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Going wireless? Added luxury may pose security risks

BY PAT WALTERS
News Features Editor

In October Marc Simpson, previously a computer engineering major at the university, allegedly hacked two university servers while connected to an unsecured wireless network originating in an apartment above Margherita's Pizza. Initially the evidence led police to the apartment, not Simpson.

Capt. Steve Bunting, computer forensics examiner for University Police and lead investigator on the Simpson case, said computer crimes are traced to the network on which they were committed, not the computer used by the perpetrator.

Like Simpson, thousands of other students regularly connect to unsecured wireless networks on Main Street. It's fast, simple, convenient – and free. Of the 16 Main Street eateries surveyed by The Review for this report, only one, the Deer Park Tavern, was not in range of at least one wireless network. Starbucks, on the other hand, offered a buffet of connections, with 16 available networks. On average, five networks were available in each of the 16 locations surveyed.

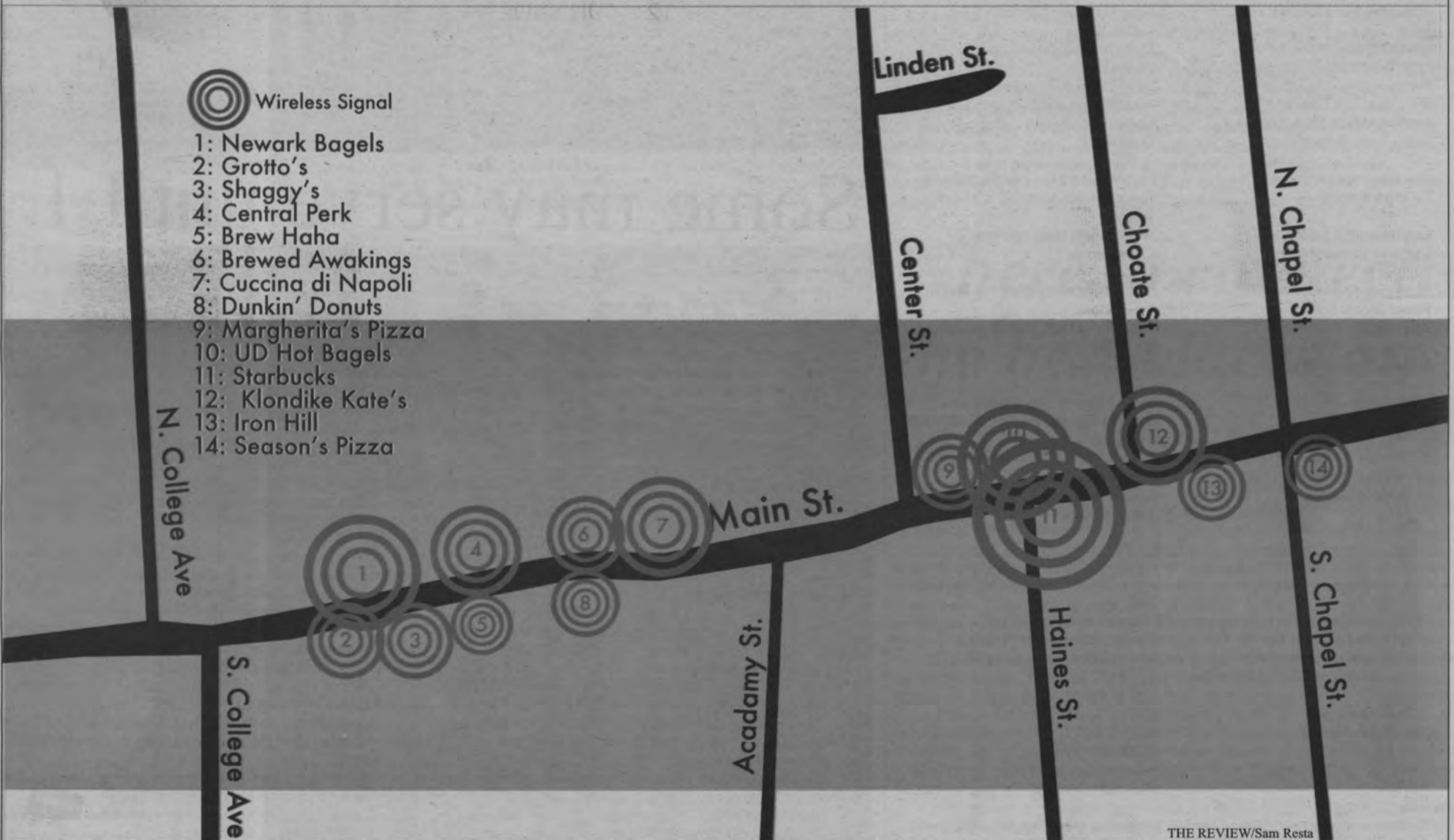
Bunting conducted an investigation into the number of unsecured wireless networks on campus late last year. He found 535 wireless networks on campus, 360 of which were unsecured. He said this number is "certainly not a

total of what is in Newark."

Stealing Internet

Using these networks to browse the Web seems harmless enough to most users. Although the law does not explicitly state so, using another person's wireless network without their knowledge is considered by many to be a form of stealing. High speed Internet is not cheap. A cable Internet connection from Comcast costs nearly \$60 each month.

Only seven of the 16 establishments surveyed by The see **MANY** page 3



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Home Grown Cafe and Pat's Pizzeria may now apply for a permit to serve alcohol until 1 a.m.



THE REVIEW/Mike DeVoll

Some may serve until 1

BY CAITLIN GINLEY
City News Editor

After much debate among city council members and opposition from residents, a 5-2 decision passed Jan. 9 allowing certain Newark restaurants to apply for a "special use" permit, which would allow the establishments to sell alcohol after midnight.

Prior to the decision, restaurants within 300 feet of "protected use" areas, such as churches, residential zones and residence halls, were prohibited from selling alcohol past midnight.

Eligible restaurants, such as Home Grown Cafe on Main Street and Pat's Pizzeria on Elkton Road, are now able to apply for the permit, granting them permission to serve alcohol until 1 a.m.

Eric Aber, co-owner of Home Grown, said he wants the opportunity to compete with other businesses on Main Street that do not need to comply with the alcohol regulations.

"It's just an hour," he said, "but for a business, that hour can mean customers deciding between staying here or going somewhere else to drink."

Aber said Home Grown has a good track record when it comes to controlling alcohol-related incidents.

"The police chief has spoken in our favor," he said. "We have not had any incidents, there haven't been any arrests, anyone coming out for a fight or committing acts of vandalism."

Mayor Vance A. Funk III said the reason he supports the ordinance is Home Grown.

"Home Grown is a tremendous asset to our restaurant community," he said. "I think it's unfortunate that we have laws that prevent them from selling alcohol after 12."

Aber's wife and co-owner of Home Grown, Sasha,

said acquiring the permit would allow for safer and more responsible drinking habits.

When Home Grown announces last call for alcohol at 11:45 p.m., customers leave and find somewhere else to continue drinking, she said. Serving alcohol past midnight allows customers to stay in one place and drink, allowing the restaurant to keep tabs on how many drinks are being served to each person.

Jean White, Newark resident, said she opposes the change in policy.

Enforcing tight regulations around places serving alcohol within 300 feet of "protected use" properties makes sense, she said.

"That was meant to provide a slight protection for some of the behaviors that occur where alcohol is served," White said.

Pat's Pizzeria, one of the establishments now eligible to apply for a special use permit, sells a \$12 beer tower, she said. Such alcohol specials are specially advertised, targeting an eager student population.

Councilman Karl Kalbacher, District 3, said he will not support the ordinance because it conflicts with the stricter guidelines of the zero tolerance policy.

"We're saying to the kids, 'come on, have a drink and then we're going to arrest you,'" he said.

Councilman Jerry Clifton, District 2, said he is inclined to support the policy, as long as the city is able to maintain control.

"Drinking is an individual's responsibility," he said, "and we should keep it at that."

Kalbacher said Newark has a major alcohol problem the city needs to confront.

"The kids aren't even here," he said, referring to the lack of university students at the city council meeting. "Remember zero tolerance."

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Many wireless networks on Main unsecure

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Review offer wireless Internet to their customers.

Emad Salaitah, owner of Central Perk, offers a wireless network connection to his customers. He pays nearly \$300 a month for his phone lines and Internet. He said allowing students to use the Internet in his shop is worth the cost for two reasons.

"It is worth it for customers to come and have coffee and use the laptop," he said. "But I also use it myself and so does my family."

For many people, having another user on the line does not bother them. If it does not slow down their connection, as it rarely does, then no one is likely to complain. In some major U.S. cities neighbors in apartment complexes share one Internet connection across a wireless network — but they agree to do so.

Identity Theft

Far more dangerous, Bunting said, is the risk of identity theft that comes with using an unsecured wireless network. Wireless networks use radio signals, not unlike those received by the radio in a car. With the proper tools, even a novice hacker can see the information that flows across the network — namely passwords and credit card numbers. Anyone connected to the unsecured wireless network is vulnerable to this type of eavesdropping.

A university student, who wished to remain anonymous, said the process is incredibly simple.

"With some instruction and motivation, you could effectively be sniffing and getting passwords in an evening or two in a Windows environment," he said. "If you can follow a recipe to bake a cake, you can do some hacking in Windows."

Programs like Ethereal, DSNIFF and Aircrack enable a hacker to throw out a net that collects thousands of pieces of information called packets. Once assembled, these packets reveal passwords and credit card numbers. The hacker can take whatever catches his eye.

Preventing Hacks



THE REVIEW/Meaghan Jones

A survey conducted by University Police Capt. Steve Bunting found 360 unsecure wireless networks out of 535 on campus.

Starbucks is the only shop on Main Street that offers an encrypted wireless network. Basic encryption scrambles the packets that are broadcast in clear form across unsecured wireless networks. To connect to the Internet in Starbucks, a user must sign up for a T-Mobile passcode.

Once this code is entered, the user's name and credit card information are associated with his or her computer, meaning any illegal activity conducted on that computer can be traced directly to the user.

Just as no home security system is com-

pletely impenetrable, no wireless security can guarantee complete protection, Bunting said. But basic encryption, like that used by Starbucks, is a start. Setting up the same level of security on a home network is a simple process, generally requiring a user only to check a box and enter a key code.

Recently, major software producers have officially recognized the need for increased security on wireless networks. In October, McAfee, a major manufacturer of computer protection software, released two new packages designed to protect wireless networks — McAfee Internet Security Suite Wireless

Network Edition and McAfee Wireless Home Network Security Suite.

This month Symantec, McAfee's biggest competitor, began shipping Norton Internet Security 2006 with all Linksys wireless routers.

Aaron Frey, owner of the UPS Store on Main Street and a licensed attorney in Pennsylvania, said leaving wireless networks unsecured opens people up to all sorts of problems. He and his staff maintain a secured wireless network for their own use.

"You might as well have an unlocked door," he said.



THE REVIEW/Meaghan Jones

Where to connect: the best places on Main Street

Iron Hill Brewery, Klondike Kate's and Home Grown Cafe might not be the best places to set up a laptop and browse the Web. None of these popular Main Street restaurants offer wireless Internet to their customers. Even Brew HaHa! and Brewed Awakenings, two hip Main Street coffee shops, do not broadcast a wireless Internet connection to their customers. And yet, every day, students bring their laptops to Joe Marshall's Brewed Awakenings. They read the news and check their e-mail — on the Internet.

Seven establishments — Grotto Pizza, Shaggy's on Main, Newark Deli and Bagel, Central Perk, Dunkin Donuts, Starbucks and Season's Pizza — offer free wireless Internet to their customers. The Review found that wireless Internet was available in all but one of the establishments surveyed. In those establishments that did not offer wireless Internet, the network of a nearby apartment could generally be reached. The Deer Park Tavern is out of range of any surrounding wireless networks.

The names of wireless networks on Main Street range from surprisingly plain to apparently senseless. Many people never change the name of their networks, leaving them titled "default" and "linksys." Networks with these names are widespread on Main Street, while others do not follow any logic at all in naming their networks.

— compiled by Pat Walters

IN THE NEWS

NASA prepares for 4 billion-mile mission to Pluto

Barring last-minute glitches, NASA's New Horizons mission will be launched Tuesday, beginning a 4 billion-mile trip to Pluto; its moon, Charon and the little-known Kuiper Belt that girds the outer reaches of the solar system.

If New Horizons gets away in the first 11 days of its 29-day launch window, it will reach Pluto in 2015. A delay until Valentine's Day would mean a 2020 arrival.

The launch vehicle, an Atlas V-551 rocket, is the fastest ever made. Less than one hour into the flight, the piano-sized craft will be hurtling through space at almost 30,000 mph.

Lead scientist Alan Stern of the Southwest Research Institute in Colorado calls it a "transformational" mission, the first specifically aimed at Pluto, the solar system's only known "binary planet," orbiting the sun in tandem with Charon, which is more than half its size.

New Horizons will spend five months in a close flyby, taking pictures and gathering data on Pluto's surface features, atmosphere and chemistry.

Specter criticizes Bush on domestic spying

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., on Sunday reiterated his reservations about President George W. Bush's legal authority to order domestic spying, noting that Congress had not given Bush a "blank check" to order warrantless eavesdropping.

But Specter said he is prepared to listen to the administration's case during the congressional hearings he intends to convene next month. If the hearings determine that the president broke the law, one possible remedy could be impeachment, though he quickly added that such talk was only theoretical — and premature.

"The remedy could be a variety of things," including impeachment or criminal prosecution, "but the principal remedy ... under our society, is to pay a political price," Specter said on ABC's "This Week."

He said he was willing to follow the investigation as far as it needs to go, "but I don't see any talk about impeachment here."

Last month, Bush acknowledged that he had authorized the highly secretive National Security Agency, which conducts international electronic surveillance, to monitor communications between individuals in the United States and those abroad in suspected terrorism cases.

Pakistan protests U.S. missile strike intended for Al Qaida

KARACHI, Pakistan — Thousands of Pakistanis took to the streets in cities across the country Sunday to protest a U.S. missile attack two days earlier that killed more than a dozen people but apparently missed its target, Al Qaida deputy leader Ayman Zawahiri.

In Karachi, Pakistan's most populous city, about 8,000 people attended a rally outside the main Binori mosque, listening to fiery speeches condemning the United States and the Pakistani president, Gen. Pervez Musharraf.

Friday's rocket attack in the village of Damadola, just across the border from Afghanistan, was carried out by the CIA with an unmanned Predator drone firing missiles at houses where Zawahiri was thought to have been. The CIA has declined to comment.

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

POLICE REPORTS

Man armed with scissors robs Sunoco, flees on foot

A male suspect robbed the Sunoco A Plus Market on Elkton Road last Tuesday, Lt. Thomas Le Min said.

At approximately 12:51 a.m., the suspect, armed with a large pair of scissors, forced the 29-year-old female cashier to open the cash register, taking an unknown amount of cash, Le Min said. The suspect then fled on foot toward Murray Road.

Le Min said the suspect is described as a white male of thin build. At the time of the robbery, he was wearing a black cap and black face mask, black hooded jacket, light colored pants and black sneakers.

Anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to call Det. Gerald Bryda at (302) 366-7120 or Crimestoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333.

Man arrested for trespassing on railroad tracks

A deaf and mute male was arrested for walking on the railroad tracks near the Deer Park Tavern on West Main Street early Wednesday, Cpl. Tracy Simpson said.

At approximately 1:47 a.m., the suspect, a New Castle resident who was staying with a friend on West Main Street, was found walking on the railroad tracks with slight alcohol on his breath, Simpson said.

Police issued a criminal summons for trespassing on railroad tracks. The suspect is required to appear before the Alderman's Court Feb. 1, Simpson said.

Teenagers accused of disorderly conduct

Two youth suspects reportedly acted in a disorderly manner Jan. 9 in the Acme parking lot on Elkton Road, Simpson said.

The suspects, a 15-year-old and an 18-year-old male, were observed taunting a dog in a nearby parked car.

— Caitlin Ginley



THE REVIEW/Mike DeVoll

Youth volunteers participated in numerous activities, including playing Bingo with senior citizens.

MLK Jr. inspires youth

BY DANE SECOR

Student Affairs Editor

Delaware teenagers gathered in Newark yesterday to engage in leadership activities and volunteer around the city as part of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of service.

Participants started the day with morning workshops at the Newark United Church of Christ and participated in activities ranging from baking desserts for residents of the Homeward Bound Emmaus House, a shelter for battered women and their children, to cleaning trails along state Route 896.

Americorps*VISTA member Sarah Shafer organized the event and said volunteers were from the Youth Volunteers Involved in Progress program.

The program consists of young people who wish to strengthen their communities through service projects and leadership activities, she said.

Shafer, who works for the State Office of Volunteerism, said the volunteers consisted of students from high schools across Delaware.

"We were aiming for students who don't normally get this opportunity," she said.

Martin Luther King Day is a great time to continue to spread King's message of service and helping others.

"It's part of his legacy," she said. "The day is a good jumping off point for these projects."

The Delaware Mentoring Council and Americorps*VISTA program at the university also helped with the day's events.

Americorps*VISTA member Andrew Rutan, coordinator of the event, said the holiday is an opportunity for volunteers to help the community.

"It's a national day of service and the main thing is to just really focus on Dr. King's legacy of education and service," he said.

Rutan led the volunteers through a Newark

Department of Parks and Recreation trail to pick up trash. The event was successful and a future trip might be planned to continue the cleanup, he said.

In addition to cooking and cleaning, volunteers had the opportunity to work on a painting project at the Newark Arts Alliance, read stories at the Newark Free Library and play games while engaging in inter-generational friendship with the elderly at various nursing homes.

Christiana High School student Gustavo Hernandez said he spent time with the elderly at the Newark Senior Center and participated in workshops to build volunteer and leadership skills.

The Day of Service was a rewarding way to celebrate King's legacy, he said.

"Martin Luther King Jr. dealt with his community and he was a leader, and in a way we're being leaders too," he said. "We're setting a good example for other people and it's a great thing to do."

Doris Kennedy, activities director at the Newark Manor Nursing home, said it's wonderful when people come out to volunteer with the elderly.

Volunteers had the opportunity to play Bingo and talk with residents who often only have the chance to go outside the home with family, Kennedy said.

"We try to bring the outside in to them and that's students of all ages," she said.

Kennedy said being with elderly people gives volunteers the chance to talk with people who lived during King's time.

"They are the history of this country," she said. Faustina Kandeh, a Christiana High School student, said volunteering is a good way to serve the community and continue the work King started.

"It's a way to help the world become a better place," she said. "We're not out there doing something stupid like hanging out on the corner or on the streets, we're helping people."

Del. lawmakers pull stem cell research bill

BY KYLE SISKEY
Copy Editor

Amid controversy, confusion and lack of substance, Senate Bill 80, which involves human embryonic stem cell research, was pulled from the state House of Representatives floor Thursday, according to Rep. Deborah Hudson, District 12.

The bill addressed two of the leading breakthroughs in biology, Hudson said. First, the banning of human reproductive cloning and, second, the limitation of human embryonic stem cell research.

Embryonic stem cell research differs from adult in that the cells are taken from embryos without knowing of which organs they will develop.

The bill was pulled to amend some of the vagueness that led to confusion among house members, Hudson said. The changes include a more specific \$1 million fine for human reproductive cloning and adding new members to the review board that allows human embryonic stem cell research.

Hudson said she does not back some of the amendments because she claims they are being made to ensure failure of the bill. One such amendment was the mandatory renewal of the bill after three years.

We need to put all of our resources behind that which science is telling us is the way to the cures.

— Andrea Evans, Delaware Family Foundation

"I do not support that one because three years is not enough time to get the projects going," she said.

Hudson said she expects the amended bill to be heard in the house sometime in the near future, but could not predict a specific date.

David Weir, director of the university's Biotechnology Institute, said the limitation of human embryonic stem cell research is a good thing for scientists who wish to conduct their studies in Delaware, but that the argument for legislation has not been clearly made.

"Part of the problem is that people are not understanding the bill," he said. "It is providing an environment for medical research in human embryonic stem cells. Right now there is no research currently being done in Delaware."

According to Weir, adult stem cells have been studied for 30 years, while human embryonic cells were discovered only seven years ago.

Although Weir said he believes the technology is simply too young, Andrea Evans, chairwoman of the Delaware Family Foundation, has a different take on the issue.

She said she believes adult stem cell research should be the main focus, not embryonic.

"Adult stem cell research is now successfully treating 56 different diseases," Evans said. "We need to put all of our resources behind that which science is telling us is the way to the cures, instead of sticking with something that has produced no cures and is so controversial."

Hudson said she feels the reason no cures have been discovered is the lack of time devoted to human embryonic stem cell research in the past seven years.

"There is no main disease that is now completely curable by embryonic," she said. "However, that is because it is such a new science. Just about any science you come up with or any drug you work on takes 14 to 20 years."

According to the proposed legislation, embryos that would have otherwise been discarded can be used for research. Researchers are apprehensive about working in Delaware because of the lack of legislation.

"Right now people are concerned that it could be banned," he said. "The expectation with this legislation is that companies and researchers will be able to invest their time and their careers in this kind of work."

However, Evans suggests another route for the embryos being discarded that is much different from their use in human embryonic stem cell research.

"It is almost impossible to adopt a baby in the United States," she said. "Here are all these that can be implanted like their own children. It is a wonderful opportunity for couples who have not been able to get adoption."

Weir said he still believes the embryonic stem cells can be used to make previously unheard of medical breakthroughs.

"It's one of the most important areas of research with the potential to be able to understand and cure."

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OUR SAY

Zero tolerance linked to restaurant regulations

Just when The Review thought the hoopla surrounding zero tolerance had settled down, the policy came back to haunt us yet again.

Recently, we commented on the bogus connection police and university officials made between zero tolerance and noise. Now, some people are claiming this policy should be considered in a current debate regarding city restaurants and alcohol regulations.

In a 5-2 decision, the city council agreed to allow certain Newark restaurants to apply for a "special use" permit, allowing them to sell alcohol after midnight.

Newark restaurants within 300 feet of "protected use" areas such as churches, residential zones and residence halls are currently prohibited from selling alcohol past midnight.

Eligible restaurants such as Home Grown Cafe on Main Street and Pat's Pizzeria on Elkton Road are now eligible to apply for the permit.

The Review supports this change.

Realistically, if people are drinking alcohol at Home Grown or Pat's, when these establishments close, customers will go to other bars. It seems logical to try to keep drinkers in one location for safety reasons, and not have them gallivanting from one to another. If these places are open until 1 a.m., it is likely people will stay there.

In addition, this policy puts restaurants at a financial disadvantage. While The Review understands its purpose is valid in considering "quality of life," in this case it really is demonstrating more harm than

good.

The Review contends that for students and locals alike, the early closing of these locations is unfavorable and even a deterrent. This unfairly takes businesses away from places like Pat's and Home Grown.

Pat's is also a new business in Newark, and this policy is certainly not helping it grow. As a sports bar, people often frequent it to watch various games and cheer on their favorite teams. These events often continue past midnight into the morning hours — who wants to leave a bar in the middle of a game?

As employees of these locations, students also suffer from less tips and wages with the night cut short.

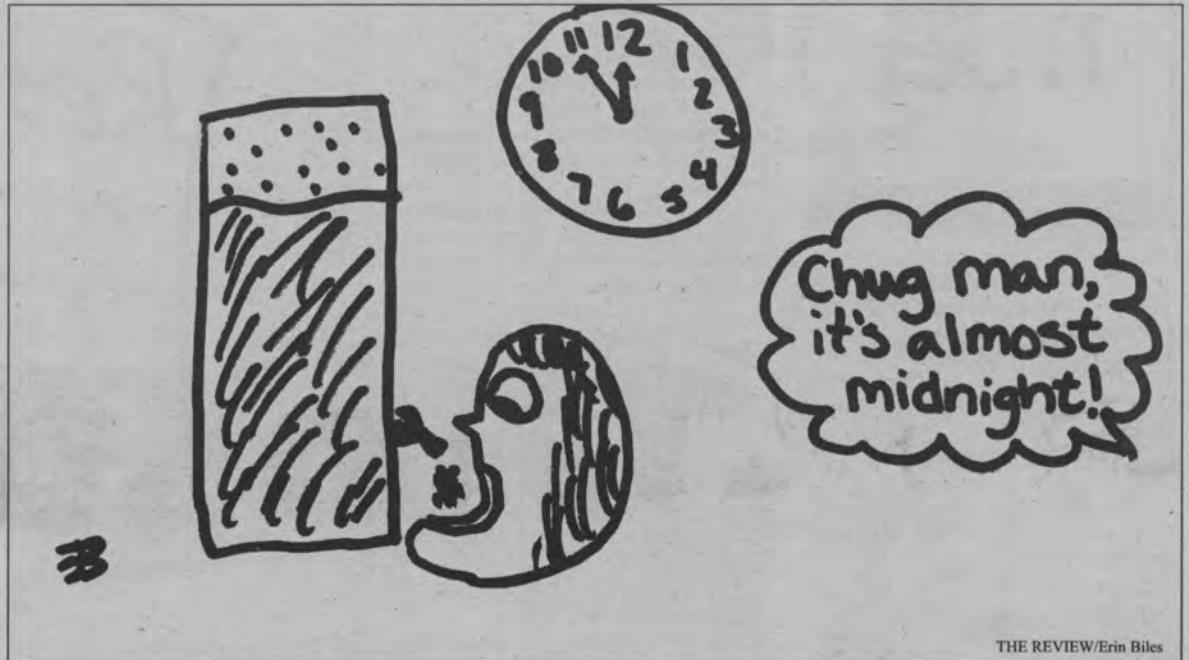
The bottom line is, if the council does not support the restaurants, it directly undercuts and questions the responsibility of bartenders and other employees at these places. They have the authority not to serve or cut off anyone they choose. The city should have faith in these people, and those that hire them.

Councilman Karl Kalbacher, District 3, said he would not support the ordinance.

"We're saying to the kids, 'come on, have a drink and then we're going to arrest you,'" he said.

It is also unlikely that adding one extra hour to serve alcohol will cause underage students to be admitted into these restaurants.

With bars in Newark becoming more strict, let's not punish those who are legally allowed to drink. The link with zero tolerance must be denounced.



THE REVIEW/Erin Biles

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Send letters and comments to stepha@udel.edu. Please include a name with all submissions.

Bill has potential to bring in stem cell research

A bill that addresses the banning of human reproductive cloning and, second, the limitation of human embryonic stem cell research was recently pulled from discussions in the state House of Representatives floor.

The bill was pulled because of confusion and lack of substance, but is expected to be reintroduced with some changes.

The Review hopes it does.

Senate Bill 80 has the potential to bring medical research in embryonic stem cells to Delaware. This could mean big things for the university and professors in these scientific fields.

According to the legislation, embryos to be used in research would have otherwise been discarded.

While this argument has the potential to be controversial and suggests moral conflicts, The Review sees it as a resourceful use of materi-

als that could be used to save lives, that would have otherwise been disposed.

Others might argue it would be more ethical to implant the embryos into women and thereby use them to help people adopt.

Still, it seems likely that most embryos would end up as waste in this case because there are simply too many of them for adoptive purposes.

Embryonic stem cells could be used to make medical breakthroughs, and although they have not produced a cure for any diseases, they were only discovered seven years ago.

Therefore, the state must be commended for addressing this issue, as it was clearly time for legislation.

Delaware has the chance to be a leader in a science that could change the lives of many for the better. The Review hopes it takes advantage of this opportunity.

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Seniors confront "Quarter-life" crisis

Steph It Up



Steph Andersen

When I sat down to write this editorial two nights ago, I wanted to write about some sort of political debacle, to rant about how the Republicans conveniently tried to attach a plan to allow drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as part of the \$453 billion defense bill – or something like that anyway.

And then as my mind started to wander, I realized what I really wanted to rant about was life in general.

After making it through three- and-a-half years of college, I want to know where my manual is. My questions are endless. Should I move back home with all of my friends? Move on to a new city? Go to graduate school or jump right into the working world?

What if I do this, and what if I don't do that? For the first time ever, I feel like I am really on my own. And although my parents have not cut me off yet, my decisions about my future are truly my own. The rents' paid for college, and so they had a say in where I went –

but now, it's all me. And I am scared shitless.

Of course, most graduating seniors feel the same way. My friends from home and I have these discussions with every phone call and visit, and my friends from school and I discuss it approximately every five seconds. It's the last thing we all want to talk about, but the one that is always on our minds: graduating.

Normally a celebratory word, as the actual event comes closer, for me it is a word that is now feared and disgusted. I loathe it.

It means I have to make a decision about where my life is going next, or I'll have to move in with my parents again – and as we all know, that simply cannot happen, unless I'm broke.

So when my friend sent around an e-mail about something called a "quarter-life crisis" I felt a little better.

Although essentially a chain e-mail, ironically, it put things into perspective. There is a name for my problem! And thankfully, it will go away, and I will not be crazy forever.

The e-mail describes, "You are insecure and then secure. You laugh and cry with the greatest force of your life; You feel alone and scared and confused; Suddenly change is the enemy and you try and cling on to the past with dear life but soon realize that the past is drifting further and further away and there is nothing to do but stay where you are or move forward."



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Although cheesy, I find it to be true.

It continues, "You go through the same emotions and questions over and over and talk with your friends about the same topics because you cannot seem to make a decision. You worry about loans and money and the future and making a life for yourself and while winning the race would be great, right now you'd just like to

be a contender."

Just when we all thought we had life figured out, the "quarter-life" crisis came along and messed it all up.

Perhaps part of the insanity also comes from having recent graduates tell us how much life sucks after college. There is no more partying three to four nights per week. No more late night food runs or dance parties. Your friends do not all go to the same

bars, mostly because they'll be dispersed around the country in different jobs and locations.

You work 40 hours per week, eat, sleep and if you're lucky, work out at the gym.

This, meanwhile, assumes one will actually have a job.

Depressed yet? Welcome to the real world. It is so awful that just the thought of it has caused 21 and 22 year olds to breakdown into crises all across the country.

Nobody wants to leave, or graduate college, but now that the time is near we have all been forced into limbo. We know we cannot stay, but we don't want to move on either.

And then I have talked to people in their late twenties and thirties who are happy as clams. Somehow, they have managed to move on from their crisis, and are living and breathing in the real world. They have jobs and significant others, even apartments with plants and dogs.

But the bottom line is, we are all going through this together. If you think you have become crazy, don't worry, so have I! Along with the majority of your graduating class.

So to all those living with a "quarter-life" crisis, I salute you! Godspeed. I hope we all make it out alive.

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Community lacks MLK Day celebrations

CARS ON PARADE



Carson Walker

It seems in recent years that the main focus around Christmas is how the true meaning of the holiday has been lost. Or, if I may use a cliché, how people have lost sight of "the reason for the season."

While this may or may not be true, it isn't the purpose of this rant. I told you that story to tell you this one. My purpose on this page is to point out an incredible hypocrisy so blatant and distasteful it makes me sick. That travesty is the complete and utter ignorance of the reasons for the holiday celebrated yesterday. Please tell me that no

one reading this just asked themselves, "What holiday was yesterday? There was a holiday yesterday?"

Well, assuming none of you actually asked those questions, I shall proceed. How ass backward is our society? It seems there are more events and hype surrounding farcical holidays like St. Patrick's Day and Valentine's Day than there are legitimate governmentally sanctioned holidays like Martin Luther King Jr. Day. I am not saying people should start buying presents and chocolates for the occasion, but they should at least take a moment to reflect on the man and his work. Maybe read one of his great speeches, or take a look at a biography about his life.

For the last few weeks all I have seen out of the History Channel has been hype around a groundbreaking new documentary, not focusing on the life and times of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., but about the bout with depression that Abraham Lincoln faced. Now, don't get me wrong, I think the Lincoln story will be fascinating,

and possibly one of the best specials the History Channel has ever done, but the timing is all wrong. What would the difference be in having it next Monday? Or why not the brilliant idea of having it on

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say, the night of President's Day which is only one month away. That, however, would only make sense, and I have stopped trying to make any assemblance of sense out of our society these days.

After the years King spent working toward a lofty goal, it is a shame that the most obvious way we honor his work is by putting a graphic of him on the Google

homepage. This is a great gesture, but shouldn't it be made by others as well? I commend Google for their appreciation on this special holiday, I am just ashamed it was not duplicated by other big name companies or organizations.

In a way I suppose it is fitting for someone who was generally shy and reserved throughout his life when not giving big speeches, that his holiday remains, in a way pure and uncommercialized.

I was hoping that at least, on a more local level, the university or City of Newark would help celebrate the holiday, but alas that was wishful thinking. I am not going to say they should have staged a parade, because that is not necessary, but maybe planned a reading of his works or perhaps had a viewing of famous documentaries about his life. Another event the university could have offered would be to invite a historian and expert to talk about the life and times of King to help educate people about how truly extraordinary his life was.

However, somehow both the

university and city overlooked planning any big events to celebrate the holiday. How is it that one of the most positively influential figures of the 20th century is being slowly forgotten more and more with each year since he was taken at all too young an age?

Perhaps, like many other things in society, the information age is to blame. Kids these days don't want to learn about historical figures, they simply want to get online and play video games or watch MTV. It really is a shame that King and others like him are becoming less and less known with each generation.

So then, it is up to people of our generation to stand and help to spread the good word of people like King, who worked so very hard to achieve what many thought an unobtainable dream. A dream he left to our parents, who passed it on to us, as Americans, to carry on.

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THE REVIEW/Mike DeVoll

A portrait of progress

After suffering a stroke, Michael Tavani finds a pathway to healing through his passion for art

BY MOLLY KERESZTURY

Staff Reporter

Sipping a beer at Caffe Gelato on a sunny Monday afternoon, his exhibit of colorful impressionistic oil paintings serving as a backdrop, it's hard to imagine how far 69-year-old Michael Tavani and his artwork have come in the last six years.

In his early 60s, after more than 30 years of overlooking his lifelong talent for painting, Tavani has finally indulged his hidden passion and picked up a paintbrush. What began as a post-retirement interest has since turned into a therapeutic endeavor that has enriched Tavani's life with a vigor and passion apparent in his vibrant artwork.

His paintings, which are stunningly displayed against Caffe Gelato's deep red walls, capture a sense of understated beauty and simplicity — a sense he acquired the second time he learned how to paint.

After a paralyzing stroke crippled his right side in February 2000, Tavani relearned to paint, this time using his left hand, equipped with a renewed outlook on life.

"I had to relearn, but it wasn't difficult because I enjoyed it so much," Tavani says, his eyes radiating with genuine joy.

Tavani, a Wilmington resident, says he had a natural knack for art growing up. However, he says he was not given the opportunity to nurture his talent.

"I had talent, I had real talent. I had teachers who wanted to send me to art school," Tavani says, "but I came from working people."

Tavani's wife, Terry, sits across from her husband of 46 years.

"Painting was not encouraged," she says. "Art was not taught in schools."

Occasionally, Terry eases into the conversation to help her husband find the words his mind is grasping for.

Although Tavani initially abandoned his dreams of being an artist, he enthusiastically took over his father's hardware store, Moreheat Hardware, which he owned and operated until his retirement in April 1999. Tavani then began rekindling his relationship with painting.

But only 10 months after retirement and one semester of painting classes at the university's Academy of Lifelong Learning, Tavani suffered a stroke that permanently paralyzed his dominant right side. Yet he was determined to pursue his passion for art, despite his limited mobility and dexterity.

"When I came back from the stroke, I had nothing else," he says.

Although Tavani's right hand would never grasp a brush again, he clung to his love of art. Tavani's willpower to continue his personal joy for painting became an inspiration to all.



Using his left hand, Tavani feebly experimented with clay sculpting as well as paintbrushes.

Although he struggled with fine brushstrokes, Terry proudly recalls her husband's initial post-stroke paintings.

"He couldn't write his name or print his initials, but he could do these wonderful watercolors of Indians," Terry says.

Tavani's positive attitude allowed him to embrace his disability. Despite his extraordinary strides to regain his painting ability, Tavani grew tired of painting still-life pieces and longed to fill his canvases with vivid cityscapes.

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THE REVIEW/MIKE DAVOLI

Download a date?

MENU

❑ Tech-savvy trendsetters turn to iPods to meet mates but some doubt the trend will stimulate lasting bonds

BY SONIA DASGUPTA

Staff Reporter

Walking around campus, it's normal to see people in a daze while listening to their iPods. White ear buds in their ears, cords dangling down their chest and a personally designed iPod strapped to their arm or clipped to their pocket is a common sight.

Whether they are pink, blue, white, black, Nano, shiny, blinged-out or simply filled with music, Apple has taken the craze to the next level with the release of the video iPod.

With these iPods, people can view video profiles of prospective dates with the touch of a button, but some critics are skeptical that iPod dating will impact the way singles find new mates.

Jon Myers, creator of poddater.com, says he believes he was the first person to start this kind of dating Web site. However, Myers says everyone can use his Web site, even if the client does not have an iPod. All that's needed is a camera to make a video profile that can be downloaded by others, he says. Customers can download the profiles as soon as they are made, Myers says, and use tags to search for people with similar hobbies or tastes.

Myers started the Ohio-based Web site when he and two friends, Roopan Dey and Dave Hunegnaw, thought it would be a great platform.

"Video is becoming a big thing," he says. "Now it is a reality with broadband and video iPods."

Although the site is relatively new, Myers says he has gotten positive feedback. He believes one of the obstacles may be creating the video, since people do not always have a camera handy.

However, he says the advantages outweigh the disadvantages because the profiles clients receive are more up-to-date than old high school pictures, and clients have a better chance to see their prospective date's personality.

Another problem Myers is facing is getting women to upload on the site.

"We know we're early, we're first with iPod dating," Myers says. "But attracting more females onto the site will build a good female base, and help us reach out to more customers."

Liam Burke, the creator of podato.com, says iPod dating is not only practical but also fun. He came up with the idea to start the site last March when he and another Irish blogger were discussing dating sites and how podcasting can make meeting

new people fun and exciting.

Burke says he decided to make the Web site for a few reasons. He says he believes it's hard for people who live in rural areas to meet new people. In addition, Burke says the online dating sites are not working for some people, because they are too serious and missing an important element.

"The main item that was sticking out for me was the fact that none of these sites had an element of fun," Burke says. "All sites were serious and based on people reading long profiles and then carefully selecting people to write to, whereas with our podato Web site there are no forms to fill out, no images so no judging, just the sound of their voice and whatever they choose to say about themselves."

Burke says he has received positive feedback because people see iPod dating as fun and innovative.

He says he believes people can use it on their way to work, listening to profiles of other singles or during their free time. The only problem is people do not want to be the first to put a profile on the Web site.

Dave Evans, a self-proclaimed online dating guru, says he has discussed the idea of iPod dating on his blog. He learned about a recent iPod add-on, iFlirt, from a woman who was auditioning for an invention reality show. Although he says the idea of a device that can locate singles with similar interests in a user's area seems like a good idea, he does not know how it will pan out in the future.

Evans says the idea may be better for people in urban areas, but believes cell phones are becoming a better way to communicate.

"There have been dating sites for years," he says, "just a cell phone version."

Evans says for these iPod dating sites to work, people have to want to download videos, look at those videos and make a

video. Evans says he does not believe iPod dating will change online dating.

However, he is concerned about safety issues. "The fact that someone could see your video and then go spot you at a bar is sketchy," Evans says.

However, Burke and Myers say they do not see safety as a huge issue.

Myers believes community policing will help, because people can rate profiles. Video dating is a safer way to date because people know what they are getting, he says.

As for iPod dating changing the face of online dating? Myers and Burke say they feel video dating will grow in popularity because it's portable, fun and different. However, Evans says he believes that people will turn to cell phones in the future, because they are more accessible than iPods, and cell phones are quickly redefining their functions everyday.

MEDIA DARLING

In defense of K-Fed: Give him a break

Consider this an open appreciation column for the one and only Kevin Federline, or as his boys and supporters like myself call him, K-Fed.

One might be alarmed by such a proclamation, but let's get real. Only in the United States of America can a skinny white boy obsessed with Hip-hop drop out of high school to become a backup dancer for Britney Spears' ex-boyfriend Justin Timberlake, and later marry the international superstar Spears herself.

Rags-to-riches was practically redefined.

Summing up K-Fed's unbelievable story in a sentence doesn't give proper justice or respect to what this man has accomplished. He is the consummate example of an awesome father, totally cool husband and kick-ass professional whatever-he-does-I'm-not-sure.

I feel most compelled to write this due to the simple fact that K-Fed is getting killed in the press right now and it troubles me greatly. We've all heard the jabs and jabs on K-Fed's lifestyle and character, but it's time to take a stand and refute such comments.

First, people can't seem to get over K-Fed's style. Haters are going to hate, but they don't realize K-Fed is truly redefining the look of a sophisticated young man living in America. Alongside his elegant wife, K-Fed has shown men in this country what it means to be suave. Not since trendsetter Fred Durst has a person single-handedly made a baseball cap the imperative accessory to an impeccable stepping-out outfit.

Grooming for K-Fed is optional and it really lets his true character shine through. I can just imagine his routine when he wakes up from his 13-hour sleep. Shower? I just did a few days ago. Brush my teeth? Maybe. Comb my hair? I'm an artist — I can't waste my time with such frivolous nonsense. My man is just trying to live. It's a known fact hygiene just gets in a genius' way.

But here's what tugs at my heart. Journalists, television personalities, his wife, their families, friends, acquaintances

and the American population viciously attack K-Fed for his work ethic. They claim all he does is spend Spears' money. They even go so far to say he has no talent.

Not so fast, haters. Did you not see him in the Pink music video, poppin' and twerkin'? And if you thought that was the extent of his talent, you, my ignorant friend, are mistaken.

The new year ushered in a new era in music and human existence in general. "PopoZao," a Portuguese slang term for "luscious ass," was unleashed as the first single from K-Fed's upcoming album. Joining the ranks of McCartney, Jagger and Dylan, K-Fed's soul-searching, poignant lyrics are just what the stale music industry desperately needs.

"Bring that Brazil booty on the floor / Up, down, all around / Work that shit to this funky sound."

I won't even try to articulate the way I felt after listening to "PopoZao." It was one of those transcendental moments when you are truly left speechless. So many questions raced through my mind. How could someone so young create such timeless art? Does he realize how good he is? I could only come up with one universal answer: K-Fed is brilliant.

From backup dancer to the voice of our generation, K-Fed is the American dream in its purest sense. He became an overnight millionaire without doing a thing and that's why we love and celebrate K-Fed, even if we take a couple of loving jabs at him.

Children will soon look to K-Fed, not President George W. Bush, as their hero for the simple fact that this country will glamorize and glorify those who work the least. Why finish high school? K-Fed didn't. Wise up kids — success comes to those in a wife-beater, not the schmucks who actually try to work hard for what they want.

America — the land of opportunity.

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Flat 'First Impressions'

Strokes' third effort proves N.Y. band is anything but original

"First Impressions of Earth"

The Strokes
RCA Records
Rating: ☆☆

I'm sorry, but it's hard to take a band like The Strokes seriously. In passing, one would assume the fivesome to be the dirtiest Norman Mailer-reading, thrift shop-scouring, eyeliner-wearing hoodlums New York City could possibly offer.

Clearly, I was mistaken. The Strokes all hail from wealthy families. Most have been linked to famous women and the tattered threads they effortlessly bum around the world in are less Goodwill and more Gucci.

Much like their faux-gutter rat facades, The Strokes' music is just as deceiving. One listen offers a jangled junkyard of messy guitars and distorted vocals about late nights, loose women and the depths of despair most upper-middle class rock stars can relate to.

Further listens, though, reveal more studio panache than even the most production-savvy artists would employ. The Strokes third album, "First Impressions of Earth," proves once again these bad-ass pretty boys can rock, or sell out, with the best of them. At best, the results are predictable.

To understand The Strokes' growth as a band, one must quickly survey the damage it has done since exploding on the scene with its underwhelming 2001 debut, "Is This It." This highly-regarded album was as wild as the band making it — wild, that is, as a night of O'Douls, sodium-free Wheat Thins and episodes of "Saved by the Bell: The New Class." The album's follow-up, the equally fat-free "12:51," served as a predictable companion piece; the Sunday morning hangover to the

"Is This It" wild night on the town.

Sadly, "First Impressions of Earth" is just as boring. With its '70s, "Pink Floyd" cover, it's as understated as a cheap toupee.

Beginning with the expressionless "You Only Live Once," singer Julian Casablancas does his best to impersonate Mick Jagger, extolling the "20 ways to see the world / 20 ways to start a fire."

Things get worse from there.

"Juicebox" is a rip-off of Jet, oddly enough a band that found fame ripping-off The Strokes. "Razorblade," is probably the worst song the Red Hot Chili Peppers never wrote. And "Vision of Division" is as pointless as it is tuneless. I wish I could say better, but no. Thanks, but no thanks.

The album doesn't improve until "Evening Sun," the second-to-last track. The melody is loose and the Blondie-esque programming lends to Casablancas's relaxed vocals. The album ends, thankfully, with "Red Light," possibly an unconscious sign to halt work on album No. 4.

Either way, if first impressions last the longest, The Strokes have failed to prove themselves to be anything more than a prefabricated band of greasy-haired yuppies passing off its heartless musical concoctions as the salvation of rock 'n' roll. In the words of the great Courtney Love, "Three chords in your pocket tonight / And you, you were the one / With the spark to bring my punk rock back / No, I didn't think so."

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Guilty Conscience

The woes of retribution in Spielberg's 'Munich'

"Munich"
Dreamworks
Rating: ☆☆☆☆

"Vengeance is mine, I will repay," says the Lord. Au contraire, New Testament, vengeance is Spielberg's.

With the recent buyout of his production studio, Dreamworks, the prolific producer could have ducked and covered from material that is as socially contentious as his latest film, "Munich."

His dreams dashed, this seems hardly the time for Spielberg to drum up another "Schindler's List." But Spielberg's retreat into this visceral analysis of the age of terrorism provides a hearty rebuke for his critics.

An American filmmaker who has staked his career in films that fight the bastions of evil, "Munich" is no "E.T.," but marks the producer's continued quest to fight life's elusive enemies.

Eric Bana stars as Avner, a Mossad agent handpicked by his government to oversee the calculated assassination of 11 Black September terrorists responsible for the murders of Israeli athletes during the 1972 Munich Olympics.

Paired with five partners with varying degrees of commitment, Avner leaves his pregnant wife to pursue each terrorist throughout Europe, under the dictum of his cagey case director, played by a pitch-perfect Geoffrey Rush.

Reeling from a shady French intelligence, Louis (Mathieu Amalric), Avner begins to question his country's preoccupation with revenge. With each hit, the moral map Israel leaves Avner to navigate becomes hopelessly murky. With the brutal scenes of the Munich murders haunting his every dream, Avner's memory is a microcosm of his country's collective one, a shadowed reel of uncertainty.

The remainder of the film follows Avner's psychological meandering from a loyal patriot fulfilling his duties to a paranoid, faithless assassin trapped somewhere between the lure of heroism and the immorality of his mission.

Bana deserves every accolade he receives for this adept performance, as he attempts to keep pace with the elastic demands of his character. Without the baggage of a Hollywood heavyweight, Bana's forgettable face helps align the actor with all

the struggles and stress of his character.

Yet there are moments when Bana fails to conjure the core of Avner's pain and times when he mistakes moral confusion with emotional coldness. Bana's blunders are dwarfed by his audacity to take on such a demanding role, one Brad Pitt would have surely passed over for fear of marring his manicure.

Yet a few upsets are bound to burden a film of such Olympic proportions. The main qualm lies in Spielberg's borderline obnoxious repetition of the film's theme, a move that patronizes his audience. There are several factual fallacies as well. At times the script portrays Israel intelligence as a pack of bumbling idiots and the Mossad as a brainwashed army incapable of taking orders.

The screenplay, crafted by Academy-Award winning Tony Kushner and Eric Roth, seems to equally condemn both the actions of the Black September terrorists, who murdered Israeli athletes at the 1972 Olympics, and those of Mossad agents, who hunted down and killed those responsible for said murders.

Critics who bemoan "Munich" for equating the murders of innocents with the murders of terrorists sustain the Oresteian myth that the only way to justify violence is more violence, a myth that, if anything, the War on Terror dismisses. Thus, for a film this fearlessly biased, it seems miraculous there aren't more snarls.

Whether one subscribes to Spielberg's slant, he is nothing if not current. With the days of Ariel Sharon's leadership nearing their end, the future of the Israeli-Palestinian relationship seems as indefinite as ever. While "Munich" strives to offer a potent prescription for this problem, its numerous endings offer us no clear resolution.

"Munich" is as fickle as a 15-year-old girl in a department store dressing room, dragging its audience along for the ride as it tries different endings on for size. Perhaps that is essentially Spielberg's point: that a dispute this deep lacks a human answer.

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The Make-over Issue
It's Coming.

Artist finds inner-southpaw

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Four years after his stroke, with the help of his wife and several friends, Tavani journeyed to Italy to paint Tuscany and its architecture.

For Terry, "Lecchi Village in Chianti," a piece combining the simplistic angles of a quiet alleyway with the impressionistic merging of colors, has significant meaning.

"I like 'Lecchi' because of the memories it conjures up," Terry says. "It's more than just a painting."

Tavani also annually travels to Quebec, where he paints with renowned local artist and instructor Edward Loper. Despite his determination to paint his travels, Tavani says he realizes there are places he will never get to see.

"Wherever you are, you make that your favorite," Tavani says. One of Tavani's favorite pieces was actually painted from a photograph taken in Venice before the stroke.

"I like 'Venice,' I don't know why, you just get lost in those ripples," Tavani says, as he motions to the colorful canvas depicting a Venice canal mounted on the back right wall. "But now, you're not gonna see me in a gondola," he says, gesturing subtly to his wheelchair.

Tavani's exhibit, which is free of charge to the public, showcases his favorite post-stroke pieces. His paintings range from the mysterious, such as the partially shadowed "Tuscan Doorway" piece, to a demure still-life of elegant, old-fashioned hats adorned with colorful flowers. Caffè Gelato has featured approximately 60 different artists in the last six years, and owner Ryan German says he feels Tavani's pieces fit in particularly well with the restaurant's Italian and French theme.

German says his favorite piece is also "Lecchi Village in Chianti."

"It reminds me of learning to make gelato in Italy," he says.

Robyn Roth, one of the Tavani's four children, realizes how effective art rehabilitation has been on her father.

Roth, who currently works for the non-profit organization Delaware Stroke Initiative, says she believes Tavani's painting has given him an outlet to improve his lifestyle.

"His art has put him back in the mainstream. He's not viewed as a person with a disability, but he's viewed as an artist," she says. "And, as a stroke survivor, my father participates in a support group where he encourages other people to pursue their interests."

Although Tavani does not consider himself an inspiration, many others do. In addition his work with stroke support groups, Tavani is also looking into teaching art to autistic and handicapped children.

"Anything is art," Tavani says, "all those children need is inspiration."

HOROSCOPES



Libra

(Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

Life is like auditioning members for a band. Make sure you have the integral parts just right or you will end up having Aunt Ruth playing lead guitar. When making decisions take your time and think carefully.

Scorpio

(Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

You need a cookbook. Life is like a recipe. Adding the precise amount of nutmeg to your pumpkin squash pie is crucial in having the dessert coagulate properly. If you don't follow life's recipes you will be left with a soupy pie.

Sagittarius

(Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)

Why did they raise the postage? Why? You are like a stamp. Every so often the rates go up, and then they go up again. But we don't care. You are worth the price, baby, and we will keep on paying.

Capricorn

(Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)

The scotch tape has run out. There is no more toilet paper. Planning is key in life. You need to get better at assessing situations, planning and avoiding disaster. If you fail to do so, you will end up without a square of toilet paper to spare one random Sunday.

Aquarius

(Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

Stop getting in trouble. Yes, you're naughty but you are almost on the verge of getting caught. At the rate you're going you will be lucky if the law gets to you first.

Pisces

(Feb. 20 - March 20)

Someone has a crush on you but is too shy to admit it. Telltale signs are: they work with you, they are friends with you and they get shy around you. Other telltale sign, however, is: they always try to pick you up when they see you at bars. Stick with the former. The latter is just trouble!

Aries

(March 21 - April 20)

If you don't wash your bathmats they will get extremely crusty and you will have to throw them away. Stop being so lazy. Carpe diem man! Make a New Year's resolution to be more productive because sitting around all day eating Tostitos and watching TV is not a healthy activity.

Taurus

(April 21 - May 21)

Hey, put down that book and take a shot. Putting a penny on the train tracks doesn't count, by the way. Starting the night off with a couple of drinks to kill the edge never hurt anybody. Helping your friend plan a bank heist wouldn't hurt either, just don't rob the bank or drive the getaway car.

Gemini

(May 22 - June 21)

I, myself, am a Gemini. I know, I know. The horoscopic god himself shouldn't reveal such a juicy nugget of information, right? So, I am making this one good, but only for the groovy souls out there. So those experiencing better luck than usual, you're welcome.

Cancer

(June 22 - July 22)

You get the lucky get-out-of-jail-free card this week. Use it wisely. Many have been known to squander such a privilege on saucy endeavors. Keeping both eyes open will serve you well.

Leo

(July 23 - Aug. 21)

Give up for the night, already. Go to the library and check out a few books. Suggested titles include "You Play Video Games All Day And Have No Friends, Fixing The Problem" or "You Think Going To The Gym Makes You The Man, Yet You Always Go To Bed With Dumbbells and Barbells Every Night."

Virgo

(Aug. 22 - Sept. 23)

The Beatles were musical geniuses, you are not. Yes, you have to work harder at things in life, but if you put in the work, results will be yielded. Success will come, not immediately, but with patience, you will reap your pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.

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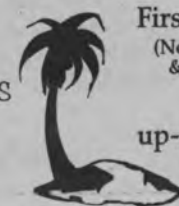


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UD drops sixth CAA game

*Nana scores
career-high 38
points in loss*

BY JASON TOMASSINI

Staff Reporter

Even with frigid temperatures safely outside the Bob Carpenter Center, the snowball effect was in full force inside the doors as the men's basketball team lost its sixth straight Colonial Athletic Association game Saturday afternoon against Towson.

Delaware (4-11, 0-6 CAA), off to its worst start in league play since the 1980-81 season, could not turn a career night from senior forward Harding Nana into a much needed victory.

Nana had a career-high 38 points including a BCC-record 28 in the first half, but Delaware's porous defense allowed Towson's potent offense to rack up 96 points to the Hens' 92.

Delaware head coach David Henderson was quick to acknowledge Nana's big night but emphasized defense as the key to winning games.

"As great as Nana played on offense, he was that bad on defense," he said. "I know it's big when a kid comes out and scores 38 but he's got to improve on the defensive end of the court."

With Nana keeping Delaware in the game in the first half, the rest of the team came together in the second half as the Hens once again found themselves in a close game in the second 20 minutes.

Delaware took its first and only lead of the game with 15:56 remaining in the second half, but could not get the defensive stops it needed and eventually found itself down 80-67 with four minutes left.

Senior guard Rulon Washington, whose 11 points was second behind Nana for the game, said the Hens' inability to establish a lead is a source of frustration for the team.

"Our coach won't let us quit but it's frustrating as hell when you can't get past that hump," he said. "We'll get up one or we'll be down three and making a run and something will happen and it kicks you in the teeth."

Nana owned up to his team's defensive incompetence, putting the responsibility on the team as a whole and not any individual.

"I think it's about dedication on defense," Nana said. "We can't point fingers at anybody. We are

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Freshman guard Zaire Taylor is part of a Hens squad struggling to find its way in the CAA.

Lack of consistent defense hurts Hens

TIM VITEZ

Copy Editor

So far the words, "Happy New Year," have been lost on the Delaware men's basketball team.

Since January 1, the Hens have been dismal, dropping four straight games, leaving them winless in 2006.

Unfortunately, 2005 did not warrant much success either, as the Hens boast a miserable record (4-11, 0-6 Colonial Athletic Association). They have little to celebrate and present faint hopes for the remainder of the season.

Freshman center Matt Hewson commented on the team's lack of success so far.

"Well we definitely aren't happy at all with our progress," Hewson said. "We have to step up our performance if we want to get anywhere this year."

The team's dreadful play may stem from the Bob Carpenter Center's desolate student section, if you can even call it that.

Saturday night against Towson it consisted of roughly 45 students, most of who looked like they belonged in an 8 a.m. Physics lab.

They weren't rowdy enough to get thrown out of the library, much less a basketball game.

What happened to the painted faces and bare torsos that guided Delaware through the football season? What happened to the students who jeered opponents Saturday after Saturday and faithfully filled the grandstands of Tubby Raymond Field? Have they vanished, Disappeared into thin air?

As it is, the student section echoes with riveting conversation of homework and chemistry labs, offering no cheers or chants of any kind.

Although support from students is minimal, it in no way makes up for the poor performance the Hens have displayed on the court thus far.

Delaware's defense has been deplorable, ranking last in the CAA and giving up more baskets than a clearance sale at Pier One.

"To play at a higher level we must step up our defensive presence," Hewson said. "Against Towson it wasn't our offense that killed us it was our defense."

Surprisingly—throughout their

atrocious season, the Hens offense has somehow managed to remain steady. The Hens rank fifth overall in the CAA. This is due in no small part to the Hens' tremendously insightful philosophy: Give the ball to Harding Nana.

Nana scored 28 points in the first half against Towson alone.

The Hens have also had flashes of success shooting from the perimeter. They knocked down six three pointers in the last two minutes off the Towson game, but Hewson said the team doesn't always have this kind of success.

"It's hard to live and die by the 3-ball," Hewson said. "At the beginning of the season we were shooting the 3 like no other and in later games we didn't shoot it well at all."

With a little under a month-and-a-half left in the season, Hewson talked about what the team needs to do to regain its success.

"We must understand what each player can bring to the team individually to make it stronger," Hewson said. "If we do this we can get back to playing winning basketball and realizing our potential."

COMMENTARY



GREG PRICE

*Not so perfect is still
perfect*

This was supposed to be the year. The year when everything fell into place. They had the power running game, the experienced and heady quarterback and a much improved defense. They had a coach itching for a Super Bowl victory to cap his already stellar career. More importantly, the Patriots, the bane of their playoff existence, seemed down and out after numerous injuries.

By now you should realize that I'm talking about the Indianapolis Colts, the team that was supposed to be perfect. The only outright pick for the Super Bowl. After 13 weeks of flawless football, the Colts had already established home-field advantage throughout the playoffs, and even had the option to rest every starter for the remainder of the season to seal a perfect playoff run.

Then came the fateful San Diego Chargers game in Week 15.

It took an 83-yard touchdown sprint by second-year Chargers' running back Micheal Turner to end the Colts' historic streak. From there, things only got worse for Indianapolis.

They suffered a second straight loss to the Seattle Seahawks, the only other team even close to the Colts dominance. Yet there was still hope in the locker room. To win 13-straight games in the NFL is comparable to climbing Mount Everest in the dead of a Tibetan winter. But the biggest blow to what should have been a dream season for the Colts came before the crushing loss to Seattle.

On paper, the Colts only lost twice in a row, but in reality, Indianapolis suffered three-straight losses.

James Dungy, the 18-year-old son of Colts head coach Tony Dungy, committed suicide the week before the Colts took the field against Seattle. Dungy's personal loss obviously translated to a team loss and appeared to affect the Colts play. But they were still the favorite, even in my book, to win it all.

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No A. Washington, Prothro for Hens

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the ones on the court performing. We just have to work hard and play defense, there is no other way to put it."

Although the Tigers were only 3-24 at Delaware all-time, Towson came in having won four of its last five games led by its duo of junior guard Gary Neal and senior forward Lawrence Hamm. Neal came in averaging 28 points per game in seven games this season and Hamm was fourth in the conference with 17 points per game.

The two were held to only 18 points in the first half by the defense of sophomore guard Herb Courtney and Nana, but the Hens could not keep Hamm and Neal down for long. The two Towson stars ended up with 46 combined points by the game's end, much to Henderson's chagrin.

"What happens with really good players is they step up when the game is to be decided," Henderson said. "So you got to step up with them and I thought we relaxed."

In addition to the crushing loss, the Hens will be without two of their key players in their upcoming games.

Junior guard Chris Prothro, who missed the first 11 games of

the season with an ankle injury, went down with a knee injury with 7:13 in the first half and was taken to the locker room.

"My heart goes out to that kid," Henderson said. "He's really had a string of bad luck, he's been out of basketball two years and just when it looked like he was ready to turn the corner and be an impact player, this happens."

It is uncertain how much time Prothro will miss, but the rest of the season does not look promising for senior guard Andrew Washington, who was declared academically ineligible before Saturday's game.

Rulon Washington knows the importance of team unity with so much going wrong for the Hens this season.

"We are trying to come together as a team through some adversity and we never put out a full game," he said. "We'll score points and we won't play defense or we'll play D and not score points. We just got to stick together."

The Hens will have to stick together in their next game to avoid being in sole possession of last place in the CAA as they play fellow cellar-dweller James Madison Thursday night at the Bob Carpenter Center. Game time is set for 7:30 p.m.

Colts deserve respect for season

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Steelers stopped the Colts drive for a title dead in its tracks with five sacks from its dominant defense and a trip tackle by quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, Indianapolis should still go down as one of the best teams the NFL has seen in the past decade.

Yes, the majority of teams that won 13 in a row in the regular season did at least earn a berth to Super Bowl, like the '98 Denver Broncos, but the Colts proved to be the exception.

It's hard to pinpoint exactly where it went wrong. Although the death in Dungy's family could have been the main catalyst for the Colts' demise, it should not have affected their play on field, considering the numerous offensive and newly discovered defensive weapons.

Manning had another fantastic year. While his numbers were not the same as last year's MVP season and he did not throw 50 touchdown passes, Manning still called every play from the line of scrimmage and fired countless spirals to wide receivers Marvin Harrison, Reggie Wayne and tight end Dallas Clark. Manning eventually ended the season fifth in total passing yards with 3,762 yards and was snubbed by the MVP voters despite Indianapolis' ridiculous winning-streak.

Then there was Edgerrin James, the dangerous running back who gave the Colts the ability to

throw so many deep passes. James' play set up the offense's tempo and made teams worry about his presence on the field at all times. He rushed for 1,560 total yards this season, good for fifth in the league, with an average of 4.2 yards per carry.

Coming into the 2005 season, no one doubted the Colts could put numbers on the board, but their defensive presence was greatly considered around the league as well, soft.

In 2004 Indianapolis ranked 28th in the league in total defense. This season marked a complete defensive turnaround, as the Colts rose to 10th in total defense, led by great defensive ends like Dwight Freeney and Robert Mathis.

It was this new found balance that should have propelled Indianapolis past New England and everyone else in the league who doubted its chances of a championship. Alas, there was no Vince Lombardi Trophy waiting for the Colts in Detroit.

And while Manning has reportedly pointed fingers at everyone in the locker room for Sunday's loss to the Steelers, a move no player has a right to make, he has a right to be angry. After all, this was supposed to be the year.

It's easy to say the playoff pressure got in the Colts' heads Sunday, or that Dungy's loss broke the team before the playoffs even started. Rather than point fingers

at dropped balls, a missed tackle or one of life's inevitabilities, we should all praise the Colts for their run. Even if you aren't an Indianapolis fan, you must appreciate their strength to get up play after play and continue on.

In the end, how they cope with this disappointing playoff run should define the Colts, not the numbers on the scoreboard or the lack of a glitzy Super Bowl ring on their fingers.

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AFC Pittsburgh at Denver: The Steelers have steamrolled over two very strong teams in their playoff wins. But they have been fortunate to catch the Bengals and Colts when they weren't ready to play. The Broncos didn't look very good at all against New England and were lucky to win. Momentum will carry the Steelers to the Super Bowl.

PREDICTION: Steelers 24-20.

NFC Carolina at Seattle: The Panthers are in the same boat as the Steelers, winning both their playoff games on the road. But injuries might hinder their chances this week. Seattle has looked dominant all season and they dispatched the Redskins fairly easily last week to win their first playoff game in 21 years. It's time for Mike Holmgren to return to the Super Bowl and his Seahawks will roll into Detroit.

PREDICTION: Seahawks 31-10.



GREG PRICE

Managing Sports Editor

AFC Pittsburgh at Denver: After the defense pummelled a Colts offensive line that allowed the fewest sacks in the league during the regular season, the Steelers look poised to be the first sixth seed to ever reach the Super Bowl. The Broncos looked sloppy against a Patriots team that coughed up the ball five times. Denver should not expect Roethlisberger and company to give them as many chances as New England.

PREDICTION: Steelers 31-21.

NFC Carolina at Seattle: Even with the league MVP concussed on the sidelines, the Seahawks still trounced Washington for their first playoff win since 1984. With Alexander back and the Panthers without a viable rushing attack after DeShaun Foster's injury there is no reason Seattle should not make plans to visit Detroit.

PREDICTION: Seahawks 27-20.



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Sports Editor

AFC Pittsburgh at Denver: The edge goes to the Steelers who are on a mission this season. With two road playoff victories under their belt, Pittsburgh knows how to enter a hostile environment and pull out a victory. It is imperative for the Steelers to get off to a fast start if they want to be successful. If the Steelers can limit their turnovers and control the clock, they will represent the AFC in the Super Bowl.

PREDICTION: Steelers 21-17.

NFC Carolina at Seattle: Jake Delhomme is quietly becoming the next Tom Brady, a very savvy quarterback who has put together a 5-1 career playoff record. The Seahawks looked good against Washington, but c'mon, it was the Redskins. Seattle has only one playoff win in the last 21 years. Carolina's playoff experience will ultimately be the deciding factor.

PREDICTION: Panthers 28-17.



CHRISTOPHER MOORE

Managing Mosaic Editor

AFC Pittsburgh at Denver: As everyone knows, I am the king of all sports and as far as the Steelers/Broncos game, my money is on Denver. Much like all other Pa. sports teams, the Steelers are destined to choke and don't moan and groan because you all know it's true. I have a better chance of giving birth than the Steelers have of winning.

PREDICTION: Broncos 20-7.

NFC Carolina at Seattle: I didn't even know that North Carolina had a pro football team. So, with that said, between the Carolina Panthers and the Seattle Seahawks, I really don't care who wins as long as it doesn't interfere with "Project Runway" re-runs or a new episode of "Desperate Housewives." But for argument's sake, I'll go with the Panthers because everyone loves a big kitty, if you know what I mean.

PREDICTION: Panthers 18-0.



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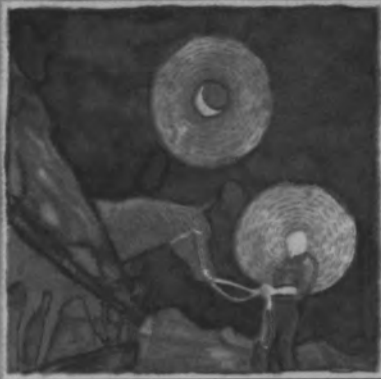
AFC Pittsburgh at Denver: Coming from a mother and father who choose to watch the annual broadcast of "Gone With the Wind" over the Super Bowl every year, I will confidently ascend the throne to be Christopher's queen. As far as the AFC goes, I'll go with the East Coast theme and pick the Steelers, because who knew that Colorado even had a football team?

PREDICTION: Steelers 17-3.

NFC Carolina at Seattle: In the NFC championship, my pick is Carolina over the Seahawks, out of pure spite since they demolished my hometown team last week (Ahem, "Hail to the Redskins"). Now as my Super Bowl heroine Scarlett O'Hara would say, "Great balls of fire. Don't bother me anymore, and don't call me sugar."

PREDICTION: Panthers 21-7.

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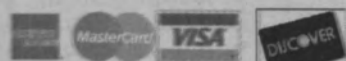
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