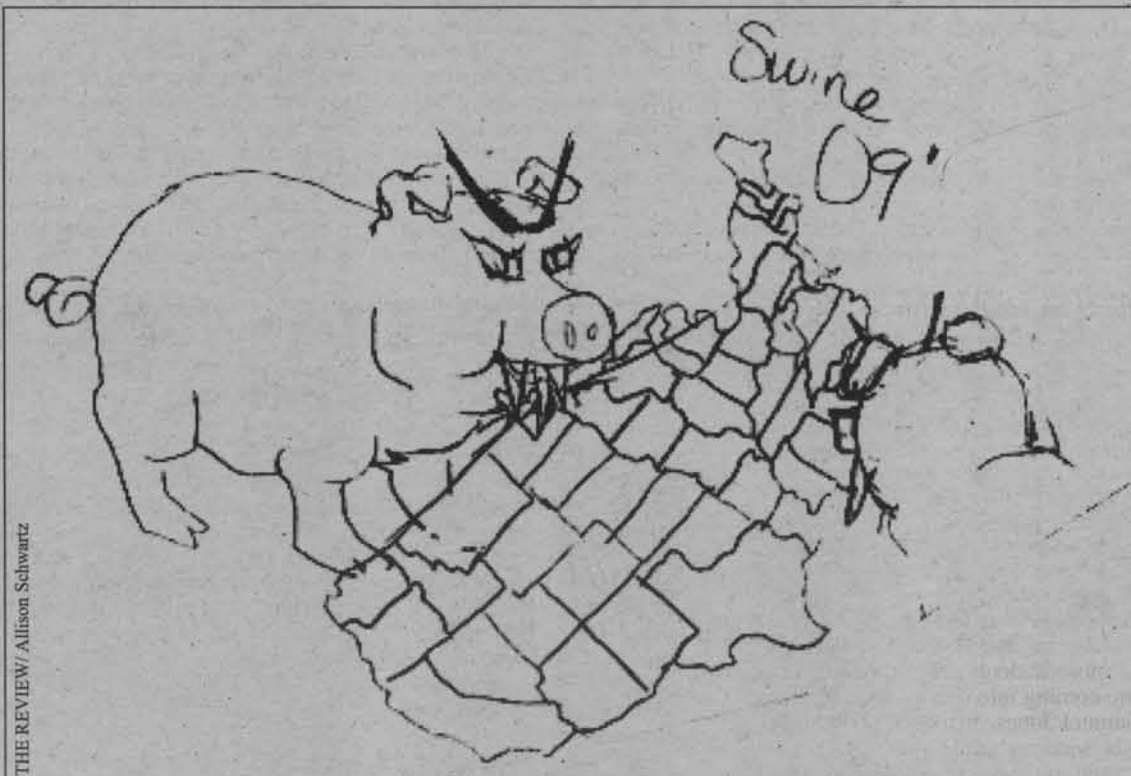
By gathering statistics regarding various on-campus issues, students have the evidence to be able to speak up

about the quality of life on campus. If there is a problem with Public Safety or parking on campus, the administration has the numbers to see the percentage of students that feel this way, giving them the opportunity to know if the majority of students oppose the current policy.

Interestingly, the poll concluded that students are generally happy here. While it may seem at times that there are only complaints about the quality of life, overall, students reported that they are generally happy on a daily basis. It's encouraging to see that there is not much students want changed, giving us the opportunity to work with the administration in a positive and patient manner.

While it does give the administration the chance to see how students feel about an issue, it is primarily the students' responsibility to voice their opinions. The Blue Hen Poll is the starting point, and it's the beginning of the need to take initiative to voice what matters to students.

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“Who would have thought pigs?”

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Equal coverage for minority Greeks

When I opened *The Review* on April 21, I was extremely excited to see a picture from the annual Richard “Dick” Wilson Step Show sponsored by the National Pan-Hellenic Council.

Imagine my disappointment when I flipped through the issue only to find that there was no article on the annual step show. I was especially disappointed to see that the picture of the Step Show was of Lambda Theta Alpha, a sorority that is not part of the NPHC, nor were they competing — they were performing an exhibi-

tion.

My disappointment turned to outrage on April 28, when I saw two articles, with photographs, from last week's “Greek Week” events. Now I know statistically the NPHC, which is composed of nine historically black Greek letter fraternities and sororities, is significantly smaller than the Interfraternity Council and Pan-Hellenic Council here at the university.

However, this does not mean that we should be ignored as an organization. Typically, the Step Show has about 1,000 to 1,400 people in attendance from the university and sur-

rounding schools in the area. Additionally, there is a donation made every year to the Richard Wilson Scholarship Fund from a portion of the show's proceeds.

In my opinion, there is no reason why a show of this magnitude is not included in *The Review*. I can only hope that, in the future, *The Review* can open its eyes and recognize minority Greeks on campus. We deserve it too.

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Continued use of pesticide 2,4-D is dangerous



Who's Your Maddie?

Maddie Thomas

University lawns could have harmful effects on your health

Walking down the Green on any warm and sunny day, it's not a surprise to see the lush, perfectly manicured turf speckled with students. The scene is a picturesque image of college life — Frisbees are flying, music is playing, picnics are being enjoyed, naps are being taken and dogs are running around taking advantage of their freedom to roam.

Little do they know, these students are being exposed to a potentially dangerous toxin.

Nearly one year after discovering the university uses a dangerous herbicide known as 2,4-D, it seems little has changed. Not only is 2,4-D still being used on campus lawns to kill weeds, most students are completely unaware they are coming into contact with it.

Samuel Jones, manager of facilities and grounds services confirmed 2,4-D was still being used on university lawns. However, he declined further comment or to disclose which other pesticides are currently being used.

"Yup, we still use it," Jones said, adding, "It's a regulated product."

The health effects of 2,4-D vary, yet some organizations dispute them. According to the

non-profit organization Beyond Pesticides, health effects to those exposed to 2,4-D include coughing, burning in the chest, dizziness, loss of muscle coordination, skin and eye irritation, nausea, vomiting and kidney and liver damage.

More serious health effects range from nervous system damage such as inflamed nerve endings, lack of coordination, arm and leg stiffness, inability to walk, fatigue, coma and even death, according to the Beyond Pesticides Web site.

Repeated exposure to 2,4-D is linked to hepatitis and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. The herbicide may also create genetic mutations, reproductive problems and birth defects, and disrupt the endocrine system, thereby disturbing the body's means of controlling hormones, according to the site.

The Environmental Protection Agency states 2,4-D has a generally low acute toxicity, but at high levels of exposure, the herbicide can become a neurotoxin. The EPA also states residential handlers may be exposed to 2,4-D during or after it is applied to home lawns, golf courses, parks, cemeteries and other grassy areas.

If sprayers are required to be cautious while spraying 2,4-D all over our campus lawns, why is it assumed that students, the ones lying on and interacting with the grass the most, are safe from being exposed to the chemical? Furthermore, shouldn't students be aware of what chemicals they are being exposed to?

If the university plans on going green with the Sustainability Task Force and the Carbon Footprint Study, it needs to practice what it preaches, especially if these programs are attracting new applicants.

If new students are coming to the university partially based on the assumption that it is doing all it can to be environmentally friendly, they are mistaken and the university is making money off of their assumption.

There is still much more that can and should be done. The university may be going green, but only sometimes.

Creating trayless dining and putting up recycling bins around campus are great, albeit very small, steps in becoming more environmentally friendly as a campus. However, enforcing truly sustainable landscaping techniques on campus, such as composting, would create much more of an impact.

According to Students for the Environment, the university owns 130 acres of campus lawns and athletic fields. That's 130 acres of grass doused with dangerous chemicals, like 2,4-D.

Senior Jackie Weidman and co-president of S4E, a registered student organization that focuses on environmental issues, said maintaining a pristine green lawn at the university is

an attraction for incoming students.

"Obviously we aren't for pesticide or chemical use," Weidman said. "The problem is a lot of people looking at the university want to see a Green that's green all year round. It's unnatural but it's a selling point."

Whether or not our campus lawns are perfect certainly does not have an impact on the amount of prospective applicants or downgrade the university's image in any way. When I visited the university as a prospective applicant my junior year of high school, it definitely wasn't the caliber of the grass or the number of weeds I counted as I walked down the Green that cemented my decision to apply here. If I wasn't inspecting every blade of grass, I guarantee other students aren't either.

Why the university is adamant about keeping its lawns 100 percent weed-free is beyond me, especially if it's at the expense of the health of the student body. What's more important to the university's image — exterminating every meager weed that no one cares about, or for that matter, even notices or looking out for the health of its students while being true to its word and being a sustainable campus?

After all, some dandelions and a little crabgrass here and there never hurt anybody.

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Suffering newspapers change journalistic integrity



Pint-Sized Perspectives

Laura Dattaro

More online content is altering the amount of bias seen in articles

As editor of a campus newspaper, I see everyday the importance not just of news, but of a newspaper (its Web site included). Students and local residents reach out to us to cover their events and share their stories. Letters to the editor come in steadily, carefully crafted to best discuss an issue about which one is concerned. When we make errors, they are undoubtedly caught by, at least one watchful eye, upset that they were misrepresented to a large audience. The newspaper is the best place for all of these voices to be heard.

Whether one likes The Review specifically is an argument best saved for another time. What's important is that newspapers inherently carry an authoritative ability to spread the word. They were the original source of news, and the field of journalistic ethics developed through them. They are the format from which all other news, at some point, came.

It upset me, then, when the general consensus in recent years became that the news is no longer fair, that with the advent of pundit-hosted broadcasts and endless columns cluttering the Internet, it had become impossible to

find any media with integrity. I resisted this viewpoint; I knew the answer lay in newspapers. I knew my favorite papers were still setting the bar high, still believed in unbiased reporting and finding the nugget of truth buried in endless layers of spin and gossip. Recently, though, I've been proven wrong.

My favorite newspaper, my icon, my journalistic bible, has let me down. I checked the *New York Times* almost daily during election season, poring over their stories and columns to find the fairness in the chaos. I go there when I have questions for The Review, to check how they handle sticky style problems. I love reading their news for the delicate balance they achieve between dynamic, virtuosic writing and sticking with the facts. Consider, then, my shock when stumbling upon bits of writing such as these in the news section:

In an article titled "A Family Divided by 2 Words: Legal and Illegal," "Their ranks are fed by the unending tide of illegal immigration, and by federal laws that deny legal status to foreign-born children — who had no say in moving here — while granting citizenship to their American-born siblings."

The lede of another titled "After a Pause, Wall Street Pay is Bouncing Back:" "The rest of the nation may be getting back to basics, but on Wall Street, paychecks still come with a golden promise."

My favorite, in fact, comes later in that same article and caused me to check if I was reading an editorial: "But every dollar paid to workers is a dollar that cannot be used to

expand the business or increase lending. Some of that revenue, too, could be used by bailed-out banks to pay back taxpayers."

These samples, from the small intersection "who had no say in moving here" to the complete crossing of the line from reporting to opining in the Wall Street article, demonstrate a shift in values occurring not only at the Times, but in the media in general.

The culprit, it seems, is the me-first attitude most notably introduced by YouTube and furthered by sites like Facebook and Twitter and the infinite free space for bloggers on the Web. The news now has to compete for audience attention, and if what's being said doesn't align with readers' viewpoints, they can go watch Rush Limbaugh or John Stewart say what they like to hear.

Nowhere is this problem more evident than in the bottomless pit of multimedia offered by the *Times*. They've set the bar for innovation online, which merits positive acknowledgement and has certainly contributed to the ease with which one receives their news. Again, though, they have gone too far, it seems in the effort to appeal to an ever-snobbier audience. Not only can readers comment on stories, but they can in fact recommend their favorite comments to other readers,

a process which then allows the *Times* to sort comments for viewing based on how much readers like them. The most popular articles are listed in an ever-present sidebar and further divided into most emailed, most blogged and most searched, both within the paper itself and within each section. For many articles, "Comments of the Moment" appear in a sidebar, calling attention to the most pertinent and well-written reader comments, which often direct readers to a new story entirely.

When all the clickables and readables and interactables are gathered as a whole, it becomes clear that this is a newspaper begging for readers. This isn't, of course, the *Times'* fault specifically. Neither, I hope, was it the intention of the news media when the Internet began threatening it years ago. Rather, it seems to be an abandonment of the authority held in the days when the only way to get the word was to buy a paper on the street. Readers now hold the papers in their tight-fisted hands, able at the first hint of discomfort to get their information elsewhere. Journalists are searching for a new business model to save their struggling papers, but what is needed, in fact, is a paradigm shift, a reversal to the attitude that papers dutifully spread the information that everyone else needs.

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A black and white photograph of actor Donald Faison in a warehouse setting. He is wearing a dark short-sleeved shirt and dark pants, leaning forward with his hands on a large cardboard box. He is looking back over his shoulder at the camera with a slight smile. In the background, another person is visible, and there are various warehouse items like boxes and equipment.

**Donald Faison returns
to big screen
after eight years
of 'Scrubs' success**

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From Tiffany's to Penny Hall, Mineral Museum dazzles again

BY SARA WAHLBERG

Staff Reporter

Stones shine in the light under a protective glass case. Gems in every shade, from emerald to violet, gleam and glitter, mounted on ultrasuede. The value of each is unspeakable.

No, this isn't the jewelry showcase at Tiffany & Co. Jewelers, but it's close.

The university re-opened its Mineralogical Museum on Saturday, after closing it for renovations in 2007.

The museum, which showcases 350 specimens ranging from quartz to pyrite to beryl and other crystals, is free and open to the public.

Sharon Fitzgerald, the museum's curator, says the museum is a great asset to the university.

"The university is very lucky to have it," Fitzgerald says. "It's a very fine collection. It's an accessible and intimate setting — you can really get close and look at the minerals without walking all over the place."

The collection, which was donated to the university in 1964, originated from Irénée du Pont's personal collection. In 1919, du Pont purchased a set of 2,000 minerals from Tiffany's that were previously on display in its New York City showroom. In 1972, the university moved the collection from Morris Library to its location in Penny Hall.

As part of the collection, George Kunz, the vice president of Tiffany's, sold du Pont a set of gemstones named after him. Kunzites are still on display in the museum.

Like every specimen in the museum, Kunzite no longer exists in the locality from which it came, making it truly valuable, Fitzgerald says. Kunzites, which are translucent, pinkish-purple gems with a prismatic quality, are from California.

Ironically, Kunzite isn't considered a wearable gem because of its tendency to fade in natural light. Showcased under the special fiber-optic lighting in the museum, though, these gems haven't faded in more than 30 years.

Other rare minerals on display represent every color from a crayon box. Russian malachite, a bright green copper carbonate, has a wave-like pattern that makes it a highly decorative stone. Fitzgerald says these stones were mined to make Russian columns, and now this type of malachite can only be found in Africa.

From skeletal-shaped crystals to diamonds from Africa, gold from Colorado and large lead rocks Fitzgerald describes as "ugly but rare" because of their enormous size, the museum offers a glimpse at nature's art that students probably wouldn't expect.

One natural sculpture is called calcite on spherulite, a large diamond-shaped orange mineral on top of a sizeable gray rock. Fitzgerald says zinc miners, who

were trying to supplement their income in the '70s, excavated this crystal that hails from Elmwood, Tenn. They nicknamed it "football" for its color and shape.

"Considering the university's love for football, I think it's an appropriate specimen for our museum," Fitzgerald says.

Most of the stones are millions of years old, making them incredibly valuable, but director of University Museums Janis Tomlinson says they like to keep the exact value of each stone private.

The museum's renovation includes a completely refurbished look with a new arrangement, cases for the minerals and pinpoint lighting systems.

"The room was just gutted," Fitzgerald says. "Before, the cases were beat up, there wasn't modern lighting and it was just not workable."

Before the renovation, the museum was set up according to the chemistry of the minerals, Fitzgerald says, making it relatively inaccessible for people who may not have any knowledge of minerals.

"People used to say it was arranged like a supermarket," she says.

Now, the museum is categorized by continent and special exhibitions, boasting gems from North America, Latin America, Europe, Africa and Asia.

While students who aren't geological sciences majors might not know about the museum, elementary school children come from all over the area to inspect the gems. Fitzgerald says she hopes the museum will spark an interest in art and science in these young students.

Jackie Etzweiler, an alumna who resides in Newark, brought her 4-year-old daughter Silver to the museum on opening day.

"I was looking for things to do with kids on a rainy day," Etzweiler says. "She likes rocks — she's always bringing some home — so I thought it would be a good thing to come and look at."

Fitzgerald says she hopes students will become interested in the museum as well, and think of it as more than just a room full of rocks.

"Hopefully we'll get a lot of students to come," she says. "You can just appreciate looking at them without any background in mineralogy. They're really beautiful."

Tomlinson, who says she has no geology background, is still fascinated by the display.

"You don't think of minerals as living things," Tomlinson says. "But they grow. It's really neat."

Fitzgerald says students are usually most shocked that these minerals are completely natural — excavated and displayed as the Earth made them.

"I had one grad student who looked at a mineral and said, 'It's a shame they cut it that way,' and I just had to say, 'Well, it's natural,'" she says. "He was really shocked."



Rocky past, bright future: Leguizamo shares his story

BY CASSIE KALINGER

Staff Reporter

Actor and writer John Leguizamo came to the university Apr. 28 for a special event sponsored by HOLA, a Latino and multicultural Registered Student Organization on campus. Co-sponsors included Student Centers Programming Advisory Board, Resident Student Association, Student Government Association, Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority and the Latino and Multiethnic Greek Council.

Leguizamo was greeted by an enthusiastic crowd of 700 that gave him an instant standing ovation.

"I thought it was a huge success," HOLA programming chair, Casey Collier, says. "When he got on stage, it was an immediate standing ovation. I was in charge of playing his entrance music and the crowd was so loud you couldn't even hear it. It was amazing."

Leguizamo kept the crowd laughing with anecdotes about his life's experiences.

Born in Bogotá, Colombia, but raised in Queens, Leguizamo illustrated how far he's come, from living in the inner city to becoming a renowned actor, producer and writer, among numerous other achievements.

"We were all damaged goods," Leguizamo says. "We couldn't afford therapy so you had to be funny, so the worse your life was, the more laughs you would get."

Leguizamo talked about the hardships of his life and the struggles of making it as a Latino performer.

"The '80s were different," he says. "No one was interested in Latino actors unless it came to parts for gangsters, drug dealers or janitors."

Leguizamo says he has worked hard to incorporate the Latino culture into his work. He has asked directors to change the name of a character to a Latino name and included Latino themes in characters, and he says he hasn't found much resistance to his efforts.

He also talked about the inspiration he took from the copious amounts of studying and reading he has done.

"No matter how messed up your life was," he says, "you could put it on paper and it could touch someone's life later down the road."

After landing his first big job in the movie "Casualties of War," Leguizamo's career grew in film, in his work writing

off-Broadway plays and in his one-man shows.

HOLA has been working to bring an upscale speaker to the university for years and Leguizamo's name has been mentioned at the group's planning retreats every semester, HOLA president Yesenia Rodriguez says.

Rodriguez says Leguizamo's career accomplishments — including working with renowned actors Al Pacino and Robert DeNiro — were what initially drew the group to Leguizamo.

Although Leguizamo had been a hot topic for years, Rodriguez says he wasn't available for college tours until Fall 2008. Once HOLA found out that he would be available, the group quickly started the planning phase to make the long-time dream happen.

"The response that we got from the community was definitely more than what we had anticipated," Rodriguez says. "We wanted the event to go well and worked our hardest to get the word out about the event and we definitely were so overwhelmed with the response."

Rodriguez says what stood out to her the most was his interaction with the people he worked with throughout his career and his virtuous character.

"He's never afraid to speak his mind," she says. "He's confident and knows what he believes in and never lets anyone compromise his morals."

Collier says before meeting him, she wasn't sure what to expect but hoped he'd be a "crazy funny but laid-back guy." After meeting him, she decided he was exactly that.

"We were supposed to pick him up in the circle by the Trabant garage, but the town car that was driving him dropped him off on the Main Street entrance of Trabant so he just went in and got sushi," Collier says. "He was actually sitting at one of the kiosks, not even at a table. He was just really laid back, just like a normal guy, just what we hoped for."

With the event's success, Collier says HOLA now has the confidence to go for other big-time performers like George Lopez and Pitbull for the future.

"We do want to cater to the Latino community but also to the rest of the community at UD," Rodriguez says. "That's why we brought John Leguizamo — to bring someone that everyone on campus can enjoy and in some shape or form can relate to."



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The Mineral Museum collection of 2,000 stones was originally purchased from Tiffany & Co. Jewelers.

Beyond the silver screen, Donald Faison delivers

BY BRYAN BERKOWITZ

Staff Reporter

Donald Faison's rise to popularity can be traced back to his first major role on the big screen in "Clueless." After "Clueless," his appearances were rare — until his parts as a high school runningback in "Remember the Titans" and Chris Turk on the hit TV show, "Scrubs."

Now, he stars in the crime comedy "Next Day Air," set to release on Friday, and he has high hopes for his return to movies. He realizes, though, that it can't compare to his original role as Murray from "Clueless."

"'Clueless' was the thing that set it off," Faison says. "Do I want 'Next Day Air' to be amazing and people to go see it? Yes. But it's kind of hard to recreate the movie that introduced you."

In "Remember the Titans," Faison plays Petey Jones, a troubled runningback, and Denzel Washington's character is Jones' coach. Faison says Washington held a mentor status even off the set.

"My [favorite] person I've worked with so far is Denzel Washington," he says. "Just because it's Denzel Washington alone, you know what I mean? He's the best. Working with him was amazing."

The movie addresses racism, which made it Faison's most difficult role thus far.

"It's weird to feel like there are two different sides and two different races of people," he says. "You know what I mean? And in 'Remember the Titans,' that's what we kind of had to portray — that whites were whites and blacks were blacks and there's no integration in between."

A year later, Faison landed what could be his most memorable role yet on "Scrubs." Off the set, he became friends with the cast, which made the show better and more authentic.

"Chemistry is necessary," he says. "For something to work out well there has to be some form of chemistry, even if it's new chemistry. If you guys can find that spark and make it happen, that's a beautiful thing."

The camaraderie on "Scrubs" worked so well that Faison made a new best friend because of it. Actor Zach Braff's character, John Dorian or J.D. for short, is Turk's best friend on the show, and the two have a close friendship in real life, as well.

"He is my best friend and he and J.D. and myself and Turk are," Faison says. "It's almost like we're the same people."

Murray, Turk and Petey have the same qualities — they're all good-hearted jocks. His role in "Next Day Air" shows a different side of the characters previously seen. Faison plays an edgy criminal and gives a different taste than what audiences have grown accustomed to seeing out of him.

Although Faison normally has comedic roles, he has thought about branching out to drama. More important than anything else, he wants any part he plays to be one that allows him to relax and enjoy his work.

"I get it that I'm in comedies and stuff like that and people seem to think that I'm good at it and that's cool," he says. "Do I want to do drama? Dude, I want to do everything and anything that I possibly can as long as I connect with it."

As the season finale of "Scrubs" approaches, fans wonder if it'll return for an additional season. Faison is happy with how it has finished, regardless of whether it'll be the show's last season.

"There's been a lot of rumors on the Internet and a lot of rumors over at ABC that there's a possibility that the show will come back again," he says. "And if it does, that's great. If it doesn't, we finished the show the way we wanted to finish the show. I'm definitely content with the way 'Scrubs' ended."

If the show returns, Faison says he's committed to the role that sky-rocketed him to stardom.

"If there were to be a Season 9, would I be on board?" he says. "Yeah. If it all worked out the right way. I don't see how I could say no."

The 35-year-old star is living his childhood dream. A big fan of "Star Wars," Faison wanted to be like the heroes from the movie.

"I wanted to be Han Solo growing up, more than anything," he says. "I wanted to save the galaxy, save the girl and kick a bunch of ass while doing it."

Reality, however, sunk in for Faison, and he decided to choose a different career path than that of Han Solo.

"Once I realized that NASA wasn't even close to warp speed or light speed and when I realized that it's only in the movies where things are happily ever after," he says, "that's what made me want to be an actor."



All photos courtesy of Summit Entertainment

Actor Donald Faison broke onto the Hollywood scene in "Clueless" and later starred as Chris Turk in "Scrubs." His new movie "Next Day Air" premieres Friday.

Student lands 'Dream' internship with renowned director

BY JAMIE ZACCARIA

Staff Reporter

Brittany DeNigris' studio is a bright spectacular place. Large and spacious, it holds a handful of students, each with their own work station. The walls are painted the colors of candy and filled with a giant collage of pictures. Tables and workspaces are covered with art-related clutter. Walking inside, it's hard to focus on anything other than the obvious display of creativity.

DeNigris, a senior visual communications major with a concentration in graphic design, never thought she'd work in the film industry. But during Winter Session 2009, she had the opportunity of a lifetime when she interned for Academy Award-nominated director Marshall Curry. During her internship with Curry, DeNigris had the chance to live in New York and help the director prepare his documentary "Racing Dreams" for the Tribeca Film Festival this spring.

DeNigris started her internship when the film was already post-production, and began by doing minor editing and special effects tune-ups on the film with the motion

graphics designer, Curry says.

DeNigris then created a poster for the film, which Curry describes as "clean but compelling." DeNigris, who will be involved with "Racing Dreams" throughout the semester, is also in the process of building the film's Web site.

Knowing that her major required her to do an internship her senior year, DeNigris applied to several places but wasn't having much luck. It was then that her art professor Abigail Donovan called Curry.

Donovan knew DeNigris had the creativity and talent for the position, and wanted her to experience working in a creative, professional environment.

"I was immediately struck by Brittany's wonderfully quiet but extravagant imagination," Donovan, who first met DeNigris in an art class, states in an e-mail message.

Luckily, Curry and his crew had room for an intern.

DeNigris' internship wasn't the definition of New York chic. She lived with a friend in the Bronx and commuted more than an hour daily to Curry's office in Brooklyn, where she worked with Curry and the film's editor.

Curry, who didn't go to film school, gave DeNigris the experience of seeing how a small film gets put together and how much effort goes into it.

"It was really nice to work in that type of setting. Documentaries are very interesting and not like Hollywood," DeNigris says. "It was really cool to see it all put together."

The film is about middle school-aged children who race go-karts and have big dreams about making it to NASCAR, according to the Tribeca Film Festival Web site.

"It's more about the universal experience of being 11 or 12 years old and trying to figure out who you are and what love feels like and what you want to do with your life," Curry says.

He became interested in NASCAR as a subject after learning that it was the second biggest spectator sport in the country, and he later learned about the Little League Series featured in "Racing Dreams."

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Wolverine doesn't cut too deep in 'Origins'

"X-Men Origins: Wolverine"

20th Century Fox

Rating: ★★ 1/2 (out of ★★★★★)

It's almost "summer, summer, summer-time," which means everyone can expect a few things. The weather's getting warmer, the clothes are getting shorter and Hollywood is cranking out superhero movies right on schedule.

While a movie like "X-Men Origins: Wolverine" has its thrills, one can't help but feel like the product of an assumption when watching it. These are the movies that can't miss, the kind that will surely gross \$100 million, and will definitely bring those 18- to 24-year-olds into the theaters. So maybe we do eat it up, but the superhero pill isn't going down as smooth, or at least we're starting to recognize the diagnosis we've been given.

The film tells the story of Logan — how he became Wolverine, how he became so full of rage and how he ends up with Professor Xavier and the X-Men.

Any follower of the Marvel series knows that each mutant has his or her own compelling backstory, but what makes Wolverine so deserving of the first movie is that his persona outweighs his power. Far too often, superheroes are defined by their abilities — what they can do rather than who they are. Wolverine, though, is a badass wrecking force for whom everyone can root. His one-liners are snappy, his intensity is unmatched and his ferocity makes him a favorite for many.

Hugh Jackman captures most of Wolverine's essence, but that really isn't



Courtesy of 20th Century Fox

surprising. Nothing in "Wolverine" is surprising, which can be seen as its only downfall. With expectations high, the movie seems to fit exactly in its place. Nothing's too mind-blowing, nothing's too disappointing — it's pretty much the movie you were expecting to see. The action is gripping, the powers are cool and the story's twists and turns are no trouble to navigate.

But with all the hype surrounding "Wolverine," one has to wonder, is "satisfactory" enough? The tale of this tragic hero is done well to a point. Audiences feel his pain and revel in his rivalry with Sabretooth (Liev Schreiber), and ultimately, this is a film that does its character justice. But Wolverine would be the first to tell you justice doesn't matter, and with this movie, fans will be looking for something to sink their claws into. What they'll get is what feels like the creation of the summer-time expectancies.

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A familiar tale not worth revisiting

"Ghosts of Girlfriends Past"

New Line Cinema

Rating: ★★ 1/2 (out of ★★★★★)

We're all familiar with Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." Although it may be a little hard to relate to — do you honestly know anyone as stingy as Ebenezer Scrooge? — it reinforces an age-old message: kindness and generosity are worth more than money in the bank.

"Ghosts of Girlfriends Past" updates that message for this century, swapping an old miser for a hot young playboy. Matthew McConaughey is perfect as the overly tanned, smooth-talking Connor Mead. Inspired by his deceased Uncle Wayne, Mead strives to be Hugh Hefner — only he's a renowned photographer, not a magazine exec.

After getting himself more than a



Courtesy of Warner Bros.

little kicked in the pants at his younger brother's wedding rehearsal dinner, Mead is visited by the ghosts of his supposed girlfriends, although he actually dated only one of the ghosts. The ghosts take him through his past encounters with women — Mead doesn't do relationships — leading Mead to see the error of his playboy ways.

"Ghosts of Girlfriends Past" is a pretty standard chick flick — cheesy, predictable and entertaining enough to make viewers glad they went to the movies, but sorry they didn't buy a ticket to the new Judd Apatow movie. Speaking of Apatow, Emma Stone ("Superbad") is hilarious as Mead's first fling and the most prominently featured girlfriend in the film. Jennifer Garner also does a decent job in her role as the down-to-earth friend/lover, but not even the above-par comedic acting can save this movie from its foreseeable ending. The predictability of Mead's realization that spooning isn't the worst thing in the world, particularly if it's a factor in keeping the attendance at his funeral above one person, wouldn't be so bad, but writers Jon Lucas and Scott Moore lay it on thick in a perfect parallel to the Christmas morning scene from Dickens' novel.

If you've got the basic plotline of "A Christmas Carol" under your belt, you can save yourself the 10 bucks and wait for this one to go to DVD.

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One-two step into new jams

Ciara

Fantasy Ride

Jive Records/RCA/La Face

Rating: ★★ (out of ★★★★★)

The queen of the Dirty South returns three years after her hugely popular *Goodies* to take listeners for a *Fantasy Ride*. The album is much of what you would expect from Ciara — the beats keep the trunk bumping and the people moving, and there are plenty of featured artists.

Following in Beyoncé's footsteps, Ciara introduces her alter ego on this album — Super C. Super C is meant to resemble a female superhero. Ciara describes it as the inner strength that helps her when she records music.

The album's production is handled by some serious heavyweights. The team of Terius "The-Dream" Nash and Tricky Stewart is a force to reckon with. Listeners will recognize their songs by the catch phrase that shows up in every song they do, like in "Radio Killas!" Some other folks who handled the production were Polow Da Don ("Love in This Club") and Danja (Britney Spears' *Blackout*).

The appearances on this album consist of many familiar faces we've seen from Ciara's illustrious musical past. Ludacris returns after the wildly successful "Oh." Ciara's longtime friend and mentor Missy Elliot has an appearance on the song "Work" that'll definitely fill up the dance floor when the DJ spins it. For the first time in her career, Ciara was able to work with Justin Timberlake on two songs. The first is the hit "Love Sex Magic" and the other is "G is for Girl." On the latter, Timberlake is solely in charge of the production aspect of the song. Exercising some of her previously hidden lyrical skills, Ciara tears the beat up. Throughout the



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three verses, she makes her way through the alphabet, hitting each letter.

The overall feeling of the album is split, which is where her alter ego can be seen. Super C needs praise for songs like "Love Sex Magic," "Work" and "Turntables." Listeners can see the difference between the two because songs by plain, old Ciara are slower, ballad-like songs while the up-beat club songs are handled by Super C. This gives the album more similarities to entertainer extraordinaire Beyoncé.

While the album bears similarities to Beyoncé's previous release, that doesn't take away from the excellent material Ciara presents on *Fantasy Ride*. The tracks range from heartfelt ballads to the usual club bangers. This album is going to become a hit, and exhibiting work like "Love Sex Magic" should make believers out of all listeners.

— Russell Kutys, rkutys@udel.edu

Conor Oberst and The

Mystic Valley Band

Outer South

Merge Records

Rating: ★★ (out of ★★★★★)

Conor Oberst, better known as the sole member of Bright Eyes, finally comes out of his parents' basement and into the sunlight. After shedding his Bright Eyes moniker, sensitive Oberst seeks musical comfort in the company of friends and the open country road with *Outer South*.

The album signals a shift in sound for Oberst, who used to let his emotions get the best of him through warbled, off-key

vocals and a sad acoustic guitar. The Mystic Valley Band cheers him up with folksy instrumentals and takes away some of Oberst's burdens by lending a helpful vocal or keyboard —

sometimes it even brings out an unexpected twang in Oberst's voice. The six bandmates come together to create an eclectic sound that's reminiscent of Bob Dylan — if he lost the one-man act and joined forces with a bluesy band.

The boys take listeners along for a 16-track ride to



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the heart of the American Dream and it's as fun as it sounds. Although the songs become repetitive as the journey progresses, there's no doubt that *Outer South* introduces a happier, brighter Oberst.

— Larissa Cruz, lcruz@udel.edu

Ben Harper and Relentless7

White Lies For Dark Times

Virgin Records

Rating: ★★ (out of ★★★★★)

Ben Harper and Relentless7 don't list any influences under the "Sounds

Like" section of

their MySpace

page, but their new

album seamlessly

blends rock 'n' roll

and the blues with

the use of electroni-

cally modified

guitars and strong

treble lines — just

like Jimi Hendrix.

With its undeni-

ably rock vibe,

White Lies For

Dark Times is a big



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departure from the softer music for which Harper is known. It's the sort of album that could soundtrack the party scenes in an artsy, drug-fused movie — something like "Almost Famous" — and it's fantastic.

Even "Skin Thin," a slow, intimate and sexy song, calls to mind a lovelorn rocker, rather than the happily swept away Ben Harper who sings "Steal My Kisses."

White Lies For Dark Times will have listeners channeling their inner rock star, complete with air guitar and hairbrush microphone.

— Alexandra Duszak

delawareUNdressed No excuses for cheaters



Alicia Gentile
Columnist



and I are constantly debating over whether there's an appropriate time to hide the truth from your significant other. If you weren't faithful to him or her last Saturday night, do you tell? And if so, how? When? My roommate says sometimes the act may be so small and meaningless that it'll do more damage to tell than to not tell. She thinks if you learned from it, then there's no reason to cause so much pain by telling the truth. I don't know if it's just me, but aren't relationships based on truth and understanding? I

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disagree wholeheartedly with her. I think the truth always comes out, so if you choose not to tell now, eventually it'll get out. When the truth is postponed, the situation gets elevated and could lead to worse outcomes. I also think if it's as "meaningless" as one might think, then the relationship should be strong enough to withstand the truth.

In regards to the whole "what you don't know can't hurt you" idea, everything gets out, either when you're sober enough to remember or years down the road. Take it from me — it hurts twice as

much as time passes.

If, even for one moment, the possibility of cheating is there, take a look at your existing relationship and really evaluate it. We're young and we meet so many people. I don't think it's a good idea to stay with someone while you're tempted by other people. Cut the cord, and if down the road you end up getting back together, then it was meant to be. Once you've cheated, the option is lost and gone forever.

Also, if you've been a victim of a person who couldn't control him or herself, stop justifying his or her actions. All excuses are gone. There are so many people out there. It isn't a good idea to stay with someone who has such little respect for you that they didn't think of you while they were sucking face with a random person.

Cheating just isn't right. There's no possible way to justify stupidity. It seems to be a sign of blatant disrespect and both parties need to be open about the situation. Stop hiding the fact that you're unfaithful because you think it was meaningless. I guarantee it wasn't meaningless to your significant other who was sitting around waiting for you to come back from the bar that night.



fashionforward

Documenting the end of an era

Fashion legend Valentino Garavani, more formally known as Valentino, has dedicated most of his life to sculpting eloquent beauty. This is a man whose prominence had allowed him to invent his own shade of red, which was then named after him. This is a man worth marveling in my eyes.



Jackie Zaffarano
Columnist

Released last March, Matt Tyraneur's tribute to legendary fashion designer Valentino made its debut. Appropriately titled "Valentino: The Last Emperor," the documentary gives insight into Valentino's life as a prominent figure in fashion. This weekend, it will grace screens in Baltimore, Manhattan Beach and Connecticut. The film reveals what lies behind the splendor Valentino creates — his career, his story, how he works and what's most important to him. It also gives viewers a sense of couture's grandeur by gaining access to the designer's world, and implies couture's slow fade into history.

As the founder of his own empire, Valentino possesses the talent, care and ingenuity that helped foster his designs for decades. Yet, sadly, Valentino was merely one man faced with the pressure from a brand — the Valentino brand.

Mass production on a global scale could never do for the world what Valentino and his seamstresses in northern Italy brought to Italian luxury. Both the master himself and his partner in business and life, Giancarlo Giametti, have persisted in composing art as they felt pressure to expand. In a way, Valentino's last fashion show symbolized the end of an era — when Haute Couture lived.

For approximately 50 years, Valentino survived through the rough and tumble sea of the fashion world. When so many designers have struggled to catch just a glimpse of the surface, how did he manage to remain above it for nearly half a century?

The documentary captures Valentino speaking about the cultured knowledge he possesses behind his craft — "What do women want? They want to be beautiful." Accordingly, his designs haven't failed to reflect this notion.

Sadly, the art of making garments with love is dying. It isn't difficult to see that Valentino had a gift for envisioning soft, sensual and lean lines that drew from the exuberance of golden-age Hollywood glamour, but it was perfection through craftsmanship that translated this beauty to fashion in physical form.

It's disheartening to imagine the possibility that a craft so rich in history, and treated with such care could dwindle with the passage of time as large businesses strengthen. Designer names are all too often attached to mass-produced clothing, and fail to justify what made those designers great.

As the film sweeps the United States, Americans who follow, revere or marvel at Valentino's work despite never having worn one of his creations can now admire his story with veneration similar to that which his masterpieces have earned.

At one point in the documentary, Giancarlo comments in reference to Valentino's notoriously tan and leathery Italian skin by saying, "A little less wouldn't hurt." That may be true, but I'd say a little less corporate expansion wouldn't hurt either. Undoubtedly, this is something with which both men could come to terms.

— jackiez@udel.edu

mediadarling The man behind the characters

Sacha Baron Cohen is one of those celebrities that audiences rarely see as himself. We laugh at his jokes, but sometimes forget it's Cohen who's delivering them. We watch his movies, but his name isn't the headline name.

Ali G, Borat, Bruno — these are Cohen's alter egos and famous characters. With each persona, Cohen gets more outrageous. We saw Ali G interview Andy Rooney and butcher the English language. We saw Borat and his director in the famous hotel scene.

In July, we'll see Bruno, the next alter ego Cohen has to offer. Bruno is a gay fashion reporter from Austria who loves to talk about fashion, celebrities and the entertainment world. This time around isn't much different from what we've seen in the past — the interviews are ridiculous, the situations are awkward and the laughs come early and often.

But the real story behind Ali G, Borat and Bruno is the man truly behind them — Cohen. He's one of the biggest entertainers in the world today, yet he's rarely himself. He doesn't do interviews as himself and people barely ever see what makes him tick. His characters are dynamic on screen, but he's shy and unassuming.

Who would've ever believed a tall, lanky British Jew would be on top of the entertainment industry without being himself?

The amazing thing about Cohen is how he's always changing. He's the chameleon of show business — he remains

Cohen, but he's always changing his characters. He'll have to retire Bruno, like he's done with Ali G and Borat, but when he's done, there's no doubt he'll eventually think up a few more.

Cohen blurs the line between so many different things that it's hard to identify him as one thing — he's an actor, a comedian, a writer, a pseudo-reporter and a TV and movie star. But he doesn't bask in the glory of being one of the biggest names in show biz today. We mostly see his characters do

the talking, and when his characters talk, people listen.

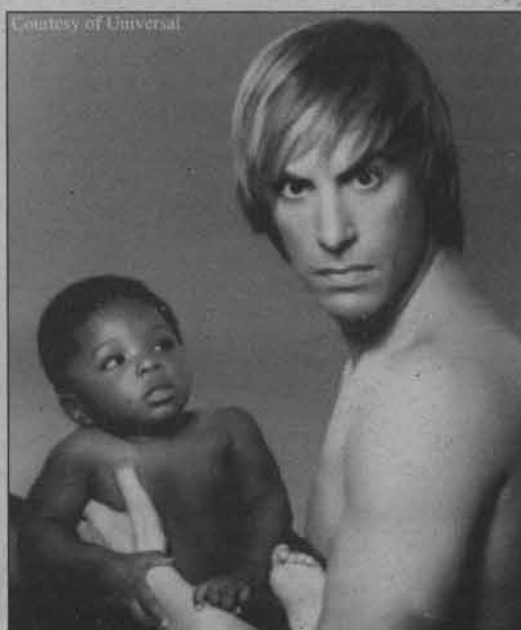
His characters, to say the least, are controversial — they're racist, prejudiced, isolated and usually stupid, but they know how to make people talk. And when people let their guard down around Ali G, Borat and Bruno, the truth comes out. Sometimes that truth is ugly, but Cohen shows the world we don't want to see through his characters.

Cohen is a unique star. He's a comedian but he isn't one to do stand-up comedy. He's a celebrity that'll rarely do interviews and press events as himself. He's been able to talk with some of the most important and interesting people in the world, and he makes a mockery of them, himself and the whole interview process. But he makes us laugh because he knows what's funny, even if it's too extreme.

"Bruno" received an NC-17 rating from the Motion Picture Association of America when it was first submitted, but after some editing, it received an R rating. The movie should be one of the summer's biggest blockbusters and will probably surpass "Borat" in popularity and lawsuits.

When he does retire his Bruno character, maybe Cohen will finally get to be himself. He'll probably take a break from his ridiculous characters, but he'll always have an itch to become someone else and turn the world on its head. Here's to hoping he will — the entertainment world would be a little boring without him.

— Brian Anderson, bland@udel.edu



'It's the heart of giving that matters'

Four 'Heroes' in the fight against cancer dance their way into Greek hearts

BY HEATHER PLANK

Staff Reporter

The 1,400 students who participated in the UDance Marathon, held Apr. 26, did more than just dance, rock out to live bands and have fun. They raised approximately \$23,000 for pediatric AIDS and cancer research.

Significant contributions will be made to the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation and the Andrew McDonough B+ Foundation, Alicia Dreher, UDance executive coordinator, states in an e-mail message. Joe McDonough, president of B+ (pronounced Be Positive), started the organization after his 14-year-old son Andrew McDonough died from complications related to a rare form of leukemia.

Dreher considers the event's highlight to have been when four cancer survivors took the stage: Savannah Pauley, 10; Molly Anderson, 6; Kara Kelly, 5; and Evan Nickle, 4.

"You can see firsthand why it is so important that we do events like this to raise money and fund research to help those who deserve it the most," Dreher says.

The four children are "Heroes" representing the B+ foundation. Joe McDonough, president of B+, started the Heroes Program to honor critically ill children. He paired eight Heroes with university fraternities and sororities, which made them honorary brothers and sisters. The other four children were too sick to attend UDance.

"We want to put these children up on a pedestal and give them a happy day," McDonough says. "It's also a life-changing experience for the Greeks."

Senior Zach Wendel of Phi Sigma Pi is one of the Greeks whose life was touched by a B+ Hero. Wendel's newest Phi Sigma Pi brother is also the youngest. Four-year-old Evan inspired and encouraged the PSP brotherhood to participate in UDance, Wendel says. PSP raised more than \$1,500.

"The first time I saw him I thought, 'Wow, I can't believe someone that young could be afflicted with something as horrible as cancer,'" Wendel says.

PSP president Lauren Vascellaro was also moved.

"We were no longer raising money for children suffering from cancer, but for Evan, our UDance Hero, new friend and honorary member," Vascellaro states in an e-mail message.

Sophomore Jay Mercandetti, fundraising chair of Sigma Phi Epsilon, says it's important for the members of Greek life to meet the B+ Heroes.

"That's what it's all about," Mercandetti says. "It's more personal when you see a face."

Evan's mother Kim Nickle says she can't thank the members of PSP enough for their support.

"They really went above and beyond," Nickle says.

She says the normally shy Evan doesn't like big groups, but he appeared to be having a great time at UDance tossing around a beach ball with his Greek brothers and sisters.

Evan underwent surgery to remove a tumor from his abdomen and then chemotherapy, a stem-cell transplant and radiation. Doctors originally gave him a 20 percent success rate. He's currently cancer-free.

Doctors recently removed a mass from Evan's lung, which was benign.

"He's resilient — he never complains," Nickle says. "He's going to do great things."

Last year, Kristen Anderson took her daughter Molly to the doctor to examine her swollen lymph nodes and was told she had T-cell leukemia.

Although Molly is now in a period of maintenance — a less intense therapy for patients in remission — she struggled with her initial treatment.

For five weeks, Molly didn't talk, Anderson says. She was put on anti-depressants and, eventually, was able to tell her mother the reason for her silence. Molly had experienced so many negative side effects from her treatment that she had chosen to remain silent rather than be unpleasant.

"I didn't want to be mean," Molly told her mother.

At UDance, Molly was showered with attention by her adopted sisters of Alpha Xi Delta and had her wish fulfilled — she danced with a college boy. Not only that, but he gave

her a peck on the cheek.

After the dance, she went home to prepare for her first day of kindergarten the following day.

Anderson says the B+ Heroes program and an event like UDance help families feel less alone and give them something to look forward to. She also stresses the importance of raising funds for research.

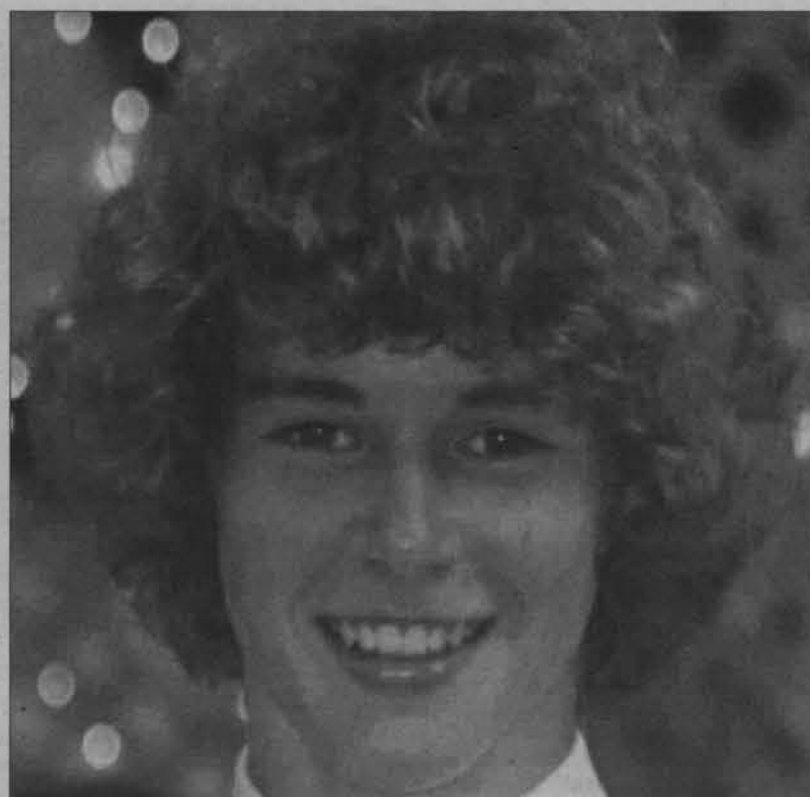
Dr. A.K. Rajasekaran, director of Nemours Center for Childhood Cancer Research, states in an e-mail message that research is underfunded for many childhood cancers because they "are unique and rare compared to many adult cancers, making it a small and less profitable market with little financial benefit for pharmaceutical companies to develop these drugs."

Although childhood cancer is different from adult cancer, the diseases are treated the same way. The side effects from adult treatment can often be damaging, if not fatal, to a child.

Graduate student Justin David, who is pursuing his doctorate in biology, does cancer research at NCCCR. David says adults have fully developed cells, and cancer is a result of cell mutation. Children, however, are still developing cells and their cancer starts within the normal cells.

When adults are treated with chemotherapy drugs and radiation, those treatments kill both the tumor and active cells. Thus, side effects often include hair loss and anemia.

When children are treated with lower doses of adult drugs, it kills both cancerous and normal cells, which they still need to develop. The side effects for children are toxic, affecting their bones, neurons and still-grow-



All photos courtesy of Joe McDonough

Joe McDonough's son, Andrew, died in 2007 after a battle with leukemia. His story is the inspiration for the B+ Foundation.

ing brains.

With this treatment, a child's immune system is severely compromised and it's often an infection, not the cancer, that is fatal.

"It's a sledgehammer approach," David says, "getting everything in the body."

Even if a child does survive cancer and its treatment, he or she may experience some degree of brain damage in the future.

David says there's so much competition for funding from the government-run National Institute of Health that charitable giving is vital, regardless of the amount.

"If every UD student, about 20,000, gave \$10," David says, "that adds up to \$200,000. That's significant. Do what you can with the resources that you have. It's the heart of giving that matters."

Freshman Ali McDonough, Andrew's sister, donates as much time as possible to B+, and she plans to pursue a career in which she can use her experience to help others. She wants to be a therapist who will counsel kids with cancer and their siblings.

Even before her brother's cancer touched her life, she learned about genetics in seventh grade and says she had planned to become a geneticist who would focus on a cure for leukemia.

McDonough says Andrew and Ali were like twins, and thinks they still are.

"I say I have two children," McDonough says. "I can just only hug one of them."



studentstories Aaron Hallett — Junior, Landscape Horticulture

Everyone has a story to tell. Each week, *The Review* will feature the story of one student at the university. Students are selected randomly.

BY SARAH HUBBS
Features Editor

Junior Aaron Hallett has music running through his veins. After his roommate in Florida got him into learning to be a disc jockey, Hallett began to DJ three to four times per week at a club in Jacksonville, Fla.

"Since moving back to Delaware for school, I've only been able to DJ at home in my spare time and for fun," Hallett says.

While living in Florida for five years, Hallett found an appreciation for different types of music such as house and trance. There's nothing like seeing a great DJ put on a good show in a packed club, he says.

Now that he's back at the university, Hallett, a landscape horticulture and design major, focuses mainly on school. Hallett says he can't pick a favorite class out of his courses this semester because they're all directly related to his major and he enjoys them all.

His interest in landscape horticulture and design began years ago when he was in middle school, he says.

"I guess I've been drawn to it since eighth grade when I took one of those career aptitude tests," Hallett says.

Ideally, he would love to become an environmental landscape designer and work on large-scale projects like wetlands and parks. He has also been involved with the creation of the man-made wetland on campus.

Hallett joined the Coast Guard after his second year in college because he needed another way to pay for school. He says joining the Coast Guard was a natural fit for him.

"I've always liked the water and boats," he says.

After being in the Coast Guard for four and a half years and going to Iraq, Hallett has finally returned to school to complete his degree.

Since serving in Iraq, he says his view on life has changed.

"It was a great experience that has helped me put the small things in life into perspective," Hallett says. "I would not hesitate to serve my country if called on again."

He enjoys the little things in life and every time he moves somewhere new, he says he always has to find the best local pizza place.

His favorite memory of college so far is his study abroad trip, he says.

"When we were in Paris, we were put in small groups to work on a project designing a walking tour," Hallett says. "I was lucky enough to have the best two partners in my group. We spent two afternoons walking around Paris, making the most hilarious video ever. It was truly a once-in-a-life-time experience."

Back on campus, though, he says he's experienced his fair share of funny and crazy moments since working as a delivery driver for DP Dough.

"I've seen just about everything," Hallett says, "though I can't reveal any specific stories since I would lose the client-driver trust."

Originally from Wyoming, Del., he lives on Kirkwood Highway but at times wishes he lived closer to campus. He doesn't think he's that far, but his friends act like he is.

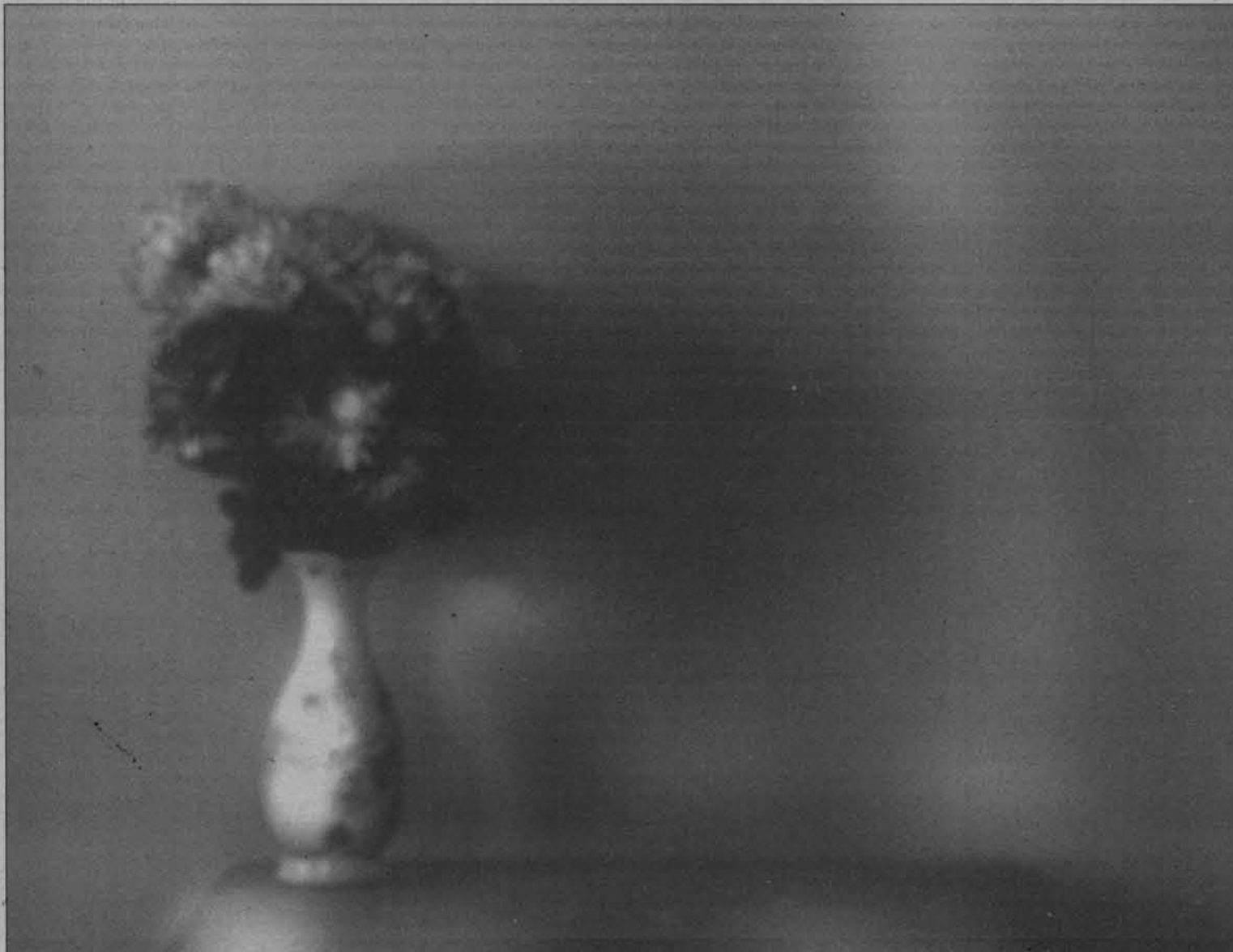


Courtesy of Aaron Hallett

Hallett learned to surf while in the Bahamas and says he fell in love with it. He has trouble finding the time to make trips to the beach with his busy schedule, but he'd rather surf in the Bahamas than any other beach, he says.

"Nowhere else I've ever surfed could compare to that," Hallett says. "Maybe because it was my first time."

artisticappeal Faythe Berger — Senior, Fine Arts



Senior Faythe Berger took this photo of a flower vase and fresh flowers to demonstrate painting with light.

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Roommate dinners

"Sometimes my roomies and I will each contribute something to a meal. Our meal is always delicious, and we always have leftovers!"

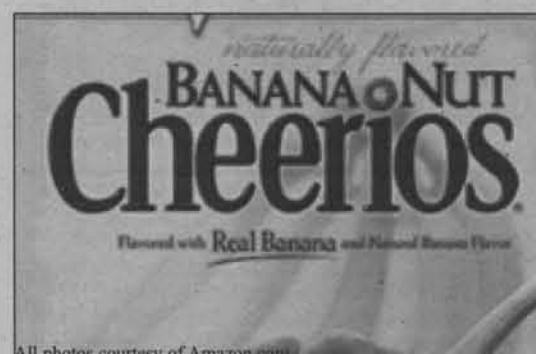
— **Jennifer Heine,**
Managing News Editor



Pranks on the neighbors

"You know, painting the walls, turning every piece of furniture upside down. I guess I got you again."

— **Ayelet Daniel,**
Staff Photographer



Banana Nut Cheerios

"Banana-flavored cereal is something we should have had a long time ago. We have other fruit-flavored cereal but bananas and cereal just go together. It's a natural fit!"

— **Elisa Lala,**
City News Editor

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you speak out

What do you consider cheating in a relationship?



"If it's something you feel guilty about and something that you want to hide, then it's probably cheating."

— **Heather Ciano,**
Freshman

"If my partner sleeps with another, then that's cheating."

— **Marwan Alghamdi**



"Making plans with someone else, like to go out on a date, behind their back."

— **Ethan Clark,**
Freshman

"Even if you like someone else and don't hook up with them, that's cheating."

— **Lauren Amato,**
Freshman



— Compiled by Caitlin Birch and Larissa Cruz

Designs of student intern to appear in film

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Curry's previous feature-length documentary, "Street Fight," was nominated in the Best Documentary Feature category of the Academy Awards in 2005. Curry won the Emerging Documentary Filmmaker award in 2005 from the International Documentary Association, according to IMDB.com.

"Racing Dreams" will compete in the World Documentary Feature Competition against 11 other films this year at the festival, which will take place in Lower Manhattan from April 22 to May 3. Curry is also working on a new documentary, "If a Tree Falls," which is about a radical environmentalist who burned two timber facilities in Oregon and is now in prison.

As for DeNigris, she is graduating in the spring and has applied to work at a dude ranch for the summer. After that, she doesn't have any definite plans but would love to work in film again if she could incorpo-

rate visual communication.

Although Donovan isn't involved in the film industry, many of her friends are, and she considers film as a type of art like her own.

"Moving images are one way of seeing, translating and understanding the world around us — a way to simultaneously get and transmit information," Donovan says. "Art and artistic practices, and consequently society as a whole, are always enriched when we're given new and different ways of thinking, seeing, making."

Breaking into the film industry can be difficult. With small budgets, documentaries and independent films are typically underdogs.

But Curry hasn't lost hope for these small scale projects.

"I think it will happen from time to time," Curry says. "As long as people make documentaries that feel like movies — that are emotional, or funny, or just surprising — audiences will watch them."



Courtesy of Brittany DeNigris

Senior Brittany DeNigris interned for director Marshall Curry.



THE REVIEW/Natalie Carillo



Courtesy of Griffin Lotz

Student photos will be on display at the Delaware Center for Contemporary Arts.

Capturing the culture: students showcase stills

BY ALLISON RUPPINO

Staff Reporter

Students that studied abroad in Vietnam for Winter Session 2009 were chosen to have their photos displayed in an exhibit at the Delaware Center for Contemporary Arts in Wilmington on Friday.

According to DCCA's Web site, its organization is a non-collecting museum that presents approximately 30 exhibitions annually from regionally, nationally and internationally recognized artists. The Web site also states that *The Philadelphia Inquirer* described the DCCA as "one of the most innovative and prominent organizations of its kind on the East Coast."

Professor Priscilla Smith, faculty director for photography in the Vietnam study abroad program, says all the students who attended the study abroad trip will have their photos displayed. Anyone can come see the pictures the students took while on their trip.

Smith says the public can also read students' reflections on the trip, meet with them and enjoy light refreshments.

She attended this trip and the first Vietnam trip, which was during Summer Session 2006. She says the students in the program learn the basic tools and techniques of location photography by learning how to enter a foreign environment and take expressive photographs.

"To do this, they hike between mountain villages, stay with Vietnamese families, travel by van, train and plane from one end of the country to the other," Smith says.

She says the students who completed the program will exhibit two photographs and present statements.

Sophomore Griffin Lotz is one of the students who attended the trip and will have his photos displayed at the DCCA.

Both of Lotz's images were candid shots of children he met while traveling in Vietnam. He says they show the extremes of the types of people they saw.

Lotz says one of his photos is of a child from the northern and mountainous Sapa region. He says the child is in a very rural area and people in the region live a traditional lifestyle. Lotz says his second photo is of a girl in Da Lat, a resort city.

"She represents the less traditional and more Westernized group of Vietnamese," he says. "She is being pulled through the urban market by her father."

Lotz says he plans on attending the exhibit as much as he can. He also hopes that his family will be able to come see the opening of the exhibit.

Lotz says he was very intrigued when he heard about this study abroad opportunity.

"I chose the study abroad trip to Vietnam because the description sounded like something I have dreamed of doing," Lotz says. "I aspire to work as a photojournalist and travel the world seeing and learning about cultures and people everywhere."

He says his experience in Vietnam was a memorable one. His favorite thing about the country was its food and culture.

"The food was absolutely amazing everywhere we traveled," Lotz says. "I rarely felt threatened the entire time I was there and learned that walking around with a smile really helps open a lot of doors."

"Vietnam gave me the opportunity to travel to a place that I may not have had a chance to go otherwise, as well as give me experience in interacting with people and photographing in an environment that I had never been in before," Lotz says.

This summer, he says he plans on visiting Vietnam for a second time and also its surrounding countries.

Sophomore Shannon Tomanovich, another student on the trip, says her photos are of Vietnam's landscape and fisherwomen. Along with the photos, an excerpt from her journal will be displayed.

Tomanovich says many people will attend the event, including friends, family and most of the university art community.

"It is the first Friday, which means there are multiple other exhibits opening in the nearby area," she says.

Tomanovich chose the study abroad trip for several reasons.

"Photography in a southeastern country with a past fighting our own, beautiful land, kind people and exploring a way of life completely different from what I knew" are all reasons why she went on the program, Tomanovich says.

She says her favorite parts of the trip were the motorbike tour, landscape filled with rice fields, jungles and villages inhabited by kind people who have a simple lifestyle.

Tomanovich says she's excited to be a part of the exhibition at the DCCA.

"I'm honored," she says. "It's an excellent venue — probably the best in Delaware."

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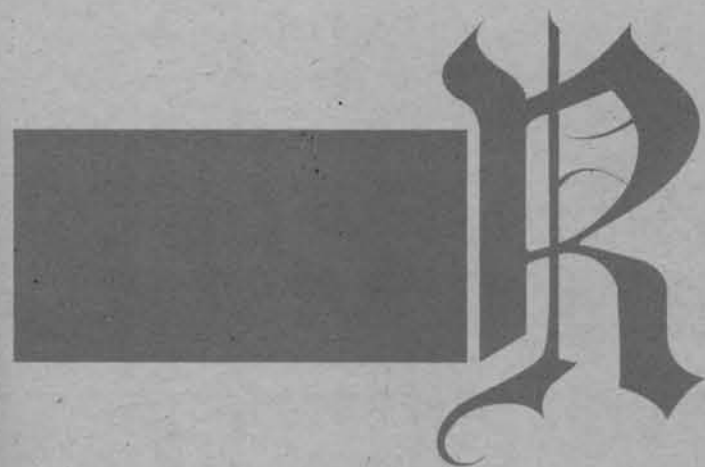
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weekly calendar

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Baseball @ Northeastern
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Ross extended through 2014 basketball season

BY DAVE THOMAS

Staff Reporter

A message to all incoming Blue Hen men's basketball recruits: Monté Ross will be your coach for all four years.

Edgar Johnson, the university's Director of Athletics, announced this week Ross has been given a contract extension that will keep him at Delaware through the 2014-2015 campaign. Details of the contract were not publicized.

Ross, who has amassed only 32 victories in three seasons with the Hens — to go along with 62 losses — was pleased with the extension. He felt the contract shows the trust the university has in him.

"I was very excited," he said. "I thought it was a commitment from the university and from Edgar Johnson."

With the extension, Ross will be able to prove his worth with players of his choice. When he was first hired as coach in 2006, he was given the unenviable task of leading a team he was unfamiliar with. In his initial season at the helm, the Hens put together a lackluster five-win season.

Ross said he feels the contract will do wonders for recruiting.

"It absolutely makes it easier to recruit," he said. "When you have recruits, their parents will say, 'Coach, are you going to be around for four years for my son?' and now, I can say yes."

Johnson was also excited about the new contract. He said it will help to improve the basketball program.

"His first year was a mulligan year," Johnson said, eschewing any concern that season reflects upon Ross' coaching abilities. "He had to play with players he didn't recruit and that didn't fit with him."

Both Ross and Johnson understand that building a basketball program does not occur overnight. Ross said the contract proved to him that Johnson was willing to let him develop the program over time and use his own players to do so.

"They're doing it the right way," Ross said. "They're not trying to make quick fixes — they're letting us build over time."

Hakim McCullar, a sophomore forward on the team, understood the significance of the extension as far as recruiting. A one-time recruit himself who had to endure a coaching change when he transferred from the University of Rhode Island, McCullar said consistency at the head coach position is crucial for drawing in incoming players.

"It's very important because you want stability," he said. "You want to play for that man and only that man."

While the move is expected to help drastically with Ross' recruiting, Johnson said that is not what spurred him to give him the extension. He said he feels that Ross has the full-package of necessary skills when it comes to college coaching.

"He can handle all the aspects of being a coach," Johnson said. "Not just game management, but also the interactions with fans, marketing, and alumni."

A regular at many marketing events, Ross is not afraid to get his hands dirty and put his reputation aside for the betterment of his team. He has even served his own dish at a university dining hall, donning a chef's attire.

While certainly the extension will come with expectations of improved results, Johnson said there is no way he could put more pressure on



Courtesy of Sports Information/Mark Campbell

Ross will try to better his 32-62 record over the rest of his contract.

Ross than he already puts on himself.

Ross agreed that any added external pressure does not bother him. Right now, he is just enjoying his new job security.

"I have a wonderful, wonderful job here," he said. "I'm just happy UD feels the same way about me as I feel about UD."

commentary



BY SEIF HUSSAIN
"KING OF OHIO?"

Yesterday 24-year-old Cleveland Cavaliers small forward LeBron James — "King James" — was voted in as the 2008-2009 National Basketball Association's Most Valuable Player. For the first time in his six-year career, he has truly earned the anointed title of King, which has long been his moniker.

Though the NBA Finals are yet to arrive, the Cavaliers look ready to steamroll all comers in the Eastern conference on their way to a likely showdown with the probably Western Conference champs, the Los Angeles Lakers, in the finals.

With James at the helm, the Cavaliers dominated opponents, piling up 66 wins and a nearly spotless home record at Quicken Loans Arena in Cleveland. Their star, now paired with All-Star point guard Mo Williams, has a legitimate right hand man for the first time in his career and this season racked up averages in excess of 28 points per game, along with seven assists and seven rebounds per game. He even was runner up to the Orlando Magic's Dwight Howard in NBA Defensive Player of the Year voting.

Listed by Forbes as the No. 1 earner under the age of 25, with an annual income of over \$27 million, James is making his case as the most dominant sports figure, financially, on and off the

court, since Michael Jordan. It would not be out of the question to think that when James' career is over his name may be uttered in the same breath as Jordan's. Maybe even before Jordan's.

It is all the more befuddling then, that James has played so contently in Cleveland. Despite the obvious attention which James has brought to the area in the last few years, and its other professional sports teams, Cleveland is by all accounts a small media market.

With the hotly anticipated 2010 NBA free agency class quickly nearing their contractual freedom, James is the obvious frontrunner to be wooed by teams who can handle his lofty salary. There have been rampant rumors of his relocation to a team in a more hyped market, like the New York Knicks, or the soon-to-be Brooklyn Nets.

I, for one, am of the belief that the greatest careers are those spent with one franchise. At least, those are the ones most fondly and cohesively remembered. Even if James goes on to continue his stunning success in another venue, he would be well served by retiring as not only an NBA great, but a Cavalier great. Much as Jordan is iconically remembered as a Chicago Bull, despite a forgettable few years at the end of his career with the Washington Wizards.

Thankfully, as demonstrated by James' acceptance of his MVP award at his high school in Akron, Ohio, he is extremely loyal. It is one of his most endearing qualities, and as Ohio's native son, he would be much beloved by the residents of his state, and all Cavs fans, if he were to remain in that uniform.

Assuming his current team can provide him a suitable contract offer, and maintain a competitive team around him, it would be wise of him to sit tight. There is a certain fulfillment in winning a championship with a homegrown star — not at all to diminish the success of Ray Allen and Kevin Garnett with the Boston Celtics in last year's championship run.

James has an opportunity in front of him to win a championship this season. If he returns to his team, he has the chance to win many more. His presence will entice other quality free agents. If he finds a ring at the end of these playoffs, he shouldn't start searching elsewhere for more — he should start a dynasty.

Seif Hussain is a managing sports editor for *The Review*. Send questions, comments and some more triple-doubles to seif@udel.edu.

Women's lax downed by Towson in finals

BY ANDREW LYNCH

Copy Desk Chief

The university's Women's Lacrosse team fell to the Towson Tigers 8-7 in the Colonial Athletic Association finals held on the campus of William and Mary on Saturday.

After defeating the Old Dominion Monarchs 8-6 in semi-finals Thursday, the Hens advanced to the finals for the first time in team history. They finished the season 10-8.

Head coach Kim Ciarrocca said the team has overcome many obstacles and contributes the team's success to their overall chemistry.

"All weekend we played terrific," Ciarrocca said. "All of our seniors were outstanding. I couldn't have asked for a better game."

On Thursday, senior captain Debbie Sloan led the team in goals with a total of four, with the defensive efforts of Erin Zimmerman and Ange Gaeta held off ODU's Ashley Kellogg and CAA Player of the Year Kelly Kimener to just other four combined goals. Team goalkeeper Jessica Cerveney saved 13 shots to secure the win.

In the final game, Sophomore Holly Burman scored the first goal about four minutes into the first half. Towson's Steph Taylor quickly responded to tie the score, launching the ball through a crowded net to make it 1-1. With 22 minutes remaining, rookie Steph Allen scored a free-position shot to push the Hens ahead once more.

At the 15-minute mark, Taylor scored her second goal to tie once again. The tigers then proceeded to score three goals

in 10 minutes, two of which were assisted by Meggie McNamara, the CAA player with the highest average assists per game. After Towson's Katie Cloud made the fourth goal, coach Ciarrocca called a time out. Allen was able to score for the Hens soon after the time out, making the score 5-3 at the intermission.

The first 15 minutes of the second half featured no goals before Emily Schaknowski made an unassisted goal. Towson answered back with a three-goal streak by Woodfield, Taylor and McNamara to make the score 8-4.

The Hens persisted as Erin Zimmerman intercepted a pass, charged down field and assisted Schaknowski to score bringing them within three goals of winning. Less than a minute later, sophomore Ali Libertini caused Towson's goaltender to turnover and managed to score. Sophomore Corinne Drost then cut sharply in front of the net and scored, bringing the score to 8-7.

On Delaware's final possession, Sloan took a shot from right outside the circle in an effort to tie the game, but the goaltender made the save.

Ciarrocca said she feels the game could have gone either way, and she is looking forward to coaching the women's team next season.

"They lost three starters on attack from last year's squad," she said. "Different players at different times really had to step up to the plate and they played a very important role on this team to help us be successful in the CAA. These young ladies are a pleasure to coach and they all truly get along on and off the field."



Emily Schaknowski led her team's aggressive offense with 50 attempted shots on goal.

Courtesy of Sports Information



BY MATT WATERS

Assistant Sports Editor

About the Team:

The Hens:

Delaware is solid right now, sitting at 23-15, fifth place in the CAA. Carlos Alonso is producing consistently with a .396 average and a team-high 65 hits. Crushing the ball all season has been Bill Merkler, who scares pitchers with his amazing .716 slugging percentage. He has team highs in both home runs (15) and RBIs (50).

The Huskies:

Northeastern is currently 22-20 and is ninth in the CAA. Mike Tamsin is leading the Huskies with a .371 batting average and 64 hits. Their big bomber has been James Donaldson with nine homers and 30 RBIs. The Huskies are on a five game slide right now, losing their last three to 28th-ranked George Mason by a combined score of 28-14.

underpReview: Delaware Baseball vs. Northeastern

Time: May 8, 9 and 10

Location: At Northeastern
Brookline, MA — Friedman Diamond

Three game series

Three reasons to be excited

Delaware is the heavy favorite when looking at run production — the Hens have scored 349 runs this season while the Huskies have scored just 223. They also have five players batting over .320, while the Huskies have just one.

The Huskies are also almost trailing in home runs as well, as they have just 35 compared to the Hens 66. Pitching shouldn't matter for Delaware in this matchup as long as Merkler and Alonso are in rhythm — the Hens are 13-1 in games when they score 10 plus runs.

Three reasons to worry

Although the Hens put up more runs with more hits, the Huskies have 112 more at bats than the Hens. If they take advantage of this against the Hens, they could easily win. Their pitching is shutting down hitters more than the Hens, although neither are doing well — the Hens have a 5.79 ERA compared to the Huskies 4.46.

The pitcher with the most innings in their rotation (60.1) is Ryan Quigley, who has a record of 2-5 and an ERA of 5.67. The Huskies can also run the bases incredibly well, which could pose a huge problem for the Hens. So far, the Huskies have stolen 53 bases.



The Numbers:

315: Runners left on base by the Hens

330: Runners left on base by the Huskies

The Prediction:

The Hens need these wins in order to move up to second place in the CAA, especially since three of their conference games were canceled due to the H1N1 influenza outbreak.

The Huskies are right around .500 but their statistics read like they have a losing record, while the Hens stats make them look better than eight above .500. The Hens know they have to have these games, so look for them to take at least two.

Hens win the series, 2-1

Chicken Scratch

Baseball

-The threat of swine flu canceled the team's recent weekend series against UNCW. The team will resume their regular schedule this week against Rutgers University on May 9.

-Carlos Alonso leads the team with a .397 batting average.

-Micheal O'Keeffe in the only Hens pitcher who has posted an earned run average under three this season.

Women's Lacrosse

-The Hens were eliminated in the Colonial Athletic Association finals by Towson University, 8-7.

-By appearing in the CAA finals, the Hens have made their deepest run into the conference tournament since the team won the American East Conference in 1999.

-Despite returning top talent next season the team will have to replace two top starters—goalie Jessica Cerveney and midfielder Debbie Sloan.

Softball

-The Hens have also had their three game series against Hofstra canceled due to the swine flu.

-Freshman pitcher Amanda Stacevicz has been named CAA Rookie of the Week three times this season.

-The team recently announced the signing of six new recruits for next season, highlighted by Alexa Baldasare, who was 18-11 with a 1.83 earned run average for the New Jersey Breakers.

Talley and Agnone in NFL as undrafted free agents

BY ADAM SAMPLES

Staff Reporter

Hundreds of college football players watched last weekend as teams from the National Football League drafted the 2009 rookie class. Two of whom, tight end Robbie Agnone and defensive lineman Ronald Talley, hoped to represent the University of Delaware in the draft.

But day one came and went without either player picked up. Day two finished with similar results. Head coach K.C. Keeler wasn't sweating though.

"From the input we got from a lot of the teams, I was fairly positive that they would be signed," Keeler said.

Keeler's prediction proved correct. The Washington Redskins picked up Agnone and the Green Bay Packers signed Talley shortly after the draft ended.

Agnone, a transfer from the University of Pittsburgh in 2006, played three seasons at Delaware. After sharing time his first year, he took over the starting role and played an integral part in getting to the FCS title game in 2007.

In the 2008 season, assistant coach Greg Perry suggested a flexibility program to lengthen Agnone's stride.

"He's a great athlete for the big body he's in," Perry said. "I just suggested the program and he followed it religiously."

Perry admitted Agnone didn't need much help developing or getting into the NFL.

"I just attached my caboose to his engine, and he took me along for the ride," Perry said.

Hoping to get drafted in the later rounds, he said the Redskins informed him of their intentions during the fifth round. The Redskins called Agnone and told the tight end that he would be signed after the draft. Within five minutes of the draft's conclusion, Agnone was signed.

Agnone, who lives in Pennsylvania, said he and his family are excited for this opportunity.

"Washington is close to home," Agnone said. "It's really a dream come true."

Talley also transferred to Delaware in 2006, leaving the University of Notre Dame mid-season. In two years as a Hen, he quickly made a name for himself as a defensive threat. Assistant coach Phil Petite said Talley excelled against the run.

"The Packers signed Ronald as a true run stopper and he probably felt more comfortable in their defensive scheme," Petite said.

Since 2006, he said the dream of being in the NFL became more real as his teammates, as well as his competition, were getting drafted each year. Talley admitted he also paid close attention as players were picked off of the draft board last weekend.

"Of course I watched the draft, I knew the whole depth

chart and where guys in front of me were going," Talley said.

Talley said that his family is very supportive of his decision to play in Green Bay.

"My family is excited and proud of me, but it's still me that has to do all the work," Talley said.

Keeler texted both players after the draft to congratulate them on joining their new teams. He said there wasn't much he needed to tell Talley or Agnone before the draft.

"They knew it wasn't going to be anything like it was last year when Joe [Flacco] was drafted by the [Baltimore] Ravens," Keeler said.

Over the past few years, professional scouts have been paying more attention to the university's football players. Ben Patrick and Joe Flacco both made significant impacts in the NFL. In 2008, Patrick caught the Arizona Cardinals' first Super Bowl touchdown in franchise history, and Flacco led the Ravens to an 11-5 record as a rookie quarterback, as well as becoming the first rookie quarterback to win two playoff games.

Keeler believes the performances of former Hens in the NFL will inspire more recruits to come to UD.

He said the school offers a well-rounded education and one of the most popular programs at the FCS level.

"Bigger is not always better. Better is better," Keeler said.

Agnone and Talley will face the reality that as undrafted free agents they are no locks for roster spots and will have to work hard to have any chance. However, both players have positive attitudes entering their first practices.

"I'm still just trying to get used to how the team operates, and I'm focused on fitting in with them," Talley said. "I'm going to get faster, stronger, smarter and try to improve every aspect of my game."

Petite said he does not doubt Talley's ability to succeed with the Packers.

"Right now they are concentrating on the rookies and whether or not they can absorb new information," Petite said. "Ronald is a very smart football player — he'll absorb everything."

Agnone is using advice that a former teammate currently on the Kansas City Chiefs gave to him. The advice was to go hard, and give 100 percent on every single play. Agnone said he brought that advice into his first practice.

"These guys are huge at this level, but if I'm going to make the team, it will be through special teams," Agnone said. "I have to play every snap to the best of my ability."

Still, Agnone admitted it is somewhat intimidating being in the locker room with so many veteran players.

"I feel like a freshman all over again," he said. "Like a lost puppy."

Blue Hen Babble

Despite a 32-62 record over his three year tenure as men's basketball head coach, Monté Ross was given a contract extension. Do you think this was a good idea?



"It's an iffy situation. At least they're doing better each year, and not worse."

Tony Fascelli
-Freshman

"I'd like to see some kind of achievement before Delaware gives out an extension. A tournament win would have been worthy of some extension, but maybe not that long."

Jeff Hawk
-Freshman



"As long as he's bringing in better recruits and keeping up the academic standards that the university wants, I can understand bringing him back."

Thomas Laffey
-Junior



Athletes of the Issue

Curtis Dickson, Martin Cahill and Pat Dowling
Men's Lacrosse



Juniors Dickson [at left] and Cahill, along with sophomore Dowling were selected for first team All-Colonial Athletic Association honors on Friday.

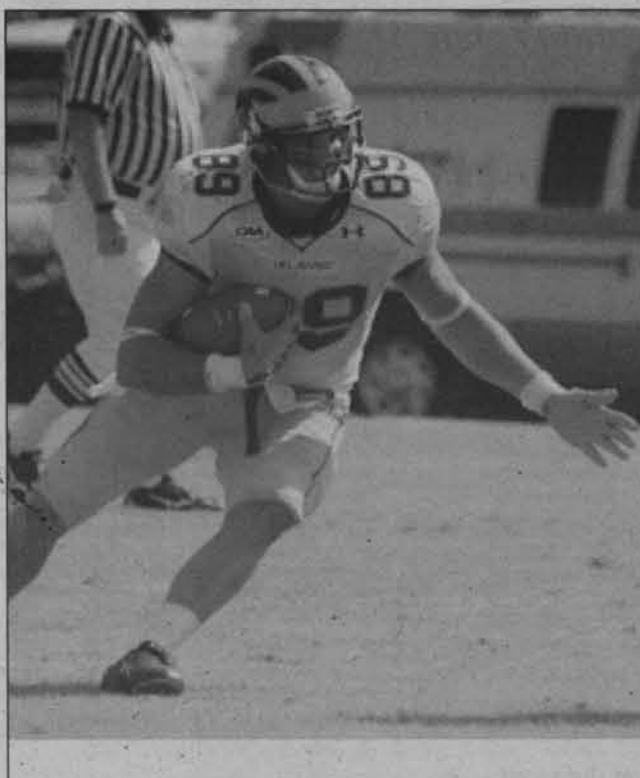
Although their season ended in a disappointing 5-10 record, each of these key players will be back on the roster next season to help put their squad in a better position to reach the postseason.

Jessica Cerveny and Erin Zimmerman
Women's Lacrosse

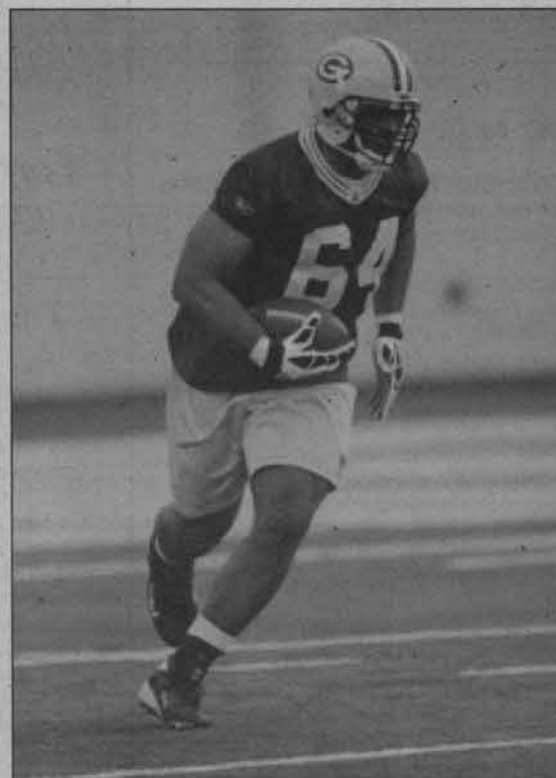


Cerveny [at left] and Zimmerman were both selected for first team All-Colonial Athletic Association honors last week.

The women's team ended their season in a loss to Towson in the CAA tournament finals. Both honorees are graduating this spring.



Courtesy of Sports Information
Agnone will compete for a roster spot with the Redskins.



Courtesy of the Green Bay Packers
Talley will be part of Green Bay's 3-4 defense.

Rowing places third in conference championships

BY BILLY DESAUTELS

Staff Reporter

After placing third at the inaugural Colonial Athletic Association championships on April 18 at Philadelphia, the university's women's rowing team was looking forward to the Eastern College Athletic Conference Metro Championships at Camden, N.J., on May 2. In response to the recent outbreak of H1N1 influenza, it was decided that the university would not be able to compete.

Laura Slice, the team's head coach, said while the team is disappointed in not being able to compete at the latest meet, they hope to finish the season out strong. They are especially looking forward to the Dad Vail Regatta on May 8 and 9 in Philadelphia, which is an all day event and the largest collegiate regatta in the United States.

She said the team improved this year and is stronger than they were in the past. Early and intense preparation over the summer and fall impacted the team's performance.

"Our level of physical fitness is much higher this year than we've ever had before," Slice said.

The team made improvements in how they trained, particularly their winter training. They spent a lot more time on ergometers — the rowing machine — because the winter was especially brutal this year. She said even though they spent a lot of time on the ergometers rather than out on the water, it was quite beneficial, and she was impressed by the team's practice sessions.

Slice said while the ergometers can be linked together to help emulate the feel of working as a team, it is more individualized. She said the ergometer serves as a way to build up both physical strength and endurance while motivating the athlete by showing them what they have accomplished on their own and what they can bring to their team.

She believes the confidence gained from practicing on the ergometers plays into the sport's team dynamic. Working as a team on the water requires adjustments and coordination that the individualized aspect of the ergometers does not provide.

"That's why we're classified as the ultimate team sport," Slice said. "If you're doing your own thing, it's not good. You're going to stick out."

She said data from the ergometers are the only statistics they have on their individual athletes. The overall output of the teams is what is most important.

The team also took on an additional day of lifting, along with the split emphasis on the ergometers and water-based practice. All of these factors tied in together and contributed to their recent performance.

Slice said that in addition to the athletes' physical training, they have also prepared themselves better mentally than in previous years and feels the team has been realistic about their goals

and understand what they want to accomplish.

"They've just had a much better strategy this year," Slice said.

She was pleased with the level of training this season, as well as the commitment from the players. Slice hopes to keep the workload and training routine the same next year, because she thinks adding much more would have a negative effect and may cause more harm than good. However, she expects the players will bring more intensity to the competition.

Senior Elizabeth Carey is a team captain who has been rowing for seven years, and has rowed with the university since she was a freshman. She said the excitement and morale of the team has been a lot stronger this year than she can remember and she is pleased with their performance. Carey said everyone remained positive this time around and is working hard to contribute.

"I guess it's been more intense, but it's a lot more focused," Carey said. "And we're just a lot faster than previous years."

She said the relationships between the athletes on the team are tighter as well. They get along better than previous years and hang out a lot more outside of practices.

Carey said she is excited to see how the team will perform next year, even as she leaves it behind.

"I'm looking forward to see how they do, because it's still a young team," she said.

Sophomore Meredith Rubin said she has loved rowing for the university and has met her closest friends on the team. She is eagerly looking forward to next season, while still hoping to finish this season strong.

Rubin said being a part of the team requires a lot of effort and dedication, and it is rough to get used to the early practice and weight lifting sessions while balancing school work, but it is well worth the effort.

"Especially this past year, we've done really well and been really successful," Rubin said. "It's been good to see that all of our hard work has paid off."

She said after they placed third in the CAA meet on April 19, she hopes that the team made themselves known and showed that they are both willing and able to be competitive.

Slice said that last year was a rebuilding year, with 14 seniors graduating the year before. She is proud of overcoming that loss and watching such a young and inexperienced team build the drive and desire that they have.

"I haven't been the one cracking the whip really," she said. "They have been."



Courtesy of Sports Information
With the Dad Vail Regatta this weekend, the rowing team is ready to prove they are better than their No. 3 CAA standing.

Cerveny finally leaves the net

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Four years ago, she was a student at Islip High School. Soon, she will be stepping down and taking her spot as one of the best women's lacrosse goalies the university has ever seen.

Senior Jessica Cerveny has been the starting goalie for the Hens for four years now. As one of the nation's top returning goalkeepers, she entered the season ranking fifth in the university's history with 395 career saves and fourth in career minutes played with 2,731 minutes. She has moved into fourth place for all time saves and second place for career minutes played. But Cerveny does not let her place in history affect her.

"It's pretty cool," Cerveny said. "I don't pay attention to stats that much. I always focus on winning."

She is better than her numbers would suggest according to Women's Lacrosse head coach Kim Ciarrocca, who came into Delaware as the head coach the same year Cerveny did as a player. Not only does she defend the goal, but Ciarrocca said Cerveny is also a big part of the clearing game and many of the team's offensive plays, which start from her in goal. Any blocked shots go back to her to start down the field of play.

"She has always been very solid for us," Ciarrocca said. "She comes up with saves that I really don't know how she makes them. She has become a real leader back there on defense. She is our rock."

Her teammates have seen the impact she had on the field too. According to senior teammate and team captain Debbie Sloan, Cerveny is a vocal and communicative leader who helped to inspire the team.

Senior Erin Zimmerman said she also appreciates the help that Cerveny provided her on developing her defense.

Ciarrocca said, "[Cerveny] keeps us in games, and we have to win those games. When she makes 15-16 saves, we have to win those games."

Cerveny has averaged just under 9 saves per game this season.

Through Cerveny's play in goal, the women's team was able to achieve a 5-2 record in the Colonial Athletic Association, earning the No. 2 seeding in the CAA tournament and an overall record of 10-8. The team unfortunately wrapped up their season with a tournament finals loss against Towson University.

"We were shaky in the beginning, but once we got to the CAA's, we did real well," Cerveny said.

What has allowed the team to

become more successful has been the closeness that they have developed over the years.

"We all get along really well on and off the field," Cerveny said. "We don't have any petty stuff like a lot of other teams do."

As she said before, Cerveny's relationship with her teammates goes beyond the field of play. Sloan and Zimmerman, as well as seniors Alexis Curcio and Amanda Lahiff have played alongside of Cerveny since day one at Delaware.

"We are very, very close," Curcio said, who has been playing lacrosse with Cerveny for eight years now including the time in high school. "Especially the senior class. We are always together."

Cerveny, a health and physical education major, wants to become a lacrosse coach once she graduates from Delaware in May. Sophomore Makenzie Worthington will take over the goal-keeper duties next year after Cerveny graduates. Ciarrocca feels confident that Worthington will be able to fill the role to the level that Cerveny has played this year.

"Once it's actually over I will really miss it, because I won't have the chance to play it ever again," Cerveny said. "But I hope to coach a lot in the future."

CAAStandings

Women's Lacrosse

	Conf	Pct	All	Pct
William and Mary	6-1	.857	10-7	.588
Towson	5-2	.714	13-5	.722
Old Dominion	5-2	.714	11-5	.687
Delaware	5-2	.714	10-8	.555
Hofstra	4-3	.571	10-6	.625
George Mason	2-5	.143	6-10	.375
James Madison	1-6	.000	5-11	.312
Drexel	0-7	.000	8-9	.471

Delaware is coming off its finest season in nearly ten years, having advanced to the CAA finals. However with their loss to Towson, the team was unable to claim the conference title. During the regular season, the Hens finished in a three way tie for second place overall in the conference standings.

Men's Lacrosse

	Conf	Pct	All	Pct
Hofstra	6-0	1.000	11-3	.786
Towson	4-2	.667	7-10	.412
Villanova	3-3	.500	11-5	.688
Drexel	3-3	.500	7-8	.467
Robert Morris	2-4	.333	9-7	.562
Delaware	2-4	.333	5-10	.333
Sacred Heart	1-5	.167	4-10	.286

The Hens finished near the bottom of the CAA in this season, highlighting an extremely disappointing finish for the team. Despite another great year from junior Curtis Dickson, the team posted below a .500 record both in the CAA and in non-conference games.


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