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Godwin elected mayor; Turner out

Osborne wins by a two-to-one margin

BY CHARLES DOUGIELLO
City News Editor

In a stunning upset, incumbent District 5 councilwoman Nancy Turner was defeated by nearly a 2-1 margin by Frank Osborne.

Turner captured only 224 of the 643 votes cast. The upset was met with applause from those who gathered in council chambers, including Mayor-elect Harold F. Godwin.

"People were tired of Nancy Turner's nonsense, and they said it right there, two to one," he said, pointing to the chalkboard which displayed the election results.

"There are certain things this town will not tolerate. You bring dirty politics to Newark and you get voted out," he said.

Osborne said he was pretty confident he was going to win the election but was surprised by the margin of victory.

He said he felt the voters had spoken in this election and desired a change in Newark.

"I tried to run on the facts," he said. "It was a very clean campaign on both sides."

Councilman Gerald J. Grant Jr. ran unopposed in District 6, as did Karl Kalbacher, a state environmental program manager, in District 3.

Osborne previously served on Newark City Council from 1967 to 1971. He taught government for 36 years, including a 29-year stint at Newark High School, before retiring in 1991.

Since moving to Newark in 1962, Osborne said, he has been involved in the Newark United Methodist Church and the New Castle Master Gardeners, an organization that provides agricultural tips.

Osborne ran on a platform including:

- Maintaining a unified and fiscally responsible city government;
- Finding a solution for Newark's traffic problems by taking DelDOT reports into account;
- Promoting a continued dialogue between Newark and the university to sustain a positive environment for both students and town residents; and
- Encouraging economic development of downtown Newark.

Turner was visibly upset about the election but said she will continue to try to improve Newark.

"This election was not about the candidates," she said. "It was about whether we feel it is acceptable to ask questions and challenge government. In Newark, the voters have said it is not acceptable."

Turner has been in the center of controversy since she filed a lawsuit against Newark stating the city violated the Freedom of Information Act by not



THE REVIEW/Bob Weill
Councilwoman Nancy Turner received only 224 of 643 votes cast in her district.

releasing the minutes to an executive session meeting held on June 9. The Court of Chancery ruled in her favor on March 17.

An investigation was later launched by other council members into the conduct of Turner. The investigation determined Turner was not in violation of any law or city code.

After the announcement Turner had been defeated, Bruce Diehl stood up and applauded.

"Do the city employees want to stand-up and clap?" he said in reference to a council meeting several weeks ago when many city employees clapped for a council member's comments toward Turner.

Diehl said he felt Turner's defeat was symbolic of the way she was treated by council.

"They put the push on to get her out of there," he said.

Many people said they felt the high voter turnout was due in part to the controversy surrounding council, especially Turner.

William Hart, a resident in District 5, said the election was less about the issues and the candidates and more about the press they have gotten.

"It made politics seem exciting," he said.

Victory over Ashley slimmer than expected for top seat in Newark

BY CHARLES DOUGIELLO
City News Editor

City Councilman Harold F. Godwin will walk into council chambers on April 21 and be sworn in as the new mayor of Newark after defeating political newcomer Marguerite Ashley in Tuesday's election.

Godwin defeated Ashley by 289 votes and was met by a round of applause by approximately 50 people who gathered in the Newark Municipal Building to hear the election results Tuesday at 8:30 p.m.

"Now we can stop knocking on doors and start on the business of the city," Godwin said wearing a golf T-shirt which read, "Hal Godwin, Mayor of Newark."

Ashley, close to tears, said she was thrilled about the showing she made.

Earlier that day, she said she had been on the phones for days making sure her constituents were going out to vote.

"Your enemy will walk a half a mile to vote against you," she said. "The trick is to get your friend to cross the street to vote for you."

Despite the results, Ashley was quite pleased with the voter turnout.

"I got 1,000 votes in a 20-day campaign," she said.

She said her campaign was a success because she forced people to discuss the major issues facing Newark. Ashley said she will continue to play a part in the administration of the city of Newark and reiterated her desire to seek a board member position on the newly formed Downtown Newark Partnership.

David Robertson, president of the Newark Arts Alliance, said he was very excited Ashley did so well in such a short campaign and said it proved many residents want a change in Newark.

"I hope Hal is listening to all the

people who didn't vote for him, and I wish him good luck," he said.

Following the announcement, Godwin outlined some of the issues he plans to start working on.

Godwin said his first order of business will be to recommend a study into the possibility of building a reservoir in Newark to improve the water quality and supply.

Besides the water supply issue, Godwin said he would try to improve the traffic woes Newark has faced for some time.

"Traffic has been an issue since I

went to elementary school at West Park," he said. Godwin said he will take a step toward fixing the problem by holding the Delaware Department of Transportation to a promise they made with the city to computerize and synchronize the traffic lights on Main Street by August 20.

He also said he plans to establish an advisory board made up of residents and at least one or two university students which will bring community concerns to the City

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THE REVIEW/Bob Weill
Mayor-elect Harold F. Godwin speaks to the media Tuesday after the announcement of his victory.

Forbes revisits Del. for next campaign

BY BRIAN CALLAWAY
National/State News Editor

WILMINGTON — Former presidential candidate Steve Forbes has yet to decide whether he will run for president again in 2000.

But his appearance in Wilmington Tuesday night had the feel of a campaign stop.

Forbes' return to Delaware highlighted the importance of the state in determining the front-runners for the 2000 presidential elections.

After winning the first Delaware primary in 1996, Forbes aborted his self-financed campaign due to lack of support. He said the 2000 primary should have an impact on the upcoming presidential elections.

"Obviously it's important," the publishing tycoon said. "My only regret is that it wasn't more important in [the 1996] election."

Rep. Michael N. Castle, R-Del., said he predicted a slew of other presidential hopefuls will be making appearances in Delaware in the months leading up to the next election.

"[Forbes] is at the beginning of a long line of people campaigning in the state," he said.

On the eve of tax day, Forbes

stressed the need for tax reform, an overhaul of the Social Security system and school and medical choice in his speech to Delaware Republicans.

"Can we truly realize the fabulous possibilities [of the United States]?" he challenged the audience of about 140 people at the Radisson Hotel. "Can we get back on course again?"

While the Gettysburg Address was only 200 words long and the Declaration of Independence is 1,300 words in length, Forbes said, the federal tax code comes in at over 7 million words, indicating what he called a need to simplify and reform it.

"The only thing that can be done is kill it, drive a stake through its heart, bury it and hope it never rises again," he said.

A flat tax system, Forbes said, in which all citizens pay an even tax rate, is the way to cut through the confusing and unfair nature of the current income tax code.

Another reform which he said would help the American people is a tax limitation amendment to prevent the federal government from raising income taxes above a certain point

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THE REVIEW/Liz Johnson
Steve Forbes, winner of the 1996 Delaware presidential primary, revisited his victory site Tuesday night.

Newark man killed by police

BY DAWN E. MENSCH
Copy Editor

A Newark man with a history of mental illnesses was shot and killed by a New Castle County police officer on April 9 after threatening an officer with a knife and steel bar, police said.

Kenneth J. Farris, 40, was pronounced dead at 10 p.m. from multiple gunshot wounds to the chest after emergency surgery at the Christiana Medical Center.

Police gave the following account:

Three officers responded to a family member's request to check on Farris at the Admiral's Club Apartments on Kirkwood Highway after he had not been in contact with his family for months.

After no one answered the door or

phone, police entered with the help of the maintenance workers.

The officers located Farris asleep in a rear room. After he was awakened, Farris grabbed a file knife and a 16-inch steel bar and threatened to kill the officers.

Farris said, "I'm going to kill you," and "Just kill me," according to police.

Police ordered Farris to drop the weapons. After unsuccessful attempts to calm him down, Farris lunged at Sgt. Charles Parker with both weapons. To protect the officer, Pvt. Anthony Scelsi shot him.

Farris, whose history of mental illness dated back to high school, had been treated in several treatment centers and had been diagnosed with schizophrenia. He had also threatened

family members in the past.

Scelsi has been with the police department for over 10 years. He has been placed on administrative duties until investigations are completed.

The investigation, which is common procedure after deadly force is used, is being handled by county police and the state Attorney General's office.

In 1993, Scelsi was found liable by a federal jury for police brutality in an incident that occurred in 1989. A woman had claimed in court that Scelsi, responding to a complaint of a loud radio, pushed her and shot her three times with a stun gun.

Police spokesperson Joseph Lavelle said that the preliminary investigation of last Thursday's incident indicates Scelsi was following official procedure.

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Proposed pledge ban defeated

BY BRIAN CALLAWAY
National/State News Editor

Greek organizations will be able to extend their pledge periods back to six weeks for the 1998-1999 school year, the Faculty Senate decided nearly unanimously on Monday.

The resolution passed follows a period of six years in which below-average academics and disciplinary infractions caused the administration to cut back the duration of pledge classes from 12 weeks to the current four-week period in an attempt to reform the Greek system.

Supporters of the resolution assured the senate the problems that originally led to the administration limiting pledge periods have been dealt with.

Robin Caterson, president of the Panhellenic Council, said the decision to expand the new member education period demonstrates the success of Greek organizations in proving themselves to the administration.

"We were trying to prove to the Faculty Senate that we could improve our academics," she said.

This resolution removes any possibility of a total pledge ban for next year. The Faculty Senate was considering such a ban but decided the Greek organizations are significantly improved.

Although there were only a handful of votes against the passage of the resolution, there was some debate as to the possible negative effects of extending the new member initiation periods.

Greg Weight, representing the Graduate Student Association,

said the academic improvements were not conclusive enough to warrant an action that could send the message to Greek organizations that they can slip back into the previous negative behaviors.

"It doesn't make a trend to me," he said. "I'm just kind of ambivalent about allowing something that could cause problems."

English professor Bonnie Scott said she agreed with this sentiment.

"The data that we have is fairly limited," she said.

However, several faculty members vocally supported the positive initiatives of the fraternities and sororities.

Stuart Cooper, dean of the college of engineering, said Greek organizations should be rewarded for their renewed

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Pledge Ban Chronology

May 1992 —
Faculty Senate passes a resolution to end pledging by 1997.

October 1996 —
Senate postpones ban to allow implementation and review of the Greek Five Star Accreditation system.

April 1998 —
Senate votes to abolish the proposed ban based on results of the five-star system

Chapel St. lot to become apartments

BY CHAD KUCK
Staff Reporter

Local entrepreneur Gus Tsionas has purchased the vacant lot across from the empty Budd Company/Continental fiber factory on South Chapel Street and plans to build an apartment complex on the property.

The Newark businessman and developer purchased the South Chapel lot April 6 for \$670,000 from DelChapel Associates of Newark, who also own the fiber factory lot directly across South Chapel Street.

His recent endeavor, Tsionas said, stems from his success with other investments in Newark, including Space II Pizza, Astra Plaza on Main Street, the Newark Diner and the Astra Plaza on Elkton Road.

Tsionas is currently working on designs for the 2.3-acre lot located behind the University Commons apartments and will submit them to the city's planning department June 6 for approval.

"I plan to build as many apartments on the site as the city will permit me," Tsionas said. Although nothing is definite yet, he hopes to have garden-style apartments ready by the fall of 1999.

City planner Roy Lopota said the zoning on the South Chapel lot is currently designated

"residential multi-family," which allows for 16 apartments to be built per acre.

The fiber factory located on South Chapel Street is still up for sale. The owners of the plant have been involved with a lengthy court battle with the city.

According to records from Alderman court, the owners of the fiber factory were found guilty in December 1995 of violating a Newark fire code and a property maintenance regulation.

The owners were also ordered to tear down the plant by August 1997 or face a \$1,000 a day fine.

They were fined \$100 for each offense and put on probation. DelChapel's representatives requested the fines be raised to \$101 so they could seek an appeal, since anything not over \$100 will not be considered for such a movement.

City Solicitor Roger Akin said, "The owners had appealed the decision in protest that the violations were for residential structures, not vacant factory buildings."

On appeal, the Court of Common Pleas last week found the plant owners once again guilty of continuing to violate the city's property maintenance code but revoked the charge of violating a fire code.

Sentencing for the violation will be set at a later date.



THE REVIEW/ John Chabalko
Gus Tsionas, owner of Astra Plaza, has purchased a vacant lot on Chapel Street and plans to build apartments there.

In the News

COLLEGE FRATERNITY CITED IN BEATINGS

PRINCESS ANNE, Md. — Five college students were beaten so severely with wooden paddles and canes during a two-month fraternity initiation that they had to be hospitalized, the state police said Tuesday.

Some of the students at the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore underwent surgery last week for cuts and infections on their buttocks from being spanked daily from Feb. 8 to April 4, the police and family members said.

No arrests have been made, but the university has suspended the fraternity, Kappa Alpha Psi, canceling all the group's activities until the investigation is complete.

The chapter president of Kappa Alpha Psi told university officials the injuries had occurred at a function in Baltimore and were not related to the fraternity's initiation, a statement released by the college said.

But the police said the beatings occurred at the fraternity house in Princess Anne.

The police said one student was released from the hospital during the weekend. Hospital officials would not provide any information on the other students' conditions or say whether they were still hospitalized.

COMPUTER PROGRAM DESIGNED TO GRADE COLLEGE ESSAYS

BOULDER, Colo. — It is being called perfect by one backer and a terrible idea by opponents.

There's an academic debate brewing over a software program designed to grade college essays. It is called the Intelligent Essay Assessor.

Backers of the program said it is perfectly consistent in grading papers.

University of Colorado doctoral student Darrell Laham helped develop the program. He said it is great because it does not "get bored, sleepy or forgetful" like some human teachers.

Developers said the software has the ability to determine if a student really knows the subject matter.

One English major is not buying it, calling the whole idea "weird." She says she wants a professor to check her papers rather than a computer that "just spits out a grade."

KHMER ROUGE LEADER POL POT DIES

ANLONG VENG, Cambodia — Cambodians said they feel robbed of the chance to see Pol Pot go to trial, now that he is dead. The former Khmer Rouge leader escaped prosecution in the deaths of as many as 2 million of his countrymen. He died Wednesday night in his sleep.

There have been rumors of his death before. Yesterday, the Khmer Rouge and the Thai military showed an Associated Press photographer Pol Pot's corpse. It was lying on a wooden bed inside a simple hut reeking of formaldehyde, with a bouquet of pink and white flowers resting at his head.

COOKIE MONSTER SHIRTS PULLED OVER FOUL LANGUAGE

LAKEWOOD, Colo. — There is a problem with the Cookie Monster T-shirts at a Colorado K-Mart.

They play a recorded message that sounds like it contains an obscenity.

The shirts show the Sesame Street character driving a dump truck filled with cookies. A tiny electronic device in the shirts offers several messages — including one that is supposed to say "Time to truck."

Trouble is, it sounds like something else.

The store's assistant manager said she found out about the problem when a Denver couple complained. They said their toddler wore the shirt and began saying a bad word.

The store in Lakewood has taken the shirts off the shelves.

MISS AMERICA SAYS AIDS MESSAGE IS BEING MUZZLED

WASHINGTON — Miss America Kate Shindle said she is being hampered in her efforts to get her message across about AIDS.

In a speech last night in Washington, Shindle said some state and local school boards are preventing her from getting the word out to students.

She said in one recent visit to schools in South Carolina, she was given a list of words she couldn't say. On the list were the words "condoms," "needles," "gay" and "straight."

Shindle called the situation "laughable" but "also very scary."

She said it's time for school officials, parents and students to engage in active dialogue to educate young people on ways they can protect themselves from the AIDS virus.

POLL SHOWS SUPPORT FOR PEACE ACCORD

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — The Good Friday Peace Agreement is finding widespread support in Northern Ireland.

Some 73 percent of those questioned in a new poll said they will vote "yes" in the May 22 referendum on the accord. The findings spell trouble for hard-liners trying to rally public opinion against the agreement.

Just 14 percent said they would vote against the agreement. The poll was taken by the Harris Research Center for The Irish Times and The Guardian newspapers. The survey's margin of error was about 3 percentage points, plus or minus.

— compiled from AP wire reports by Brian Callaway

Hear My Voice aims to silence kids' pain

BY MARYCHRISTINE DALY
Copy Editor

Every third Thursday they congregate at the United Methodist Church on Main Street, but not for silent meditative prayer.

The Delaware chapter of Hear My Voice meets to actively fight for the rights of children nationwide.

Vice president of the organization and university senior Cathy Hamill said Hear My Voice is a non-profit, national organization established in Ann Arbor, Mich., in 1993. Today the organization has 53 chapters in 39 states.

"Our mission is to promote the right of all children to have safe and permanent families," Hamill said.

Presently, the organization is petitioning a bill sponsored by Sen. Harris B. McDowell III, D-District 1. The bill plans to hire more social workers in order to reduce the amount of abuse cases Delaware social workers currently handle.

Hear My Voice President Janice Mink said the organization hopes to have this bill pass through the House of Appropriations Committee prior to the legislative session scheduled for June 30.

"There is a huge turnover in the division of case workers," McDowell said. "When examined, it is found that it is not so much the salary, but the caseload. Some workers have 250 daycares they're expected to keep up with."

Hamill said if passed, the law will be known as Bryan's Law. This is in memory of 4-year-old Bryan Martin, who died Jan. 29, 1997 in Wilmington as a result of repeated abuse from his father's live-in girlfriend.

A minister called the Delaware Youth and Family Department's division of family services five different times to report the woman, but his efforts were unsuccessful, Hamill said. The case was constantly turned over to new social workers.

According to the Child Welfare League, the national standard for case-workers is 12 to 15 cases. Hamill said Delaware social workers had been juggling 30 to 40 cases at a time.

"This is an effort to make Bryan Martin's case mean something," she said. "It's supposed to ensure that there will never again be another Bryan Martin death."

McDowell said the bill plans to use part of Delaware's \$200 million surplus to fund the hiring of more case workers in Delaware.

"The state has no excuse for not funding the standards," McDowell said. "Whether we have a surplus or not, I would seek these necessary changes in the law."

Hear My Voice representatives also participated in drafting a bill with Delaware representatives on April 6. The bill intends to create an independent, bipartisan agency of child advocates.

Hamill said the purpose of the child advocates would be to handle systemic

problems, such as the flaws in 6-year-old Cameron Lewis' case in Wilmington.

She said after a physical examination by a licensed pediatrician that Lewis' condition was recorded as normal. A month later, A.I. DuPont hospital officials determined Lewis suffered 24 broken bones in different stages of healing.

"Today, this physician still practices," Hamill said. "The Office of Child Advocates could work with pediatricians so they can identify abuse cases and ensure those who fail don't continue practicing."

Hamill said child advocates would also speak legally for children in court cases regarding abuse and neglect.

"Mom, Dad, the Division of Family Services — they all have an attorney," she said. "Delaware is one of the few states that has no one representing children and their cases."

Hamill said she became involved with Hear My Voice in March 1995. She said it was a direct result of her nephew Dustin's case in relation to the Family Preservation Act established in 1980.

Four-year-old Dustin spent all but four months of his life in foster care due to a substance-abusing mother. During this period, Hamill explained, he developed an attachment to his foster parents, who requested legal adoption.

Due to the FPA, the courts were reluctant to eliminate the possibility of Dustin being

returned to his birth mother.

The intention of the FPA was to preserve the standards of family values, she said. However, Hamill said, in many situations, it is more important to consider how this outcome affects the child.

"It's like someone diagnosed with cancer and using heart surgery as treatment," she said. "The law needs to consider how the situation affects the child."

In addition, Hear My Voice representatives testified before the Committee on Ways and Means to support House Resolution 867, a bill intended to counter the FPA in adoption cases enabling children like Dustin to find supportive families.

Their efforts had a dual success. In November 1997, President Bill Clinton signed the bill, passing the Adoption Promotion Act of 1997. That fall, the courts also granted Dustin's foster parents' legal guardianship; however, they are still petitioning for an official adoption.

In addition to driving legal changes, Hear My Voice chapters also educate the public through information booths, newsletters, telephone calls.

Debbie MacEwen, a Hear My Voice member, said, "We're trying to let people know what they, as private citizens, can do. Since January, two children in Delaware have died."

"We've made an impact, but we've got a lot more work to do."

Godwin elected mayor

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Council's agenda.

A special election will be held in the near future to fill the District 1 council seat vacated by Godwin.

Scott Bowling, a Newark resident who was defeated by Godwin in 1997 for the seat, has already submitted his petition to run for the council position.

Although only 2,401 out of 13,632 eligible voters went to the polls, this was one of the most contested races in recent history, according to the Newark Board of Elections.

Clara J. Mancuso of Country Club Drive attributed the high voter turnout to residents' desire to have good representation on the council.

"We have had a bit of controversy in council, which is why I think so many came out to vote," she said.

Thomas Olsen of Boundry Road said he voted because he felt it was time for a change.

"We have a lot of business people running things who forget they are our employees."

Already, new council race begins

BY ROBERT ARMENGOL
Managing Magazine Editor

Newark activist Scott Bowling wasted no time this week in announcing his candidacy for a City Council seat that technically won't be vacant until Tuesday.

On Wednesday Bowling delivered his petition to run for the District 1 council spot Mayor-elect Harold F. Godwin left up for grabs after winning the mayoral race the day before.

"I think we need to get back to leading the city," Bowling said. "We need to replenish the people's faith in our City Council's ability to lead."

City code calls for a special election to fill the remainder of an unexpired term within 90 days and no sooner than 60 days after a seat is left empty. Meanwhile, the council is expected to appoint by majority vote an interim member.

Bowling's petition will not be approved until council announces the vacancy, most likely April 27 at the first regular meeting of the coming session.

The 26-year-old MBNA credit manager is no stranger to the political hoopla surrounding city hall in recent years — he's been right in the thick of it.

Bowling challenged Godwin for the same seat last year and lost by 68 percent of the vote after confronting his incumbent opponent with a charge of ethics violation. The Ethics Board ruled Godwin violated the city code of conduct inadvertently, and fellow council members unanimously decided not to reprimand him.

"I lost a lot of votes because of it," Bowling said of his complaint. But he also said he did what he

thought was right. "Did it look political? Yes. Was it political? No. If I had done it after the election, I would have been called a sore loser."

Doing the right thing isn't always easy, Bowling said. He added that the Freedom of Information Act lawsuit filed by ousted Councilwoman Nancy Turner against City Council and her query into the water treatment plant director's suspected squatting at the plant were done in good faith.

"I think the leaders that people want to represent them are the leaders that say, 'Yeah, there's something wrong and we need to fix it,'" he said. "I don't think what Nancy Turner did was dirty politics. She was doing what she believed was right."

On election day, Bowling filed a complaint with the Newark Board of Elections against Joseph Dombrowski, the water treatment plant director, claiming Dombrowski voted in Newark after saying in a sworn affidavit he hasn't lived in the city for more than two years.

Bowling said he will continue to be an advocate for better relations between students and the city. He said he is "very confident" he would be able to convince council members to approve a change in the way arrests for underage drinking are prosecuted.

Last year, 409 people were arrested in

Newark for underage consumption of alcohol. Many of them were convicted in Alderman Court and left with a permanent criminal record.

"That's wrong and we need to change it," Bowling said. "Being convicted of underage drinking doesn't make you a bad person."

He suggests modeling a new program after a Pittsburgh plan requiring college-age alcohol offenders to participate in a combination of activities. They provide community service, attend Mothers Against Drunk Driving meetings and visit the local morgue to view the bodies of drunk driving accident victims.

"I think that sends the message home a lot harder than going to Alderman's Court and being convicted and walking out of there with a record and not realizing the impact that has until trying to get a job somewhere," Bowling said.

Also on his platform is a strong opposition to capping the number of rental properties in the city.

"I don't think it's healthy for Newark," he said. "You can't pick and choose who lives where or who occupies what buildings. Students aren't any less people than the townspeople."

Bowling has been a Newark resident for nearly five years. He currently serves as president of the Abbotsford Homeowner's Association and has been a member of the group since 1996. That year, his work was instrumental in securing curb-side mail delivery in his neighborhood. He is a graduate of Loyola College in Maryland, where he received a bachelor's degree in political science.

Two sorority houses, Alpha Xi Delta and Alpha Chi Omega, are in Bowling's district.



BOWLING

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Today is the last day to **change registration or withdraw from courses** without academic penalty, so if there's a class you aren't happy with, this is your last chance to change it.

Tonight you can check out Quentin Tarantino's "**Jackie Brown**" at the Trabant University Theatre, 7:30. Saturday night the showing will be at 10:30. The other movie this weekend is the latest James Bond, "Tomorrow Never Dies." It's at 10:30 tonight and 8 Saturday night.

Saturday you can go to an **Earth Fair** sponsored by the Student Environmental Action Coalition. There will be games, booths and food, so go out and support the environment. It's from noon to 4, Park Place Field.

Sports fans can go see the Hens take on Hofstra in a **baseball doubleheader** Saturday starting at noon at the Delaware Diamond. For tickets, call UDI-HENS.

There's also a **men's lacrosse** game Saturday afternoon at 3. The Hens will be facing Loyola at Delaware Field.

Saturday night is the **Annual Richard Wilson Step Show/Party** at the Bob Carpenter Sports Center, starting at 7. There will be a party following the step show at 11. For tickets, call UDI-HENS.

Sunday there are more sports events to attend. **Doubleheaders** will be played by both the **baseball** team and the **softball** team at noon. The baseball games are at the Delaware Diamond and the softball games are at Delaware Field.

People who like to sing can go to the **Y-Chromes audition** Sunday afternoon at 1. The auditions will be held in 227 Trabant.

Fall registration starts on Monday, so pick up a booklet and start planning for next semester.

—compiled by Liz Johnson

Police Reports

TRESPASSING ON EAST CLEVELAND

An unknown suspect entered a home on East Cleveland Avenue while one of the residents was outside of the residence early Wednesday morning, Newark Police said.

The victim told police she went outside her home around 3:30 a.m. and when she returned, her door was locked. She got into the house through an open window and found her bedroom door open. One of her roommates helped her get into the room with a credit card. Once in her room, she found a glass of water knocked over and the window open with the screen pushed out, police said.

Police are still investigating the incident.

SPACE II VANDALIZED

The owners of Space II Pizza on East Main Street reported damage done to the front window of the restaurant Wednesday, police said.

According to police, unknown suspects fired

a BB-type pellet gun at the front window of the establishment, causing approximately \$700 in damage.

Police said they have no suspects or leads.

\$2,700 IN ITEMS STOLEN FROM CAR

A 1992 Geo Tracker convertible was damaged and had items stolen from inside of it while it was parked outside of Q-Stix Billiards Club on East Main Street Thursday, police said.

According to police, the suspects slashed open the roof and removed 200 CDs, the rear vehicle seat and two stereo speakers which totaled \$2,700.

The victim told police that he believed the suspects to be two males who parked their car next to the victims. The victim identified the suspects after their car had been stopped by Newark Police near Newark High School, police said.

The suspects agreed to have their car searched. Police found none of the items that the

victim said were stolen from his car.

Police are still investigating the incident.

YOU @\$\$%! OH, SORRY OFFICER

A 19-year-old white male was charged with harassment after he yelled vulgar comments at a 70-year-old man who was trying to park on East Main Street Wednesday, police said.

According to police, the victim, who was the father of Officer Curt Davis of the Newark Police, was attempting to park when a car pulled up in back of him preventing him from backing into the space. When the victim waved the car on the suspect pulled up beside the suspect's car, yelling vulgarities.

Davis had his father follow the suspect's car and when he stopped, Davis identified himself as a police officer and had him report to the Newark Police department where he was charged with harassment.

—Compiled by Charles Dougiello

Local union protests contractor's firing decision

The Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 74 picketed Pencader construction sites earlier this week

BY BETSY LOWTHER
Administrative News Editor

Laird Campus became the site of protest this week when local union members picketed a company working on construction of a new utility plant next to the Pencader dorms.

Approximately 125 members of Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 74 showed up Monday at the construction site to picket Volair Contractors Inc., said Joel Ivory of University Police.

John Czerwinski, business manager for the union, said they are protesting Volair's dismissal of an employee last week.

Michael Duff, field attorney for the National Labor Relations Hearing Board, said an unfair labor practice charge against Volair was filed by the union to the board, a division of the Department of Labor.

The charge alleges the employee was fired because he was involved with the union. Duff said an outcome on the case could take as long as a year.

Representatives from Volair could not be reached for comment.

The picketers remained at the construction site until around noon Monday, when they were informed by

university and city police they were on private property and would have to leave, Ivory said.

The protest moved to New London Road where picketers marched across the

three entrances of Laird campus, he said. "They wanted to prevent the workers who are currently working for the contractor from entering the site," Ivory said.

About 27 university and city policemen were at the scene to guide traffic through the picketers, he said.

"By law, you can walk across an entrance," Ivory said. "As long as they're walking, they have a legal right to do that."

On Tuesday, about 60 union members returned to continue the protest, he said. The picketing was contained to the north

Laird Campus entrance, the designated gate for Volair employees.

"Once a picket is established, we will set up specific entrances for contractors to enter," said Craig Washington of the

university facilities planning and construction department. "Then [the picket] will not interfere with other contractors on the job site."

A temporary restraining order limiting the union to only two picketers at the north Laird Campus entrance was obtained by the university and the contractor Tuesday, Ivory said.

"The reason you can get a restraining order is that pickets cannot prevent people from entering and exiting private property," he said.

A hearing on the restraining order will be held within the next 10 days to determine whether the restrictions on the picketers will remain, Czerwinski said.

"Other than just informing the public, with just two picketers there, you're really not accomplishing a lot," he said. "But the

restraining order is not unusual. It's not a setback."

Although the union allowed university and student vehicles through the entrance, local traffic was still slowed by the pickets.

Ivory said, "There were some minor backups on New London Road."

Czerwinski said the union has no intention of disturbing students and the university. "On Monday [when the picket was on the actual job site], things went well and there were no disturbances," he said. "As soon as it was moved onto the road, it got messy."

Tempers flared slightly when the police tried to let some cars pass through the picket line to get on campus. "There was some pushing and shoving," Ivory said. "But there were no injuries and no arrests."

The union decided not to picket on

Wednesday and Thursday to "let everyone cool off," Czerwinski said. However, he said, they plan to continue the protest against Volair until the company reinstates the employee or the matter is settled in court.

For now, a university police car maintains a constant watch over the construction site.

"It's a precautionary measure to make sure there is no sabotage," Ivory said.

While Volair employees working on the university construction stayed home Monday and Tuesday, they have since returned to their jobs.

The interruption has not caused any significant delays to the building schedule, Washington said.

Residents of Laird Campus said they were also virtually unaffected by the picketing.

"It really didn't interfere with anything," said junior Michael Conti, a Christiana East resident. "They were just walking around with signs and not talking to anyone."

Conti said he and his friends were curious about the protest.

"I've been here three years," he said. "And I've never seen anything like it before."

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— Joel Ivory of University Police

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— John Czerwinski, business manager for the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 74

Grossberg murder charge dropped

Prosecution withdraws one indictment

BY VERONICA FRAATZ
City News Editor

WILMINGTON — Furthering the drama of the upcoming trial for Amy S. Grossberg, the prosecution dropped the first-degree murder charge against the 19-year-old defendant earlier this month.

The former university freshman still faces the original charge of murder by abuse or neglect, and now faces a second-degree murder charge in place of the charge of first-degree murder.

Grossberg's attorneys opposed the move by the prosecution, saying the state should not pursue such actions without a grand jury indictment on the second-degree murder charge.

However, Superior Court Judge Henry duPont Ridgely ruled Monday that the state may in fact proceed with the lesser charge and a indictment is unnecessary.

As a result of the first-degree murder charge being dropped, the possibility of Grossberg receiving the death penalty has been eliminated.

Under Delaware law, a second-degree murder charge accuses the defendant of "recklessly [causing] the death of another person under circumstances which manifest a cruel, wicked and depraved indifference to human life."

The charge of second-degree murder carries a penalty of 10 to 20 years in prison. Grossberg could also be sentenced to 15 years to life if found guilty of murder by abuse or neglect.

Grossberg is accused of killing her newborn son in November 1996 at the Comfort Inn on Route 896 and then dumping the infant's corpse in a Dumpster behind the motel with the help of her ex-boyfriend, Brian C. Peterson Jr.

Peterson pleaded guilty last month to charges of manslaughter in a plea bargain he made with prosecution, agreeing to testify against his former high school sweetheart when her trial begins May 4.

Peterson also had faced charges of first-degree murder and murder by abuse or neglect before the plea bargain was reached.

He will not be sentenced until after Grossberg's trial. He, along with Grossberg, is free on \$300,000 bail, and is currently living at home in New Jersey.

Grossberg's attorneys could not be reached for comment.

Teen People, MTV hold UD makeover

BY MELISSA HANKINS
Staff Reporter

Hundreds of students partied the afternoon away yesterday when the first ever Teen People Magazine fashion van rolled onto campus in search of models for their August back-to-school issue.

MTV came along to tape the event for an upcoming episode of MTV Live while spinning giant Funk Master Flex made sure the music was loud and the crowd was dancing.

Fashion editors from Teen People filled the lawn across from Trabant University Center with racks of designer clothing, rows of the latest in footwear and trunks of funky accessories.

Then they invited nine students to pick out the outfit each liked best to model in a fashion shoot right here on campus.

"Teen People is a cross between People Magazine and In Style," said Teen People fashion editor Hayley Hill, "and we never use models in our shoots. We'd much rather feature real people, and have them tell us what's in, what's cool, what people are really wearing."

The magazine's photographer, art director, and fashion editors picked a lucky few out of the crowd whom they said best represented a wide range of style.

"We're not looking for the best-looking kids but for those who have the most style and are most into it," Hill said. "But we don't want to exclude anyone either, so that's why we've kind of turned this thing into a party."

Sophomore Laurie March was one of those chosen.

"This is a blast," she said. "My little sister gets the magazine and I can't wait to surprise her. Trying on all these clothes is just so much fun."

However, those students who wanted to model but didn't get picked did have a chance to get their image on file at the magazine.

All they had to do was visit the casting booth, fill out a resume and pose for a Polaroid. This mini file was then sent to the magazine's office in New York and may be considered for future shoots.

Yet there was plenty to do even for those students not interested in modeling.

Funk Master Flex hosted several dance contests complete with a variety of designer clothing as rewards for those who got the best reaction from the crowd.

And those that did not dance or model didn't exactly walk away empty-handed.

"We have tons of freebies for poor college kids," Hill said. "Gift bags, make-up, rings, coupons and cool stuff galore. It's all here for the grabbing!"

Not to mention free fashion tips. Jorge Ramon, also a fashion editor, had some advice regarding college wardrobe.

"Stock up on great basics," he said. "Jean jackets for guys and girls are very cool, and khakis are great college wear, because they'll take you from day to night. Hooded sweatshirts are also very comfortable, and its all about comfort in college."

"I'm personally a big fan of the cargo pant," he said. "It can go dressy or casual and is great if you've gained the freshman 15."

Ramon said oriental, ethnic, and Asian-



A Teen People editor helps junior Jason McCoy pick out an outfit for Thursday's fashion show. The segment will air on MTV in August.

inspired prints are very in right now as well.

"I just saw them in the London fashion show," he said. "The girls were also layering skirts over pants, quite a funky little idea."

Katina, a well-known producer of MTV's "House of Style," said she was also interested in college student fashion.

"We'll be following people around all day, asking them what's important clothes-wise and how much music influences their fashion

sense. It'll be an investigative report about what college kids really like to wear," she said.

The MTV news piece will air when the magazine comes out in August.

Hill said the fashion van has worked out great so far.

"Kids put together the coolest clothing combinations we'd never even think of," she said. "Eventually we want the fashion van to tour the country."

Speaker chastises chicken for incinerator project

BY MELISSA HANKINS
Staff Reporter

One of the most well-known environmental activists in the world stood before a giant sketch of a yellow chicken Tuesday night and demanded to know why Delaware has such a measly recycling rate.

He also asked the bird why it supports and defends incineration, a waste-handling process found to be hazardous health wise and outrageously expensive.

The paper chicken he questioned was clearly labeled "Mr. Vasuki," as in N.C. Vasuki, head of the Delaware Solid Waste Authority.

Vasuki, who was unavailable for comment, was invited to and notably absent from Dr. Paul Connett's lecture in Kirkbride Hall, which was sponsored in part by the Student Environmental Action Coalition.

"If anyone asks you how to spell Vasuki, it's C-H-I-C-K-E-N," Connett said in reference to Vasuki's absence.

Connett, a professor of environmental chemistry at St. Lawrence University, has been to 35 different countries in an attempt to help society decide what to do with its trash.

He said he was hoping Vasuki would come to the lecture to answer some pressing, environmentally concerned questions.

But because Vasuki did not show, Connett said he was forced to direct these questions to a paper chicken.

"Why aren't companies looking for substitutions for toxins and wastes?" Connett asked.

"Society is ready to collapse around us, and no one is thinking about generations to come," he

said. "We are rubbing out our own future."

Connett said he came to the university to describe options to replace incineration, a practice against which the public has already revolted.

In 1985, more than 300 public incinerator propositions were defeated, and this year, only one incinerator proposal has even been considered — a proposal which Connett said is quickly dying.

The "dying" proposal stems from an attempt by the Delaware Solid Waste Authority to build an incinerator at Pigeon Point, a residential area south of Wilmington.

Alan Muller, head of Green Delaware, said when the Pigeon Point project met opposition, a new scheme developed to build the incinerator in Pennsville, N.J.

But this idea has also been blocked by opposition.

"These are two major victories in a war which we are still fighting," Muller said. "SEAC has had a large part in bringing the project down. Defeating incineration is no small feat. It will affect the health of thousands."

Connett said studies have shown increased cancer rates in communities with incinerators but that this is only one among many reasons incinerators are a poor choice overall.

Incinerators are extremely expensive and create very few jobs, making them a poor investment, he said.

They also do not reduce the landfill volume to the extent claimed, and he said three to five times more energy can be saved by reusing material than by burning it.

Connett said there are far better

alternatives to incineration which cost less and are beneficial to both the local and global environment.

These include the non-burn options of reusing, recycling and composting.

Connett also said he feels waste reduction is key and that the amount of trash produced can be cut down in several ways.

Encouraging local food and drink producers to use reusable containers, creating local taxes on bad packaging, and having waste audits of local manufacturers, businesses and institutions would all help, he said.

However, those who support incineration said they stand by the practice because it reduces the volume of material going to landfills, concentrates toxins to smaller volumes, and destroys most of the organic material.

With incineration, there is also no need to disturb the public because social policies will not have to change.

"You build an incinerator though, and you're asking for trouble," Connett said. "Protesters will make your life a living hell by demonstrating, lying down in front of trucks, whatever it takes."

"Above all else, we need to keep our waste solution simple and local."

"We need to stop asking the wrong question, 'Where do we put our waste?' and start asking the right one, 'How do we prevent it?'"

SEAC co-president Becky Crocker said she was impressed by what Connett had to say.

"Connett was a great speaker, energetic and knowledgeable. I only wish more than 20 people would have been there to hear it because recycling and trash disposal relates to us all."

Poet laureate visits campus

Maryland's former top writer read verses for a Gore Hall crowd

BY MEGHAN BALDINO
Staff Reporter

Award-winning poet Linda Pastan recited works from her latest publication to an audience of about 40 students and faculty Wednesday night at Gore Hall.

Pastan, former poet laureate of Maryland, read from "Carnival Evening," a collection of new poems and works selected from her nine previous volumes.

The collection documents the growth and change in Pastan's poetry over the past three decades.

Pastan's style encompasses her ability to take the most ordinary objects and subjects, and transform them into extraordinary revelations and experiences.

Reading in a smooth and gentle tone, Pastan struck a chord with the audience as her poems dealt with an array of emotions from the complexity of love and hate to the struggles of dealing with death and new beginnings.

Her own life experiences have influenced the writing of her poems.

One of her works, titled "RSVP Regrets Only," was derived from Pastan's receipt of an invitation, the formality of which she found ridiculous.

She expresses her bitterness towards the letter's style in the lines "I regret this invitation, its phony formality, its ink coming off like sin on my clean finger."

Many of Pastan's poems take a common thing and transform it into a declaration of feeling, creating a passionate experience. Another poem Pastan read,

"Butter," illustrated this trait, with lines like "then tasting my buttery fingers one by one and eyeing my breasts as if they too could, bobbing, churn pure milk to butter."

English professor Barbara Gates said he felt Pastan's poetry had a strong effect on Introduction to Poetry students she has had in past semesters. According to Gates, they identified with "the universality of emotions and the clarity of language."

Gates attended the reading and described Pastan's poetry as "deceptively simple and translucent." Besides her own life, Pastan also uses nature to add color and texture to her poetry. Looking out of a window of her home in Potomac, Md., to her six acres of oak trees, Pastan said she writes what she sees.

Pastan said she also enjoys writing about the biblical figure Eve for she finds her to be "a very complicated and fascinating person who has many interpretations."

Pastan is also the recipient of numerous literary awards including the Dylan Thomas Award and the Maurice English Award.

The poetry reading was sponsored by the English department and is one in a series for Pastan as she visits several universities and colleges including Swarthmore College, Towson University and the University of Maryland.

History prof wins Columbia award

The Bancroft Prize recipient earned the honor with her new book

BY LINDSAY AUTEN
Staff Reporter

A university history professor received Columbia University's Bancroft Prize last week for her latest book about the beginnings of the Christian evangelical movement.

Christine Heyrman was one of three recipients of the annual \$4,000 prize at a ceremony last Wednesday in New York City.

"I'm thrilled, delighted," Heyrman said. "This was very unexpected."

The Bancroft Prize, named for

historian and author Frederic

Bancroft, has recognized individuals

for the exceptional merit of their

historical, diplomatic or biographical

books over the past 50 years.

Heyrman's book, "Southern

Cross: The Beginnings of the Bible

Belt," was published last year. The

book traces the roots of evangelical

Protestantism in the South during the

period of 1740 to 1840.

David Pong, chairman of the

history department, said the award is

considered by many to be the highest

honor bestowed upon writers of

American history.

Pong called the prize

prestigious and said the

department is very proud

of Heyrman.

"We have been

extremely fortunate in

that we have had three

winners on our faculty

over the years," Pong

said.

Heyrman first became

interested in the subject

of her book when Jimmy

Carter was elected

president. The movement

played a large role in his

victory.

"This movement was a

considerable force in

American politics," she

said. "When my students

would question me about

it, I found there were

very few books to help

me answer their

questions. So I wrote my

own."

"Southern Cross" is a

fictional story backed by

almost 10 years of research as it follows a number of individuals through their experiences with the evangelical movement.

The book has received positive reviews from the New York Times, the Washington Post and the Boston Globe.

Heyrman graduated from Macalester College in 1971 and then went on to earn her doctorate from Yale University in 1977.

She has written two other books and taught at the University of California at Irvine, Brandeis University and Yale.

Heyrman, the director of graduate studies in the history department, has been a member of the university faculty for eight years and currently teaches courses on the history of American religion and early American history.

Recipients of the Bancroft Prize are chosen by a Columbia University panel consisting of mostly historians.

Past winners at the university include Peter Kolchin and Richard Bushman. Bushman is now serving on the faculty of Columbia University.



Special to The Review
History Professor Christine Heyrman has earned the prestigious Bancroft Prize.

New club serves community youth

The Mentors Club is designed to provide role models for local grade schoolers

BY MARYCHRISTINE DALY
Copy Editor

The University Mentors Club, which became an official student organization Monday, encourages college students to serve as mentors and role models for younger students.

The club's president, Kerri Hall, said the group is designed around numerous service projects targeting children between first and eighth grades.

Lisa Diller, director of the First State Mentors' Corps, said the newly established organization was developed in order to provide students with an opportunity to learn about mentoring and working closely with children in the community.

Currently, the club works through the YWCA, Girls INC. and Helping One Student To Succeed, an in-school program.

Junior Nicole Jeter, a member of the new group, said, "With mentoring, you can go anywhere from being more like a friend to more like a tutor."

Jeter continues her HOSTS volunteer work at Shue-Medill Middle School as well as being involved in University Mentors Club.

Although her work at Shue-Medill involves coaching seventh

graders at a third-grade reading level, Jeter said she thinks the students truly enjoy the time she spends with them.

"The kids always seem happy to see you and it's great to see the progress they are making over time," she said. "It's almost like you get more out of it than the kids themselves."

Jeter volunteers roughly 10 to 12 hours per week, but it is not a club requirement to spend that many hours in service. Hall said the club would accept members who are willing to give as little as 30 minutes per week.

Hall said the club expects to coordinate a six-week mentoring session with Shue-Medill's female students.

The purpose of the session is to give adolescent girls the opportunity to discuss sensitive issues with college women. They plan to address eating disorders, body image, sex and drugs.

In addition, Hall said the club also hopes the project will encourage the girls to look forward to pursuing a college education.

The club plans to offer mentor training workshops for college students. The instruction will cover techniques on active listening, which encourage children to open up and feel understood.

Although training is not required to become a member of the club, Hall said it may be helpful with gaining the younger students' confidence.

The club would also like to invite the children they work with to an on-campus mentor fair at the end of May.

"A lot of the kids are curious about us and what our life is like on campus," Hall said. "They would love to walk around and experience it."

Since the University Mentors Club currently has only about 20 members, Hall said, "We're hoping to grow by word of mouth."

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Integrity more important than appeasement, cartoonist says

BY MARIA DAL PAN
Staff Reporter

Maintaining integrity in the face of over-sensitive interest groups is one of the most important elements of successful reporting, a Pulitzer prize-winning political cartoonist told about 100 journalism students Wednesday night at Kirkbride Hall. Philadelphia Daily News artist Signe Wilkinson, who has cartoons in syndication across the country,

said her profession promotes several visual stereotypes. However physical differences among people, like skin color, roundness of eyes and lip size, do exist, she added. Although hateful stereotyping in her field has almost disappeared, she said, various interest groups continue to over-scrutinize political cartoons. "Every interest group in America has taken extreme sensitivity

training," she joked, "and is willing to see insults in every misplaced comma." Wilkinson knows first-hand what it's like to be interrogated for insensitivity. About three years ago, a Pennsylvania high school newspaper reprinted one of her cartoons, raising fury among town residents who believed the drawing to be racist. Ultimately, the satirical value of

Wilkinson's work prevailed, and the school board backed the paper's decision. But the experience taught both the students and Wilkinson a priceless lesson about the strength of the press. "There's a power to do good and a power to piss people off unintentionally," she said. Wilkinson presented several of her cartoons, pointing out the ones that received the most criticism.

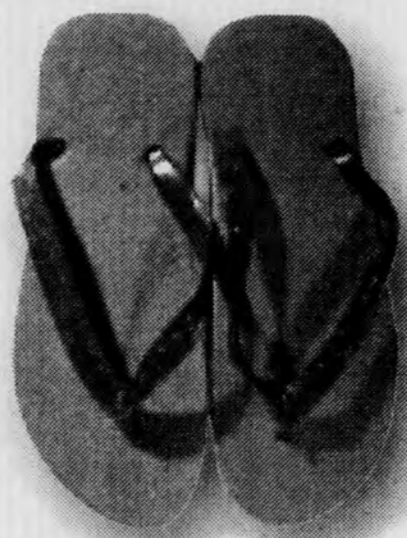
In one, she presented stereotypical images of teachers, Chicanos and Arabs. Mocking people sensitive to the exaggerated characteristics, Wilkinson drew the same figures as identical Anglo-Saxon business men in the final frame. "When you airbrush out the rough patches or the unflattering angles, you're fudging the truth," she said. "Your readers will know it, no matter what color they are."

Though her work has taken on its share of criticism, Wilkinson said the political cartoon is "the most protected spot in the newspaper," citing Hustler magazine publisher Larry Flynt's Supreme Court case as a ground-breaker for cartoonists. But while the political cartoon is safeguarded legally, Wilkinson said the freedom of her colleagues has been somewhat abridged. Threats interest groups have made to boycott newspapers based on the

content of their cartoons have limited what papers consider fit to print. "Every ethnic and professional group wants to control its own image," she said, "and any cartoonist who doesn't make members of that group look sufficiently handsome, well-groomed and intelligent is in for trouble."

Journalism students walked away from Wilkinson's speech with more than just a few giggles at her artwork. "In an age of extreme political correctness, it was very refreshing to listen to someone who actually cared to speak the truth," said Greg Spies, a sophomore. Sophomore Gina Benvenuti was also enthusiastic about the speaker. "Even though I'm interested in print journalism and not cartooning as a career, I thought she was very interesting," she said.

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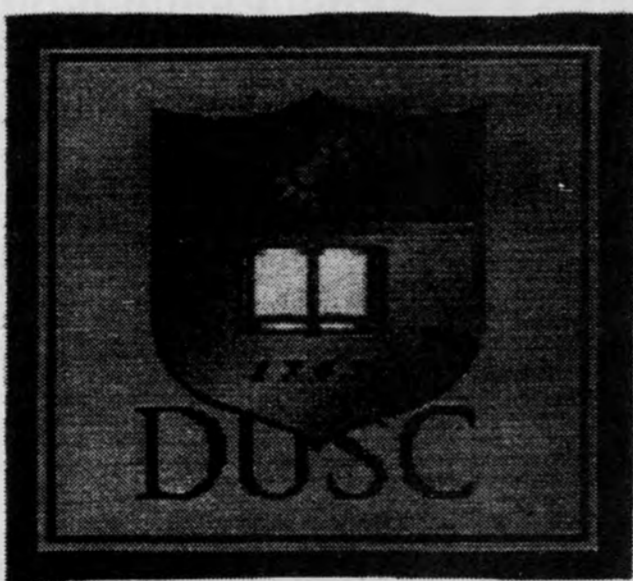
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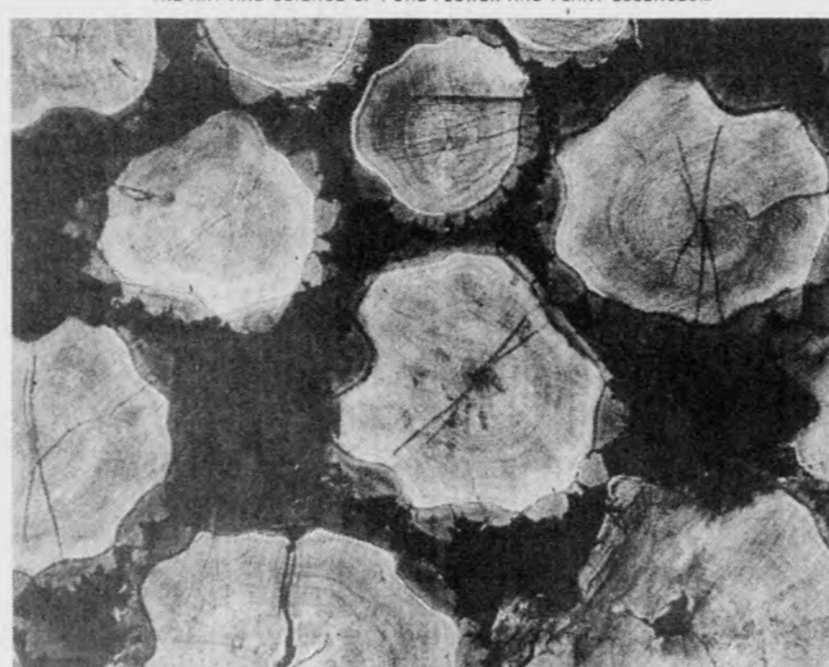
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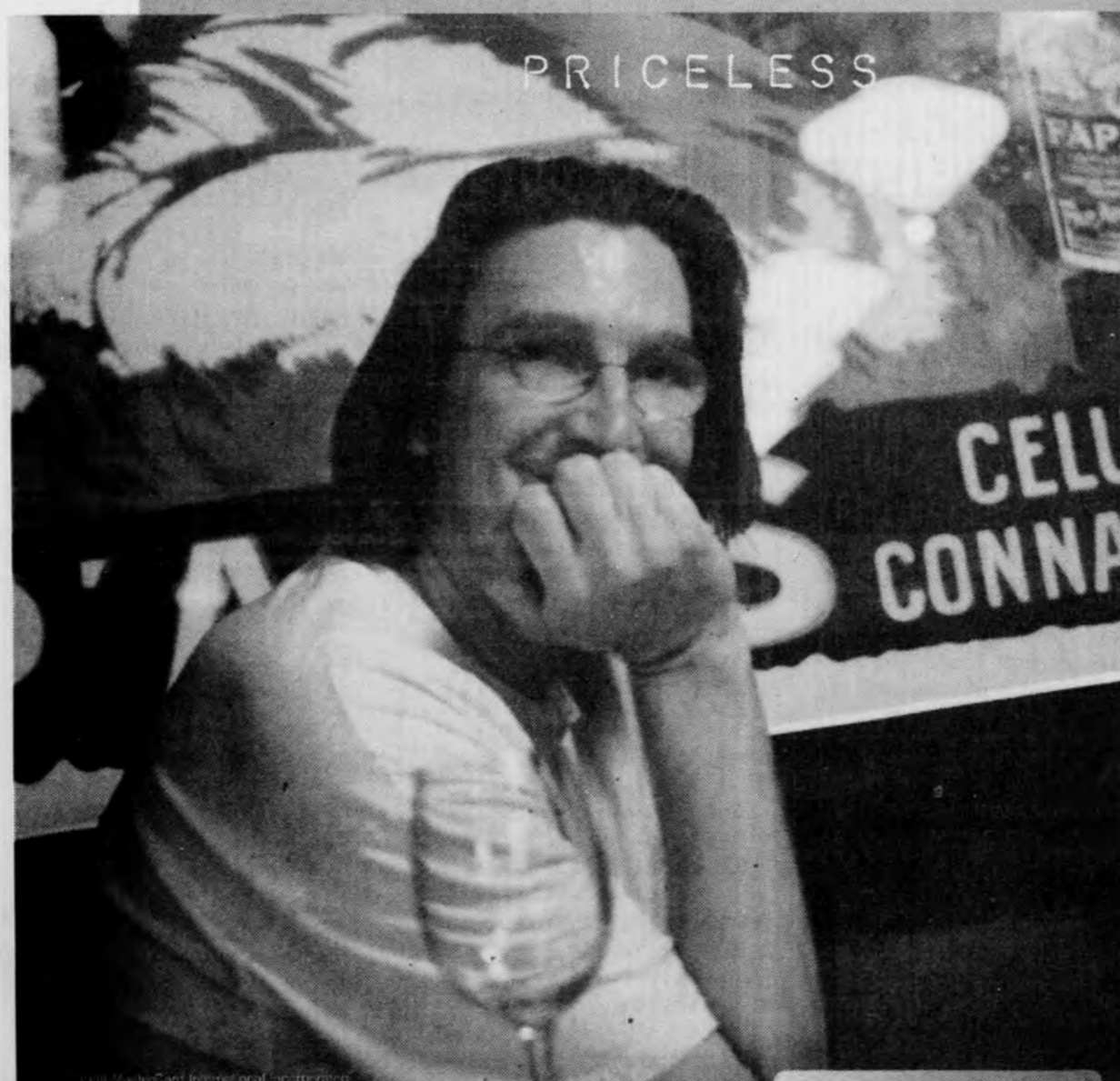
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THE REVIEW Editorial

Banning old prejudices

The Faculty Senate's decision not to punish Greeks shows just how far each has come

In 1992, the Faculty Senate proposed a ban on all Greek pledging by 1997, punishing the group for its numerous academic and behavioral failings.

This week, the Faculty Senate threw out the proposed ban by an overwhelming margin, rewarding a much-different Greek system for a job well-done.

The decision was a no-brainer. Clearly, the past maladies of the Greeks, known more for their judicial appearances than their academic prowess, do not reflect the attitudes of the fraternities and sororities today.

The Greeks have themselves to thank for that. The Five Star Accreditation Program has forced many of the organizations to reevaluate their goals and values.

And the groups have responded.

The all-fraternity GPA rose above the all-men's average for the first time in the last 10 years. All Greeks have become more focused on meeting their service and academic requirements than just their social role at the university.

The change has not gone unnoticed. The Faculty Senate should be commended for

recognizing the responsibility and maturity the Greeks have found. Their decision to extend the pledge process to six weeks, a period preferred by the organizations, is a further sign of respect by the senate.

But that respect should not be taken lightly.

The Greeks must realize that the threat of a ban is not gone. There are many at this university who still view the fraternities and sororities as the havens of alcoholism, harassment and all that is evil.

And the pledge ban passed in 1992 was not without justification. At that time, the Greeks at this university needed drastic improvement. Unless the current standard is maintained, the old detrimental atmosphere could reappear in the Greek system.

Right now, the five-star system provides a good framework for staying focused. But already problems have arisen: several fraternities' ratings were elevated conveniently at Homecoming based on what amounted to no more than promises.

Often, maintaining a level of respectability can be just as difficult as achieving it in the first place.

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Post-election questions

Already, the mayor-elect has succeeded and failed in his new role

In his first few hours as mayor-elect of Newark, Hal Godwin made a brilliant move designed to heal one of the city's ugliest wounds.

At the same time, he poured salt in another sore.

Godwin announced Tuesday that as mayor he plans to form an advisory council of 20 to 25 Newark residents to keep him in touch with the problems and concerns of the city he will soon lead.

That panel, he promised, will include students.

While he failed to nail down a concrete number of seats for students, the mayor elect did say various campus organizations could nominate representatives for the board. Such access to the city's top official could give students the first steps towards a real voice in Newark government.

The seats are not the solution to the matter; A student seat or committee with City Council should be the end goal of any socially minded Delaware student.

But for now, this step shows Godwin has learned that the only way to help students is to really listen to students.

In the proposed formation of a committee, he has started tending to the painful

separation between the city and the university.

Unfortunately, that same day he ripped open another gash just as it was beginning to heal.

After Councilwoman Nancy Turner's defeat, Godwin cheered wildly and remarked, "If there's one thing this town won't tolerate, it's dirty politics — and there's proof."

While the voters expressed their dissatisfaction with Turner's tactics, the embarrassing glee which Godwin showed at her defeat was unprofessional and immature.

Clearly, the voters sent their message to Turner. Godwin did not need to interpret it to his own liking and use his new position to slander someone who did what she believed was serving her constituents.

Our mayor-elect has also made mistakes in the past. Perhaps he should be thanking the voters for overlooking them rather than using the public to justify his own feelings of animosity.

In the future, we hope Godwin uses his position to help the city, as he has with his committee proposal, and not cause further injury.

For now, we'll keep the Band-Aids handy.

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Letters to the Editor

Don't vote, don't complain

Election time is here. Not for the president of the United States or your state senator, but for something that more closely affects you.

Every year at this time the Delaware Undergraduate Student Congress holds campuswide elections to determine the new DUSC president and executive board.

And even though most of you may not know this, that person is your student body president, the person who represents students' interests to the university.

We need competition in our student government to keep representing student's needs and interests to the fullest

administration and faculty, the person that is supposed to lead the student body into the future, the person who devotes one year of his or her life to you.

But there is a problem here. For the past two years there has been only one person running for each position, hence no real need for an election. And although DUSC has continued to be a healthy and active organization through this drought of electoral opposition, this can't go on forever.

We need competition in our student government to keep representing students needs and interests to the fullest. An election which is determined by you, the voters, keeps ideas fresh and makes sure the best person for the job wins.

Yet again, this year looks like there may only be one person involved in each of the executive board positions. Regardless of their qualifications, this is not good for the organization or the university.

So I'm presenting a challenge to all of you. If you think you could be a student body president, and have a working knowledge of DUSC, then run. Registration for the election ends April 22 at 4:30 p.m. and will be held in room 218 of the Trabant University Center.

And for those of you who can't or won't run, vote. A low turnout at the polls only gives the university administration one more reason to say students don't care.

Voting gives you a free ticket to complain to DUSC about the student situation and tell us what you want us to do about it.

If you don't run or don't vote, don't complain.

Mike Sauers
DUSC president

Parents not always to blame for children

In her April 3 editorial, Miss Laura Sankowich is very right when she states that she is "a naive, idealistic college student with no children of her own." I hope she keeps a copy of this article to re-read when she is a little older and wiser struggling with teen-agers of her own.

Children are individuals and pretty much BORN with the personalities that they will carry through their lives.

As a parent myself, I have spent many a night crying myself to sleep wondering where I went wrong. After many sleepless nights and many life observations, I have discovered "I" didn't go wrong.

Children are individuals and

are pretty much born with the personalities that they will carry through their lives. As parents, we just have to do the best we can to guide them and pray for the best. At some point in their lives (I'm told) they may have a revelation and find that Mom and Dad were not as stupid as they thought.

Then all those good qualities that you tried so hard to instill in them will surface.

Unlike Miss Sankowich, I believe that society has a lot of influence on a child, far too much. As parents we feel we are fighting a losing battle and that is where the frustration sets in.

We unfortunately have become a very immoral society. We have become more concerned with protecting everyone's individual rights than the direction that our society is going.

But that is an issue in itself.

I truly feel sorry for my children and children of your generation. You will never know the innocence in life that I and those of my generation were privileged to grow up with. We didn't have the material things that are expected possession for the young these days but we had so much more.

Rose Gaasbeck
Newark Resident

Review's reviews not balanced enough

I read the recent letter by Jayson Rodriguez and agreed completely. I feel as though The Review should address the issues of all people who attend the university.

I regret not speaking up earlier but I have been very busy. If the university is going to portray itself as a diverse school, then it should be open-minded and address the interest of all students who do attend.

I do not feel the university is a comforting place for everyone, but if there were more attempts to incorporate the different

tastes of people, there would be a difference.

Please do review the latest hip-hop and R&B music that comes out.

This may not be my only musical choice, but I would prefer to have my options open.

If you are going to review music such as this, get someone

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who knows about this type of music. This will ensure that a quality review will be done.

C-bo is no one that I have ever heard of and doubt ever will.

Jeni Dykes

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Earth week should be for celebration, not lamentation

The week of the environmentalist has arrived — Earth week is April 19 to 26. I considered writing a column full of gloomy statistics about how we must pay for our environmental sins, but I'd rather not reduce environmentalism to one big guilt trip.

Earth week is for celebrating the Earth as it is, for better or worse. It is a week for environmentalists to relax for a few days and enjoy the work that has been done toward protecting the planet and to enjoy the Earth itself. It is a week to look past the billboards, landfills, clearcuts and smog to remember how we all got started on this campaign for a clean Earth.

Earth week is a spiritual time for reflecting not on man's relationship to nature but on our own individual relationships to nature. The Earth is under us everywhere we go, even if its power is trapped by bricks and cement.

It seems fairly fashionable to describe feeling moved by nature, but I have not heard many specific accounts from others. It is important for

us to share these kinds of experiences with everyone to validate each others' revelations in the outdoors so that we preserve the sacred value of the earth.

We must also realize that great moments outdoors do not have to take place in a deserted wilderness but can happen almost anywhere if we are open to them. One of the most intoxicating and inspiring moments of my life occurred as I wandered along the famous cliff walk in Rhode Island. I stopped at a high point to look out over the ocean and suddenly was swept away by a feeling of pure ecstasy. I was in the midst of friends and other tourists, but the feeling captured me despite the distractions.

But there is no pressure to visit remote areas of the Earth in order to experience its beauty or power. We must learn to find the spirit of the Earth in the midst of civilization. The idea that only parts of the Earth are sacred works directly against the preservation of the whole planet. Fragmentation is not only disastrous for wildlife but for our psyches as well.

Why should spiritual bliss be available to only experienced backpackers?

In addition, scientific data is the source of much of the environmentalist's ammunition in the campaign for a healthy planet. But to what extent does science lessen our emotional understanding of nature?

A beautiful poem by William Blake begins

"To see a world in a grain of sand and heaven in a wildflower ..." I just can't help but picture bending over a wildflower saying to myself, "stigma, carpal, anther ... but where is heaven?"

I am not bashing science, only suggesting that we should not leave behind the undissected view of nature in our eagerness to explore its inner workings. There are times when it does not matter how a bird is technically able to fly through the air; it is just mystical to watch.

There is no pressure to know how everything works, only to appreciate that it does.

So Earth week is a time to feel comfortable in our relationship with the Earth and satisfied with our knowledge of it.

Anyone can be an Earth lover. It is time to put away the quest for more knowledge to instead see the deeper spiritual experience. It is a time to impose our own vision and imagination upon the present landscape of everyday life.

Dissatisfaction can be for all the other weeks of the year. Without the indulgence of acceptance we may risk losing hope for our Earth.

SEAC is sponsoring a number of activities to celebrate the Earth as it is. We plan to make the most of Earth week and hope you will join us.

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Inexperience means tragedy on road of life



Chrissi Pruitt

For the Record

Many know the feeling of the exhilarating joy experienced when mom and dad hand over the keys to the family truckster:

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But disaster lurks on back roads and blind turns and high-speed highways. Teen-age drivers are nearing the endangered species list on the road of life.

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, which analyzed fatal automobile accident reports from 1975 to 1996, reported Tuesday that the death rate for 16-year-olds had nearly doubled.

This has caused an uproar among interest groups advocating tougher licensing systems that would increase driving privileges as experience increases.

The insurance industry, not surprisingly, stands behind a three-step system. The procedure would include a learner's phase, which would require a licensed driver in the car, for six months; an intermediate phase in which night driving and driving with other teen-agers is prohibited; followed by full privileges for drivers who complete the other phases without incident.

While this is great for the insurance, what is the benefit for teen-age drivers?

They would have to wait an extra year for the invigorating wind-through-the-hair radio-pumping kind of feeling. It might also mean a few extra years of life.

The state of Delaware's licensing process requires the passing of a driver's education course and 60 days of driving experience with a licensed driver.

That's it. Legislators have been toying around with making the legal driving age 17 and adding steps to elongate the learning process. In the meantime, thousands of teen-agers' lives hang in the balance.

I started driving alone at 16, and thankfully my parents were responsible enough to draw up their own set of rules beyond the state's.

After getting my license in January, I drove the mandatory two months

with my parents plus an extra five months until they felt comfortable enough to let me loose on the roads.

A month later on a rain-streaked road, I wrapped my car around a tree.

I was not speeding. The radio was even at a respectable level.

I lacked experience. Instead of driving my car, my car was driving me.

That late summer evening, I learned a great deal and realized I had a lot to be grateful for.

I had hit the only rotted-out tree on the road. When the car made impact with the tree, the dead wood absorbed the shock of the car and kept me from being crushed.

The next day we drove by the garage where my car was being held. I could not believe I had made it through the crash with only minor cuts, whiplash and a concussion.

I was lucky. We've all lost friends and siblings, and acquaintances.

What terrifies me even more about the recent release of the statistics is my baby sister just turned 16.

She's a little wild, and I am afraid for her on the roads. My parents are doing the same thing they did with me and my 18-year-old sister: They are taking it slow and adjusting her privileges with the comfort level they experience with her driving skills.

But I am certain that with the added help of a statewide law, the burden would be slightly eased.

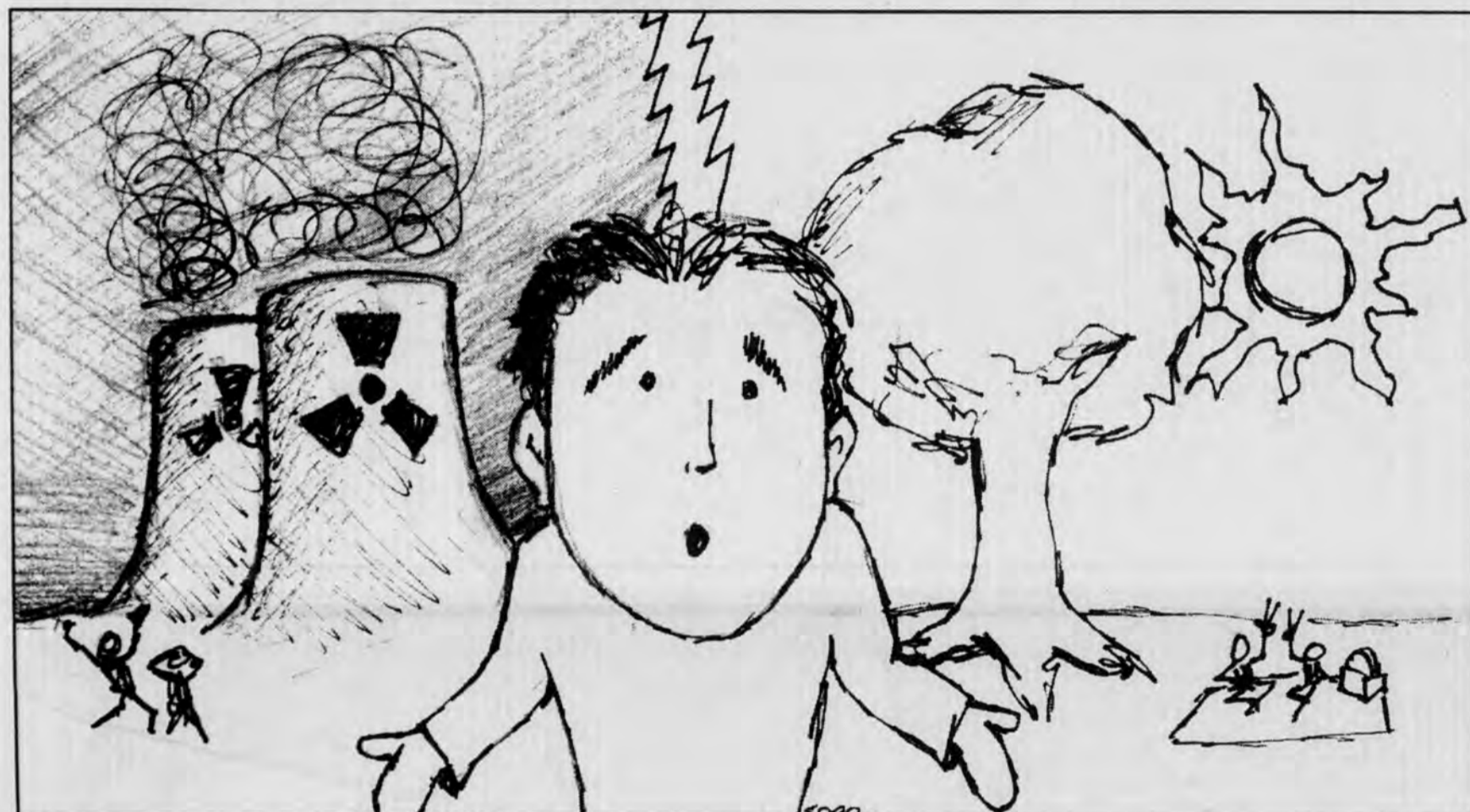
I realize there are people who drive as soon as possible out of necessity either job- or family-related. But I know my parents would rather be inconvenienced for an extra year than be childless.

My sister is probably whining right now, wondering why she is being punished. The systems that require learning phases are not meant to be disciplinary maneuvers. Rather, they are precautionary measures that would provide extra experience and training skills.

It is a scary thought. Teen-agers, as mature and invincible as they think they are, need help and guidance. They are not adults and should not be treated as such.

I would rather be accused of babying my sister than throwing her to the wolves that cruise the paved enigmas we call highways.

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American gesture not in Africa's best interest

President Bill Clinton's recent trip to Africa raised a number of interesting issues. Ostensibly, the trip was designed to promote greater trade between the United States and the world's poorest continent in an attempt to help Africa shed its Third World shackles.



Nathaniel Heller

Critical Thinking

While this has been true for the most part, there have also been a number of issues which, at this early stage, have illustrated the inherent difficulties with such a project. The most important development thus far has been South African President Nelson Mandela's refusal to accept the African Growth and Opportunity Act recently passed by the House.

On the surface, it seems like a missed opportunity for South Africa. But when examined closely, it is clear that Mandela has made the correct decision in rejecting the U.S. proposal.

The act, House Resolution 1432, calls for increased trade, lower tariffs and trade barriers, and economic development in sub-Saharan Africa, while promising assistance from the United States. The act also calls for such ambitious items as a future sub-Saharan free trade zone (see NAFTA).

Entry into this economic cooperative group requires the prospective countries to demonstrate a number of Western characteristics: a democratic state free of corruption, an open market economy with little control by the state, and a social structure that promotes human rights and equality.

In fact, the act is relatively

lenient, providing a loophole where any country moving toward these criteria is still eligible. This loophole is needed, as almost none of the potential African partners adequately fulfill all the criteria.

This all seems well and good. "If you shape up and behave," the United States is saying to Africa, "we'll help you set up a McDonald's at every corner."

So why wouldn't Mandela and South Africa, possibly the strongest economy of the prospective nations and the one with the most to gain, accept the proposal?

The answer is that Mandela sees the many ulterior motives for such a U.S. plan.

First, he realizes that the plan is the brainchild of a president who needs a short-term political win on the international scene.

Clinton's presidency and its place in history (of which he is keenly aware) has been marred by consistent foreign policy failures such as Bosnia and Rwanda. He is looking for a quick fix, possibly to help frame the November elections for his fellow Democrats in Congress. His intentions are not completely altruistic.

But more importantly, the act, if accepted, would place a cleverly hidden restriction on South Africa in an effort to promote U.S. national interests.

In Section (4)(b)(7), with regard to membership eligibility, the act states that a country will be considered based on "Whether or not such country engages in activities that undermine U.S. national security or foreign policy interests." Mandela has correctly interpreted this crucial sentence to mean that he will be expected to discontinue trade and relations with such countries as Cuba, Libya and Iran, all of whom the United States consider a threat to national interests.

Unfortunately, these three countries were the biggest

supporters of the anti-Apartheid movement. Mandela has suggested that anyone thinking he will betray their past support "can go jump in a pool."

cooperation and expects South Africa to play along with American efforts to extend a sphere of influence into Africa.

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How do we judge the United States based on this information? Badly.

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a limited threat to market disruption and no threat to U.S. jobs [Sec. (8)(a)(1)]. If there isn't going to be major change in the market, then why are we pursuing it? Again, this points to ulterior motives.

America continually expects the world to bend over backwards in an effort to engage itself with America economically. Not only is this point of view elitist but it is also fundamentally flawed.

U.S. leadership should realize that now is the time for the United States to seek out peaceful and productive relationships with former enemies.

For example, South Africa is wiser than the United States for choosing to engage itself with Cuba. Cuba recently signed a \$19 million aid package with China, and Japan agreed on March 30 to forgive and restructure much of the \$300 million Cuban debt owed to Japan in an effort to stimulate trade between the two countries.

Furthermore, the Pentagon said last week that Cuba is so weak militarily that it is no longer considered a threat outside of its borders.

Finally, the U.N. Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean recently released a report titled, "The Cuban Economy: Structural Reforms and Performance in the '90's," in which it made note of the continued progress of Cuba toward a free and open economy.

Why the continued refusal on the part of the United States to engage with Cuba? Archaic and outdated Cold War fears continue to drive segments of American foreign policy. Until they are eradicated, the United States will find it increasingly difficult to find international friends willing to engage in partnerships that favor America.

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Senate reverses pledge proposal

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emphasis on education.

"I think we've seen a turnaround in the seriousness with which fraternities and sororities are taking scholarship," he said. "For the moment, Greek organizations should be applauded."

Provost Melvyn Schiavelli also applauded what he said was a "remarkable turnaround" in the academic performance of fraternities and sororities.

Noel Hart, coordinator of Greek Affairs, gave evidence of this academic turnaround, saying the Five Star Chapter Evaluation Program implemented last year has led to a reversal in these negative trends.

"Groups have embraced the system," she said. In the fall of 1996, only one of 18 fraternities had a GPA above the all-male student average, she said. As of last fall, nine of 20 fraternities had higher GPAs than the all-men average, and the overall average GPA for fraternity members was higher than the all-men average.

Sororities have also shown improvement, Hart said. At the end of the fall semester of 1996, five of 11 sororities had GPAs above the all-women student average. That number had doubled by the end of last semester.

The overall average GPA for sorority members was significantly above the all-women average, Hart said, with sorority members at 3.02 and non-sorority members at 2.89.

Many members of the Faculty Senate seemed impressed by this data.

Timothy Brooks, vice-president for Student Life, said in addition to academic improvements, fraternities have also reduced their disciplinary problems.

In the years preceding the five-star system, fraternities averaged 10 to 12 infractions a year, including alcohol policy violations, Brooks said. However, there were only two problems this school year.

In addition to improved academics and decreasing behavioral incidents, there are other reasons to increase the time allotted for new member education.

Members of Greek organizations also applauded the Faculty Senate's decision to expand the pledge period.

Caterson said the increased pledge education period will ease the academic pressures on new members.

"We were really kind of hypocrites, trying to improve academics, but making new members learn all this information," she said.

"Nationals aren't happy when they hear we only have a four-week pledge period, because it's too hard on students."

Frank D'Andrea, pledge educator for Sigma Alpha Epsilon, said expanding the pledge period would help new members.

"It's going to not put as much stress on the guys."

Forbes speaks to Del. crowd

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without a clear mandate from citizens who recognize a legitimate need for higher taxes.

The future burden of a floundering social security system, Forbes said, is also an issue that must be addressed.

Comparing social security to an "iceberg" impeding the continued progress of the nation, Forbes said he supports a system in which people can funnel their social security payments into an individual retirement account.

"A young couple working today would be virtual millionaires by the

time they retired," he said.

Forbes also said it was important to give parents greater control in the education system.

Giving parents a choice in where their children will be schooled will create competition, he said, forcing improvements in the nation's educational system.

"Accountability works in education, too," Forbes said.

"President Clinton didn't send his child to that [public] school," he said. "Why should parents who are striving to improve their children's lives be

forced to send them there?"

It is also important to take health care power away from HMOs and give it back to the people, Forbes said.

Condemning the current health care community as "penny-wise but sense-foolish," he said citizens should be able to choose their own doctors and set up their own medical savings accounts to pay medical costs.

Forbes said he will make his final decision on whether he will campaign for the Republican nomination after the upcoming November Congressional elections.

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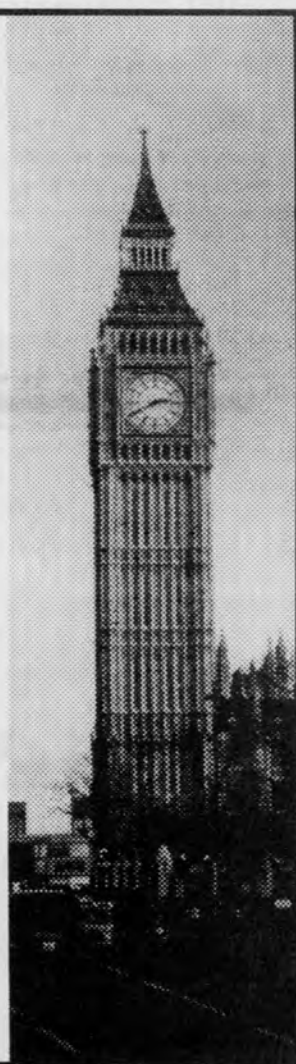
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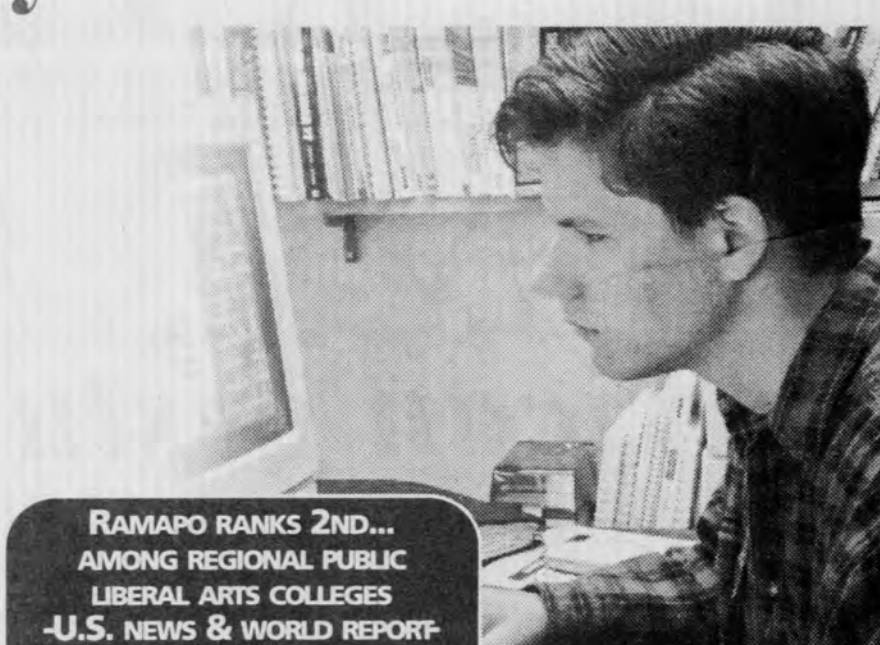
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Power Surge

As technology accelerates life, some say, it's disconnecting us

BY MICHAEL D. BULLARD
Assistant Entertainment Editor

With the blink of an eye, new technology now makes it possible to bring people together from all over the world. With video conferencing technology, people can see and hear each other without being in the same room or country.

But it wasn't too long ago that the most reliable form of communication was a couple of tin cans connected with a string. Then Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone. Once it was attached to the wall, then it could be carried around the house and now you can take your phone anywhere and everywhere.

With the surge in technology, life has changed. Cellular phones, computers and e-mail allow easy communication. While some find this comforting and an essential part of life, others reject the necessity as being harmful on moral and financial grounds.

Vivian Klaff, a university sociology professor, says there are positive and negative aspects to modern technology.

"We're able to communicate more quickly than ever before," he says, "and we have access to a greater amount of information."

But Klaff says technology may stifle creativity and make society more disconnected.

"We don't have to work together with people," he says. "We can work at home and use fax machines and teleconferencing. It's now possible to have people talking together from 10 different locations."

Junior Fuad Naeem is skeptical of these new benefits. He does not like most of the recent technological advances because of their effects on society.

"I try to use as little technology as possible because I see that using it gets us further and further away from nature," he says. "It almost makes us less and less spiritual, more attached to material things."

He says he doesn't think technology in itself is evil but that it leads people away from doing things the way they have for many years. Instead of turning inward to find peace, they will spend time in front of televisions and video games.

"For little things, it can be useful but in the big picture, the harmful effects outweigh the beneficial ones," he says. "It makes things more complicated."

On the flip side of the coin is sophomore Mike Gleason who clearly loves the new technologies available to him.

"I think it's awesome," Gleason says, "because communication is the key to everything."

Jumping on the technology bandwagon, Gleason bought a cellular phone that he uses despite its expensive cost.

"I use it mainly to let people know where I am when I'm in the car, where I'm going or if I'll be late and that sort of thing," Gleason says. "But I'd use it a lot more if it didn't cost 20 cents a minute."

Gleason says although many drivers are a menace while talking on their phone—not paying attention to what they're doing—he is not one of them. "Honestly, I don't think it has any effect on my driving," he says.

Sheryl Persinger, a 36-year-old university senior, is not a fan of the recent technological boom. She just doesn't see the need for cellular phones in everyone's glove compartment.

"They're a danger on the roads," she says. "I've seen many people gabbing on the phone and not paying attention to what they're doing."

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THE REVIEW / Bob Weill

DRUG ADDICTION REACHES THE HEART — AND THE MIND

Doctors told Ben Schwartz, a cocaine addict, he would die from an aggravated heart condition if he kept using

BY LIZ JOHNSON
Student Affairs Editor

Ben Schwartz remembers it as if it were yesterday.

Before he knew exactly what was happening, he found himself lying on a cold metal table with a team of doctors surrounding him. He wasn't put under anesthesia for this operation—he was wide awake throughout the whole procedure.

"There were all these little paper napkins all over my body, except for the places they were working on," Schwartz recalls. "So I'm lying there almost naked, with all these doctors around me, and all I can see is their eyes."

Almost a year later, Schwartz looks back at his experience, shuddering that if he hadn't changed his ways, he would surely be dead.

The Doors' music is playing in the background, a tie-dyed sheet is hanging across the ceiling and a cloud of smoke fills the room. Schwartz is sitting on the edge of his bed, dragging slowly and deeply

on a cigarette, coughing slightly as he exhales. His bleached blond hair gives off a slight glow in the black light. He takes a final drag and crushes the cigarette.

"At first," he says, "I saw my heart as a defective thing, as a health risk. But then I realized it was really a blessing in disguise." As he talks, almost unconsciously, he massages the left side of his chest.

Schwartz, a freshman, had invasive heart surgery one year ago to correct a pre-existing heart defect aggravated by his addiction to cocaine. The cocaine he snorted frequently could have killed him at any moment.

He was diagnosed with Wolff Parkinson's White Syndrome. The heart usually has two electrical nodes which act as natural pacemakers, but with WPW, the heart has three, making it beat irregularly.

Schwartz is from Long Island where he grew up in a middle-class family. Before he started doing

drugs, his grades were good and he participated in many extra-curricular activities, including sports. Once he got into high school, however, all of that changed.

He says his addiction started in ninth grade, when he began drinking with some high school seniors at a local hang-out, the Trestle. He describes it as a place where a bonfire was always burning, the beers were always flowing and a joint or two were always being passed around.

"I always think it's funny because the first time I smoked a joint I felt like I really didn't have a choice," he says. One night at the Trestle, a friend just handed him a joint, so he smoked it. "I always think it's so weird how I didn't even think about it," he says. "I just smoked the pot."

But his addiction grew and he began using LSD in 10th grade. For three or four months, he did acid almost exclusively.

He started using cocaine the summer before 11th grade and continued until his senior year when he realized it was time to slow down his drug use a little. When his girlfriend urged him to join more extra-curricular activities, like soccer, he did.

When he went for his physical exam, an electrocardiogram revealed an irregular heartbeat.

He had to wear a portable heart monitor the next day to figure out why his heart was beating irregularly. When he went back to talk to his doctor, his mother was with him. The doctor asked him if he had been doing drugs, and Schwartz remembers, "This was the first time I ever had to admit it in front of my mother."

He says his parents accepted his addiction, but they were concerned about his physical well-being.

The drugs Schwartz was taking, especially the cocaine, made his condition even more deadly. His doctor told him the story of Len Bias, the second pick of the 1986 NBA draft, who also had WPW and died two days after being drafted by the Boston Celtics. Instead of continuing the Celtics' legacy of championships, Bias snorted cocaine—the drug sped up the beating of his heart, killing him.

As soon as Schwartz knew what the risks were, he stopped doing cocaine. "That's all the convincing I needed," Schwartz says, clicking his tongue ring against his teeth.

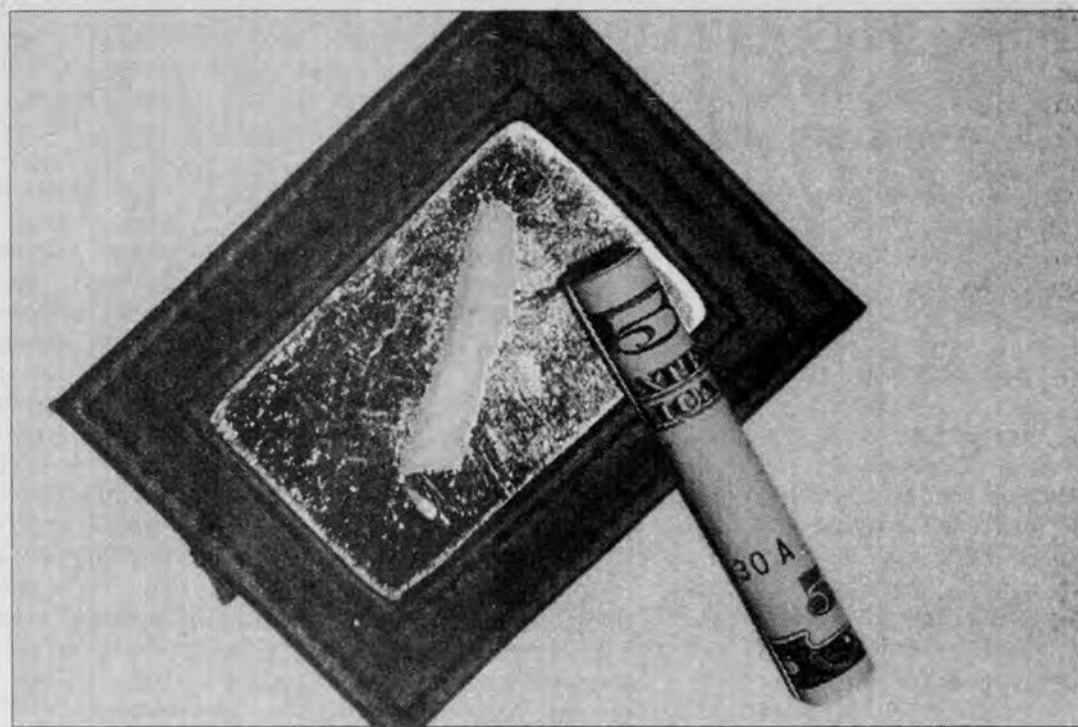
Schwartz and his doctor decided that it was best to operate on his condition as quickly as possible.

During the operation, a number of probes were inserted into the veins of his right leg so the doctors could find the extra electrical node in his heart.

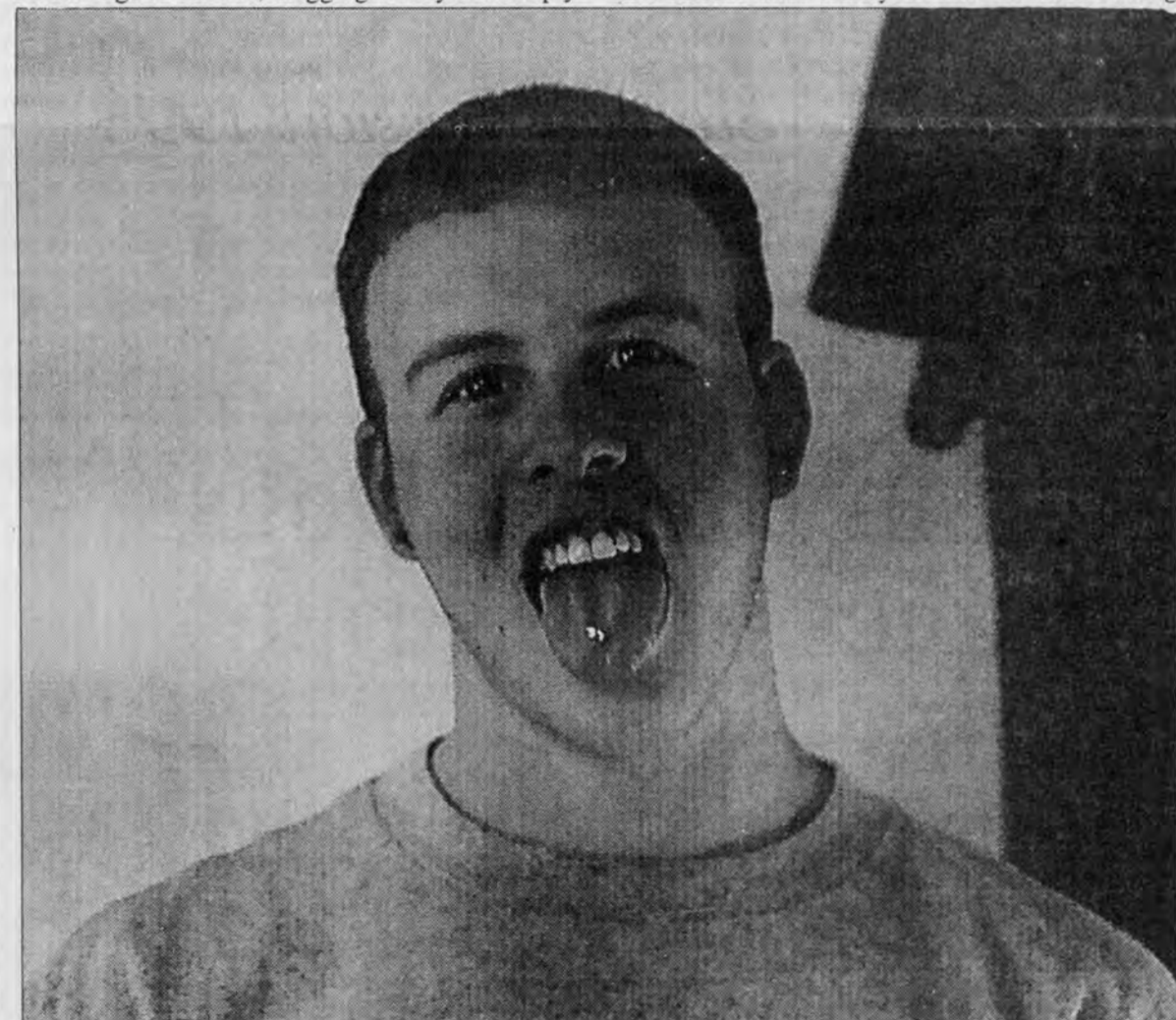
The doctors used video technology during the surgery, and Schwartz says it was very strange and unsettling to be able to see his own heart beating on the television screen.

Once the doctors found the extra node, they pre-

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THE REVIEW / Bob Weill



THE REVIEW / Liz Johnson

"At first," freshman Ben Schwartz says, "I saw my heart as a defective thing, as a health risk. But then I realized it was really a blessing in disguise."

Hollywood elects political satire

BY MIKE BEDERKA
Staff Reporter

Life imitates art, imitating life.

This old saying never rings more true than at the movies, especially when it comes to political satire. Such films show a side to politics that otherwise might not be seen or even thought about.

In the past four months, two politically based movies with very clear similarities with real life, "Wag the Dog" and "Primary Colors," opened in theaters.

Although movie-goers don't usually rush to the box office to see them, political satires recently have been gaining acclaim on the silver screen.

"It's a fluke to have two satires doing so well," says film professor Thomas Leitch.

"Some satires are more open," he says. "Some are more honest."

Out of the two recent releases, the more critical one is "Wag the Dog," Leitch says.

"Wag the Dog" reflects the power of the spin control people where the president isn't even clearly seen," he says.

The spin doctor, Conrad Brean, played by Robert DeNiro, must deflect the nationwide negative attention focused on the president who had an affair with a young woman on her recent trip to the White House.

With help from movie producer Stanley Motss, played by Dustin Hoffman, they

manipulate the nation with a series of leaks to the media and fancy photography to make everyone think the United States is at war with Albania.

In light of the recent sexual allegations by White House intern Monica Lewinsky and the threat of war with Iraq, many wondered if President Clinton took a page from Hollywood.

"I enjoyed the movie more before it



THE REVIEW / John Chabalko

One student says movies like "Air Force One" represent a departure from real political imagery—people want a hero for president.

became real," says political science professor Leslie Goldstein.

Leitch says the interesting thing about the movie was that it was based on a book written during the George Bush presidency.

"But there are still a lot of eerie similarities with Clinton," he says.

Besides the all-too-real coincidences, Goldstein says "Wag the Dog" made her more cautious about the media.

"Now on the news, I look for the source," she says. "I look for more evidence."

She also explains how the movie showed her the power of a leak.

"I see how quickly parts of a story get published which are completely untrue," Goldstein says. "That happened big time with Lewinsky."

The media also played a big role in the other currently running political satire, "Primary Colors," based on Joe Klein's 1996 novel.

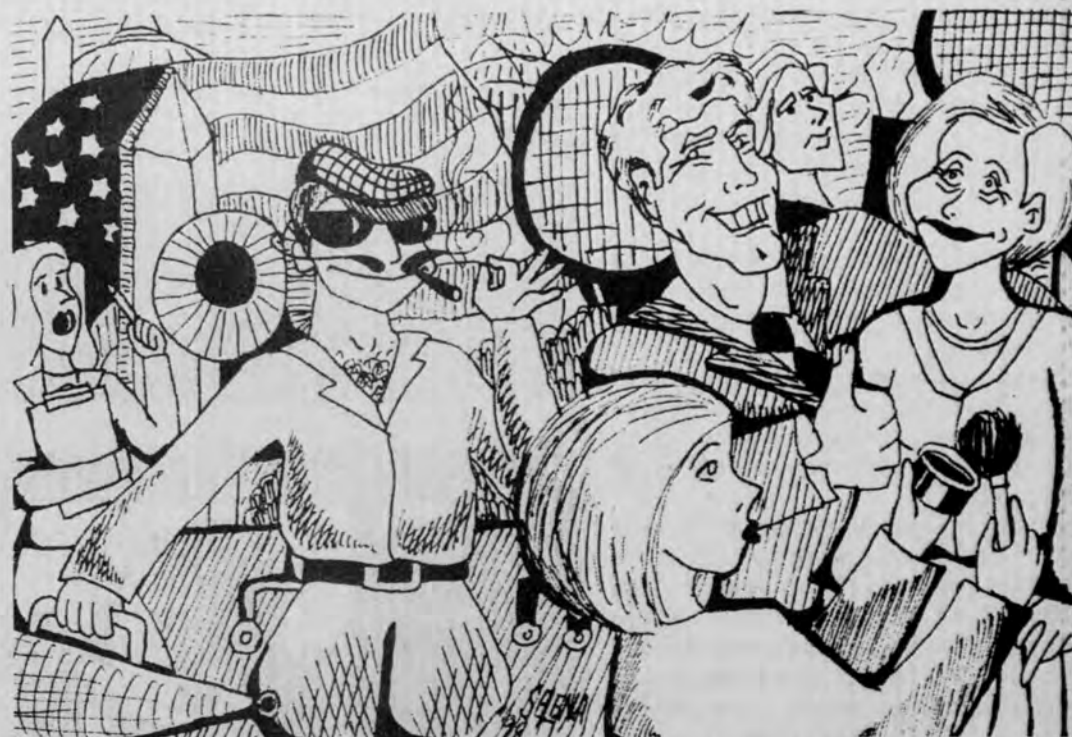
"The movie shows the concern with the media focusing on superficial aspects of a presidential campaign and the concern that voters will be influenced," Goldstein says.

Jack Stanton, played by John Travolta, is a southern governor with gray hair who looks remarkably like Clinton.

Stanton's 1992 presidential campaign is laced with scandal, but Goldstein says the allegations that he slept around are the only ones that parallel Clinton's run.

"They are all fictional accounts," Goldstein says.

"Primary Colors" shows the type of guy Clinton is and the type of campaign he had, rather than Clinton personally," she said.



The movie also raises another point, Goldstein says. "It asks if we should care about policy or character with a candidate?"

She thinks it's policy.

"But I have friends who disagree."

"Wag the Dog" and "Primary Colors" may be the obvious satires in their subject nature, but politics often work their ways in another movie.

That movie is the "Wizard of Oz" (1939), Leitch says.

Based on a 1896 book by L. Frank Baum, Oz is a parable of populism, the 1890s mid-western political movement, writes Michael Dregni in "Politics of Oz."

The populists challenged Eastern banks and railroads, which they charged with

oppressing farmers and industrial workers by having a gold-backed currency instead of silver.

Dregni writes that each character and place in the movie represents something dealing with the movement.

"The allegory begins with the title: Oz is short for ounce, the measure for gold... Dorothy (the common person) starts down the Yellow Brick Road (the gold standard) to the Emerald City (Washington). There, the group meets the Wizard (the president), who, like all good politicians, appears as whatever people wish to see..."

Goldstein points out that some later movie satires have a more blatant message for their

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Grease re-release electrifies

Grease
Paramount Pictures
Rating: ★★☆☆



BY ERIN K. LIEDEL
Staff Reporter

After 20 years as a musical cult classic, "Grease" is back with a bang on the silver screen — and it's just as electrifying as it was in 1978. The story of the Rydell High delinquents who sing and dance their way through senior year is still silly, amusing and even slightly absurd.

Despite aging two decades, the disco-fied plot of a 1950s high school gang of friends manages to

The Gist of It

★★★★★ HOG LARD!!!
★★★★ Olive oil.
★★★ Vaseline.
★★ No Phat.
★ Olestra.

remain timeless. Director Randal Kleiser shaped a story concerning the pressures every high school student faces: sex, smoking, school work, love, graduation and — hey — drag racing.

The tale of Danny Zuko (John Travolta) and Sandy Olsson (Olivia Newton-John) is as sweet and sappy as ever. After a whirlwind romance at the beach, both teen-agers go their separate ways at summer's end. Danny returns to Rydell High in the fall, and Sandy, presumably, returns to her native Australia.

But when Sandy shows up at Rydell after moving to America for her senior year, the two young lovers have no idea they attend the same high school. It isn't until Sandy becomes a cheerleader and meets the Pink Ladies, Rydell's famous rebel females, that she gets to know the school better.

Rizzo (Stockard Channing), the unofficial leader of the Pink Ladies, hears Sandy's tale of summer love with Danny and becomes jealous. An embittered old flame of his, Rizzo scornfully throws the two together at a football game in the hopes of disaster.

And disastrous it is. Danny, trying to uphold his cool-under-pressure image in front of his friends, dismisses Sandy as just another "chick."

Sandy, hurt and upset that she finds a different Danny than the sweet boy she met at the beach, gets a new boyfriend. Danny, of

course, regrets his actions immediately.

During the remainder of the movie, Danny inadvertently does stupid things that hurt Sandy's feelings. Danny is, after all, a handsome high school boy with dozens of pretty girls throwing themselves at him, a fact he seems to enjoy. Danny questions whether he will ever win Sandy for good or whether he can properly articulate his feelings for her.

The minor characters have their own problems as well. Rizzo, ever popular with the boys, fears that she is pregnant with her boyfriend's baby. Frenchy (Didi Conn) can't decide between high school and beauty school. Meanwhile, everyone else is just trying to survive until graduation day.

The finale is, of course, a big happy dance number. The entire film is nothing more than strung-together songs with some notable choreography attached. Some, like "Hand Jive," are brilliantly put together.

Such impromptu outbreaks of musical expression are not unusual in "Grease" and ask for a certain



suspension of disbelief on the part of the audience. Flying cars and singing angels are a part of everyday Rydell High life.

John Travolta showed promise even 20 years ago as Danny. Goofy, seemingly tough, yet surprisingly sweet, he embodies a sort of unconscious sexuality. His physical form is sleek, his dancing superb.

Channing, too, is excellent as Rizzo. Her tough-as-nails exterior betrays her sensitive interior, and she plays the contrast well.

Olivia Newton-John is less successful. Though her voice is sweet and pure, her acting is less than perfect and a little too trite.

This film is, above all, pure fun. The antics of rowdy teen-agers and their adolescent problems make for mental popcorn.

After 20 years, "Grease" is still the word.

U.S. MARSHALS

"U.S. Marshals" is more of a spin-off than a sequel to the 1993 smash "The Fugitive," but the new film succeeds early on in establishing independence from its predecessor.

The plot, remarkably similar to that of "The Fugitive," is nothing crafty. A man is wrongly accused of vicious murder and escapes custody during a bungled prison transfer. Ace U.S. Marshal Sam Gerard, with his miraculous man-hunting skills, tries to chase down the man. But Sam fails over and over again, of course, because his fugitive is exceedingly resourceful.

The action scenes are top-notch. In one horrific and unpredictable airplane disaster, the plane's fuselage tears open in mid-air. It crashes into a sea of power lines, catches fire and eventually rolls into a river, sinking with the passengers still inside. There are also some great chases through a backwoods swamp and even a nursing home.

"U.S. Marshals" grants viewers an edge-of-your-seat, uneven feel that leads to some tension-filled action. But the film is not able to handle drama as deftly as it has the potential to do, and none of the characters are as complete or believable as they should be.

— Liz Johnson

— Max Abrams

WILD THINGS

"Wild Things" is a strikingly unpredictable, surprisingly erotic and thoroughly enjoyable piece of modern film noir. Director John McNaughton, who filmed the underrated "Mad Dog and Glory," creates a movie world where seemingly anything can happen.

The action of the film begins when the two girls (Neve Campbell and Denise Richards) accuse Sam, a hunk high school teacher, of rape. Matt Dillon plays Sam with a clever ambiguity that leaves viewers wondering whether he's a naive pawn or the puppeteer holding all the strings.

He turns for help to a seemingly second-rate shyster lawyer (Bill Murray) for assistance. The lawyer's office is in a dirty little shopping center and his wall is covered with photographs of injury victims holding big settlement checks.

"Wild Things" is briskly paced and packs all sorts of funny, sexy and thrilling scenes along with the plot twists.

It is the most satisfying thriller to come out of Hollywood in years, and a wholly enjoyable movie-going experience.

— Max Abrams

All on 'Net: Men in Brown, Dogs in diapers and babies in pinstripes

Men In Brown

<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Lair/7776/>

This little piggy went to market ... this little piggy stayed home ... and this little piggy went a little crazy.

The Scratcherator's Toenail Center" page is one of the most random and bizarre sites on the Internet. The site's maintainer, known only as the Scratcherator, even admits it, "I hope you like weird people 'cause that's what I am."

He calls himself the Scratcherator because he'll scratch his back with anything, but the main focus of his page isn't toenails, it's about his discovery that the world is being invaded by brown — the color brown.

"Not only in your stinking pants but also in music with James Brown. In food with brownies and brown sugar."

The Scratcherator tells the story of when he was eating Doritos with his toenails. A spaceship crashed into his toilet and three brown walking toasters walked toward him shouting "brown" over and over.

"I threw some Doritos on them but it had absolutely no effect on them. (I still wonder why). They pushed me on the wall and they went in the streets, spreading brown color on every thing they touched."

As a result, he has founded MIB (Men in Brown) and his site offers some tips to prevent the color brown from invading the world.

Some advice he gives is listening to James Brown's music with the volume off and never eating brownies again. Plus, if you have a brown car, get rid of it or paint it.

Apparently the Scratcherator's MIB forces have been working since the 1980s. In the movie "Ghostbusters," the MIB arrived on the set right before shooting to douse Slimer green instead of leaving him brown. This is just one of many examples he uses to prove that his troops are getting things done.

He even offers membership into his fan club. To join, the Scratcherator orders: "Just hit your head with a hammer." Apparently, he's joined his own club too many times.

Dog Diapers

<http://www.dog-diaper.com/>

Dog may be man's best friend, but when it leaves conspicuous puddles in the kitchen and brown mounds in the center of the living room, man has second thoughts about his pet of choice.

"The Dog Diaper Homepage" gives an alternative method to looking after dogs and their mishaps so they won't lose favor with their masters.

The site offers anyone with a dog the chance to purchase a diaper designed for a dog.

The diaper is disposable and easily removed after use. They can

be purchased in two different models. One has a garment and a pouch for solid waste and the other has a garment and two pouches for solid waste and fluid waste.

Not only are the diapers useful for picking up after dogs when they go on walks, but they provide safety inside the home.

"However, the need to remove stains and urine odors is essential, since dogs will usually return to use the same location of a previous 'accident' if the odor remains," the site advertises. The diaper catches the dog's waste so the scent won't ever touch the carpet or furniture.



As weird as this idea sounds, the site claims that it is effective. The diaper prevents man's best friend from turning his master's couch into a fire hydrant.

Gangster Babies

<http://www.wdl.net/DANS/scary.html>

Al Capone? Forget it. John Gotti? A saint. You've never met the Scary Babies, one of the most overlooked forces of underground crime — or so says the "Scary Baby Conspiracy" home page.

The site is devoted to the revealing the secret members of the underground crime family called the Scary Babies. Actually, they are just pictures of innocent babies manipulated with cheesy art to make them scary.

First there's Vinnie Chippers. He's the crazy one of the bunch. He bites people and snaps at them. What does he look like? The site provides a picture — a small baby boy with devil horns coming out of his head.

There's also Four-Tooth Willy. Don't piss him off. "He's a rough 'n' tough, mix 'em up, kick-some-butt kind of baby," complete with red firing eyes that

would scare Myer Lansky off.

Finally, the head of this powerful corrupt family is Johnny the Fang. He makes Don Corleone look like the Pope. The page tells a scary story about Johnny's violent history.

"About two years back, Johnny got into a confrontation with his baby sitter over taking an extra bite of his strained peaches. Nobody has seen her since."

The site's idea is pretty amusing and the altered photos of these cute babies also evoke a few chuckles. So don't worry, they won't leave you sleeping with the fishes.

— John Yacca



So it's over. Spring break has come to a depressing end. Ah, hell, that's no reason to get down. This weekend is rocking out. We got Ziggy Marley, marijuana and cheap concerts. So just get on with it.

FRIDAY

You know Ziggy Marley is in financial trouble when he shows up in Cover Girl commercials. Bob must be churning in his grave. Well, save the Marley dynasty. Catch Ziggy and the Melody Makers tonight at 9 at the Electric Factory in Philadelphia. Tickets are \$25, so shell it out for some grooving tunes and pay tribute to the spawn of the master.

Where have all the cowboys gone? They're at the Stone Balloon, checking out all those sexy legs. Yep, it's time again for the Hot Legs contest. So, ladies, slip into your Daisy Dukes and make them beg like the dogs they are.

Greg and Kate got married. Greg got a dog and it was all downhill from there. Turn out for the off-Broadway comedy "Sylvia" at the Chapel Street Players in Newark. Find out how far a girl will go for her man when puppy love prances into the picture. Show time is 8:15 p.m. and tickets are five bucks for students. Oh Kate ...

SATURDAY

It's the Battle of the Biceps, baby. The Delaware State Arm Wrestling Championships are at Kahunaville. All those body builders need to pump some weight and be there by 12:30 p.m. for weigh-in. Call Tyrone Fields at 571-8402 for the 411.

The Professional Theatre Training Program is back in rare form with "The Country Wife," another in a series of contemporary plays in Hartshorn Hall at 7:30 p.m. The story is full of seduction, devotion, cuckolds and lust. No, it's not "Melrose Place."

Get ready, get psyched, get da blood pumping, and grab your crucifix because

that rocking Christian band Audio Adrenaline is playing at the Electric Factory in Philly. Tickets are 20 bucks. It will surely be a holier-than-thou experience but you still need to go to church on Sunday. And hey, Sunday is Greek Easter!

The musician who calls himself the "Bluesman," Bobby Radcliff, is playing at that hip joint M.R. Doc's in Hockessin at 10 p.m. Get there before 7 and enjoy the free buffet and huge drink specials. Ask for Chris and tell 'em Lizzie sent you.

The Delaware Theater Company is starting their spring season with Alan Ayckbourn's "Taking Steps" at 8 p.m. It's a typical British parlor comedy full of confusion, mistaken identities and marital drama. Like Monty Python with a twist. Call 594-1104 for tickets.

SUNDAY

If it's international films that turn your cameras, then check out "Welcome to Sarajevo" at 7:30 p.m. in the Trabant University Center Theatre. The story features a journalist who attempts to smuggle an orphan out of Bosnia. Hey, if Time voted it one of the best films of the year, then it must be good. And hey bucko, it's free.

The tour "Ska Against Racism" is spreading its word at the Trocadero in Philly. The concert will feature Less Than Jake and the Toasters. So fight the good fight while listening to some funky ska music. Tickets are \$16 and the show gets underway at 5 p.m.

High-tech laser lights flashing across the theater. No it's not the Pink Floyd laser show. It's actually Lazer Vaudeville at the Grand Opera House in Wilmington. We love these guys. It's complete with juggling, acrobatics, zany comedy and audience participation. Call 652-5577 for tickets. So get it on.

I'm gonna huff and puff and ... you get the idea. My weekend is going to be three days long. It happens.

— compiled by Liz Beukema

What the flick?

"Is this a kissing book?"

Answer: Boy (Fred Savage) questions his grandfather's surprising choice in "The Princess Bride" (1987) Grampa Peter (Folk) has assured the boy it's not fencing and fighting &adore.

CONCERT DATES

THE KHYBER

(215) 238-5888

Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise. \$7.50. 7 p.m.

Sunday

Kyle Davis and Friends. \$8. 8 p.m. April 21

Dr. Didg. \$5. 9 p.m. April 22

ELECTRIC FACTORY

(215) 569-2706

Ziggy Marley and the Melody Makers. \$25. 9 p.m.

today

Audio Adrenaline. \$17.50. 7 p.m. Saturday

Foo Fighters. \$17.50. 8 p.m. May 6

TLA

(215) 336-2000

John Hammond. \$17. 8 p.m. today

Save Ferris. \$9.50. 8 p.m. Saturday

Annie Aslam. \$19.50. 8 p.m. Sunday

String Cheese Incident. \$10. 8 p.m. Monday

THE TROCADERO

(215) 922-6888

Godco. 9 p.m. Saturday

The Ska Against Racism Tour. \$16. 5 p.m. Sunday

NOFX/Bouncing Souls. \$12. 7 p.m. April 24

94WYSP Load and Local Weekend. \$10. 2 p.m.

CORESTATES SPECTRUM

(215) 336-2000

Billy Joel. \$37.50. 8 p.m. May 13 and 14

KESWICK THEATER

(215) 572-7650

Solotramp-The Voice of Supertramp. \$25. 8 p.m.

May 2

George Carlin. \$35. 7:30 & 10:30 p.m. May 29

BALLROOM AT THE BELLEVUE

(215) 336-2000

Projekt Two. \$25. 8 p.m. May 3

MOVIE TIMES

REGALS PEOPLES PLAZA 13 (834-8510)

(Movie times for today through Thursday.) Object Of My Affection 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:55 Major League 3: Back To The Minors 1:25, 4:25, 7:25, 10:05 Paulie 12:55, 2:55, 4:55, 6:55, 9:30 City Of Angels 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15 Barney's Great Adventure 12:50, 3:50 Species 2 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:25 Odd Couple 2 1:4, 7, 9:40 My Giant 1:35, 4:35 The Players Club 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:20 Lost In Space 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:15 Mercury Rising 7:40, 10:10 Grease 1:40, 4:40 Wild Things 7:35, 10:10 Titanic 1:45, 8:30 Good Will Hunting 1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 9:45 As Good As It Gets 6:50, 9:50

NEWARK CINEMA CENTER (737-3720)

(Since movie listings change frequently, call the theater for show times.) City Of Angels, Species 2, Major League 3, Mercury Rising

CHRISTIANA MALL (368-9600)

(Movie times for today through Thursday.) The Object Of My Affection 12:30, 2:45, 5:15, 7:30, 10 Titanic 1:3, 5, 7, 9 Barney's Great Adventure 1:15, 3:15, 5:15 My Giant 7:15, 9:30 Primary Colors 4, 9:45 Grease 1:30, 7:15

CINEMARK MOVIES 10 (994-7075)

(Movie times for today through Sunday.) Paulie 1:3, 3:15, 5:20, 7:25, 9:30 As Good As It Gets 1:05, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10 Major League 3: Back To The Minors 1:40, 4:35, 7:35, 10:10 Lost In Space 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:05 The Players Club 1:30, 4:25, 7:05, 9:40 The Odd Couple 2 12:55, 3:10, 5:25, 7:45, 9:55 Species 2 12:50, 3:05, 5:15, 7:40, 9:50 City Of Angels 1:35, 4:05, 7:35 Mercury Rising 1:10, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45 Good Will Hunting 1:25, 4:30, 7:30 Wild Things 10:15

Boob tube caters to the almighty masses

BY NOEL LLOYD
Staff Reporter

Television has certainly come a long way since the days of "Leave It to Beaver." Gone are the days when a topic as simple as pregnancy was taboo on television. Now, sex, violence and issues such as alternative lifestyles are the staples of the television landscape.

By promoting such themes, television is testing the traditional barriers regulating what it can show and what the viewing audience will allow it to show.

The controversial content on shows such as "South Park" and "Ellen" are evidence that television is presenting new and sometimes sensitive issues that would not be aired in the past.

"Television is getting more permissive," says Douglas McLeod, associate professor of communication. "I think the norms for what is permissible has changed with the times."

"In the '60s, it was revolutionary to show a woman having a child," he says. "Now there is Howard Stern [on the E! network]."

There are a number of factors that have shaped television into what it is today. One major reason is because of the proliferation of cable television in the last few years, McLeod says.

"I definitely think it has become more permissive because of cable," he says. "There are more channels. These cable channels are trying to get noticed."

As the number of channels increases, the battle for the viewers becomes more intense. Cable channels are more willing to show sensational television in order to get higher ratings, McLeod says.

Economics, especially in the area of advertising, is an important component in determining what is shown on television, he says.

"Advertisers are a main market control," he says. "If the advertiser pulls out, they exert pressure on the industry."

If the public is outraged by the content of a show, advertisers will not be as apt to purchase advertising time, McLeod says.

He says the ABC show "Ellen" is an example of this. "Ellen" featured an episode last year in which the main character, played by Ellen DeGeneres, revealed she was gay. As a result, conservative protest groups like the American Family Association boycotted the show.

But the networks generally show what the viewing market wants, McLeod says, which has both negative and positive effects on where the future of television is going.

"To some extent, abiding by the market, you have to pander to the lowest common denominator," he says.

McLeod cited the long-running Fox comedy show "Married with Children" as an example of this. "Married with Children" based much of its content on low-brow jokes and sexual innuendo.

However, there are some factors that

make the future of television look bright. Due to the increased number of channels, television has become more creative in its content, McLeod says.

"I think TV has gotten better because cable has allowed things to become more specialized," he says. "Creativity will become more prevalent than the shock value. Networks such as Bravo and Arts and Entertainment are doing this."

Despite the protests of some societal factions, television will continue to push the norms of acceptability. Television will eventually be as graphic as R-rated movies, McLeod says.

However, McLeod says extreme genres such as pornography will not be shown by mainstream networks. Instead, they will continue to stay on pay-per-view television.

Due to television's increased controversial content, it is inevitable that people will debate the effects of television and whether such things as censorship are necessary.

University freshman Tim Shira says censorship of what goes on the airwaves isn't necessary.

"I think the parents should be doing it [the censoring]," he says. "I think the parents should be in tune with what is going on."

Shira, who watches 14 hours of television a week, says his favorite show is "South Park," the controversial cartoon show on Comedy Central.

The wildly popular "South Park" has endured a flood of condemnation because of its politically incorrect, and often gross, humor.

"The first time I saw 'South Park,' I was like 'Whoa,'" Shira says. "I like it because they do some wild stuff."

However, some like junior Jon Goertz feel that there should be more regulation as to what is shown on television.

"I think some stuff should be censored," says Goertz. "Shows like 'South Park' should be taken off the air."

Goertz says while he does not advocate wholesale censorship explicit sex and extreme language should be regulated on the air.

But some still feel that censorship isn't the answer for extremity in television.

"I am against censorship because I think the social norms will keep things in check," McLeod says.

Rather, he says, a group effort between the government, networks and citizens to set guidelines is the best answer to keep television content in check.

"I would like to spread the power out over as many groups as possible, so people will gather together to talk about these issues," he says. "We need to do it more through debate and discussion."

Although some might say the "Golden Age" of television has passed, television is going into a new dimension of broadcasting as it seeks to challenge the limits of the people who watch it.



THE REVIEW / Amanda Jones

That's one BIG rubber ball

Eccentric student out to break world record

BY BRIAN CALLAWAY
National/State News Editor

John Bane just doesn't know when to stop. His huge collection of ginseng iced-tea bottles and body piercing — 10 at one point — are a dead give away.

But perhaps the most telling example of Bane's peculiar indulgences in off-beat behavior is the brown, waist-high rubber-band ball rolling around his Wilmington home.

The 20-year-old sophomore has set the daunting task for himself of breaking the record for the world's largest rubber-band ball.

"I was just sitting at work one day doing nothing," Bane says, "and I saw a bunch of rubber-bands, so I just started making a ball."

"Nobody really said anything, so I kept putting rubber-bands on it, and finally when it started to get really big, I just thought, 'Why not just go for the record?'"

Thus, a dream was born.

After many long hours working on his rubber-band ball, Bane has his labor down to a science.

"I can do a quarter pound every 10 minutes, and every quarter pound is about 250 rubber bands," he says.

"I'm assuming that I'm getting a workout from this," he says. "My muscles are actually sore after a few hours of this."

To help pass the time while creating this behemoth of vulcanization he watches television and talks on the phone.

Although the tens of thousands of rubber bands

seems impressive, Bane is nowhere near beating the record — yet.

The current world record rubber-band ball weighs 861 pounds. After only a mind-boggling 14,000 rubber bands, his creation was only the size of bowling ball, weighing in at a hefty 29 pounds. At his current rate, it will take Bane over 555 hours and 832,000 rubber bands to break into the record books.

Bane's ambition has also captured the attention of the people at Guinness Publishing, the parent company behind "The Guinness Book of World Records."

Kim Stram, associate editor for Guinness Publishing, says she is excited by Bane's goal. "We're always encouraging people to break existing world records," she says.

Stram says this is a record that hasn't been challenged in at least 11 years.

Since rubber bands don't grow on trees, Bane realized that he would need sponsorship for his eclectic hobby since he wouldn't be able to find over 861,000 rubber bands on his office desk.

"I faxed letters out to rubber-band companies explaining what I was trying to do, and a friend of mine drew a little cartoon of me sitting in my room putting rubber-bands on this big ball," Bane says.

He didn't have to wait long for help. Within an hour, a representative from the Alliance Rubber Band Co. contacted him, offering to sponsor his project by donating as many rubber-bands as he needs.

Besides getting his supply of rubber bands, he has gotten encouragement from co-workers and friends.

He says at his workplace, a Wilmington law firm, where he works as an "office gopher," he has cap-

tured the attention of his bosses.

Having started his tiny rubber-band ball to pass the time at work, he says all the attorneys in Wilmington are fascinated by his goal, to the point where his co-workers have even started sending out e-mail updates about his progress.

His friends and family have also been supportive of his efforts. Although Bane says initially they doubted he would ever stick with it and break the record, they've all come around as the rubber mass expands.

"They think it's cool now," he says, "and the bigger it gets, the cooler they think it is and the more faith they have in it."

His trek into international fame and fortune through office supplies has amazed his friends. Andy Lanning, can only say, "It's awesome that he's doing this."

Although Bane still has several hundred long hours of work ahead of him before he receives the



gratification of breaking the world record, he says he isn't daunted by his task.

"I'm slightly addicted to it," he says. "I actually look forward to putting it together."

But true to form, Bane says he isn't just going to rest once he has the largest rubber-band ball in the world.

"When I break the record, I'm going to try to get on the Letterman show," he says. "I know he likes to drop things, so I want to ask him if he'll take it up in a crane and drop it and see if it will bounce."

Specially lovable

Little brother says 'thank you' to his inspiration, a university junior

BY LINA HASHEM
Staff Reporter

A little boy with golden hair and almond-shaped eyes walks resolutely to the microphone in the Bob Carpenter Center gymnasium.

A thousand people listen in silence as 10-year-old Gregory Cloud recites after the moderator with a little difficulty but great confidence: "Athletes, repeat after me. Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

After the athletes echo in unison, Gregory adds something puzzling to most of the audience: "Thank you, Sara." His sister Sara Cloud, a university junior who had been sitting with him in the bleachers, smiles delightedly.

Gregory's slightly forced words, which helped initiate the Delaware Special Olympics 1998 Basketball Tournament last month, reveal his Down syndrome.

But the end of his short speech shows something else — his status as his sister's "little angel."

"I can't believe he thanked me," Sara says. "That was just hysterical."

Gregory was born 10 years ago with Down syndrome, which was accompanied by a lazy eye, a hole in his heart, developmental delays and mild retardation.

But none of these obstacles has stopped him from going to school or playing sports, and they certainly have not prevented him from being a joy and an inspiration to his sister.

Gregory's speech in the Special Olympics opening ceremonies was a success he worked hard for. In fact, Gregory was aggravated that the moderator fed him the lines he could say by himself.

"I was just very proud of him because I know he can do a lot more than people think he can," Sara says, "and I knew

that he was very proud of himself."

Working with Gregory has helped Sara decide on her elementary education major and special education concentration.

If she becomes a special education teacher, she says she wants to be like some of Gregory's teachers, who have been phenomenal.

"They're my idols," she says. "I really like the field I'm in now. I want to help kids and be a positive influence — all that good stuff."

When Sara was 10 and her mother told her there would soon be a new baby in the family, the little girl had no idea the impact her brother's birth would have on her life. She looked forward to the baby with innocent anticipation.

Sara's mother hadn't gotten an optional test to learn details about the baby like its gender, so the family did not know Gregory would be a boy, much less that he would have Down syndrome.

But when Sara's parents brought home Polaroid pictures of her new baby brother, she noticed he was hooked up to a lot of machines.

"My mom basically came straight out and told us, 'He has a thing called Down syndrome, which makes you mentally slow.'"

"I think they were afraid of telling us," Sara reflects. "But Dave and I looked at each other and said, 'So? He's still our little brother.'"

And she has treated Gregory with this accepting attitude ever since.

"He's just been a joy," she says. "He can always make me smile. He always has a special hug for me when I go home."

While Gregory has brought extra love into the Cloud household, he has also brought a variety of challenges.

Gregory needed several operations to



Photo courtesy of Sara Cloud

Sara Cloud and her brother Gregory share a hug and a smile. Gregory, who has Down syndrome, spoke at the Special Olympics.

fix his birth defects, which are common among Down syndrome babies. He had open-heart surgery to repair the hole in his heart when he was just four months old. But his family comforted him and he came through the ordeals like a trooper, Sara says.

While the serious physical problems are merely a memory now, other difficulties have lingered longer.

"He was delayed in walking, talking, everything," Sara says. "But he learned."

Sara and her family have helped Gregory by having specialists work with him from the time he was a baby, beginning with interventionists to strengthen his muscles.

Because Down syndrome children often have speech impediments, Gregory was learning sign language by age two-and-a-half — "long before he could talk," Sara says. As he progressed, speech pathologists helped him learn to pronounce words clearly.

His family also taught him many things including basic preschool lessons.

"When we were growing up, our whole family would do flashcards, asking 'What's that color,' she says. "We all had a role."

Although he is still working on overcoming obstacles such as mastering the fine motor skills needed to tie his shoes, Gregory is in many ways a typical little brother.

"He roughhouses," she says. "He

likes to go play catch in the yard and he likes to wrestle me."

Little brothers are not always angels, and Gregory is no exception.

During a vacation, the family was at their grandmother's house near Annapolis, Md. While Sara, Gregory and several of their cousins were standing on a pier, Gregory pushed his sister into the water.

"We were taking goofy pictures and Gregory got a little too excited and off I went," she says.

"Dad made him sit in the car because he didn't think he did anything wrong. He thought it was funny."

And like many other 10-year-olds, Gregory has caught a case of puppy love. He has a girlfriend, Hope, who is in his class.

"They are so cute," Sara says with a laugh. "They call each other all the time. He's going to marry her and give her presents."

Sara says his teacher told her that she has seen a similar classroom romance bloom into a marriage many years later.

"But we don't want to think about that," she says. "My mom freaks out when I talk about marriage, much less our 10-year-old."

But for now, Gregory is focusing on his fourth-grade lessons and making Sara smile.

"He's just Gregory," she says. "He does his best and that's all anyone can ever ask."

Technology outweighs privacy

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the Internet to post e-mail messages and can't take the time to talk."

I'm not going to buy a computer to get e-mail from a professor. My life's not seriously impaired because I don't have one. I function quite well without it."

Other people like Gleason do feel that e-mail isn't very personable, but they are hooked on the convenience of using it.

"I love e-mail," he says. "I check it at least 12 times a day in case I get something important from professors or friends."

Junior Tom English, a chemical engineering major, has mixed feelings about the laptop computer he bought for its portability.

On the positive side, he is able to bring his laptop to friends' dorms at least three times every week for joint studying.

"It helps because when we're doing work, all three of us can be on computers at once," he says.

However, English says there are serious drawbacks to his portable machine. The laptop was considerably more expensive than a comparable desktop model and upgrading it has been three times more costly.

"It's not as portable as it claimed to be," he says. "It has to be baby-sat all the time for security reasons and batteries go bad so I'm tied to the wall anyhow."

If he were to do it all again, English wouldn't hesitate to give up his laptop in place of a more practical desktop computer.

But where some love the convenient aspects of the technological revolution, companies like Kinko's and the Phone Center of Newark enjoy the profits which stem from the rush to buy these new goods.

Albert Huang, a supervisor at Kinko's, says technology has helped his company help customers.

"We use e-mail a lot," he says. "Customers can e-mail files for copying along with a message about what they need done. They don't have to come in."

Huang says that fax machines are also in hot demand. Patrons can use the machines to send documents, or to receive incoming letters from other places around the world. Kinko's makes money every time a fax is sent from their store.

If the demand isn't for fax machines, it's often for computers.

"There's almost always someone on the computers," he says. "That area is filled most of the time."

At The Phone Center, the buying and selling revolves around phones that ring out in any location and at any hour, offering consumers the highest standard in communications.

"Many of our customers come in to buy a phone because they have to for their jobs," says Nicole Gunter, a sales clerk.

However, not everyone who has cellular phones truly wants to be available anywhere, she says.

"A lot of them say they don't want the phones so people won't bother them," Gunter says. But in the end, the financial importance of having a phone for business outweighs her personal need for privacy.

She says her store sells pagers in addition to cellular phones. They are very popular among young children, who are the store's primary pager customers.

"A lot of kids have pagers, and most of them who come in just want to have what everybody else has," she says.

Gleason says he used to carry a pager so that friends and family could get in contact with him when they needed to.

"The rates were pretty reasonable for the beeper," Gleason says with a sigh, "but I had it disconnected because nobody needed me that much."

As communication technology continues to improve and make the world a smaller place, it will affect people differently. While some will embrace the ability to stay in constant contact, others will balk at the lack of privacy and turn their phones and computers off.

Feature Forum

BY JENNIFER WEITSEN



Spending my spring break in Cancun was all I expected and more — wild, crazy fun. As I opened my eyes early Sunday morning and strolled out onto our hotel porch overlooking the ocean, it felt like paradise was in full view of my reach.

I had a week to spend in this beautiful place with no worries, just good clean fun. We threw on our bathing suits, slapped on some suntan lotion and ran to get a head start on soaking up the sun.

To compensate for the long flight from New York to Cancun, a swift shot of tequila was in order.

When we arrived in Cancun, the first drink offered to us on the bus from the airport was a Dos Equis beer. My roommate decided to take the offer and helped herself to three beers during the 20-minute ride to our hotel. By the time we arrived, she was completely wrecked, so I carried her bags and checked in for both of us.

Spring break paradise found south of the border

From the beginning, we knew this trip would go down in the history books of good time annihilation, and judging by the opening bus ride — things were off to a rocking start.

Every day, the poolside area of our hotel was filled with music, contests, food and drinks. It was a 24-seven feast for the senses.

Once, at the pool, a waiter came over and asked me if I wanted anything to drink. I replied, "No se." He looked at me funny and then walked away. I thought I was being polite by saying, "no thanks," but my friend Beth was laughing as she told me what I told him. She said, "you just told him you didn't know if you wanted something to drink."

But there was no real need to know any Spanish because Cancun was Americanized, meaning most people there knew both languages.

But, in the clubs, the universal language of dance was the only real vernacular to know.

Since we purchased the party package, which gave us six nights at the hottest clubs

in town, music and fun were constantly at our sides.

Monday night we went on the Booze cruise. You get on this boat and drink until the ship gets to a tropical island. Once docked, the crew gets to fill up on some tasty chicken fajitas.

Everybody partied and danced until the entertainment for the evening began. The

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celebration started with hot body and kissing contests which entertained the crowd.

My favorite night was on Tuesday during the New Years Party at Daddy Rock. All night long, my friends shouted out "¿Quién es tu papá?" which translates into "Who's your daddy?"

The club played the best songs from the '70s, '80s and '90s, and when midnight hit

champagne was sprayed onto the crowd. It was messy, but an unforgettable moment.

But all kinds of fun has its price. All night we had to watch out for those loco locals while busting a move. In Cancun they welcome you to the party by pinching your ass whenever they get the chance.

On Thursday, we decided to go jet skiing and snorkeling in the exotic blue waters of the Yucatan. It was a wet and wild experience, except I almost crashed when two boats frazzled me with their wicked waves. My friend was ready to jump off until I finally got it under control and made it back safely to my powerhouse jet ski.

After the rejuvenating Gulf of Mexico expedition, we hit Tequila Rocks' famous foam party. I was a little wary about dancing on a floor of foam, but when we got there I had so much fun. It was as if my mom's washing machine exploded on the dance room floor as we formed a conga line and danced the night away in a pool of white soap.

I left the experience with not just clean

shoes but with a startling new ideal: the next on-campus beach bash should consider investing in a foam machine.

By Friday, even though we were tired of partying, we still managed to trek over to Coco Bongo, Cancun's newest night spot. I showed the guy my tickets and he led us upstairs — past the whole line at the door. My friends and I felt like movie stars as we stepped onto the escalator. Since the club doesn't have a dance floor, patrons can dance anywhere — on chairs, tables and bars.

All in all, the whole week I spent in Cancun was well worth it. I had fun, got a nice tan and experienced memories that I'll never forget. But I learned a few valuable lessons on my trip: always watch where you park, always put a lime in your Corona and never underestimate the power of foam.

"¿Quién es tu papá?"

— Jennifer Weitsen is an assistant sports editor at The Review. Send her your best memories of spring break at 07762@udel.edu.

Heart patient

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pared to cauterize the skin around it. One of them told Schwartz, "It will feel just like heartburn."

But he says it wasn't quite that easy.

"I felt like my heart was burning, not like I just had antacid. I felt like I had been in a microwave."

After the operation, he was placed in the Intensive Care Unit, where he had to lie motionless for eight hours. The boy who he was sharing the room with also had open-heart surgery, but it had been much more serious. Schwartz says he remembers lying in his bed and staring at the monstrous scar twisting down the boy's back.

Two days later, Schwartz was allowed to go home. After a month had passed, he went in for a check-up, and his doctor told him everything looked good. His one-year check-up is soon, and he feels confident about it.

Schwartz has been clean since then, but still feels urges to do drugs sometimes. However, his cocaine days are over for good.

"I came to my senses over this," he says. "I don't think I needed anything as drastic as heart surgery to make me wake up, but it did the job."

Schwartz leans over to take a cigarette out, but then shakes his head and leaves the pack on the table.

"I'm not going to test the gods," he says. "Just thinking about it scares me now. I could never do it again."

Films & politics

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audience.

In "All the King's Men" (1949) and "The Candidate" (1972), politicians use the ends to justify their means, but the means they use are corrupt, she says.

"And when they finally get into power, they are entirely corrupt," Goldstein says.

Some film students say there is one movie that is just as honest, but not a satire.

"It's a cry for help," says sophomore Student Life Television personality Sam Struble about the 1997 action-adventure movie "Air Force One."

In this flick, the president, played by Harrison Ford, must save the day when his plane is hijacked by Russian terrorists.

Junior film student Jessica Zacholl says people are so disillusioned with current events that they want a hero for president.

"Air Force One" is an escape from real politics," she says.

Struble also points out something that might not be too far from reality and is a desire of the American people. The movie has a female for vice president, she says. "Hey, it's the '90s — that can happen soon."

The future of the action-adventure may be clear, but Leitch says that what is in store for the political satire is up in the air.

"The future of them depends on the cynicism of the audience," he says. "How much are they ready to laugh at politicians?"

WHERE TO FIND IT: Fair Hill, Md., Fairgrounds on Route 273, 10 minutes from campus.

Catch fifth Am. Indian Festival

BY MARIA DAL PAN

Staff Reporter

The fifth annual American Indian Festival celebrating Indian culture and heritage is being held in Fair Hill, Md., on Saturday.

The festival is one way of giving back to the earth what it has given to them, says Lisa Deer Walker, a performer in the festival.

Deer Walker will sing, dance and drum along with many other performers bringing Native American customs to the festival for spectators to appreciate.

Traditional dances and songs, including an authentic drum group, will be featured on the fairgrounds. The traditional dress the performers will don is usually hand-made by the person wearing it and holds a special meaning to that performer, she says.

Participating in the festival has brought a lot of beauty into Deer Walker's life, she says. She hopes that those in attendance will similarly appreciate the festival's spirituality.

"We dance not for ourselves," she says, "but in honor of what the Great Spirit has given us. It's our way of saying, 'Thank you for our life.'"

Live performances of various Native American traditions, as well as arts and crafts will be on hand to entertain as well as educate spectators.

This is the first time in its five years of operation that the festival is being held this close to the university. In the past, those wishing to attend had to travel to Conowingo, Md., to experience the event.

Since its start in 1993, the festival has grown in attendance, says event coordinator Linda Coates. With attendance as high as 5,000 last year, Conowingo's facilities have become too small to accommodate the large crowd.

"The festival needed a bigger pair of moccasins to grow into," Coates says.

Because it is in an outdoor park, the new location will give its attendants an opportunity to "get into nature," Deer Walker says.

Although she is not sure how much Native American blood is in her lineage, Deer Walker says she holds the culture in her heart, adding that one does not necessarily have to be Native American to appreciate its traditions.

"People attending the festival," she says, "will be able to understand the culture a little better and maybe take a little bit of love and oneness with them."

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Wooley's brings back lovin'

BY ELIZABETH BEUKEMA

Entertainment Editor

For Newark's diner culture, Little Wooley's Cafe features the remnants of Woolworth's come and gone. It memorializes a department store that once served as the cornerstone of the city's economy.

Yes, Woolworth's may have closed its doors forever last fall, following in the footsteps of its neighbor, the Newark Department Store. But a little bit of Woolworth's lives on at Little Wooley's Cafe in the Newark Shopping Center with the rebirth of what was Woolworth's hometown diner and family service.

The cheerful diner debuted last November, sporting booths, tables and cooking equipment recycled from Woolworth's restaurants throughout the Delaware area.

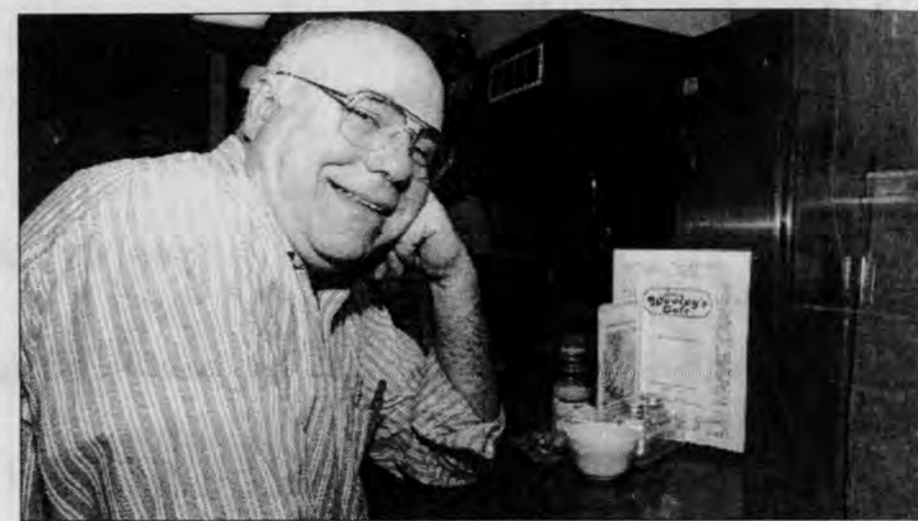
Owner and former Woolworth's employee Glen Waesco took a daring



leap in bringing American food back to the internationally diverse restaurant population in the shopping center and opening his cafe in Newark's nearly saturated diner culture. Little Wooley's took on the likes of larger, already established restaurants such as the Newark, Eagle and Blue Hen diners, competing for a slice of the market.

But Little Wooley's has built-up a steady patronage, making former Woolworth's customers and employees the staple of their business practices. The cordial atmosphere extends to everyone, even the poor and starving college crowd.

The diner offers something most Newark eateries cannot — a peaceful



THE REVIEW / Bob Weill

Wooley's may be gone forever, but it's memory lives on. Owner Glen Waesco furnished the new cafe with recycled equipment.

dining experience. There are no loud crowds so patrons can hear themselves think and enjoy their conversations.

It's the perfect getaway for a home-cooked breakfast or a healthy lunch. For those on the run, Little Wooley's offers take-out, something Newark's more established diners have yet to do.

The cafe's kitchen is located to the right of the dining area where patrons can watch the cooks prepare their meals from their cozy breakfast bar seats.

While the menu is more limited than other Newark-area diners, it offers the traditional goodies and down-home American fare, featuring soups and starters from \$1.95 to \$3. Little Wooley's offers a soup of the day as well as French onion soup, onion rings, chicken fingers and cheese fries, to name a few. Try the soggy, French fries smothered in brown gravy for just \$1.50.

From the grill, the restaurant brings the scintillating taste of Philadelphia's famous cheesesteak to Newark for just \$3.95. Veggie cheesesteaks and chicken cheesesteaks are also available for the health conscious, as well as veggie burgers. But don't miss out on the Herman burger, featuring ground beef from local Herman's Meat Shoppe on

Cleveland Avenue.


The sandwich board features favorites such as the tuna salad, egg salad, liverwurst and onion, sliced turkey, turkey club and ham-n-cheese. The sandwiches are delectable, served on deli rolls with chips and a pickle and all for less than \$5. The fried egg sandwich is a steal for just \$2, as it can't be found for less at any other diner in Newark.

The entrees, all priced at \$4.95, range from classic fare like liver and onions to chopped steak sirloin, made with an 8-ounce sirloin steak, grilled, topped with gravy and onion rings. Each bite is a scintillating reminiscence of childhood backyard barbecues and mom's home cooking. The food is good — not spectacular, but Little Wooley's is a diner, not the Green Room.

What makes this dining experience unique is the genuine manner of the serving staff. The waitstaff are attentive, delivering fresh sodas, checking on the meal and offering easy conversation.

Dining at Little Wooley's Cafe is a treat in comfort, company and conversation. It's not so much about mass-production and money-making; the cafe brings back to Newark the taste of old-fashioned American service.

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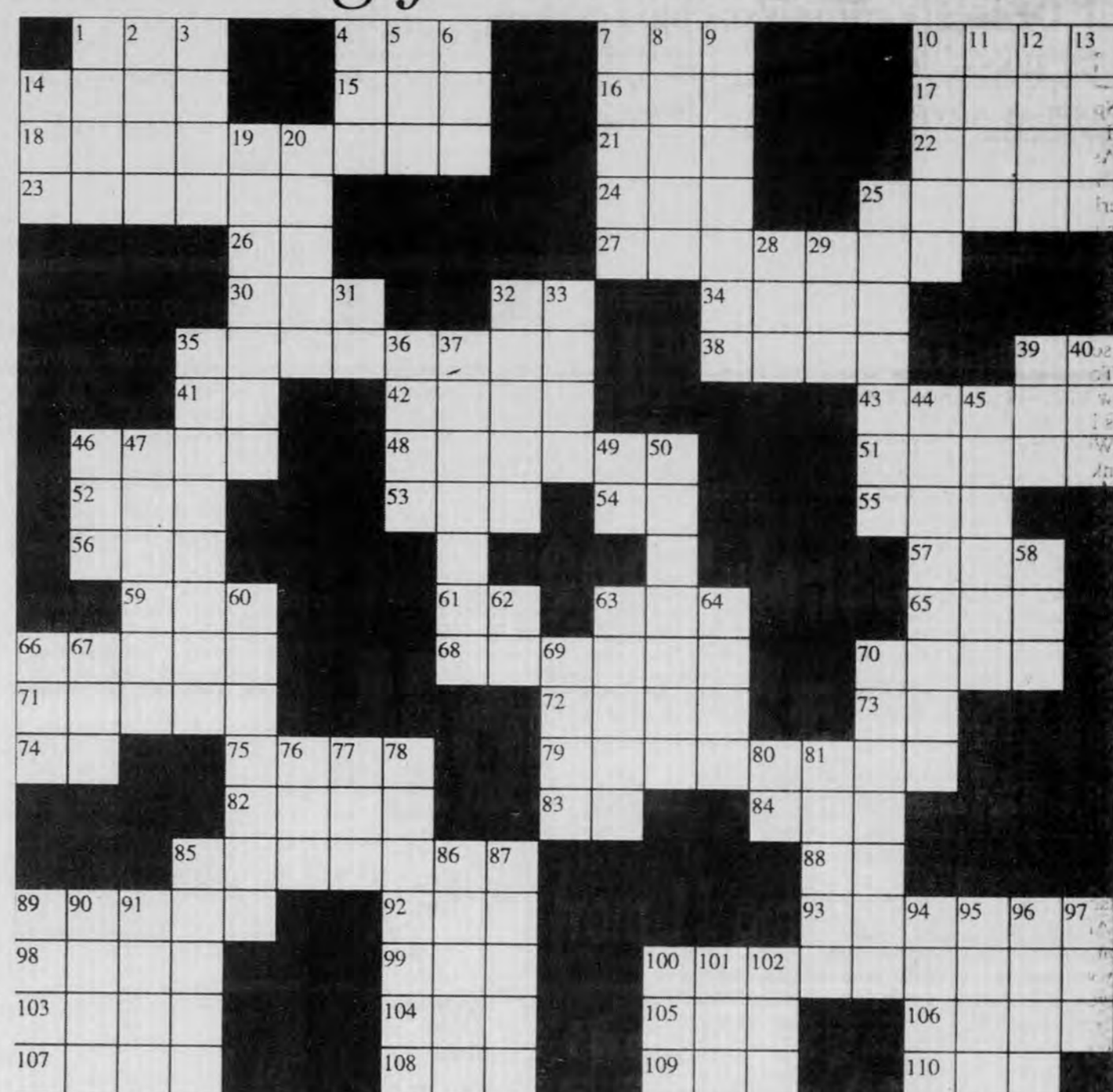
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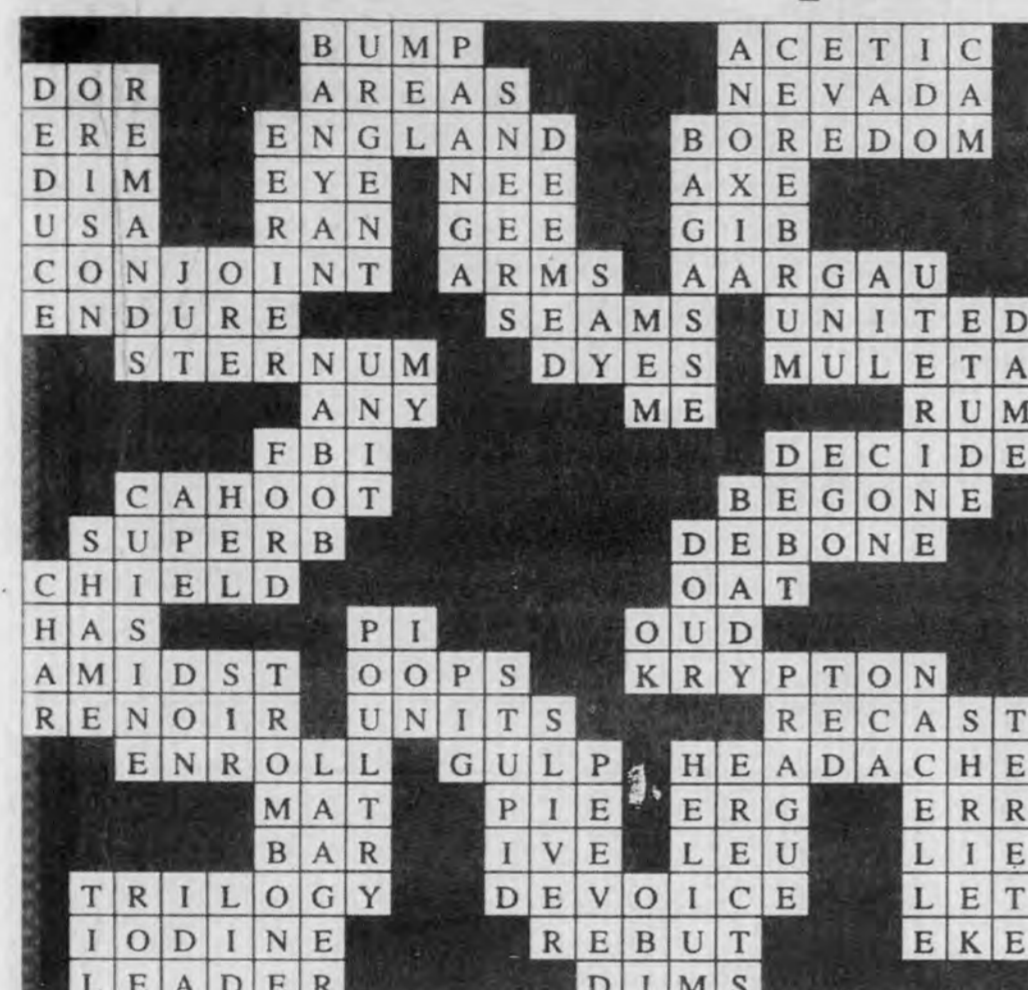
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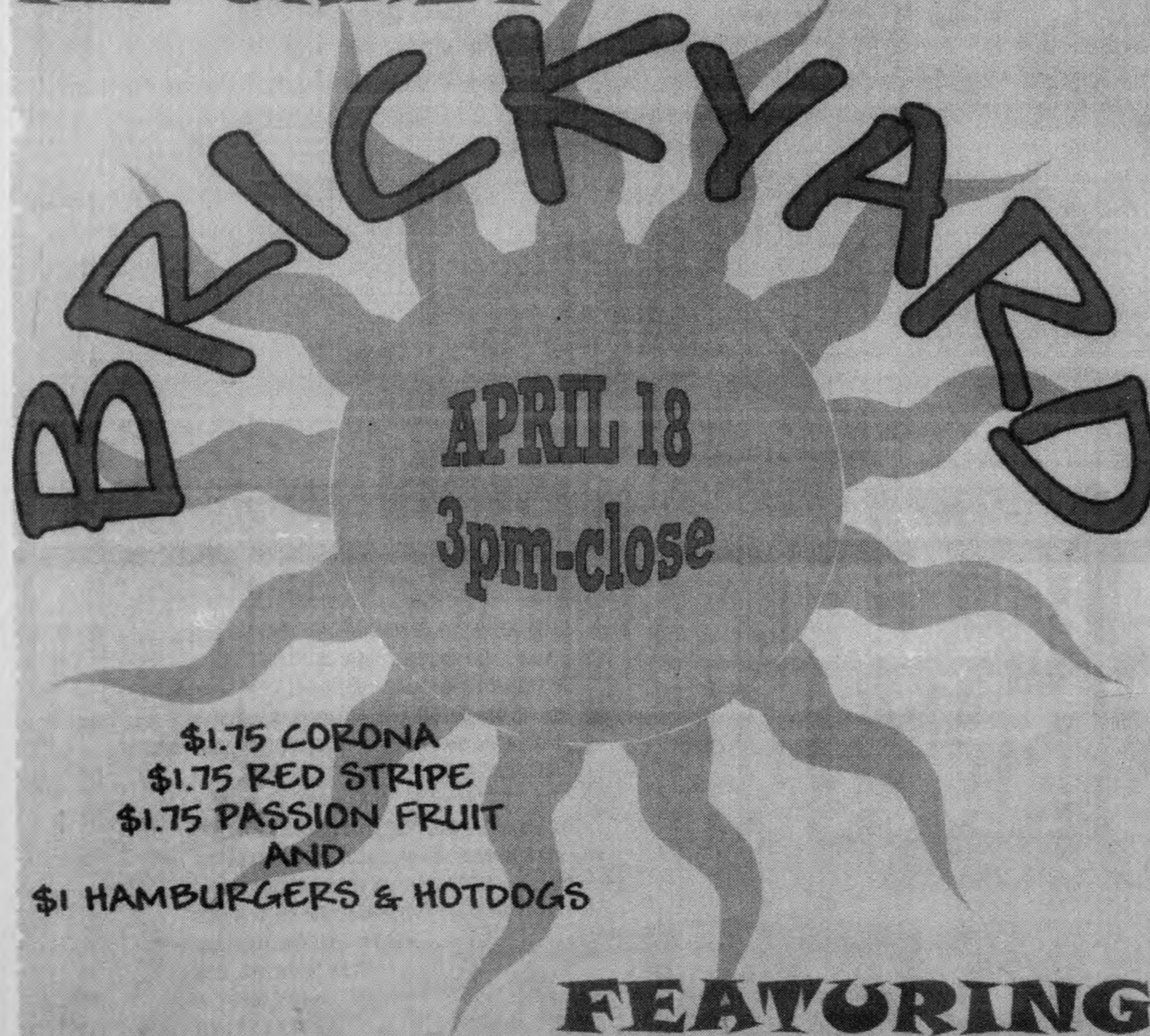
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Athletes overpaid and selfish? Says who?

Last week, Dodgers catcher Mike Piazza made headlines when he made the mistake of opening his mouth about his contract negotiations and in effect was booed by the fans at Los Angeles' home opener. In his bid to become the first \$100 million player, Piazza is making people angry, and fans are losing respect for the man who is now considered by some to be the best hitting catcher ever to play the game of baseball.

Players are just plain selfish, right? Well, maybe no more than the rest of us.

Athletes of every sport are making more money than the lowly fans like us could ever hope to make, but all I have to say is more power to them.

If someone (i.e. a loaded owner) is willing to shell out the big bucks, why shouldn't these athletes get what they can?



Karen Bischer

A Few Choice Words

People have told me that taking this stance is like stabbing myself in the back because it is the cause of rising ticket prices, concession

prices at the games and the overall cost of merchandise. Maybe I am dumb to be willing to shell out the money for a day at the ballpark, but I enjoy myself wholeheartedly when I do go, and to me, that enjoyment is priceless.

Athletes are entertainers, like Demi Moore and Leonardo DiCaprio, and I do not hear as much grumbling when they sign on to a hefty sum for a movie deal. It is now \$8 to go to a movie where I live in central New Jersey, but I still pay it, and I don't complain. I like being entertained too much, I guess.

Yes, ticket prices are up all over sports, but it isn't necessary to go to a game. If you want to send a message about the astronomical

salaries, don't complain. Just don't go at all. Cancel your cable subscription. Owners might get the point.

It is hard, but if you feel that strongly, it can be done.

But it still doesn't mean the money being thrown around in professional sports is undeserved.

Let me put it this way: if you were offered \$10 million a year, to do something you love, would you say "No, I don't deserve it?" Would you want people thinking you are not worthy of that amount of money?

OK, there are a few who might actually say they wouldn't take it and mean it, but people are mostly looking out for themselves, and if a stellar amount of money was

dropped in their laps, they would take it. Myself included.

What people should be mad about when it comes to players like Piazza is the fact that he openly complained about his status and looked ungrateful to his team and the fans. Had he quietly gone about getting the salary he wanted, maybe he would not have been booed. Perhaps, this was why he got the reaction he did (and if that is the case, yeah, he deserved it), but the ranting and raving about athlete's salaries sprung up when all this occurred.

Maybe it is because people can envision themselves playing the sports they watch, that they feel the money given to athletes is undeserved.

Not many of us can perform brain surgery or even fathom going through the medical training to become a surgeon, even though it is a high-paying field. However, most of us have caught a ball, shot a basket or made a pass at some point in our lives. But a good majority of us can't hit like Ken Griffey Jr., shoot like Jordan or pass like Gretsky. That is why they make the money they do. They are cashing in on their talent, and why not?

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Men's lax wins

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at the highest level.

"We didn't play well as a team; we just kept chipping away at it," he said. "It wasn't flawless lacrosse."

The team will celebrate its 50th anniversary Saturday. Shillinglaw said he expects 150 alumni to return to the university for the Hens' game against Loyola, a concert featuring a former player and an alumni game between Delaware and Loyola at 11 a.m.

The Hens face Loyola, ranked fifth in the nation, at Delaware Stadium tomorrow at 3 p.m. Shillinglaw said an upset would give the team a huge boost going into the end of the season.

"If we beat Loyola," Shillinglaw said, "it puts us in a pack of teams being considered for the tournament."

The game will be broadcast on WVUD 91.3 FM.



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Delaware's Kevin Mench, shown in action against the Wilmington Blue Rocks earlier this season, broke the school record for home runs in a season with his 22nd long ball against Towson.

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Hens' coach Brey interviews at Clemson

After three years at the helm, head coach is exploring his options

BY KAREN BISCHER
Assistant Sports Editor

Delaware men's basketball coach Mike Brey was interviewed Tuesday by Clemson University for the head coaching position of its basketball team.

Brey, who led the Hens to the NCAA basketball tournament for the first time in five years this past season, is being considered by the Tigers for the job vacated by Rick Barnes.

Brey could not be reached for comment, but some of

his players said they understand his situation.

"He feels very strongly about this team," said junior guard Tyrone Perry. "This is a business, you have to realize that. The coaches have to look out for themselves and their families."

Perry said he would like to see Brey back next season, with it being his last year as a college player.

Sophomore transfer John Gordon said Brey deserved to be considered for the job at Clemson.

"As a team, we'd like him to stay," he said.

"I understand why he is interested," Gordon said. "We all know coaching is a business."

Brey, whose prior position was as assistant coach under Mike Krysewski at Duke for eight years, was hired by Delaware in April of 1995. Brey followed former head coach Steve Steinwedel, who was with the

Hens for 10 seasons with a record of 163-121.

Over the past three seasons with Delaware, Brey has accumulated a record of 50-38 (20-10 in 1997-98), culminating with the team's winning the America East title in March of this year. The Hens lost in the first round of the Mid-West Regional to Purdue, but Brey has said he hopes to get Delaware back to the tournament.

"We definitely want to see that atmosphere more and more at the Bob Carpenter Center," Brey said at the Delaware Basketball Awards Banquet Wednesday night.

Brey also received honors for the 1997-98 season when, along with Vermont coach Tom Brennan, he was named America East Co-Coach of the Year. He was just the third coach in Delaware history to win the award. Steinwedel was the last to receive the award in 1992, with Ron Rainey being honored in 1985.

"This is a business and you have to realize that."

—Tyrone Perry, Delaware junior guard



Delaware coach Mike Brey, shown at the NCAA tournament in Chicago, interview for the vacant coaching spot at Clemson last week.

Basketball teams honored

Davis, Pegues and Johnson grab awards

BY JAMIE AMATO
Sports Editor

The 1997-98 Delaware men's and women's basketball teams assembled for a final time at the 13th annual basketball awards banquet Wednesday night at the Trabant University Center.

The event, attended by university administrators, player's families and alumni, celebrated the success of the men's and women's programs of the past season.

Following a catered dinner, women's head coach Tina Martin took the floor and presented her team with individual awards. Seniors Shanda Piggott and Keisha McFadgion were presented with commemorative pictures honoring their careers at Delaware.

However, freshmen Danielle Leyfert and Cindy Johnson received the bulk of the attention.

Both were named to the America East All-Rookie team, marking the first time in school history that two Delaware players earned that honor.

Leyfert was the team's leading scorer and assister last season, averaging 13.3 points per game and finishing with 60 assists on the season. In addition, she also set the season- and game-scoring records for freshmen, ending her first year with 358 points and a career-high 34 against Northwestern.

Johnson's dramatic mid-season turnaround earned her the Most Improved Player award.

Johnson averaged 7.5 points per game through the first 13 games of the season, but stepped up to score 15.5 over the last 14 games to earn the award. "She was a major force in our improvement," Martin said. "This was an easy choice."

Men's head coach Mike Brey then took over and, before giving out individual awards, presented his America East champion team with NCAA tournament watches.

"Every member of the 64 teams that make the tournament receive watches," Brey explained. "Even Purdue."

In just his third year at the helm of the Hens, Brey led the team to the Midwest Regional of the national tournament for only the third time in school history.

The Academic Achievement Award went to sophomore forward Mike Pegues, who currently holds a 3.27 cumulative GPA in Communications. An Academic All-American candidate, Pegues was the Hens' leading scorer last season, averaging 16.8



THE REVIEW/Bob Weill

Legendary high school basketball coach Morgon Wootten spoke at the men's and women's basketball awards banquet Wednesday night at the Trabant University Center.

points per game.

The team's lone senior, guard Keith Davis, earned Most Valuable Player honors. Davis received a standing ovation as he made his way to the podium to receive his award.

Brey said Davis's performance was "one of the great jobs of senior leadership in basketball."

"He did whatever it took to win. He's a special young man, and we'll miss him dearly."

The highlight of the night, however, occurred after all awards and thank yous had been given out.

Legendary high school basketball coach Morgon Wootten gave a short, humorous speech following the awards presentation.

Wootten, currently ranked second all-time among high school boys' basketball coaches with the highest

winning percentage (.868) in the country, is the former coach of Brey, Pegues and Delaware forward Darryl Presley.

The former coach of more than 10 NBA players spoke of the importance of prioritizing everything in life, and keeping things in perspective.

"Never try to be better than anyone else," he said. "Play hard, play smart, have fun and try to be the best you can be."

The night concluded with a high-light tape of the men's season. Brey summed up the atmosphere in the room by saying, "It was a special season that was fun to watch come together."

"It will be a challenge to make it happen again."

Baseball continues winning ways

Kevin Mench breaks regular season home run record with his 22nd blast

BY KAREN BISCHER
Assistant Sports Editor

Last night's Liberty Bell Classic game against Villanova ended too late for this edition.

The first few losses that started the season for the Delaware baseball team in February now seem like a distant memory in comparison to the winning surge of March and April.

The Hens (26-5), who had a 20-game winning streak until it was snapped by Towson last week, were ranked 22nd in the nation by Collegiate Baseball Magazine, earlier this week.

Delaware coach Bob Hannah said the ranking has not affected the team's outlook for the rest of the season and that they are not feeling pressured by it.

"Your next opponent is the challenge," he said. "You try to develop consistency." Delaware went 8-1 last week, playing two doubleheaders in that time. The Hens were to play UMBC on Tuesday, but because they earned a bid to the Liberty Bell Classic in Philadelphia, played America East Rival Drexel instead.

The result was an 11-6 come-from-behind victory over the Dragons (9-24).

The Hens had led the game early, 2-0, but the Dragons fought back for five runs in the second inning. Delaware responded with three runs in the top of the third to tie the game.

Freshman shortstop Chris Kolodzey broke a 6-6 tie in the top of the fifth with an RBI double, keeping the Hens ahead

for the rest of the game.

Hens freshman relief pitcher Vic Sage struck out five with no hits and one walk in his five innings of work, earning his second win of the season.

Delaware was riding a 20-game winning streak until it lost 2-1 to Towson last Friday in the second game of a double header. In game one, sophomore right fielder Kevin Mench hit his 20th home run of the season, tying Brian August's mark of a year ago.

On Saturday, Delaware started another win streak after defeating the Tigers 8-4 and 10-6. It was in the second game that Mench launched his 21st homer, breaking the record.

Hannah said Mench's performance at the plate has affected the pitches received by the batters around him.

"[Mench] is a major power threat in our line-up," Hannah said. "The pitchers have to pitch [to the players around Mench in the line-up] and it gives Kevin a chance."

Mench now leads the NCAA Division I in home runs per game. He is also six homers away from breaking Jim Sherman's career total at 46.

With 22 games in the regular season, and with Mench only in his sophomore year, the record will more than likely be broken sometime in the near future.

Mench will get a chance to try for the record this weekend, when the Hens will face America East foe Hofstra in two doubleheaders this weekend at Delaware diamond. Games begin at 12 p.m. both days.

BASEBALL

Spring Break Wrap-Up

Three athletes named to Academic Team

Delaware student-athletes Beth Gregory, Tiffany Goldy and Kelly Cawley were named to the GTE District II Winter At-Large Academic All-American second team, as voted by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

Gregory, a senior soccer player, Cawley, a junior field hockey player and Goldy, a senior track and field distance runner were three of 10 players named to the second team in the University Division.

Women's lacrosse falls to No. 6 Princeton

The Delaware women's lacrosse team had its longest winning streak since 1983 snapped by Princeton 11-5. The Tigers (8-2) broke a 4-4 halftime tie and shut down the No. 14 Hens (9-3) in the second half, outscoring Delaware 7-1 to seal the victory.

The Hens were led by junior attacker Amy Sullivan, who netted two goals in the loss, but were unable to stop Princeton junior attacker Cristi Samaras, who finished with a game-high five goals.

Delaware will host No. 12 Penn State Monday afternoon at 3:30 at Delaware Field.

Lavey leads Hens past Hawks

Junior attacker nets six in win

BY MICHAEL D. BULLARD
Assistant Entertainment Editor

Kevin Lavey scored a career-high six goals to help the 20th-ranked Delaware's men's lacrosse team beat Hartford 18-11 Tuesday in West Hartford.

Lavey, the junior attacker whose goal in the scored quarter put him over the 100 mark for his career, scored three times in the fourth quarter to help the Hens (2-1, 0-1 America East) secure the win.

Delaware coach Bob Shillinglaw said Lavey was very opportunistic, beating his man several times to score key goals.

"He happened to be in the right spot in a couple of situations," Shillinglaw said. "He scored six goals, you have to chalk that up as a good afternoon."

Lavey said it felt great to score so many

times. "But it always feels good to score a goal," he said. "I was just on that day."

Lavey said he didn't know during the game that he had scored his 100th goal or that he is closing in on the Delaware record of 161 with another season in front of him.

"It gives me something to work for," he said.

The Hawks narrowed Delaware's 9-5 half-time lead to 12-9 in the fourth quarter, but the Hens scored four straight goals and put the game out of reach.

Junior attacker John Grant, who leads the Hens in scoring and is the nation's fifth leading scorer with 5.1 goals per game, scored three times. He said the whole team contributed to the win.

"We had quite a few guys scoring," Grant said. "We had a couple step up and score who haven't been."

Grant said he thinks the team looks to him sometimes because he is the leading scorer.

"I try to lead by example," he said. "It might help a little bit."

Despite the seven-point victory, Shillinglaw said the Hens did not perform



THE REVIEW/File Photo

Delaware Jason Motta fights off a defender earlier this season. The Hens knocked off Hartford 18-11 Tuesday, and will host No. 5 Loyola tomorrow as part of Youth Lacrosse Day.

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