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## Tom Apple named new univ. provost

BY KAITLYN KILMETIS

Senior News Reporter

At the March 9 Faculty Senate meeting, Provost Dan Rich announced he will resign as provost, effective June 30, to be replaced by Tom Apple, current dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. George Watson, current deputy dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, will serve as interim dean until a permanent dean is selected.

Vice President of Communications and Marketing David Brond stated in an e-mail message that Rich has been an integral member of the administration.

"Dan Rich is one of the pillars of this university," Brond said. "This decision was his, and it also was his recommendation that Dean Apple be named his successor. The president agreed with this succession plan."

Rich said the decision to step down as provost and resume teaching and researching as a professor



THE REVIEW/File Photo

Tom Apple is currently the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

of public policy in the College of Human Services, Education and Public Policy was based on timing.

"It's just the right time to do so," Rich said. "I've been at the university for a long time. Next year will be my 40th year on the faculty, and I've served as dean and provost for nearly two decades now, so it's a good occasion for a change and transition. I had always expected to return to the faculty after the change in presidential leadership."

He said he recommended to

university President Patrick Harker that Apple hold the provost position.

"I'm very pleased that he will be my successor," Rich said. "I believe he will be an outstanding provost. I have great respect for him as an academic leader. I think he's been an outstanding dean. I feel a sense of pride that I recruited him back to the university as dean, and there's no question in my mind whatsoever that he will be a

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## Harker appoints council to implement diversity changes

BY JOSH SHANNON

Managing News Editor

The university's newly formed Diversity Action Council is moving ahead with its initial plans, including designating some campus restrooms gender-neutral and implementing diversity training for senior university officials.

Other proposals — including extending employee health benefits to same-sex partners, aligning the university's Spring Break with those of Delaware public schools and building a multicultural center on campus — could be 12 to 18 months away or scrapped altogether.

The council was formed to implement some or all of the 90 recommendations put forth by the Diversity Task Force. The task force, made up of 20 faculty mem-

bers, spent last semester meeting with dozens of registered student organizations' representatives,

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administrators and community members in order to develop the proposals.

University President Patrick

Harker presented the task force's report and announced the creation of the council Thursday night as part of the annual Louis L. Redding Lecture, which honors the late civil rights attorney who, in 1950, successfully fought to desegregate the university.

Harker directed the council to choose five to 10 of the recommendations to implement immediately.

"The only meaningful way to honor the extraordinary work of this task force is to move boldly on its goals and on its strategies," Harker said at the lecture.

In his speech, he mentioned three specific initiatives for immediate action — gender-neutral restrooms, diversity training

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## University receives \$3.1 million in earmarks

BY BRIAN ANDERSON

Executive Editor

When President Barack Obama signed the \$410 billion spending bill that kept the federal government running on March 11, the budget included approximately \$7.7 billion worth of earmarks, or money set aside by senators and representatives for specific causes. Under the bill, the university will receive approximately \$3.1 million for projects and research throughout the university campuses.

The bill funds the U.S. government through September, the rest of the budget year. Critics of the bill, including Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) and Sen. Russ Feingold (D-Wisc.), complained about the earmarks in the bill, which represent approximately 2 percent of the total spending. There are more than 8,000 earmarks in the bill.

The bill passed the House of Representatives on Feb. 25 and the Senate on March 10 and was signed into law by Obama the following day.

The university received funds for the Center of Drug and Alcohol Studies, a real-time satellite receiving station in Dover and

research in the fields of hybrid buses, soil, the environment, cancer and bioinformatics research.

While he was a senator, Vice President Joe Biden co-requested 55 earmarks for the university, totaling more than \$52 million. He often paired with fellow Sen. Tom Carper, who co-requested 53 earmarks worth more than \$46 million. Delaware's only representative in the House of Representatives, Mike Castle, requested two solo earmarks and 41 overall, asking for more than \$42 million.

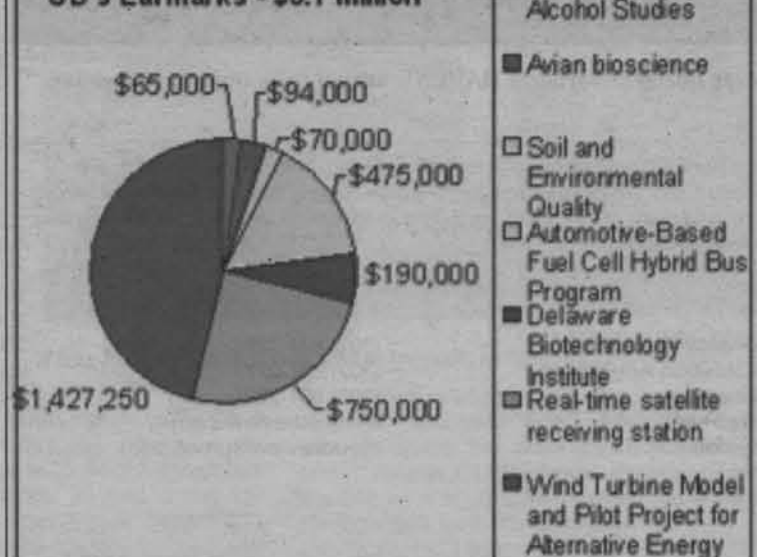
Rick Armitage, the director of government and community relations for the university, stated in an e-mail message that the budget that became law was first presented by President George W. Bush in February 2008.

Armitage said he is not sure what Biden will decide is an appropriate level for including earmarks, but said the university has already submitted its request for next year.

He said the university recently presented its earmark requests for fiscal year 2010, but those requests were not transmitted to Biden.

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### UD's Earmarks - \$3.1 million



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A drag queen performs at HAVEN's annual Drag Show on Saturday.



THE REVIEW/Ayelet Daniel

Professor David Wilson's political science class will be releasing the campus-wide Blue Hen Poll Thursday. For more, see page 5



THE REVIEW/Ricky Berl

A cutout of President Barack Obama dressed as a blue baracuda stood in Brown Hall this week.



THE REVIEW/Steven Gold

Students watch a movie Tuesday in Smith Hall as part of the Black Maria Film and Video Festival.

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# Diversity training, same-sex benefits priorities of council

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and enhancing the diversity section of the university's Web site.

The council is made up of 17 faculty members and is co-chaired by Jennifer "J.J." Davis, vice president for administration, and Tom Apple, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, who will become provost on July 1.

Davis said she is inventorying single-stall bathrooms around campus to determine which ones can be designated gender-neutral. Approximately 40 restrooms will receive the designation and be listed on the university's Web site, a change she said the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community has been awaiting.

Davis called diversity training "essential" for senior university officials and said she expects it will begin soon.

"Nobody's perfect, but what we have to work on is actively helping people learn about people's differences and to embrace that," she said. "It's active listening skills, it's realizing you might have inherent biases you weren't even aware of, that your own upbringing and culture makes you view the world in a certain perspective. While that's extremely valuable, you also have to learn to value others."

Davis said she would like to see the training extended to student leaders as well, but that decision will be made by the full council. She said she does not think the training would be mandatory.

In October 2007, the university's old diversity training program, then part of Residence Life, drew national attention amid complaints that students were made to feel the program was mandatory.

Though she did not work for the university when the task force was created last spring, Davis said her understanding is that it was not in response to the Residence Life controversy or any specific allegations of discrimination.

"When the strategic planning was underway, there was a lot of discussion that we needed to focus on diversity as a main issue," she said. "To really be global and leaders in the 21st century, we needed to have a diverse and inclusive community and university."

In the coming weeks, the council will convene to decide which of the 90 recommendations to implement. It has the authority to prioritize, consolidate and implement the new initiatives, Davis said, though some of the more ambitious ideas may be delayed due to the university's financial situation.

Much of the council's job is to discuss the most effective ways to achieve diversity and how to measure the progress.

"We have a pretty diverse student population, but is it diverse enough?" Davis said. "I don't

know."

The university was the first public university in the country to desegregate, but since then has faced some criticism for a lack of diversity. The university's undergraduate student body is 80.2 percent white, 5.5 percent African-American, 5.4 percent Hispanic, 4.2 percent Asian, 0.3 percent Native American and 4.4 percent other.

The university's full-time faculty is 83.7 percent white, 4.7 percent African-American, 2.4 percent Hispanic, 8.7 percent Asian and 0.2 percent Native American.

Many of the task force's recommendations focus on attracting and retaining faculty and students from underrepresented groups.

The study suggests hiring additional staff to reach out to minority communities and develop relationships with middle and high schools in those communities.

Under another proposal, departments hiring a new faculty member would have to provide specific reasons why a minority candidate was not hired.

Davis emphasized that her definition of diversity goes beyond race, gender and sexual orientation to include age, disabilities and ideology.

The report also proposes providing benefits for same-sex partners and opening a daycare facility near campus. It suggests scheduling the university's Spring Break to coordinate with those of local public schools, which can fall as late as the last week of April.

The lack of same-sex benefits has long been a hot-button issue at the university. In May 2006, a group of 30 students held a protest outside Hulihan Hall urging former university President David Roselle to extend benefits to domestic partners.

Davis, who served as the state budget director before coming to the university in October, said the university's health plan is provided by the state, and a change in the law is needed to extend it to same-sex partners. The university is working with the state to push for the change.

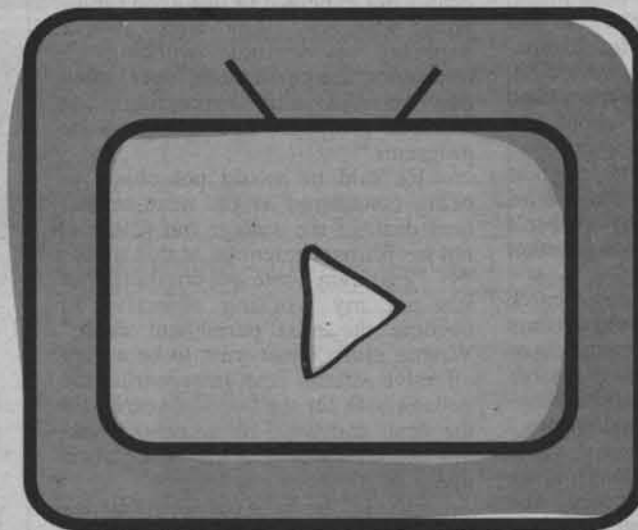
"That, Dr. Harker has said is critically important to him," Davis said. "But obviously the state is in very tough economic times, so I don't know if that can come to fruition this year."

Other ideas in the report include building a student union and multicultural center on campus, expanding Public Safety driving escorts for disabled students and staff, including more symbols of diversity in campus buildings and art displays and using the university's Web site to increase understanding of ethnic and religious holidays.



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University president Patrick Harker announced the Diversity Task Force's findings on Thursday.



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Students and community members were among those who attended Harker's presentation.



## Rich returns to teaching position

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truly exceptional provost."

He said besides Apple's experience in the administration at the university and a number of other institutions of higher education, his passion for the university will serve him well in this position.

"He got his own doctorate here," Rich said. "He feels that his experience here has transformed who he is and that his appreciation of his experience carries forward in his outlook toward the education of all our students, that they would experience a similar benefit from their time at the university."

Apple, who was previously in the running for the position of provost at three other universities, said he preferred to serve as provost at the University of Delaware as opposed to any other colleges at which he was being considered for an administrative position.

"I'm absolutely thrilled to get it here," Apple said. "I was still an active candidate at both William and Mary and Lehigh University, and as soon as this opportunity opened up, I called those two schools and said I was no longer interested in those positions. It was immediate. I love this place. Delaware changed my life. I also met my wife here, so it's a very transformative place to me. It means a whole lot, so as soon as the possibility was raised by Dan Rich, it took me about one nanosecond to decide what to do."

Rich said the decision to resign as provost was based on his own plans, rather than influenced by Apple's search for a provost position at other universities.

"A prolonged, year-long search for the next provost would sustain uncertainty about the university's academic leadership and create the possibility that we may lose our best internal candidates to other institutions," Rich said. "I recommended Tom Apple because I am confident that he is the best choice as my successor, and President Harker agreed that he should be the next provost of the university."

Apple said he feels honored to follow Rich's path.

"He's a legend," he said. "He's absolutely a legend. I have Bunyanesque shoes to fill."

Apple said he is looking forward to having the opportunity to have an even greater impact on the university that had an impact on him.

I feel the University of Delaware changed my life and transformed me too, so I'm extremely excited to be here as provost and I hope I can make the university even better for faculty and our students," he said.

Apple said the decision to move from dean of the College of Arts and Sciences to provost of the university is based on a desire to advance in terms of administrative position.

"I did want to continue to move up in administration," he said. "I would be lying if I said I didn't want to be a president some day. I do. So I did want to move up, and the thing that I noticed in administration is that as you move up, your impact can grow."

Apple said his plan of action as provost will be based in large part on following the guidelines set out in the university's strategic plan.

"What's really great is that our direction has just been mapped out," he said. "When President Harker arrived, the whole university partici-

pated in developing the strategic plan, which is the Path to Prominence, and so we actually have a road map for improving the university that the entire community contributed to. My goal as provost is to make that a reality."

Apple said he considers his most important responsibility providing the best possible faculty and opportunities for students at the university, but other initiatives include being more environmentally friendly, more global and more diverse, and emphasizing graduate and professional programs.

He said although a national search for the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences will commence in the fall, he feels confident in Watson's ability to serve as the temporary dean of the college.

"He's fantastic," Apple said. "He's extremely good at what he does."

Watson said he was honored to be selected to serve the university as interim dean but emphasized that although his position may be temporary, he does not take the responsibilities lightly.

"Interim dean is the dean of the college, so it's not simply a caretaker position," Watson said. "The interim dean's not expected to just keep things going the way they were. We're expected to continue working on improving the curriculum, developing new majors and expanding our research programs and our graduate programs."

He said he would not object to being considered as the next permanent dean of the college but that it is not his primary intention at this time.

"I wouldn't rule out anything, but it's not my working objective to become the next permanent dean," Watson said. "I just want to be a very effective interim dean in preparing the college both for the national search for the dean that we'll be launching next fall and for the arrival and installation of the next permanent dean."

He said he believes now that the transitional period between former president David Roselle and Harker is complete, the university is in the process of entering its next era with a number of changes to the administration.

"Starting almost two years ago with the arrival of President Harker, there has been a lot of new administrators and administration changes, and I think now, almost two years later, we'll begin to see some new leadership in the colleges," Watson said. "So I think that's what will be happening now."

Rich said students can expect the search for new deans in the College of Health Sciences and the College of Human Services, Education and Public Policy to be completed this spring. The search for the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences will begin in the fall.

Although a number of administrative changes are currently taking place, he said he remains confident the university is on the right track.

"I'm very optimistic about the university's future," Rich said. "I believe the university today is stronger academically than it's ever been before, and I hope that's a point of pride for all the students and the faculty to be a part of this remarkable institution, but I also believe that the best is yet to come and that the university will continue to get better in the years ahead."



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Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter gave the annual Louis L. Redding lecture in Trabant.

## Philadelphia mayor speaks on Obama and urban affairs

BY JENNIFER HEINE

Managing News Editor

After shoveling snow from senior citizens' driveways and tutoring students while growing up, Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter knows his most important time to serve others is now.

"Every day at the local level of government you know that you're having an impact on people's lives in a very, very positive way," Nutter said.

Nutter gave the annual Louis L. Redding lecture, in honor of the late civil rights attorney, at Trabant University Center on Thursday.

Nutter, who won Philadelphia's mayoral election by a margin of 4-to-1 in 2007, spoke about President Barack Obama's plans for urban areas, which Nutter referred to as "American's engines for growth."

During his speech, he said the 100 largest metropolitan areas of the country house 65 percent of the population and 85 percent of all immigrants and minorities. To ensure the federal government invests in inner cities, Obama created the Office of Urban Affairs last month.

"After eight years of complete neglect from Washington, D.C.," Nutter said, "metropolitan areas are seeing an uptake in people who are hopeful because of the great work and the interest that the Obama administration is now showing to realign federal resources all across America and to cities and metropolitan areas in ways that we have not seen for a long, long period of time."

He said federal stimulus money Philadelphia receives will be put toward creating jobs, which will then provide the city with additional tax revenue to support other programs. Nutter plans to follow Obama's initiatives to create employment opportunities in industries related to sustainability.

"A green job beats a pink slip every day of the week," Nutter said.

Nutter, who previously served on Philadelphia's city council for 14 years, said besides creating jobs and balancing increasing city deficits, he hopes to reduce the city's homicide and high school dropout rates.

"My perspective is this is a wonderful time to

be in government, especially at the local level," he said. "There is nothing like a crisis to force us to do some things that otherwise we would never do under any other set of circumstances. I could not be more excited to be back in public service at a time of great challenge but also a time of great opportunity."

Nutter said he doesn't get hung up on difficult situations and realizes the problems he handles in Philadelphia aren't as vast as those Obama faces.

Nutter did not support Obama in the Democratic primaries, but rather gave former Sen. Hillary Clinton 100 percent of his efforts.

"I believe you can be for someone and not be against the other person," he said.

Nutter said throughout last spring's primary season, reporters asked him if black community members ever pressured him to support Obama.

"I said, 'Well, do you ask the white, elected officials who are supporting Sen. Obama if they're feeling any pressure from their white constituents because they're not supporting Sen. Clinton?'"

he said. "They became kind of shocked at that kind of response."

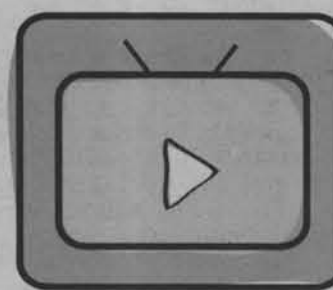
In the 2008 general election, Nutter gave Obama all of his support against opponent Sen. John McCain.

Graduate student Tiffany Cradle attended the talk and said she enjoyed learning what Nutter had to say about supporting Clinton in last year's primaries.

"I think he really hit some really key points," Cradle said. "I came tonight because I was interested in hearing what he, as a black politician, had to say about Barack Obama."

Newark Mayor Vance A. Funk III, who greeted Nutter with a plaque and announced the day Michael Nutter Day in Newark, said after speaking with Philadelphia residents in other parts of the country, he could tell Nutter has an influence on his constituents.

"The more ideas that you hear, the better off that you are," Funk said. "He is truly an inspiration in his city and you can see by the way he feels about people, his commitment to people."



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# Del. ranks 47th in money received from bill

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According to a request statement from the university, more than \$56 million was requested by the university. The university received approximately \$3.1 million in the legislation.

Jason Mycoff, a political science professor at the university, said he is unsure when earmarks first became a part of the political process, but said that when Democrats and Republicans disagree, earmarks are one way to help get support for a bill within the Congress.

"They are the grease on the gears of government," Mycoff said.

He said when appropriation bills — bills that fund the government and its programs — are introduced in Congress, there is often much debate because the bills are worth a lot of money. Some appropriation bills, such as the spending bill, are worth billions, and others are worth more than \$1 trillion.

If a bill does not pass, government ceases to fully function, Mycoff said.

"If one of them doesn't pass, it means that all of the departments, agencies, anything that is covered in that appropriations bill, basically comes to a standstill," he said.

If that happens, parts of the government shuts down until a bill is passed, which is what happened in 1996 under President Bill Clinton.

Another option, Mycoff said, is for Congress to pass a continuing budget resolution, which funds at the government at current levels. A continuing budget is basically a cut due to inflation. Over time, the

government is not fully funding programs, but the programs are still receiving some money.

Representatives know they cannot get individual spending bills passed if each was proposed individually, he said. Instead, representatives include earmarks in large bills, like the spending bill, because they know these large bills have

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— Jason Mycoff,  
political science professor

to pass or else government won't operate.

"They use these programs to get people to support bills that they might not otherwise support," Mycoff said. "They tie them all together in one big package. It makes it less likely that someone is going to vote against the whole thing."

California received the most of federal spending with \$568.7 billion. It also had the highest number of earmarks, with 733. Delaware received \$32.3 billion through 57 earmarks, placing the state 47th of the

50 in terms of money received.

Mycoff said one argument against earmarks is other representatives view it as wasteful spending. However, most representatives believe it is only wasteful spending if it is not in their state or district.

"If you're spending money in your district, it's wasteful spending," he said. "If you're spending it in my district, it is needed, valuable and useful."

Only members of Congress can include earmarks into legislation, Mycoff said, so Biden had to request his earmarks while still in the Senate. Now, if Obama or Biden wants earmarks and federal spending for a specific project, he must lobby members of Congress to include that into legislation.

He said often, these earmarks get included because most representatives want to be seen as supportive of the president, especially when the president has high approval ratings, like Obama has now.

"That is the cost of dealing with the president and vice president," Mycoff said. "If you want our support, fund our programs."

Mycoff said in the end, earmarks are simply the cost of doing business in Congress. Specific spending projects, like earmarks, is one of the key attributes of Congress.

"When you add up the total number of all the earmarks, it looks like a big number, until you look at the rest of the budget," he said. "It's just a drop in the bucket, really."

## A Closer Look

### The Biggest Earmarkers

Sen. Thad Cochran (R – Miss.)  
— \$473.7 million  
Sen. Roger F. Wicker (R – Miss.)  
— \$391 million  
Sen. Mary L. Landrieu (D – La.)  
— \$332.1 million  
Sen. Tom Harkin (D – Iowa)  
— \$292.4 million  
Sen. David Vitter (R – La.)  
— \$249.2 million

### Dollars received by state

California — \$568.7 million  
(733 earmarks)  
Texas — \$370 million  
(369 earmarks)  
Mississippi — \$325 million  
(226 earmarks)  
Florida — \$251.8 million  
(338 earmarks)  
New York — \$245.1 million  
(497 earmarks)

# Students to release Blue Hen Poll Thursday

BY KAITLYN KILMETIS

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The second annual Blue Hen Poll questionnaire will be released Thursday to approximately 2,000 randomly selected full-time graduate and undergraduate university students at the university's Newark campus. The poll will remain open for responses until April 12.

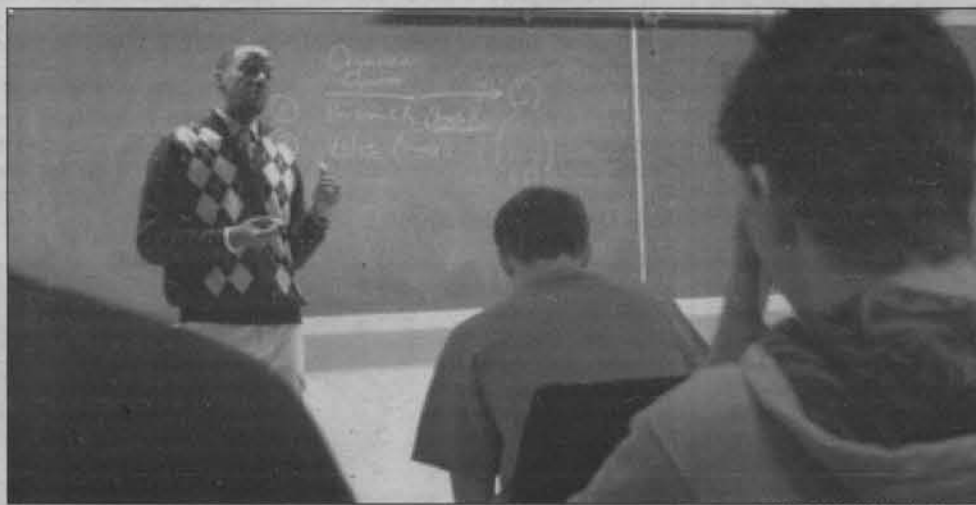
After this date, the results will be analyzed to prepare for a public presentation of the official results in early May.

The poll is organized and administered by political science professor David Wilson and students in his Public Opinion, Politics and Society class (POSC 318). The course consists of approximately 23 students, three of which participated in organizing last year's Blue Hen Poll. The poll is financed by Wilson's research funds and the IT User Services group Research and Data Management Services.

The poll will focus on tracking to see how much things have changed since last year by comparing data collected this year to data from the first Blue Hen Poll on topics including parking and facilities on campus. It will also include questions about the university buying the Chrysler plant on South College Avenue and changes in Public Safety's escort policy. Other changes to the poll include a partnership with The Review to report the poll's findings.

In an official statement, Wilson said the poll provides students the chance to have their voices heard and members of his class to learn a number of valuable skills.

"The Blue Hen Poll is important because it is an opportunity for students (i.e., respondents) to give their opinions on a number of university and national issues, and also an opportunity for students (i.e., researchers in POSC 318) to analyze and understand these opinions," Wilson said. "Both groups of students are tak-



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Professor David Wilson speaks to his political science class about the poll.

ing part in an important civic activity that can potentially change one's view of the world."

He said the course is designed for students to understand part of the democratic process through collecting, reporting and analyzing public opinions.

"As an adult in America, your job is to maintain democracy," Wilson said. "Your job is to pay attention. Make sure things don't get out of control. Make sure there is always role and order to society, and the best way to do that is to stay informed and to give your opinion, when things aren't going the way you'd like them or when things are going wonderful."

"Democracy is a living idea, so in order for it to work, we need to constantly pay attention to it."

He said he believes the importance of the poll lies in its ability to encourage understand-

ing among university members, from students to faculty to administrators, thus enhancing political and social awareness at the university.

"The whole goal is to give people a voice so that there's public information and it's open, and that's how democracies work," Wilson said. "When you hide stuff from the public, it builds apathy. It builds mistrust. It builds a lack of confidence so the best thing we can do is to be transparent about how people feel about different things."

Junior Sean Burke, a student in POSC 318, said the poll provides the opportunity to promote a broader understanding of student opinions at the university.

"Sometimes we live in a bubble," Burke said. "If you're part of a frat, those are the people you hang out with. If you're on a sports team, those are the people you hang out with. If

you're a poli sci major, like myself, you interact with other poli sci students.

"You don't so much interact with business students or art students, so the poll, when published, will provide insights into experiences that maybe we weren't aware of before."

He said a wide range of opinions is necessary in order to address the diversity of the student body's needs.

"When you know the varying perspectives, you can improve the overall campus so it can provide insight and direction on how to better campus life," Burke said.

Sophomore Mark Miller, another student in the class, said the results of the poll provide students the opportunity to have strength in numbers.

"Individuals can go and say they have a problem, but if you do it in masses I think it will be worth more to the administrators," Miller said.

Burke said the benefits the poll can provide are worth the small amount of time it takes to complete the questionnaire.

"It's just one way to have your voice heard and the type of impact it may have overall is pretty significant when you think about how it would only take about eight to 10 minutes to fill out," he said.

Wilson said in the statement that students who have been randomly chosen to receive the survey should view being selected as an honor rather than a burden.

"They should be thrilled that not only were they selected, but that their opinions can essentially represent the opinions of all students," he said. "Students who participate in the poll should feel proud that they 1) participated in a student research project, 2) gave their honest opinions, and 3) enhanced democracy at the University of Delaware."



## Brick's Politics

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

Perhaps nothing is more important to a society than how it educates its next generation. Yet Americans are falling further and further behind the rest of the world when it comes to the mastery of basic skills.

According to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, Americans rank 21st in science and 25th in math out of the OECD's 30 members. In Detroit, less than one in four students graduate from high school.

There seems to be a fundamental lack of seriousness and urgency when it comes to changing the way we educate our nation's children.

Each year, public schools in this country spend more than \$9,000 per pupil. School systems with high numbers of learning-disabled, low-income or simply hard to educate students spend much more money than average.

While there is nothing wrong with educators seeking more money for schools, there are few accountability measures in place to make sure schools are effectively using what they have.

Many public schools are failing kids, and efforts to tweak curricula or make classes smaller are not serious attempts at reform.

So, if at least \$9,000 per pupil is not getting the job done, then one of the following is impossible: effectively educating students with the current amount of money, or effectively educating students with the current methods and systems.

If, as teacher's unions and others would argue, that it is the former, that schools are doing the best possible job with the money they are being given, then they should have no problem letting others have a try.

After all, charter and private schools must educate students with equal amounts of money and often far less than public schools. If it were all about the money, then these other types of schools would certainly fail.

However, alternative schools are thriving in many areas where they are needed most — where schools are failing and low-income parents have no other options.

Since these schools must compete, they must innovate and effectively serve their communities. Alternative school administrators have freedoms their public school counterparts do not have. They have control over budget decisions and can fire bad teachers.

Unlike many other professionals, public school teachers are almost universally paid and tenured based upon the number of years they have worked. This means that it is nearly impossible to fire any teacher who has taught for more than a few years and that even terrible teachers will continue to teach.

This is not to say that the needs of teachers should be ignored. In fact, giving teachers more control over their own class-



Michael Brickman  
Columnist

rooms and rewarding teachers that go above and beyond is an essential part of fixing our schools. We should find and reward good teachers. Instead we compensate older teachers notwithstanding quality.

But to reward quality, we must be able to measure it. We can do this by utilizing standardized testing, and by paying teachers who challenge themselves at difficult schools or with difficult students more.

No standardized test is flawless, and many are unpleasant to take and administer. However, in any other sector it is taken as a given that where results matter, quality control is essential.

After a healthy debate, we can decide what basic skills should be mastered and design tests to measure proficiency in those areas. Good teachers, with proper freedom, will continue to come up with innovative and creative ways to teach that material. The less exceptional teachers may simply "teach to the test" for the time being.

But with freedom comes competition and higher standards, and when certain teachers cannot find creative ways to engage and enrich students, they will be forced to adapt or find a new career.

Such accountability methods are not perfect and must be improved. For example, students who are far behind grade level cannot be expected to completely catch up in one year. However, laws such as No Child Left Behind have been a step in the right direction and have prevented schools from giving up on struggling children.

Today, there is reason for hope in our nation's capital, one of the worst school districts in the country, where the new school Chancellor Michelle Rhee is fighting to achieve many of these important changes.

Rhee brings clarity to the education debate by reminding us that we must always "put the best interests of kids above the rights, privileges and priorities of adults." A simple thought, but one that Washington's entrenched adult power-wielders are quickly learning she takes seriously.

Hopefully she is not the only one.

## Student EMTs win national award at collegiate conference

BY SAMANTHA BRIX

Staff Reporter

Jesse Marsh is an emergency medical technician in Wilmington, a volunteer firefighter in Middletown and a volunteer at the university's Emergency Care Unit in Newark. Add in his school work, family life and girlfriend and he is a one-man juggling act.

Marsh and three fellow volunteers from the ECU won first place at a competition at the National Collegiate Emergency Medical Services Foundation Conference on Feb. 27.

Juniors Jeff Sands, Mary Fannon and Paige Sacher competed alongside Marsh in the Physio-Control EMS Skills Competition at the conference, which tested teams of four from 35 other universities in different scenarios: handling a trauma situation, treating a meningitis patient and completing a teamwork exercise.

Marsh said his team's win is symbolic of the effective teaching methods at the ECU.

"It speaks volumes for the people in our organization, not just us," Marsh said. "I'm confident if you put any four people in there, we would win."

Sands said the ECU, comprised of approximately 50 undergraduate students, is part of the Department of Public Safety and is considered a registered student organization.

Sands said volunteers range from nursing and biology majors to history and accounting majors.

"We do have a lot of pre-med students, but there's certainly a splattering of all different majors and all walks of the university, which is cool," Sands said.

He said members sacrifice weekend nights as they are required to volunteer 12 hours per month during the hours of 6 p.m. and 6 a.m., and are expected to respond to calls

throughout the day when they are available.

Marsh said volunteering at the ECU, among his other responsibilities, can be taxing.

"It's a really gentle balance of multi-tasking with doing as much as you can, wherever you can, whenever you can," he said. "It's definitely tough."

Sands said the ECU provides primary service to the university campus and acts as a secondary service for the Newark community. He said members are dispatched to calls including alcohol overdoses, sports injuries and students passing out in class.

Fannon was recently called to help an assault victim. She and three other EMTs rushed onto the ambulance and rode to the scene, curbing her nerves and finding focus. Fannon approached the victim, who she saw was bleeding from the head.

"For me the most nerve-racking part is walking up to someone who you know is having a problem and who called 911 themselves," she said. "It's interesting to me the trust they put into you when they don't know you at all."

Fannon said she applied pressure to the victim's head wound to stop the bleeding, and splinted his fractured ankle.

She said once on the ambulance, she began a rapid trauma assessment, a head-to-toe evaluation, walking the patient through each step.

"It comforts the patient to go through what I'm doing," Fannon said. "For me it's a trust thing, making sure the patient knows I'm doing everything I can to take care of them."

Fannon said she had no EMT experience before hearing about and joining the ECU. She said the process for new members includes a one-semester probationary period, during which they learn about the organiza-

tion and the ambulance. Members are then required to take a 140-hour EMT class, and then take the National Registry Exam to obtain their EMT card.

Sands said after members become EMTs they must continue field training and have performance evaluations and then can be promoted.

Sands, a history and anthropology major, said his original career plans were focused on archaeology, but working in the ECU motivated him to pursue emergency care in the future. He said he now has plans to go to paramedic school after graduation.

Sacher said working at the ECU also changed her post-graduation plans. She originally saw herself in the business world, but after tasting the satisfaction from her ECU work, she now wants to stay in the medical field and attend physician's assistant school.

"Before college, I would have never thought I would have been an EMT, but when I got involved it changed my whole view on what I wanted to do after college," Sacher said.

Sacher said helping people in times of distress makes her volunteer work worth it.

"When you have to call the ambulance, that's the worst day of your life for most people," she said. "We have the opportunity to impact someone and make their day better."

Fannon said the ECU prides itself in seeing each patient as an individual and strives to get to know and relate to each one during the 10-minute ride to the hospital.

"When you get to the hospital and you transfer them to a room and they turn to you and say, 'I don't know what I would have done if you hadn't come,' you know you made a difference," she said.



Courtesy of Charles Mitchell

The university's Emergency Care Unit won a national award on February 27.



# Students give their wallets a break this spring

BY HEATHER PLANK

Staff Reporter

The traditional hotspots for Spring Break may be cooling down this year.

Thanks to the struggling economy, more students are choosing to stay close to home rather than spend a lot of cash on exotic trips when Spring Break begins next week.

Junior Melissa Fox found a creative way to enjoy Spring Break while saving money. She and three friends plan to go to Fox's aunt's house in Maryland. With a ride on the Metro of about 20 minutes, they will be in Washington, D.C., where they plan to visit several museums, most of which charge no admission fee.

Since Fox and her friends are driving, they will share the cost of gas. She said if money were not an issue, she would love to drive to Key West or go on a cruise, but she does not mind scaling back because she has big plans coming up in December.

"I'm saving up to spend winter semester in Ireland," Fox said.

Driving to visit friends or relatives is a popular option for several students. In an informal poll of 50 people at Trabant University Center, many students said they are driving to visit family as far away as Virginia, Maine and South Carolina. Some students will drive the two hours south to Rehoboth, Dewey or Bethany Beach. Sharing a house at the beach with several other students is a popular choice.

Of the 50 students polled, 80 percent of respondents are not going anywhere. Many students said they will stay in town to work. It is unclear whether or not the current economic state is affecting their choices. Only two of the 40 students not going on Spring Break said they had taken a trip in the past.

Of the 10 people who said they are going on Spring Break, two found good deals on plane tickets at Southwest.com.



Other students are relying on the generosity of their parents.

Junior Laurie Williamson talked her parents into buying her a trip to Hawaii for an early birthday present. They bought her the plane ticket, and she will stay with family that recently relocated there.

"I'm pretty excited," Williamson said.

Senior Daniel Sadik is paying his own way for his unusual Spring Break trip. He is going to Honduras to help a friend who is setting up a business there. As an economics

major, he will use his knowledge of international business relations to help his friend.

"I'll be negotiating with a shipping company in Florida," Sadik said.

He found a relatively inexpensive plane ticket on Expedia.com, and will avoid hotel costs by staying with his friend.

Steven Rachko, director of operations at Uniglobe Charlie B. Travel on Main Street, said business has slowed, but Spring Break travel has remained steady. He said students may not share the same financial burdens as

graduates, or that they travel on their parents' dime.

"I think it's a different mindset among students," Rachko said. "Until they have a job or their parents say they can't go, students are going to go on Spring Break trips."

However, some students are concerned about the cost of a trip. He said all-inclusive trips are the most popular and run from \$700 to \$1,500 per person.

"Everyone is looking for better deals," Rachko said.

Senior Alicia Dreher is a campus manager for the student travel company StudentCity. She oversees a sales team of approximately 20 campus representatives. Two years ago, the representatives in her network sold about 25 trips; last year, they sold about 300. This year she sold approximately 200. She said the economy is a factor in the sales decline.

"Money is absolutely an issue," Dreher said. "I don't think people really thought twice before. Now they're more hesitant."

Acapulco and Cancun remain the most popular destinations, she said, with an average all-inclusive trip costing approximately \$1,300. Most underage students go to Mexico because the drinking age is 18, Dreher said.

Dreher has been planning her own senior-year Spring Break trip for years. Because of her preparation, she said money was not an issue.

"I'm going on a cruise to the Bahamas and Florida," she said.

While some students will be basking in the sun south of the border, apparently the majority will be patiently waiting for the East Coast temperatures to rise. Among them is fifth-year senior Jay Guzman. He said the economy is not affecting his Spring Break plans this year — or any year.

"Every year's a recession year for me," Guzman said.

## Mexico travel alert doesn't deter spring breakers

BY ERICA FLORENTINE

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On Feb. 20, the U.S. Department of State issued a travel warning to all tourists planning on visiting destinations in Mexico. The timing of this alert comes only weeks before students at the university will be setting out on Spring Break. Often, Mexico is a destination for students who hope to spend their week off in a warm climate.

The travel alert warns tourists of the violence currently plaguing Mexico. According to the alert, the past year has seen an increase in robberies, homicides, petty thefts and carjackings.

Senior Kaitlin Hafner said she was among the group of students considering visiting Mexico this year. She has traveled there on Spring Break in the past, but decided not to follow through with her plans to visit again.

"I've been to Cancun before on Spring Break and it didn't seem too dangerous," said Hafner. "We traveled outside of the resort a few times but the area was very Americanized so we never had any problems at all."

Hafner said she heard about the increase in violence in cities like Tijuana, Ciudad Juarez and other U.S.-Mexico border areas. Though her initial Spring Break plans did not involve any of those cities, she said she still felt as though now is not the

best time to travel to Mexico.

Although this alert may seem urgent to Spring Break travelers, Donna Friswell of Uniglobe Charlie B. Travel on Main Street said the risks involved are realistically quite minimal.

"This alert is basically for the bordering towns of Mexico," Friswell said. "In the tourist destinations like Cancun, Puerto Vallarta or Acapulco, you shouldn't have any difficulty."

It's these tourist spots that are usual places for student travel, Friswell said. She said she has booked trips for university students this year and no one has backed out of his or her plans because of the travel alert.

Senior Alicia Dreher works for StudentCity, a company that works to plan trips specifically for student groups. The company organizes vacations to more than 20 destinations, Dreher said, some of which are to locations in Mexico.

"I haven't really heard anything about the alert, but every year I hear something about the dangers of traveling there," Dreher said.

Dreher has traveled to tourist spots in Mexico in past years and feels it is generally not very risky as long as tourists stay in populated, secure areas.

"It's just like how people don't feel safe in New York City," she said.

"You just have to be cautious about it."

The travel alert suggests that those traveling to Mexico avoid areas that aren't tourist spots and to try to limit travel time to daylight hours. If driving, the alert suggests staying on busy roads such as toll roads.

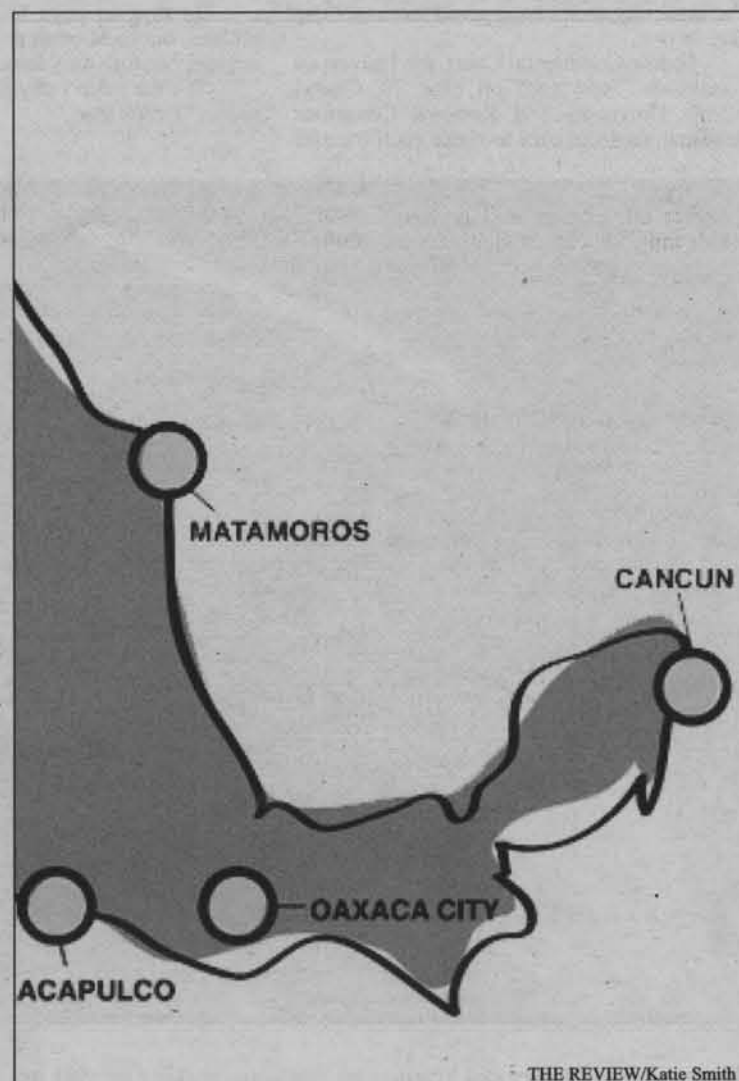
Dreher said when she has traveled to Mexico on Spring Break in a group in the past, they have mostly stayed within the hotel grounds, as most trips are all-inclusive.

"During the day we would basically stay at the hotel," Dreher said. "At night we would sometimes go to clubs, but we wouldn't travel outside the tourist area, which was like a two-mile strip."

The State Department Web site offers some travel tips for the estimated 100,000 American students who travel to Mexico for spring break. It suggests travel companions inform each other of daily itineraries if heading outside of resorts and not traveling anywhere alone.

The travel tips include specifics for popular spring break destinations.

Travelers to Acapulco should be aware that drug-related violence has increased. Safety in Mexico, however, is not only limited to avoiding violence. The State Department also warns tourists of the dangers of swimming in the waters in Cabo San Lucas, as riptides are common causes of death there.





# Students face trouble as home leases end graduation weekend

BY ALLISON RUPPINO

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Senior Matt Gallo is getting a head start cleaning out his furniture by advertising it on Facebook. Graduation is on May 30, and some leases for off-campus housing are up right after this date. That means some seniors need to pack up and leave by May 31 or June 1.

Gallo lives in Main Street Plaza, which are the apartments above The Learning Station. His lease is up June 1, which gives him a day and a half to move out all his possessions.

"As a senior, the week before graduation you are doing nothing but enjoying your last few days at college," Gallo said. "You aren't thinking about getting your security deposits back, making repairs or cleaning up your apartment."

"You don't want to face the fact that you are leaving. It's a big cram, because how can you pack up the stuff you had for four years into one carload?"

His suggestion is that every lease should end July 1.

"We moved in two years ago, and for a lot of us we don't live in Newark over the summer, but we still have to pay the two-months' rent," Gallo said. "So, I was paying and not even being there."

He said starting the lease term on July 1 would allow students a month after graduation to relax, find a job or pack. This would allow students who are moving into apartments to not pay rent for the month of June.

Angela Tsionas-Matulas, landlord for Continental Court, makes accommodations for her residents. The Continental Court lease is up May 31, and she is open to extending the move-out date.

"I have done that in the past if they need extra time depending on when graduation is," Tsionas-Matulas said. "If graduation falls on the same day, then I have given them an extra day or two."

Unlike Continental Court, the University Commons' lease ends on May 30. Cheryl Webb, University and Kershaw Commons landlord, said she tries to make each transfer

as smooth as possible.

"We treat each transfer individually," Webb said. "It would depend on how much is to be moved and the time limits, when the new tenant is moving in and how much work has to be done to the property."

Both Continental Court and the University Commons have not yet received any complaints from students.

However, senior Alyssa DeSio is living in the University Commons and is upset about the timeframe she has to move out. She said she is slowly going to bring her belongings home in order to make moving out on graduation day a little easier.

"I am not very happy at all about this," DeSio said. "It is going to be a crazy day with all my family here, graduation ceremony, plus packing and saying all my goodbyes."

"I believe you should have at least a day or two after graduation to move out. For some people, like myself, I have been living here for two years and have accumulated a lot of stuff. Especially on graduation day, the last thing you want to worry about is packing."

It is not only seniors who are dealing with housing leases that end early; other students are also going through a similar situation.

Sophomore Tyler Hespe lives in Ivy Hall and is moving to the apartments above Happy Harry's next fall.

His lease for Ivy ends on May 31 and his new lease starts on June 1. Hespe said that for every day he leaves his furniture in Ivy after the lease ends, he has to pay one day's rent. He said there isn't much he can do because he has to wait for the Happy Harry's apartments to be cleaned and renovated in order to move in.

"Ivy Hall is unwilling to compensate for the extra days in the apartment," Hespe said. "I find that I am really stressed about my rent situation because I live by myself in Ivy."

He said he pays \$829 per month plus utilities, but most other residents pay half that amount because they have roommates.

"It's the price I pay for wanting my own space," Hespe said.



THE REVIEW/Ricky Berl

Sales on 21 of the 58 condominiums at the Washington House have been closed.

## Sales at Washington House slower in sluggish economy

BY JORDAN ALLEN

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The Washington House Condominiums on Main Street are selling luxury housing in the midst of a struggling economy.

Project Manager J.R. Leonard said not only is business steady, but the complex has yet to lower its prices from its original sale price.

"We are selling them at the same price that we were when the economy was strong," Leonard said.

Twenty-one of the 27 sales are closed. Since the Washington House Condominiums went on the market, three potential occupants have backed out of a sale. There are 58 condominiums total in the complex.

The main reason the condos have met with such success is because they are a unique property that offers a more relaxed living style, he said.

"You can go anywhere and find a home in a cornfield," Leonard said. "This is a unique urban setting — there's nothing else like it unless you wanted to go to the closest cities, either Philadelphia or Baltimore."

Joe Della Valle, sales representative for Washington House Condominiums, said the closest living spaces offering an urban feel similar to the condos are in Rittenhouse Square in Philadelphia.

"In order to get this type of lifestyle you're probably buying a condo for \$1 million," Della Valle said.

While the Washington House Condominiums aren't quite in the million-dollar range, they are still out of range for most university students. The condos are priced from \$359,000 to \$614,000, making some students, like university sophomore Stephanie McMurray, wonder about the building's proximity to a college campus.

"That seems like a bit too much of a commitment for regular students," McMurray said.

Senior Jennifer Warren said the apartments' location was more appealing, but the prices less feasible for most college students. She said older couples are the people with the money to afford the condos, but she cannot see them wanting to be surrounded by Main Street's drunken students.

"I never really understood between the pricing and the location — I think they're on two different levels," Warren said. "To me they just don't make sense."

Leonard said the condos are not targeted toward students because they would be out of most students' price range. The deposit itself, which is required to buy any

of the units, is typically 10 percent of the entire sales price of the condo.

He anticipates buyers to be people with the means to afford the condos and who are looking for a lock-and-leave lifestyle or a more active life without the worry and cost of maintaining a house. The condos are also meant for university alumni who wish to come back and settle down near their alma mater.

Lauren Corry, a part-time student from Bear, Del., was living at home, but wanted to move closer to campus because she is on the university skating team. She said she and her parents decided to invest in a condo despite the fact that it was far more expensive than a typical college living space.

"Nobody was really happy about our other choices for apartments because my parents wanted me to be somewhere a little nicer and safer," Corry said.

She said the Washington House Condominiums' security is high. Occupants have slide cards that are required to get into the building, their own individual lock key, security cameras and an indoor garage.

Corry's parents pay the mortgage on the condo, but there are also condo association owner fees, which she said she pays herself, for amenities like the community room and fitness center.

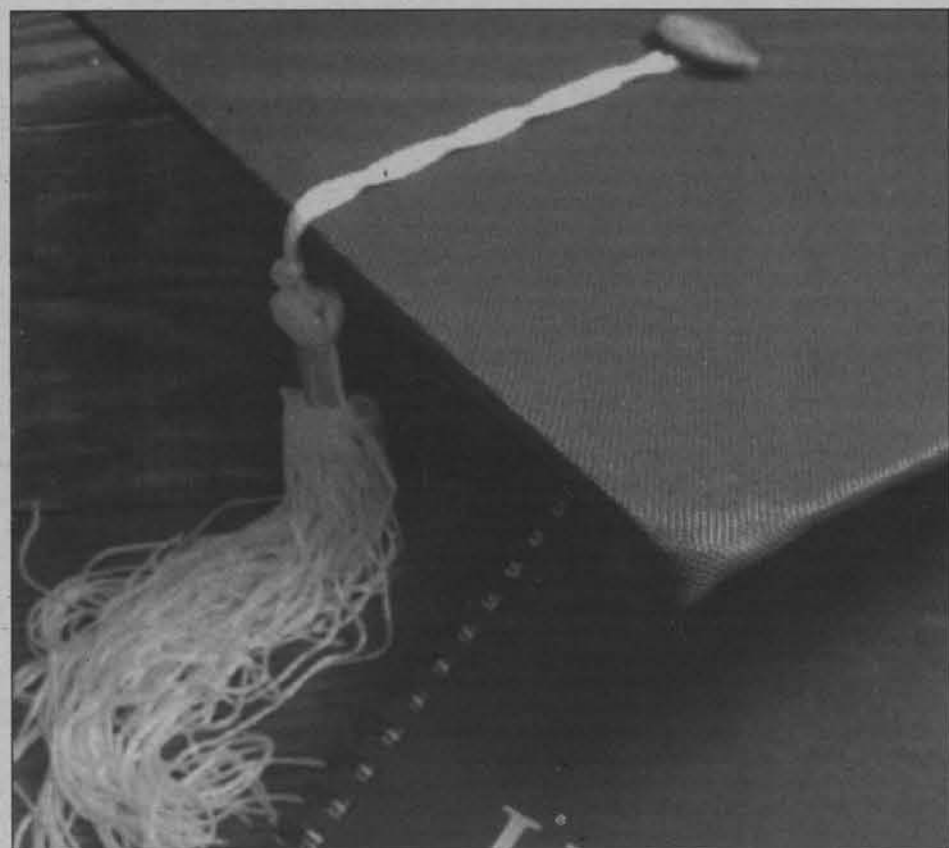
Corry described her fellow tenants as older but nice, and said she enjoys living in her condo. She does not anticipate keeping it once she graduates from school, but said it is important to have other living options in Newark besides residence halls and apartments.

Leonard said the condos have been selling steadily at about one and one-half per month, without the need to offer incentives, besides the fact that buying early means choosing one's location in the building from among the available units.

Della Valle said in a better economy the complex would probably be selling out at about this time, whereas now, the representatives have another four to five months before they are 75 percent sold out.

Leonard said he is not worried about the Washington House Condominiums failing, and the condos have already proven themselves a success.

"I think the American public is resilient, and I don't think the American public is going to put up with multiple months of recession," Leonard said. "It may take a few months for things to get to an aggressive pace, but I don't see it as being an issue."



THE REVIEW/Melanie Hardy

Many students' leases end graduation weekend, making moving out on time difficult.



# Diplomas in hand, many alumni leave Delaware

BY BILLY DESAUTELS

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A recent study suggests most University of Delaware students leave the state after they graduate.

Conducted by PayScale, a Web site that lets users compare their salaries with others in similar jobs, the study picked the top public university in each state and considered graduates who had been out of school for more than five years. The retention rate was based on these graduates and whether they worked in the same states from which they graduated.

The results said Delaware tied with Iowa for the fourth-lowest graduate-retention rate, at 30 percent. The lowest was West Virginia, at 28 percent, and the highest was Washington, with 74 percent.

Jack Townsend, director of the university's Career Services Center, said numbers for the graduate-retention rate at the university may be lower than that. According to surveys of graduates, the university's retention rate for the state fell from 30.3 percent in 2003 to 23.8

percent in 2007.

"The truth is, Delaware probably hasn't been a 'Delaware school' in a long time," Townsend said.

He said the school's student population has been approximately one-third Delawarean and two-thirds out-of-state for many years.

According to the university's Office of Undergraduate Admissions, in 2007, 1,246 in-state freshmen and 2,574 out-of-state students were offered admission to the university.

Townsend said he feels the low graduate-retention rate is not a result of economic or financial factors, but rather due to a lack of jobs.

"Students in business and engineering almost have to look beyond the state," he said.

Townsend said there are not as many banks and major industries based in Delaware as there once were, and manufacturing has been on the decline. Graduates with business and engineering degrees will have a harder time staying and working in Delaware, he

said.

However, jobs in other fields are more prevalent, especially in education and health science, he said.

"These majors typically require field experience," Townsend said.

He said students who are student-teaching or working in hospitals will usually already have a foot in the door toward starting a career. He said Christiana Care has been known to hire many health science graduates, and the university has been listed as a major provider of employees.

Townsend said a big contribution to students' decisions on whether they stay in Delaware is whether they grew up in the state. With two-thirds of the students calling other states home, the low percentage of retained graduates is not unexpected.

"A student's choice to stay in Delaware is usually because they grew up here and are comfortable here," he said.

Senior Todd Johnson, majoring in English, grew up in Seaford, Del. While he

wants to move away from Delaware eventually, he said he expects to stay in the state for a while after he graduates at the end of semester.

"I've lived here my whole life," Johnson said. "I guess it's just familiar."

He said he plans to get a job nearby, possibly with the university. He wants to receive a graduate degree in education in the future.

Senior Tiffany Di Sanzo, who is from Cherry Hill, N.J., will graduate after the next Fall Semester. She is a biology major who plans to attend the University of North Carolina's medical school.

Di Sanzo said she would never consider working or living in Delaware after she finishes going to school, even after being at the university for the past four years. She said she does not really like the area.

"I don't feel there are many options down here," she said. "Places like New Jersey or New York feel a bit more metropolitan and international."

## Graffiti club challenges stereotypes of their art

BY SHANE WEBER

Staff Reporter

While graffiti may conjure up images of teenagers wearing hooded sweatshirts spraying neon letters on the side of subway cars, freshman James Kerrigan created a graffiti club at the university in order to break the traditionally stereotyped art form.

The idea of the club has caught the attention of students and police.

Last November, the club was officially recognized and funded by the university. Without setting up tables at activity fairs or creating a Web site, Kerrigan said the group has grown to approximately 25 members through word of mouth.

He said he was first introduced to graffiti art by a high school friend and began experimenting in his basement.

"We started it up because a few of the members and I have always had interest in graffiti-style art and always wanted to make a spraypaint mural — but we don't want to get arrested," Kerrigan said. "We started a club so we could have a place to do it legally, safe and supervised."

The club plans to create its form of art on easels and attempt to get permission from the city of Newark to create a mural.

Both the University and Newark Police spokesmen were surprised the university would fund such an organization.

"This is an organized club?" Maj. Joel Ivory of the University Police Department asked after first learning about the club.

Lt. Brian Henry of the Newark Police Department said the city defines graffiti as "any unauthorized inscription, word, figure or painting that is written, etched, scratched, sprayed, drawn or painted on any surface public or private." A first-offense fine can range anywhere from \$300 to \$1,000.

Ivory said the university only considers graffiti a crime when it damages property, although some graffiti artists may think otherwise.

"From my experience, people who do graffiti have a tag, and some of them consider it an art form," he said.

Kerrigan, who is the president of the graffiti club, is trying to paint a different image of the practice.

"What we want to do is try and take the view that graffiti is vandalism and a bad thing and remind people that it is an art form," he said.

Patrick Lenihan, secretary of the graffiti club, said each semester the university gives the club \$800, the amount given to each registered student organization. The club uses the funds for various graffiti supplies, including spraypaint and easels.

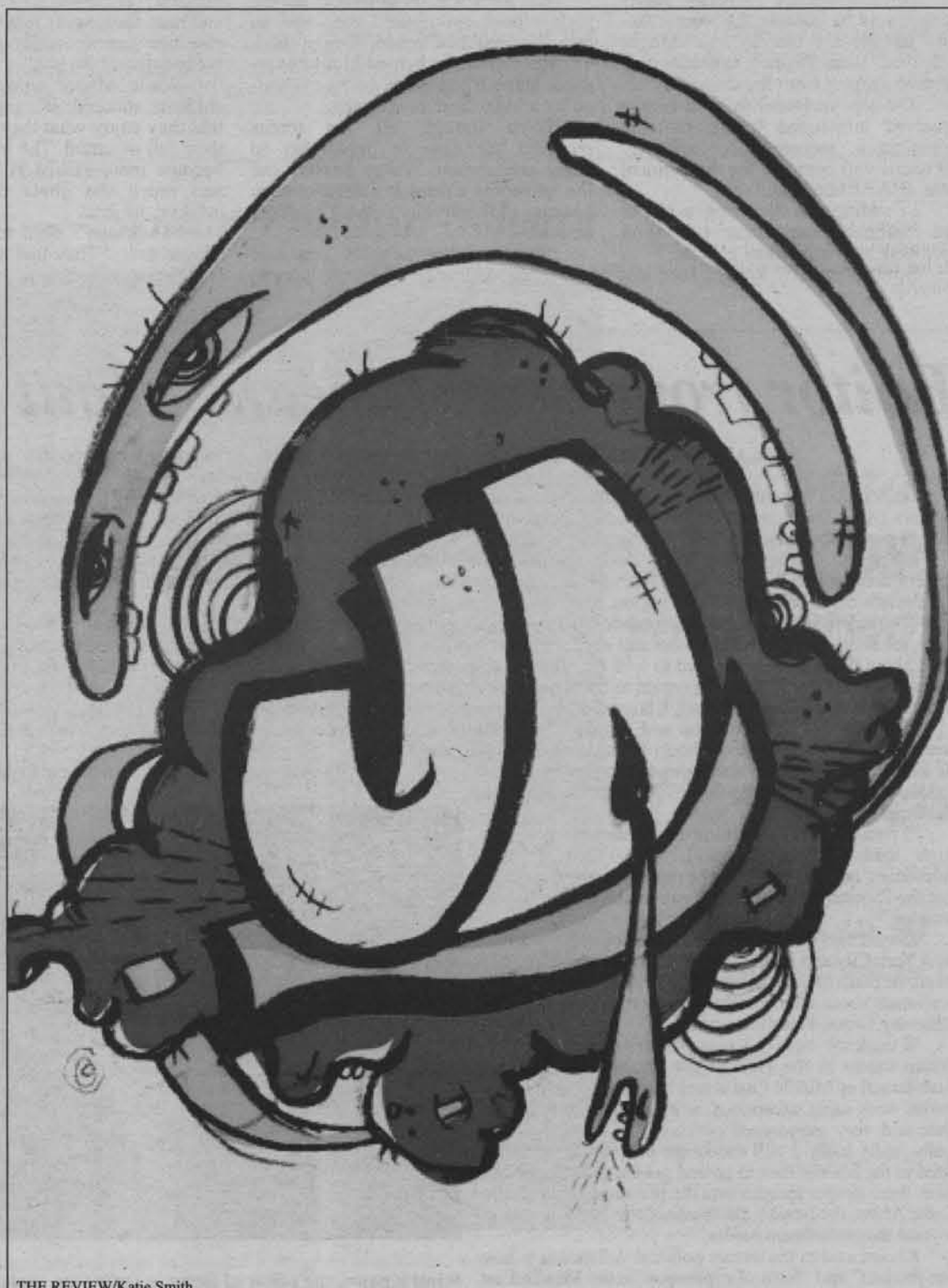
Senior Nikita Levy was unfamiliar with the organization and does not agree with the university funding such a club.

"Graffiti isn't really something that the school should be supporting," Levy said. "But if their goal is to be recognized for artwork, maybe they should call themselves an art, not a graffiti, club."

In two weeks, the university community will get its first look at the graffiti club at Perkins Student Center, where members will be on the Perkins patio spraypainting — on easels. Kerrigan wants to establish an open relationship with the university and has not done any unauthorized graffiti on Newark or university property.

Later in the semester, he plans to have the club help clean up the sides of Main Street buildings.

"We are trying to get involved with a project on Main Street to help clean up graffiti and create murals," Kerrigan said. "Eventually we are going to contact the city once we are more developed."



THE REVIEW/Katie Smith



# Verdict is in: Mock Trial Club heads to nationals

BY SARAH HUBBS

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The University of Delaware Mock Trial Club recorded its best result to date in its regional competition at St. John's University in Queens, N.Y. during the weekend of Feb. 27. In its four years of existence, the Mock Trial Club has advanced to the national competition, which will be held this weekend in Hamilton, Ohio.

The regional competition consisted of 27 other teams from across the East Coast, including teams from schools such as the University of Pennsylvania, New York University, Yale University, Columbia University and Dickinson College.

Junior Laura D'Addabbo, president of the team, said the progress the team has made within the past few years is promising for the future.

"We started with having no coaches and six students," D'Addabbo said. "Now we have 25 students, more than one coach and a bid to the national competition."

Political science professor James Magee said he became the team's faculty adviser six months ago. Magee helps the team finance expenses and receive support from the university.

The top 10 teams in each region received invitations to the national competition, meaning approximately 50 teams will compete for the national title, D'Addabbo said.

In addition to receiving a bid to the national competition, two team members won individual awards.

Senior Kimberly Renner, recipient

of the Outstanding Attorney Award, said there was a lot of practice that went into her performance. She credits her winning the award to her fellow attorneys, seniors Paul Meyer and Erik Mussoni, who gave her advice and backed her up, she said.

"To be honest, even at the last practice before we went to New York, I seemed to be the worst attorney our team had," Renner said. "But something about being in competition got me going and to just go with the flow and be confident."

Freshman Bradley Simon, winner of the Outstanding Witness Award, said due to his experience participating in mock trial for two years in high school, he knew what the judges looked for in scoring. In order to be a good witness, qualities such as being likeable and believable are necessary, he said.

"There's a lot of acting involved with mock trial," Simon said. "Many of the people who participate in mock trial have some sort of acting experience."

His participation in theater during high school contributed the most to him winning his award, Simon said. Theater especially helped him to overcome stage fright while being evaluated by a judge and an attorney.

Even though all the teams received the case in September to begin preparation, Winter Session put the university's team at a disadvantage because of five weeks without practice, he said.

"While other schools continue practicing with each other, we have to

practice separately for a while," Simon said.

Magee said Martin O'Connor, esquire for the Delaware Attorney General; lawyer Andy Rosen; Judge Alan Cooper; and Family Court Judge Robert Coonin all contribute to coaching the mock trial team.

The university's Mock Trial Club was not formed until four years ago because there was no student leader to take the initiative, Magee said. He believes if the team continues to recruit dedicated students and demonstrates they're competitive, it'll generate more interest and continue to improve.

D'Addabbo said the experience they gained prior to the regional tournament contributed to the team's success. This was the first year the team was able to go to an invitational. The opportunity to interact with other schools coupled with the additional time in the courtroom showed the members what they needed to focus on and improve, she said.

"We also decided that this year the officers were going to have to try out and earn their spots just like everyone else because we really wanted to be competitive," she said.

While Magee enjoys seeing the students succeed, it's more important that they enjoy what they do and reach their full potential. The main goal is to become more skilled at what they do and reach the goals they want to achieve, he said.

"They don't need to be victors," Magee said. "They just need to do the best they can."



Courtesy of Eric Mojica

Laura D'Addabbo is the president of the Mock Trial Team. Eric Mojica is the treasurer.

## Editor from Beirut speaks about Middle Eastern conflict

BY ADAM TZANIS

Staff Reporter

On March 11, syndicated political columnist and editor of Beirut's *Daily Star* newspaper Rami Khouri spoke in Mitchell Hall as part of the university's Global Agenda Series.

His speech outlined five points dealing with the Middle Eastern conflict and focused on the rise of Islamist movements and the role of globalization in the region.

"To understand the nature of these conflicts, the causes of them, the relationships between them and what we might be able to do about them, I think we need to take an in-depth, accurate, complete, integrated look at this region to try to understand how and why you reach this situation," Khouri said in his speech.

Professor of communication and former CNN correspondent Ralph Begleiter invited Khouri to speak at the university. He said Khouri has been a reporter for approximately 40 years and has concentrated on the Middle East for a majority of that time.

"I would characterize Rami as a moderate voice in the Arab media," Begleiter said. "Rami Khouri is a Palestinian, and in some ways he represents the challenges that the Palestinian people have experienced over the past decades."

Khouri said in an interview he has recently spoken in New York City and Boston and will be appearing on CNN, where he plans to discuss similar topics. He said he is most passionate about achieving Palestinian rights as a means to achieving Israeli-Palestinian peace.

"I think my main message is, don't rely on the mainstream media in the U.S. to get information about the Arab-Israeli or Middle East issues because the mainstream media, with some exceptions, is providing pretty incomplete and very stereotyped coverage," Khouri said. "It's really pretty lousy. I will encourage people who are interested in the Middle East to go and get the information that gives them deeper insights into the positions of most sides — the Arabs, the Israelis, the Iranians, the Turks — that go beyond the mainstream media."

Khouri said in his lecture political violence is a "routine product" and "form of expression" in the Middle East.

"If you keep in mind rights, reciprocity, resistance, rebirth and respect, it'll give us a much better understanding of the realities in this region, of what's driving the tension and also what are the keys to a possible resolution," Khouri said.

The event attracted an audience of all ages, including students and members of the local community. Many identified as being from the Middle Eastern region and are avid followers of Khouri's work.

Dima Qissif, a Palestinian living in the United States, said she relates a great deal to what Khouri discussed in his lecture.

"He represents most of my views and I pretty much agree with most of what he said," Qissif said. "It was like I expected because he's very educated and he has a very positive reputation of being more in the center between Israeli and Palestinian conflict."

"He gave me a lot of insight about the history of the region,

something that I'm familiar with, but he reminded us of many historical facts that happened that contributed to the conflict we're having today."

Samia Magarani graduated last semester as a political science major with a concentration in the Middle East. She said she has studied Khouri's work and this type of event really captured her attention.

"I thought he brought up a lot of points that a lot of people don't know about," Magarani said. "As a Palestinian-Jordanian living in Lebanon, I think he has a good grasp. It was interesting to see his perspective."

Senior Scott Ohlmacher said this was his first time attending a Global Agenda series event. He said he has a genuine interest in politics and came to the speech for fun.

"In the U.S., I think that we definitely do get a lot of pro-Israel views, and he brought a different perspective to it," Ohlmacher said. "It wasn't anti-Israel and it wasn't pro-Islamist government; because he's an Arab Christian, I think he brought a third-party perspective. I was on the edge of my seat the whole time."

Many students who attended the event had differing opinions on Khouri's lecture. Senior Avi Behar, who has spent a few years in Israel, and senior Jacob Wishko could be found outside of Mitchell Hall discussing the lecture afterward.

"I think he was a lot of the times either biased toward one side or presented some sides a little too simplistically, and I think he did present one side as being sometimes bad or worse than the other," Behar said. "I learned some stuff not necessarily about the Arab-Israeli conflict but a lot of it how Iran and Turkey came into play, something that I was really not familiar about."

Wishko offered a somewhat different interpretation of the speech.

"I would like to have gotten more clarification on a few points, but most of what he said in terms of using the United States and the new Obama administration as an honest broker and appealing to both sides I do agree with," Wishko said.



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Rami Khouri, the editor of Beirut's *Daily Star*, spoke on campus Wednesday.



## Temko delivers report on city, univ. relations

BY JON BLEIWEIS

Staff Reporter

Despite attempts to bridge the gap between the university and the city, some members of the university community feel they are not a part of the city community.

City Councilman Ezra Temko classified bridging community-university relations as an area that needs further exploration while giving a presentation on the city's civic health at the Newark City Council meeting on March 9.

Temko said civic health measures a community's ability to confront the opportunities and challenges it faces. As a university town, it is important for the university and Newark to be working together, he said.

To evaluate Newark's civic health, Temko discussed results from a survey given to 74 participants, which included university student leaders and administrative officials.

Issues between the community and the university include land use, binge drinking and neighborhood relations. These issues are affected by town and gown relations, Temko said.

The city's Town & Gown Committee consists of university students and administrative officials, as well as representation from the city, with the objective of serving as an open line of communication between the university and the city, he said.

However, freshman Ezekiel Tulenko, from Newark, said he was unaware of the committee's existence. He said it would be a good idea to make the committee more prominent within the city and the university so more students could know about it.

"It allows for the city officials to not only work with University of Delaware officials, but it brings students into it as well, so that contributes to help students make sure they have their opinion heard on matters," Tulenko said. "It's better to have them involved in the decision and not just find out about the aftermath of decisions."

In the survey, university student leaders commented that they did not think the city viewed them as part of its governance structure and that information regarding the city was not available to them.

One student leader wrote as a response in the survey, "Unfortunately, despite my active involvement at the University of Delaware, I feel as though I cannot answer questions related to the general Newark community. The nature of my interactions with community leaders has made it clear to me that the city prefers to keep the lines between students and citizens (which students cannot be regarded as) distinct."

Three out of the six university administrators who took the survey disagreed with the statement "community members outside the university view Newark's student population as part of the Newark community."

Temko said he thinks the community is grateful for the university's presence, but there are issues that occasionally bother community members, including nuisance problems and land use. However, he said he thinks the university appreciates its surrounding community.

"I think they view the community as overall an asset, but I think the university sometimes operates as its own entity and walks the line between public and private, and therefore can sometimes take steps without really worrying about whether or not it views the community as an asset, if it can," Temko said.

He said for example, if the university purchases the Chrysler site on South College Avenue, he hopes the university will work closely with the city to make sure there is an economic benefit for both the university and the city.

Newark Mayor Vance A. Funk III said the city and the university should take advantage of their unique relationship.

"Like every partnership, whenever there is something worth doing that we can do with the university more effectively or more efficiently, we should go together," Funk said.

He said the city and university have worked with each other to improve trash transfer within the city and university to landfills in New Castle to save both groups trips to the landfill and money. Also, the university and city police forces have collaborated on police affairs to improve their services.

When it comes to student involvement, Funk said town meetings have had limited success and it's difficult to get students involved because they come to Newark for the university and not the community, making their identity with the community not as strong as he'd like.

"It seems like you almost need an emergency to motivate the students to get involved," he said, referring to a high amount of student turnout for a security meeting the city had after the murder of student Lindsey Bonistall in 2005.

While that may be the case, Funk said he thinks the relationship between students and the community is improving, citing an increase in student involvement in city projects, such as the Community Clean-up in April and the Taste of Newark.


Temko, who received his master's degree from the university in January, said he thinks it's important for the university and the community to have a mutual relationship so that both sides can benefit from each other.

"I think that because the university and the Newark government can have such a profound effect on each other, it's a lot more helpful when they have a shared vision and they are both working towards that shared vision together instead of potentially working in different directions," he said.



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Councilman Ezra Temko presented findings from a 74-person survey on Town and Gown relations on March 9.

  
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Business schools traditionally only accepted the GMAT.

## Business schools begin to accept GRE scores

BY STEPHANIE KRAUS

Staff Reporter

There is an ongoing tug-of-war in the graduate testing world over which type of test business schools should be accepting. In the past, deciding which graduate exam to take for graduate school was fairly cut and dry.

If a student wanted to take the general test for graduate school, for majors such as mathematics, science, literature and psychology, the Graduate Record Examination was the natural choice. If a student were interested in business school, the Graduate Management Admission Test was the way to go.

Until now, that is.

The GMAT used to be administered by The Educational Testing Service, but ETS lost the rights two years ago when the Graduate Management Admission Council chose another distributor. ETS is now trying to get some of that business back by lobbying business schools to accept the GRE as an alternative to the GMAT. More than 115 have agreed, including Stanford University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Johns Hopkins University, according to the *New York Times*.

Priya Dasgupta, a spokesperson for the national office of Kaplan, Inc., a test preparation service said, there is a simple reason why schools are accepting both tests.

"There are a number of schools that are starting to accept both the GMAT and GRE because they essentially measure the same thing in terms of analytical thinking, critical reasoning and logic," Dasgupta said.

In September, ETS placed advertisements in publications such as *The Chronicle of Higher Education* claiming that "MBA" can stand for "More Business School Applicants," attempting to get more business schools to allow GRE scores instead of solely GMATs.

For business schools, the GRE offers a chance to increase their

applicant pool by tapping into some of the more than 500,000 people who take it annually. From 2007 to 2008, 246,957 GMAT exams were administered, according to the GMAC website. For students, the GRE is less expensive (\$140) than the GMAT (\$250).

Mary Martin, assistant provost for graduate studies, said determining the price structure for the tests is strictly a business decision.

"I think GMATs are probably more expensive because fewer people take them, because it's more specialized," she said. "GRE is taken around the world, so the larger the volume, the less cost per person."

According to the GMAT Web site, it is the high level of security that makes it more expensive.

"The GMAT is available in a consistent and secure environment nearly every day of the year at more than 430 test centers around the world," the site stated. "This high level of access and security is a significant factor in the overall cost of the program."

Martin suggests students take graduate testing when they are undergraduates, even if they do not think they're going to apply to graduate school right away.

"The scores are good for five years so you should take them when you're in college because you're going to forget," she said. "You're going to forget your math!"

Senior Chris Martens was recently accepted into the university's exercise science graduate program after taking the GREs.

"I took the GRE, not the GMAT because I'm in science," Martens said. "I haven't heard any specific complaints about GREs versus GMATs."

Martens said the GREs are very similar to the SATs but has not heard much about the GRE versus GMAT debate.

"I think if you're applying to a certain program, it would be better to take a test that tests your knowledge in that area," he said.



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## Students celebrate Irish heritage through dance

BY ELISA LALA

City Desk Editor

Today is St. Patrick's Day, a day dedicated to celebrating Irish culture. To senior Erin Perialas, however, every day is a celebration of Irish traditions.

Perialas, who comes from a family rich in Irish ancestry, has been practicing and performing Irish dance routines since she was a child.

Irish dancing has become a defining aspect of her life and something she is able to share with her family and community.

"My mom danced, my little sister and brother dance — it defines us," Perialas said.

It wasn't her love for the dance that got her started, however; it was her lack of coordination that prompted her passion.

"I was a klutz when I was young, and my mom thought this would help me with coordination and control and it did," Perialas said. "Then I fell in love with it."

Perialas began dancing at Delaware's McAleer School of Irish Dancing, which has studios in Wilmington, Claymont and Kennett Square, Pa., at age five.

She said Irish dancing has taught her much more than coordination, including confidence, public speaking abilities and better social skills.

"Irish dancing has made me always want to be the life of the party and to entertain everyone," Perialas said.

She said Veronica McAleer, the school's owner, has become both her mentor and a role model to Perialas over the years she has taught her.

"Veronica McAleer is my hero," Perialas said. "She has been like a second mom to me."

McAleer was raised in Ireland, immersed in its elaborate culture and traditions such as Irish dancing. When she came to America 44 years ago, she brought her passion and love for dancing with her to share with Delawareans.

"I used to have a friend teach in Chester, and there were some dancers here in Delaware that would go all the way to Chester on Saturday morning to dance," McAleer said. "So when I passed my teacher's exam, I was asked to bring the dance here to Delaware, and I did."

She said the most precious part of teaching Irish dancing is the lov-

ing friendships and connections that are made between the dancers.

"We become like a family," McAleer said. "We encourage and support one another. Irish dance is my whole life and I love to share it with my students."

Senior D'Arcy Jeffery, a friend of Perialas' and a former Irish dancer, is inspired by the Irish customs and believes the Irish culture should be celebrated year-round, not just one day of the year.

"You don't have to be Irish to celebrate their traditions," Jeffery said. "I personally am only one-fourth Irish. However, the culture is very defining of me."

With that in mind, Jeffery began the university's Irish club this semester.

"We provide students with Irish culture history, we enjoy the traditions and we dance the dance," she said.

She said she began her club as a way to pass on her passion and a legacy for herself within the university.

"It is my last semester here, and I wanted to share something that meant a lot to me," Jeffery said. "Hopefully, when I leave students will carry it on."

McAleer said every day is like St. Patrick's Day to the dancers.

"This is our life and our passion, and it doesn't stop here in March," she said.

Perialas and her family will be performing an Irish Dance routine at The Deer Park Tavern today at 4 p.m.

"This is something that bonds us together as a family and means so much to us," she said. "We want to share it with others."



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Senior Erin Perialas has been Irish step dancing since childhood.

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## No 'quick fix' to diversity issues

University has long road ahead to diversify campus

Diversity has never been an easy issue to approach. In its element, it's a complex theme incorporating many individual aspects. Race, sexual orientation, religion and personal ideologies have been hotly debated topics since the beginning of civilization. The fact of the matter is that everyone is different and there's not a singular way to approach all these differences — which is why members of the university's Diversity Action Council has a difficult road ahead of them in attempting to tackle these issues.

It's essential that some aspects of diversity should be acknowledged, as the Diversity Action Council is doing with some immediate changes. For example, 40 university restrooms are now going to be labeled as "gender-neutral," a change the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community has been fighting for, and rightly so. But, in other ways, it seems like the university is taking a quick-fix approach to diversity, not only outrightly admitting that there is a diversity problem here, but pretending there's any easy way to resolve that problem.

Last year's Residence Life diversity program was an example of why a quick fix to diversity problems is not an appropriate way to deal with the situation. The university found itself dealing with a wild backlash of angry students and parents, and the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education. The university was forcing diversity on its students, and expecting us to learn from it.

The new Diversity Action Council seems to be using the same idea, forming a checklist of 90 recommendations for change and 10 new ideas that must be implemented immediately. If anything can be taken from the Residence Life diversity program, it should be that diversity is not something that can have an immediate "fix," or if it necessarily needs to be fixed at all.

With a student body that is 80.2 percent white, 5.5 percent black, 5.4 percent Hispanic, 4.2 percent Asian, 0.3 percent Native American and 4.3 percent other, it is clear that the overwhelming majority of students come from similar racial backgrounds. However, the applicant pool in terms of minorities is not assessed in this statistic. It is difficult to say how many minorities have applied and been accepted in comparison to the number of whites who have applied to the university. If there

are less people from a particular minority group applying to the school, then of course the numbers are going to be lower. This goes without mentioning that sexual orientation and individual ideologies are not assessed on a university application.

Because of this, it seems more important that integration between the different social groups that make up the variety of students on-campus is more important than the sheer number of certain people that attend the university. Promoting the relationships between students of different cultural backgrounds is the best step the university can take.

However, one of the more important aspects that remains barely addressed is the stem of diversity awareness. By the time students enroll in college, for the most part, underlying values and morals are set for each individual person. If a student cannot handle diversity and interaction with others who are different from them, then it reflects on them as a person instead of the university as a whole. It is not the university's responsibility to form our opinions about others.

It is a natural process that everyone goes through, and despite all the training and programs the university community can undergo, there is no way they can form and change everyone's opinions about diversity. The only way it is possible to approach this problem is to encourage students of all races to apply to the university, and to use the interrelations to show that we are a diverse body. This is a better option than using public relations to show all the defunct programs the administration has instituted over the years.

In the Oct. 21 issue of The Review, an editorial stated that true diversity is when differences in color, culture or personal beliefs no longer dictate relationships between people. Rather, diversity is the ability to appreciate and accept peoples' differences without having to constantly acknowledge them. It should be a person's personal experiences and individual assets that should be celebrated, not one aspect of a person's background.

The university has the ability to make important changes and create new diversity policies. But in the end, it is up to the students to bridge the diversity gap on campus, and until that happens, "diversity" is just a buzz word.

## Allimations



THE REVIEW/ Allison Schwartz

"We don't just choke on food here at UD."

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Celebrate true meaning of holiday

As a student who is of Irish descent — three out of four grandparents being from the Isle — I am disgusted by the display of St. Patrick's Day debauchery on this campus. The students who chose to celebrate the holiday early, because it is convenient for them, show a certain disregard for what is supposed to be a day of religious observance. Just because it is a day for people to go out and drink doesn't mean that everyone is Irish. In fact, that is an insult to someone like myself.

Yes, the natives of Ireland do go out and get wasted, but at least they understand the history of it

all.

St. Patrick is responsible for bringing Christianity to the nation of Ireland in the fifth century and converting the pagan peoples of Ireland to Christianity. The wearing of St. Patrick's green, which should actually be blue, is intended to refer to wearing a shamrock on one's clothing to symbolize the shamrock's representation of the Holy Trinity to the pre-Christian Irish.

Please do not claim to be Irish if you are not even close on St. Patrick's Day. I don't go around once a year and say, "Look at me, I'm Italian!" because I'm sure I would insult all those from North Jersey.

With the recent IRA bomb-

ings in Northern Ireland, I am choosing to not celebrate the national holiday of my grandparent's homeland in respect of those who have died for liberty in Northern Ireland. And why not celebrate it on the correct day?

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### Correction

In the March 3 issue of The Review, a caption on page 2 mistakenly identified members of the football team as male cheerleaders. We apologize for the error.

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## University remains silent on genocide funding



### Mark My Words

Haley Marks

*University should divest funding from companies still supporting Darfur rebels*

On March 4 the International Criminal Court issued an arrest warrant for Sudanese President Omar Hassan al-Bashir. Bashir has been charged with five counts of crimes against humanity, including murder, extermination, forced transfer, torture and rape and two counts of war crimes, including intentionally directing attacks against a civilian population and pillaging.

Bashir was not charged with genocide, though prosecutors have since appealed to the court to include genocide in its charges against Bashir.

He is the first head of state to be issued a warrant of arrest in the court's history.

At the same time the university, over 6,000 miles away, is making its own firsts on a Path to Prominence to "increase the global impact of the university."

With the goal of increasing the university's prominence in the global community, why has the university ignored the fact that endowment funds may be invested in the very government being tried for such horrendous

crimes?

STAND, the student anti-genocide coalition on campus, has worked for more than a year and a half to try and persuade the university to adopt a policy of divestment. This is an effort to take invested funds out of foreign companies working with the Sudanese government, in an attempt to drain the money being used for the Darfur genocide, according to student activist Hilary Jampel.

When no progress was made, the group decided to focus toward other means of helping the people of Darfur this semester.

"After a year and a half we were getting nowhere," said Jampel, STAND activist and chapter outreach coordinator. "There are just so many meetings you can sit through with no progress."

**Jampel said STAND was never granted a meeting with university president Patrick Harker to discuss the possibility of university funds being invested in companies working with the Sudanese government.**

The problem now facing the displaced people of Darfur is the government-issued expulsion of 16 humanitarian organizations leading aid efforts for the millions of suffering refugees.

Some statistics estimate a possible 100,000 Sudanese could die in the next month

because of the forced exile of humanitarian aid groups such as Doctors Without Borders and Oxfam. Approximately 4.5 million people in Darfur and eastern Chad now rely on humanitarian aid, according to Oxfam's Web site.

It seems clear that this ongoing human rights issue needs to be at the forefront of both the university's and the student body's agendas.

Political science professor Kenneth Campbell, a member of the International Association of Genocide Scholars, said based on past experiences, the global community will soon view Sudan as a pariah, ending ties of communication and trade with them now that their sitting head of state has been institutionally de-legitimized.

Hopefully one member of the global community that will follow this pattern will be the university.

Campbell said that the charges brought up against Bashir implicate anyone who does business with the Sudanese government.

"It seems to me to, in fact, be a betrayal of the mission to move the University of Delaware on the Path to Prominence to associate themselves with such criminals, which is what they do, objectively by doing business with companies that still do business with those criminals," Campbell said.

The fact is the university community does not know if our endowment funds are invested in such companies accused of doing business with Sudan, such as PetroChina. But the refusal to look into our investments and make

sure funds are not allocated to these companies is only adding to the problem.

Inaction is not the stance an institution of higher learning should be allowed to take in terms of matters of crimes against humanity and possible attempted genocide.

It seems that this problem, which has fallen to the sidelines of the university's consciousness, needs the student body to come together and take action against one element of a complicated global atrocity — to create positive change through student activism.

If the university continues to ignore the positive effects of adopting a targeted plan of divestment the student body should still feel compelled to volunteer some type of effort toward the millions suffering in Sudan. For once let's act as a unified student body, not merely complacent but with a common goal of standing up against the atrocities occurring far out of sight.

STAND is currently trying to lobby President Barack Obama's administration to fight for an end to the crisis in Darfur and students can call the Genocide Intervention Network's hotline at 1-800-GENOCIDE for information regarding how to pressure your congressman towards making a change for the people of Sudan.

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## Today I spent six hours stalking other people, FML



### Wolt This Way

Caitlin Wolters

*Why people care so much about what other people are doing*

I hate to admit it, but I can't go a day without compulsively checking PerezHilton.com for what he calls, "Celebrity Juice, Not from Concentrate."

Every day, I wake up and check my e-mail. Then I'll go onto Facebook for about a minute, until I come to the realization that my time would be better spent reading Perez's latest musings on the Rihanna and Chris Brown case or Lindsay Lohan's warrant for arrest. And to be honest, in the back of my head, I know my time isn't better spent on Perez than it is on Facebook, and it's not better spent on Facebook than it is reading the latest news on the *New York Times* Web site. I just can't help but be interested in the lives of other people.

I know I'm not the only one who feels this way. Social networking has become the new "thing" to do. Just about everyone has a Facebook account — who hasn't heard the phrase, "My mom is on Facebook!" at least

once in the last few months? With more than 175 million active users and more than 3 billion minutes spent worldwide on Facebook each day, according to their Web site, it seems that I can't be the only one who obsesses over what other people are doing. Think about it — "Facebook stalk" has become a part of our daily vocabulary because the objective of the site is to see what others are doing, and to share what you're doing.

Facebook isn't the only social networking site used to check what others are doing — MySpace has been around for years, and now there's Twitter, LinkedIn and A Small World, just to name a few.

And now, FMyLife.com has created a stir, with users writing humiliating and anonymous stories to share with each other and the entire Internet world.

In some form or another, we're all obsessed with what other people are doing — be it pointless celebrity gossip or what your ex's new pictures reveal about last weekend's events.

I've spent a lot of time thinking about why this could be. Why is it that everyone I know — including myself — spends a sizeable amount of time looking at other people's lives?

I guess part of the attraction could be the mere entertainment factor. Everyone I know who frequents FMyLife says it's fun to read

about the people who proclaim to the world their dumb, drunken decision from the previous night or their recent humiliating break-up. It's entertaining to see how stupid these people are — which could also double as the reason for my PerezHilton addiction. I could say it's entertaining to see how the rich and beautiful of the world screw up their lives and never seem to be able to get it back on track. But I don't think that's enough reason to devote so much time to these sources.

**The more I thought about it, the more I realized that people are interested in others' lives because it makes them feel better about themselves.**

In the case of my obsessive Perez checking — yes, these people are beautiful and rich and famous, but a lot of them also have severe drug and alcohol abuse problems and very little higher education. It's not that I want to see them fail and have miserable lives, but seeing the fake display of having it all makes me realize how much I appreciate what I've been given in my life, even though none of it has a material value that can compare. I'd rather be living the life of an average college student than be pushed to an endless barrage of rumors and cocaine use.

The same goes for those who check FMyLife. We've all had our dumb, embarrassing moments. It helps to relate to each other, and create a sort-of family of misfits and rejects. So what if you embarrassed yourself in front of the "hottest" kid in school — who hasn't? There's a sigh of collective relief in knowing that you're not the only one. And as far as Facebook is concerned, it's the same thing but in a different manner. "Facebook stalking" makes us feel like we're a part of another person's life, even if it's been weeks or months since there's been any contact with them. It can give us an excuse for not reaching out — because at least we know what's going on with them.

I don't necessarily think this is all a bad thing. While I can always think of something better I could be doing instead of reading celebrity gossip or catching up with my Facebook friends via last weekend's pictures, at least I have some reason for doing so. With all the technology that exists today to spread gossip and personal information, it's so easy to become immersed with the lives of others. If, at the root of it, looking at others' lives makes us happy, then we might as well do it.

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# Student, inspired by faith, publishes first book

BY CHRISTINA RIZZO

Staff Reporter

Being able to successfully multitask is the key to many students' success, and senior Ben MacKinnon is living proof. MacKinnon, a math education major, pays his way through college with 30-hour work weeks, wrote and published his own book, started his own Web site and still finds time to relax.

After spending a year writing and editing, MacKinnon became a published author when he released his first book Dec. 10, 2008. "Green Bean Spirituality" began during winter 2008 as a personal narrative about his Christian faith that then matured into a full-fledged book.

"I'm not trying to pursue a career in writing," MacKinnon says. "I just want people to hear a normal testament of the Christian gospel and I feel like I have been used in sculpting that."

The author translated his attitude into the title of the book.

"The purpose of the name 'Green Bean Spirituality' is that I likened a lot of my ideas on faith to green beans," he says. "A lot of people, including myself, find ourselves canning our own concepts about faith so we can easily pass them around. Why would you get into a 10-minute dissertation about sin when you can just say a sound byte? It's basically taking something that has life — something organic, something beautiful — and jamming it into a can and it's congealing in there in this watery grossness. It loses life — it just loses beauty."

MacKinnon's book attempts to breathe life back into religious topics with a fresh, young perspective. After spending most of the year in the writing process, he describes his final writing session in Starbucks as the most thrilling moment of the process.

MacKinnon says this occurrence was the most prophetic moment of the entire experience.

"There was this old Russian man walking around," he says, "and he walked up to me and pointed at me and said, 'You and I are of the same spirit — I can just feel it. That laptop, what you're doing on it right now, what you're putting into it is going to put something good out of it.'"

After completing the writing process, MacKinnon began looking for publishing houses and realized he was "too young" to be considered seriously. In response, MacKinnon created a Web site, [SomedayPublished.com](http://SomedayPublished.com).

"I created the Web site initially as a fundraising effort," he says. "I started writing essays on there to woo people into my writing because I wanted people to trust in my ability to wordsmith, and as time went on people started donating more freely."

Through the Web site and word of mouth about "Green Bean Spirituality," MacKinnon was able to acquire the funds to self-publish his book.

When people ask him if he's a Christian, he replies, "Yes, but I'm liberal and I'm this and I'm that." MacKinnon's



Courtesy of Amazon.com

Senior Ben MacKinnon released his first book, "Green Bean Spirituality," in 2008.

honesty about both his religious and political views is coaxing other like-minded individuals to do the same.

"I'm finding out that there are a lot more people who share my beliefs — liberal Christians are coming out of the woodworks swinging," he says.

MacKinnon says practicing Christianity is an easy task on a college campus. However, he says he may never figure out how to truly live out the Gospel.

MacKinnon hopes the book will begin to open a new dialogue about faith between people of all religious backgrounds. He says he's just looking for people to have an open mind.

"The Judeo-Christian God has shown himself true in my life, so I would want

someone who believes or doesn't believe to understand that by engaging with me," MacKinnon says.

His new focus is working with his publishers to have his book sold in both secular and Christian outlets. He says if he achieves this, then he has really done something. With his book now available on Amazon.com, MacKinnon has already begun writing what could become another book.

Becoming a published author while still in college is no easy feat, but MacKinnon is keeping his priorities in line.

"For me, the next step is acknowledging where I am now, and that's a student who wrote a book and not a writer who goes to classes," he says.

## Bringing the party home: weekend alternatives

BY ADAM TZANIS

Staff Reporter

After reading books like "Glory Days at Delaware" or simply spending an ordinary weekend on campus, it's evident that students at the university party. However, as the administration cracks down on partying, significant numbers of students are choosing not to go out drinking.

Junior Missy Lagera says her major reason for not drinking is because of a health concern. Lagera has a hypersensitivity to the alcohol digestion process, and drinking can cause a sudden spike in her blood pressure. Additionally, she says an experience as a freshman discouraged her from using alcohol.

"I was walking around campus and I walked past Deer Park when the bar was closing," Lagera says. "This drunkard was swaying out on the sidewalk and he threw up on me. It completely turned me off."

She says despite her busy schedule, she doesn't find it hard to spend time with friends without drinking alcohol.

"I think by junior year people get exhausted going out every weekend, so those who went out one weekend will probably not want to go out the next," Lagera says. "After a week of studying, when I finally come out of my cave, my friends usually want to hang out."

Instead of drinking, she says she finds other ways to spend her free time, which she deems far more exciting.

"Once I took a crazy, all-night road trip to Sonic," Lagera says. "It was like straight out of 'Harold and Kumar Go to White Castle' but instead it was Missy and her friends go to Sonic. I'm not the best driver so I took a wrong turn going into Dover and ended up in PA. It was a lot of fun and if we had decided to go out instead, we would have missed out on that night."

Freshman Bridget Boyle says not drinking is a personal choice and she would much rather function in an uninebriated state.

"I don't want to be crazy and not know what I'm doing," Boyle says. "I prefer to know what I'm saying and not act like a complete idiot. Not saying that everyone who

drinks is crazy — it's just not something I need to make me feel better."

She says she has seen firsthand what alcohol can do to people and it's just not something of which she wants to be a part.

"Last weekend when I was walking to 7-Eleven, I saw a girl fly out of the bushes and land on her hands and knees in front of an abandoned house," Boyle says. "It was funny but sad at the same time. She looked really drunk and didn't seem like she knew where she was."

She says she'd rather spend her free nights watching movies in her residence hall, ordering from Buffalo Wild Wings or venturing out for a midnight Slurpee. On the occa-

sions when Boyle does accompany her friends to a party, she says she feels out of place.

"I may not feel comfortable while everyone is playing beer pong but it's something I've had to adapt to because it's something that happens here," she says.

Sophomore Jeffrey Bivin says he'd rather avoid parties and spend his nights enjoying low-key activities.

"I don't really enjoy the big drinking party kind of atmosphere all that much," Bivin says. "I'll usually just choose to hang out with a few people on the weekend rather than go out with a large group."

He says he will often attend some kind of campus activity with a small group of friends. Bivin says focusing on athletics keeps him occupied and is often an alternative for going out.

"Usually on a Friday or Saturday there's some kind of event — a movie in Trabant, a theater group show or the Rubber Chickens," he says. "I do a lot of running, biking and going to the gym instead."

Bivin says his choice to not go out drinking doesn't have a large impact on his ability to maintain friendships with his friends that do go out.

"I don't judge them any differently and I don't feel like they judge me differently," he says. "We can still maintain a fun friendship. We will meet up in other capacities like going to dinner or seeing movies."



THE REVIEW/Katie Smith



# Bromance blossoms between Rudd and Segel



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BY TED SIMMONS

Entertainment Editor

If the arrival of spring means love is in the air, then bromance must be that stale warm feeling that teases of weather to come. Just when it seems OK to wear shorts, the biting cold leaves things a bit awkward.

Which is exactly what bromance is — a relationship that teeters from strangely comfortable to slightly embarrassing.

So when Paul Rudd ("Knocked Up") ventures out to find himself a best man in the new comedy "I Love You, Man" through a series of man-dates, the results start off as strange encounters, but eventually lead to bromantic bliss, as he meets Jason Segel ("Forgetting Sarah Marshall") and the two tiptoe the line between best friend and maybe a little something extra.

"I think it's a long time coming that you've seen a good male platonic comedy," Segel says. "And that's what we're going for — we got as close to the homoerotic line as possible without crossing it."

"Yeah, you know it is true," Rudd adds. "But it just seems to be the word of the moment, bromantic, because there have really been films throughout the decade that have fallen into that category, but were never called bromantic."

Recreating that bromance vibe wasn't difficult for Rudd and Segel, whose banter and dialogue make the longtime friends seem to exist in a state of bromance themselves.

The two already had a sense of familiarity with the other's comedy, and with a few nights at the bar and some dirty jokes thrown in, it could only be a bromance made in comedic heaven — or Hollywood.

As the two sat in a fish taco restaurant, director John Hamburg gave them simple directions: forget the script and make it seem like you're slowly starting to like each other. So Rudd and Segel talk for four hours, feasting on fish tacos and drinking cold beer, making this bromance stuff go down easy. The result was, as Segel describes it, very easy and very funny.

After all, "I Love You, Man" is the third film the two have worked on together and the best opportunity yet for them to display their chemistry.

While Segel says jokingly that it took him and Rudd some time to get along, it's apparent that the dynamic between the friends contributes to the hilarity of their movies. Segel's housemate scenes in "Knocked Up," Rudd's SmartTech employee conversations in "The 40-Year-Old Virgin" — it's all humor generated from the natural relationship the film stars had beforehand.

"What attracts me is the fact that we have all known each other for so long," Segel says. "We formed a pretty tight comedy coalition as I like to call it. And John Hamburg and Paul and I have known each other for so long. It was a very, very comfortable environment."

Through their own man-date and bromance experiences, Rudd and Segel say sensitivity is almost always involved. Segel proclaims himself the least masculine guy around.

"I think that the idea of guys who wear their hearts on their sleeves is actually truer to most of the male friendships that I have," Rudd says.

When planning their own man-dates, Rudd

and Segel can't escape kidding around, as Rudd includes Brazilian food, a pitcher of sangria and a bathtub full of linseed oil on his wish list. Segel's isn't much different — the food is instead Argentinean, and his tub is full of salted butter.

But amusement is one of the keys to a good bromance. Joking around and being light-hearted is what allows guys to spend so much time around one another, and for Rudd and Segel, it's what makes their dynamic so entertaining. Seriousness is thrown out the window — bromance lives only as long as the hilarity does.

And with these two comedians, both are capable of existing perpetually. They joke about making a sequel called "I Love You, Dad" or a remake of "Harold and Maude."

Whatever the two decide to do in the future, it's likely that it will involve some elements of their "comedy coalition," which means some level of platonic friendship as well. Whether that means they've found a male counterpart to the chick flick is uncertain, but Rudd has a name for this new genre.

"A dick flick," Rudd says. "I like that even more than bromantic."

"Yeah, dick flick is great," Segel adds. "And something tells me we're going to be saying that a lot now."



## Race to a refund: 'Witch Mountain' disappoints

**"Race to Witch Mountain"**  
Walt Disney Pictures  
Rating: ☆ (out of ☆☆☆☆)

When aliens need help from a human to save both their planet and ours, the natural selection is, of course, The Rock.

Disney ventures into the action realm with "Race to Witch Mountain," a remake of "Escape to Witch Mountain." Clearly targeted at children, the film lacks an identity. The usual charm of movies intended for the younger crowd isn't present during the film's frequent violence and explosions.

Two kid aliens crash-land on Earth and acquire the help of a cab driver to take them to their destinations and protect them from an agency set to capture the extraterrestrials. The trio must use their evasive tactics and forces to accomplish their goal — to save both humans and aliens.

Dwayne Johnson, formerly known as World Wrestling Entertainment's The Rock, plays Jack Bruno, the cab driver with an amazing ability to drive. He picks up the two aliens, played by Alexander Ludwig and Anna Sophia Robb. Aside from hearing them speak like robots, the kids are more reminiscent of wizards with magical powers than anything else. Johnson's charm helps ease awkward dialogues and the children make scenes less painful to watch.

The film has few funny moments, considering it's a movie designed to attract children. The plot is too complicated and slow-paced to capture any child's attention. It takes until the middle of the movie to



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find out what the story is about, keeping the audience puzzled as to what they're watching.

The constant violence added to make the film more exciting is a miss. Even during the best action scenes, the viewer will be checking the time rather than what's going to blow up next. The additions of second-rate fight scenes and explosions don't help the fact that the story is delivered in the most boring fashion imaginable.

Even with some entertaining one-liners from Johnson, the monotony of the acting by the two kid co-stars with some insane magic powers makes this film too far-fetched for even a Disney movie and doesn't leave the viewer connecting to the characters. The plot is tortoise-paced with many lackluster action scenes, making the audience race to the exits instead of Witch Mountain.

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## The house that should've been left alone

**"The Last House on the Left"**  
Rouge Pictures  
Rating: ☆ 1/2 (out of ☆☆☆☆)

Judging a book by its cover isn't advisable, but in the case of "The Last House on the Left," it would certainly help.

Like when Mari and her friend follow a quiet hooded boy back to his motel room to buy weed, common sense should tell them that this looks like a place of shady business. Or when quiet hooded boy's father and uncle show up, one quick look should tell them that these guys have the facial hair and crazed look of murderers.

Common sense forgotten, "The Last House on the Left" follows Mari and her friend Paige as an unstable band of killers abducts them. Fittingly enough, the pack of psychopaths ends up in the vacation home in which Mari's family is staying. Hospitality quickly turns to hostility, though, as the parents figure out in whose

company they actually are.

The cover of this book is hardly Dr. Seuss.

If watching terrible people do terrible things makes a terrible movie, then this certainly is a bad one. Watching as Mari and Paige are terrorized is cringe-inducing, and the scenes meander through rape, torture and chases. The audience knows where all this will lead, so seeing such unmentionable acts in detail isn't entertaining.

While there's violence, it's not as abundant as it is in the typical horror film these days, and the fact that it's colored with justice makes it bearable and enjoyable — almost. The suspense, again, only exists because the audience is waiting for the violent favors to be returned.

Some scenes could accomplish the same thing with a still frame, and in those cases, the dialogue is as useless as the video. The frequent musical crescendos meant to build suspense are usually empty, although they'd have you thinking there's a bad guy around every corner.

And sometimes there is, just as sometimes "Last House" has you hooked. But for the most part, this is a story with an expected ending. The fun lies in seeing it play out, and that's more appalling than anything else. "The Last House on the Left" isn't a movie anyone should be jumping to see, and if you judge a movie by its title, it's probably not the first house you should walk into either.

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## Experimental funk flunks

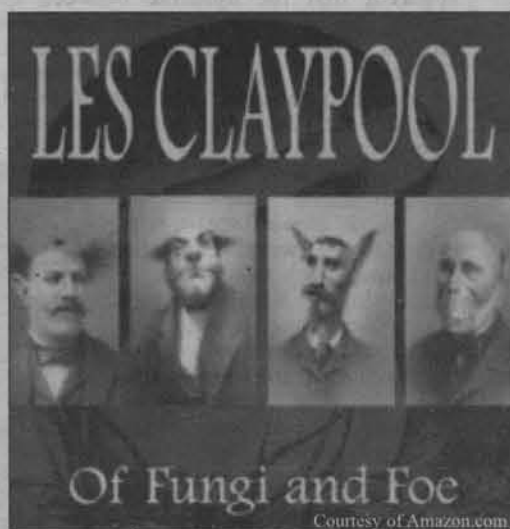
**Of Fungi and Foe**  
Les Claypool  
Prawn Song  
Rating: ☆ 1/2 (out of ☆☆☆☆)

Les Claypool may be less obscure than he initially seems. He's like the familiar-looking guy who works the register at Walgreens whose face you can't place until one random Tuesday morning when you realize — aha! — he's the guy from your high school chemistry class who set the lab on fire. If you recognize the words, "I'm goin' down to South Park / Gonna have myself a time," you will recognize Les Claypool, who was once the lead singer of Primus, the band that recorded the original version of the "South Park" theme song. But like your famous classmate's attempts at chemistry, Claypool's latest effort is a bust.

Although *Of Fungi and Foe* grew out of Claypool's more commercial ventures — he was commissioned to write the soundtrack for two video games — it's hardly consumer-friendly.

"Mushroom Men," the album's most heavily promoted track, was inspired by one of the video games. According to his Web site, Claypool says the game was about "a meteor that hits Earth and brings intelligence to the mushrooms within the crash proximity." The track is psychedelic and is probably best enjoyed while under the influence of mushrooms. But without the aid of mind-altering drugs, "Mushroom Men" is just plain weird.

Claypool demonstrates his skill on the electric bass throughout the album, but the music business is all about marketing, and Claypool's talent can't save him from his weird lyrics and musical stylings. Songs like "Amanitas," which is one of the game's themes, will resonate with the gaming crowd,



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but *Of Fungi and Foe* is completely lacking in popular appeal.

Experimental music has its place. It makes great background music for studying, but the tracks on *Of Fungi and Foe* are too jarring to accompany a study session. This is experimental funk, a genre that Claypool has worked with throughout his career. Where many commercially successful artists like the Red Hot Chili Peppers have modified funk to appeal to the masses, Claypool fails. I'm not suggesting that he sell out, but despite having bass-playing skills that rival Flea's, *Of Fungi and Foe* is just too weird for most listeners to tolerate. This album may have been characterized as funk, but something about it is just funky — it's more biology experiment gone wrong than endearingly experimental.

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**The Script**  
The Script  
Epic Records  
Rating: ☆☆☆ (out of ☆☆☆☆)

If Adam Levine's vocals and Jason Mraz's flow had a child who was then raised by OneRepublic's orchestration, it might sound something like The Script. On its debut album, the genre-bending Irish trio attempts to establish a distinct sound with varying degrees of success.

The self-titled disc features moments of absolute brilliance — see "The Man Who Can't Be Moved," "Breakeven" and

"The End Where I Begin" — but the group struggles elsewhere. A cohesive track-to-track flow eludes the album, and the trio doesn't blur genre lines so much as it jolts back and forth between them. The lyrics nauseatingly cliché at times, although they come across as oddly heartfelt.

Lead vocalist Danny O'Donoghue is at his best on the first few tracks, when the Hip-hop vibe is strongest. The group



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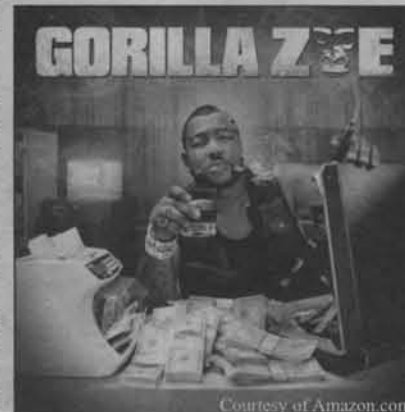
would do well to cultivate that sound and stick to it, but all the same, The Script exhibits fantastic potential.

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**Don't Feed Da Animals**  
Gorilla Zoe  
Bad Boy South  
Rating: ☆ (out of ☆☆☆☆)

Keeping up the persona of a "Hood Figga" is no problem for Southern rapper Gorilla Zoe. The only problem is that hearing about how hood a person is can only entertain for so long.

The album stays close to home and doesn't try anything new. Zoe, like almost every other rapper out there, incorporates the



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famous Auto-Tune, which is especially prominent on the song "Echo." Surprisingly, when Zoe actually bears his feelings in a song, he's rather capable of giving the listener something to relate to. If he had done this on all of the songs, he would've been much better off.

The album flaunts numerous guest appearances from artists like Lil' Wayne, Rick Ross and Gucci Mane. Unfortunately for Zoe, the guest artists tend to overshadow him and steal the spotlight.

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# delawareUNdressed Living the life of a guy



Alicia Gentile  
Columnist

"If I were a boy even just for a day..." I'd do things differently as well. Beyoncé made millions telling the world how she'd do things differently if she changed gender overnight. Duh — who wouldn't do things differently? Who isn't curious about the opposite sex? Curiosity is in our nature.

Beyoncé got me thinking — what would I do differently if I could change genders just for one day? For clarification purposes, I'm talking one day as a man, knowing perfectly well that I was a woman yesterday and will change back into a woman tomorrow.

If I were a boy, I'd give myself a hand job. I can't help but be curious as to what that feels like. Actually, who am I kidding — I'd do one better and sleep with a girl. Sex is something men are fascinated with — I think more so than women — so I want to know what the difference is in feeling.

In addition, I'd pee outside every chance I got. It's really cool to be able to stand and

pee — I'd love to be able to aim and I'd definitely water a tree. If I were a boy for a day, I'd also participate in every sport possible. As much as I give credit to women for their athletic ability, men have more physical strength. If I were a guy for a day, I'd win a 100-meter race and dunk a basketball. I'd also keep my hand down my pants in public. It's fascinating how it's socially acceptable for a man to scratch his crotch with everyone watching. I'd take advantage of that. And lastly, if I were a boy for a day, I'd eat every-

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2. Should the sexual behavior of men and women be treated differently?

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thing. For the most part, men have a faster metabolism. I'm constantly paying attention to what I consume, so I'd totally take advantage of the fact that I could eat an entire pie of pizza and not feel like I need to run it off tomorrow.

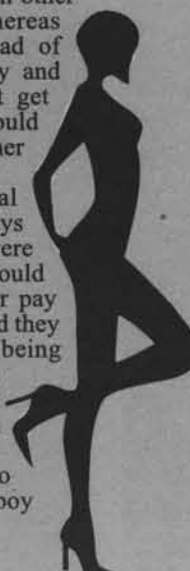
After speaking to a ton of guys, I'd say I have a pretty good idea of what most men would do if they were girls for a day. Most of the males I surveyed said if they were girls, they would fondle their boobs all day. Most men also agreed they would stimulate their clitoris. Just like women are curious about the male

physique, men are equally curious about the female body. All the men I asked said they wouldn't sleep with another man — instead, they would opt for a vibrator.

Where men and women differ is when it comes to having sex. Generally, girls appreciate other female bodies more than men appreciate other male bodies. When I asked girls if they would have sex with other girls under the pretenses that they would only be a guy for one day, most said they would. When I asked guys if they would do another man, once again under the same pretenses, they all said no. This is because girls look at each other with appreciation, whereas many guys don't. Instead of valuing the human body and how it feels, they can't get past the idea that they would be doing it with another guy.

Aside from sexual changes, some of the guys I spoke to said if they were a girl for a day, they would go to the bars and never pay for a drink. They also said they would appreciate not being expected to make the first move, and would bask in the satisfaction of being hit on.

So all I need to say to Beyoncé is, if I were a boy for a day, I'd be Jay-Z.



## fashionforward

### These shoes are made for walking

A girl (and guys, too — don't deny it) can never have too many of them. A pair of ruby red ones once brought Dorothy back to Kansas, and let's not forget how Prince Charming recovered Cinderella's lost sole. Shoes will never cease to intrigue us.



Jackie Zaffarano  
Columnist

I'm sure that trying on the right pair — or perhaps any pair — of Manolo Blahnik's perfect pumps would have me feeling even more at home than Dorothy, and a man with an eye for a magical, one-of-a-kind glass slipper certainly deserves some sort of admiration. Just try denying that Manolos are comparable to those highly coveted magical Mary Janes — I dare you.

As for the fact that one can never have too many pairs of shoes, careful observation of our society — or at least its feet — serves well to validate this point. Even when people seem down and out — that is, down about cash and out of it, too — a variety of shoes as new as they are expensive can always be spotted on the feet of city street dwellers.

As far as the apparel industry is concerned, there's been a lot of talk about key pieces and sustainable fashion over the last couple years. Vintage fashion has become popular among young people for its economic advantages and leeway for creativity. For many, a new pair of shoes provides a way to bring liveliness and fashion forwardness to these key piece collaborations.

Regardless of an atmosphere created by economic and eco-inspired movements, people still remain true to their interests. The fact is, people love a hot new pair of shoes when the old ones become worn and boring. Even as the economy worsens, a demand for fashionable footwear persists. Why is this? There are certain things in life we're unwilling to compromise, and our identities happen to be one of them.

Trends come in waves. Once you've been washed over, you become part of one, and hardly your own. However, while millions of other people own Nike Dunks, you may be the only person wearing the NIKEiD kicks you've customized. Shoes are a simple way to keep our identities fresh and our appearances fashionable without the need to focus so much on symbolic ensembles.

While clothing may have been the most obvious status symbol in days preceding the 21st century, this is no longer true. People love comfort. Anyone is entitled to a pair of Levi's and a white Hanes tee, but adding pricey footwear communicates a different message. Shoes are a simple way to claim the right to be trendy, and to be trendy in the eyes of others. If affording a Marc Jacobs' ensemble is out of the question, then surely the accompanying shoes still serve to capture the essence of the look, and at a more affordable cost-per-wear. They have the power to transform.

I won't even try denying my pickiness when it comes to my own footwear. As ridiculous as it sounds, failure to be satisfied with the shoes I'm wearing is enough to make my whole day seem off. This minor obsession is all psychological, as are most things about fashion. However, one thing that remains a constant is the ability of fashionable footwear to prevail in even the toughest of times.

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## mediadarling Cramer's cash vs. Stewart's laughs

What was just a late-night comedy gag turned into the proclaimed "weeklong feud of the century." It was the battle of a funny man versus a money man. It was Jon Stewart, host of "The Daily Show," against CNBC's "Mad Money" host Jim Cramer.

The fight between Stewart and Cramer began March 4 when Rick Santelli, a CNBC on-air editor, canceled his appearance on "The Daily Show." Stewart then challenged the network's credibility by showing clips of some advice given before the economic crisis by CNBC analysts and reporters, including Cramer, which turned out to be completely wrong.

Santelli and the network didn't seem to care about what Stewart said. However, Cramer did, saying Stewart took clips out of context and responded while on the "Today" show — "A comedian attacking me. Wow."

The conflict escalated from there and finally, on Thursday, Cramer came on "The Daily Show" as a guest to discuss the issue with Stewart. What we expected was Brawl Street, and what we got was Stewart showing his intelligence and grilling Cramer on CNBC's poor reporting, the network being in bed with the corporations they covered and seeing the economic crisis only after it happened.

For those unfamiliar with Jon Stewart, he's a comedian and quasi-political pundit who satirizes the news of the day. But on Thursday, Stewart took on a different role —

one of hard-nose reporter.

In his interview with Cramer, Stewart was passionate, articulate and expressive and spoke about how CNBC allowed CEOs to get away with extreme corporate greed.

Stewart is a comedian, first and foremost. He's not a financial expert and he admitted he doesn't know everything about Wall Street. But like the great comedians before him, he came prepared and knew how to hit Cramer where it hurt him most.

When he took on the role of quasi-reporter, Stewart did his research, articulated his thoughts and asked the tough questions Cramer didn't want to hear.

But Stewart is neither market expert nor journalist — he's a late-night, satirical

news show host. He's an entertainer, but a smart one. Stewart isn't the guy we should look to for market advice or the real news occurring in this country. He's a guy we can turn to when we want a good laugh.

Also, kudos to Cramer — he didn't have to come on "The Daily Show." He didn't have to become the scapegoat for an entire TV network, but he did it anyway. Stewart admitted his anger didn't lie with Cramer alone, but Cramer still took all of Stewart's criticisms and said he was sometimes wrong.

It was tough to see Cramer sit through the interview, where question after question blamed CNBC for failing to do its job. But Cramer admitted he and others at CNBC can and should do a better job at exposing corporate greed and the wrongdoings of Wall Street.

All the blame doesn't lie with Cramer — he and CNBC weren't responsible for the market meltdown Americans now face. They weren't the only ones to miss the signs the market was in trouble — other major financial publications did as well.

It seems Cramer looked like a fool on "The Daily Show" because somewhere within him, he knew Stewart was right. He knew Stewart wasn't just another TV news anchor. And he knew Stewart was correct when he said Cramer wants to make "finance entertaining," but to Stewart, "it's not a f--king game."

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HAVEN, the university's lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and allies group, presented its annual spring drag show in Trabant University Center Saturday night.

## Queens take stage: divas, drag and dancing

BY ERICA COHEN

Staff Reporter

Decked out in sequins, fur and leather, each performer took the stage, but these divas had to do a lot more than practice to get ready for HAVEN's annual spring drag show.

"It's a lot of preparation — hair, makeup, costume — and making sure you look like a woman," drag queen Chevelle Brooks says.

Brooks, the only plus-size winner of "Miss Gay US of A," performed to Beyoncé's "Crazy in Love" in a costume that was based on the star's wardrobe in her previous tour, "The Beyoncé Experience."

"I always wanted to be an entertainer," Brooks says. "I realized I could be a girl and perform and release what I have to offer."

On Saturday, HAVEN, the university's lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and allies group showcased seven drag queens dancing to songs by stars from Britney to Beyoncé.

"I would like to welcome you to this fabulous night of fierceness," Nick Wehner, president of HAVEN, said as he opened the show.

The drag queens performed in ensemble numbers — such as "Lady Marmalade" by Lil' Kim, Pink, Mya and Christina Aguilera — and in solos like queen Jiggly Caliente's version of "Make Your Body Pop" by the Tune Brothers featuring Tyree Cooper.

The finale was a jungle-themed number performed by

queen Sahara Davenport with her two male backup dancers dressed in fur. Davenport closed the night by jumping off stage and landing in a split just feet in front of the first row of the audience.

Miss Peaches, the emcee, journeyed into the audience between acts asking people questions, joking about sexual preference and picking on the male attendees.

Although there were portions of the night improvised by Miss Peaches, the event was a product of months of planning by HAVEN.

Planning started in September with the booking of drag queens and a DJ. Justin Blair, HAVEN's vice president for social programming, says the group finds the performers on YouTube or by going to clubs and bars. The board then decides which queens to hire for the show.

"Our ex-president Andrew Clark is really the working wheels behind the drag show," public relations chair Jill McElligott says. "He has had these contacts for a couple of years now."

The show originated three years ago, and Blair says originally, it was small and was presented in Bacchus Theater. It's now a bigger show with more queens, and functions as the finale to HAVEN's "Trans Week," which includes a transgender person talking about his or her own experiences.

Since the show is HAVEN's big event, McElligott says the club does everything it can to get people to attend.

The group publicized the show by hanging signs and

banners throughout campus, including a large banner in front of Trabant University Center and a Facebook group dedicated to the event.

While the night was filled with fun and dancing, HAVEN members wanted the audience to learn something as well.

"The whole idea of it was to get people to come out and see a different lifestyle while making it fun and educational at the same time" McElligott says.

HAVEN member Kim Turner also discussed goals before the event.

"I want a different level of understanding to happen tonight," Turner says. "This is more about fun and being yourself than a freak show."

To get the audience to learn even more about the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community, HAVEN presented a slideshow before the performance with facts about gender and sex. The screen displayed, "One's gender and sex are often different," and, "Gender can be seen as a spectrum."

"Drag is an exaggeration to prove a point — standing out against many in the LGBT community who have to behave and act a certain way to fit in," McElligott says.

Brooks says the audience should learn something from the performances.

"We are female illusionists — it's an art form, it's something we take pride in," Brooks says. "We want people to be entertained."



## studentstories Rebecca Porter — Sophomore, HRIM

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

BY CAITLIN BIRCH

Managing Mosaic Editor

Sophomore Rebecca Porter's dream internship is a spot on the Charm City Cakes team. The Baltimore-based cake bakery is the centerpiece of Food Network's "Ace of Cakes" and the home of Porter's idol, Chef Duff Goldman.

Her choice of internship isn't surprising — Porter is hooked on Food Network shows like "Ace of Cakes" and "Iron Chef," and hopes to one day open her own restaurant. Porter, a hotel, restaurant and institutional management major, grew up in the kitchen, regularly helping her mother prepare meals. It was her mom who introduced her to Food Network, and her mom who instilled in her a lifelong love of cooking.

"She's an amazing cook," Porter says. "The first year I was here — last year, freshman year — I hated the dining hall food because my mom's food is ridiculously good. I used to be like, 'Oh my God, the food's horrible,' and everyone would be like, 'It's not that bad.' I'm like, 'You come home with me, and then you'll think this food's horrible.'"

Although she's always loved cooking, Porter nearly missed her calling. After deciding not to attend culinary school, she spent her first three semesters as a marketing major before switching to HRIM several weeks ago.

"I love it," Porter says. "It's the coolest major. I have a couple friends who would always tell me about it and how awesome it is, and now that I'm in it, I couldn't believe I wasn't doing it before."

With the switch complete, Porter is back in the

kitchen. In her cooking class Thursday, she made homemade guacamole — a successful dish to add to her growing repertoire, which includes her personal bests of homemade macaroni and cheese and Oreo chocolate chip cookies. Although she doesn't know what kind yet, Porter is sure she wants to be a chef.

"I just really love to cook," she says. "I definitely couldn't be a chef right now — I don't have that much cooking skill — but I've always liked to cook."

For now, Porter is focused on her coursework, but inspiration for her future restaurant isn't far from her mind. On a two-week family vacation to England during winter break, Porter stumbled upon what might be her perfect restaurant. The Trout, a moss-covered stone pub off the beaten track, impressed Porter with its hand-carved, white wood interior and appetizing menu. It reminded her of some place closer to home, too.

"Out by my house, where I live in Chadds Ford [Pa.], there's this great place," Porter says. "It's modeled after English pubs. It's called The Whip, and you wouldn't know it was there unless you stumbled upon it."

Porter hopes to open an out-of-the-way restaurant with the charm of The Trout or The Whip, but that dream will have to wait until a few years after graduation. Until then, Porter is enjoying her new major, taking life with her characteristic easygoing stride and surrounding herself with the contentment of cooking and food.

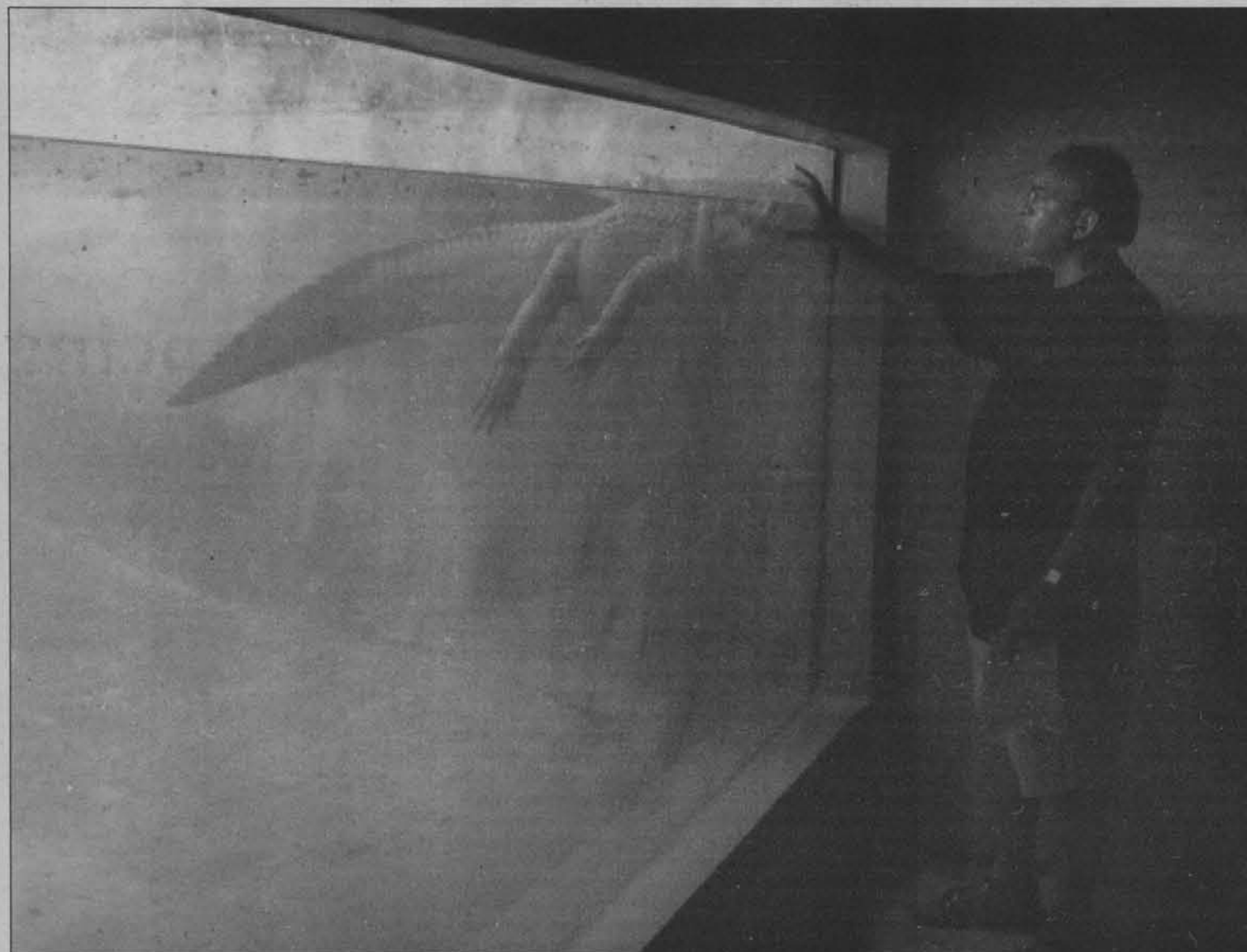
"Any of my friends will tell you that if you give me



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food, I will love you forever," she says. "I could be having a bad day and have a cupcake or something and the whole world just gets better."

## artisticappeal Seif Hussain — Senior, Political Science



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Seif Hussain focused on the lighting while taking this photo of his father breaking the rules by touching the glass in a Miami wildlife reserve.



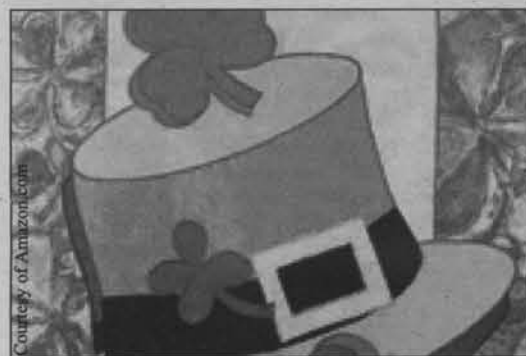
## what we're hooked on this week



### 'Lie To Me' on Fox

"This show is like 'House' — except about lawyers, not doctors. Not only is it really entertaining, but now I'll always catch when someone is lying to me."

— *Claire Gould,*  
Copy Editor



### St. Patrick's Day

"Nothing much happens on this holiday, but everyone wears green. Green is my favorite color."

— *Jordan Allen,*  
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### Smiling Students

"I love when students randomly smile as they're walking around campus by themselves. I wonder what they're thinking about."

— *Jennifer Heine,*  
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## you speak out

### What's your take on FMyLife.com?



I think it's hilarious. It makes you feel better about yourself.

— *Maria Ball,*  
freshman

I think a lot of the stuff is made up, to be honest. It's funny, though.

— *Tyler Wiechman,*  
sophomore



It's just really funny. It's good when you have a lot of free time. It's just entertaining — they update it every day, so there's always something new to read.

— *Cathy Beatty,*  
freshman

It's nice to read other people's problems in life.

— *Brian Tighe,*  
freshman



— Compiled by Caitlin Birch and Larissa Cruz



# Biting the buds: winter cold threatens agriculture

BY JORDAN ALLEN

Features Editor

Weather forecasters at the National Weather Service predicted a warmer than typical winter, opposing the *Farmer's Almanac*, which called for a colder one. It looks like the *Farmer's Almanac* was right, and so was Ruth Linton, co-owner of Highland Orchards, a farm that grows produce such as peaches and apples in Wilmington.

"You know, my own take on it in the spring and the fall was that it was going to be colder," Linton says. "The *Farmer's Almanac* and I agreed — and the weather agreed — that we were going to have a real winter."

The snow storm that hit the university on March 3 provided relief from a dry spell in Delaware and surrounding areas. The past two months have been abnormally dry in the Delaware area, according to the National Drought Mitigation Center.

Linton says colder weather is something farmers need to kill bugs and keep plants dormant, which is a crucial part to growing healthier crops. Precipitation is also necessary to replenish the soil while the plants are dormant.

Daniel Leathers, professor of geography and co-director of the Delaware Environmental Observing System, says until the snow storm, Delaware had received about half its normal amount of precipitation. For now, the dryness has little effect on the spring blooms, but if the trend continues it could become an issue.

"This is the time of year where the water that falls recharges the groundwater," Leathers says. "If we continue this dry spell and don't get a good recharge, we could get into some problems."

Newark received approximately 4.5 inches of snow from the storm, according to the National Weather Service. While this didn't eradicate the dry spell Delaware is experiencing, it did benefit the local crops.

Linton says natural precipitation, particularly snow, is good

for the soil because it gathers nitrogen particles as it falls and helps fix them in the soil.

"My grandfather used to call it the poor man's fertilizer because it does actually give you a little fertilizer boost," Linton says.

But there are some agricultural dangers that come along with the colder weather. Leathers says in some years, March temperatures in the state have reached as high as 70 or 80 degrees. This causes problems for people in different agricultural industries like orchards, because the plants begin to bloom and are then hit with a cold snap.

Linton says most of the crops she has planted outside are cool-weather crops, like spinach and lettuce, which can survive in 20-degree weather. However, if the peach, plum or apple blossoms start to open up before a late freeze, it kills them off.

"But it's out of my control, so I try not to sweat it too much," she says.

Linton says the past several years have provided what she describes as "extreme weather" — either too wet or too dry. While there's no means of preventing excessive rain, the orchard prepares for dry weather with irrigation. Over the last 10 years, Highland Orchards has increased its irrigation capabilities to cope with dry conditions.

State climatologist David Legates says this season's low precipitation has produced some concern, but the state drought committee hasn't found anything to indicate whether things will get wetter or drier in the future.

Legates says Delaware could use more precipitation, but too much at once — say five inches of rain — wouldn't be absorbed by the ground and would instead lead to runoff.

"That's the good thing about a snow fall," Legates says. "It melts into the ground at a much slower rate and doesn't run off."



THE REVIEW/Ricky Berl

Before the snow storm on March 3, Delaware had received half its normal amount of precipitation.

He describes typical Delaware snow as thick, heavy and wet. The snow the state received March 3 was drier and blew around in the high winds.

Linton says for now, farmers and Delawareans will just have to wait and see how the weather shapes up.

"If it rained and stopped raining when farmers wanted, there would be much better weather patterns, that's for sure," Linton says. "That's the challenge of working with Mother Nature."

# The good, the bad and the ugly goes public

BY ANNA GESTERAK

Staff Reporter

With the ever increasing popularity of Facebook's "25 Things" and FMyLife.com, every morsel of information about a friend, crush or enemy is up for all to see on the World Wide Web. For better, for worse or just for entertainment, these sites are a guilty pleasure for many.

Facebook and FMyLife.com are examples of Web sites that attract people looking to share their life's story at will. Information is no longer private — from truly random facts composed on a Facebook "25 Things" note to anonymously shared mortifying experiences on FMyLife.com. Facebook's "25 Things" can include anything from common interests to what someone wants to achieve the following year.

Senior Odette Fuentes says she looks at these sites as entertainment — people participate because they're bored and want people to know about them. However, she questions whether all the information in the "25 Things" notes is accurate.

"I think people don't necessarily put all true things up," Fuentes says. "It's just the things that they want other people to know about them. When you post something, you're looking for how others will respond. Everyone's always interested in what's going on in other people's lives."

Most people actually filling out such a list are taking each item into careful consideration, but not everyone approaches the list with such a serious attitude. Sophomore Kerry Locke says she got tired of constantly seeing the ridiculous lists and decided to write a fake one as a joke.

"Why do we need to know that their

favorite food is toast?" Locke says. "When I started the list I wanted them to be silly things that people could believe and never have known about, but then as the list went on they got more and more ridiculous."

Junior Jillian DiAmicis says the lists are almost like a space for people to exaggerate and feel better about themselves. After reading a lot of the lists, she decided "25 Things" wasn't for her. She found a lot of what people had to share to be useless and often annoying.

"I didn't do it because I just didn't like it," DiAmicis says. "All the ones I read didn't seem like they were true."

FMyLife.com is a site where users share anonymous stories about bad, funny or horrifyingly awkward situations. All the stories on FMyLife.com, also known as FML, start off with "today" and end with the person saying "FML."

Senior Anne May wasn't sure how she felt the first time she visited FMyLife.com.

"I had mixed emotions about it because I thought it was really funny but then when I left the site I felt really depressed," May says. "I guess it's because I empathize with the people. Even though the stories are really funny, the situations are still really bad."

These sites can be considered forms of expression, or could be viewed as people searching for 15 minutes of fame. The stories and most of the information on the Internet are meant to entertain, May says.

"People wouldn't write on there unless they were looking to be funny," she says. "Otherwise, they would just share it with their friends."

Sophomore Mary Holloway says she doesn't think these sites are harmful, just unnecessary.

"I feel like I have enough information supplied on Facebook for people to read," Holloway says. "If they want to know more, they can just ask me."

Junior Brett Muller says the stories on FMyLife.com aim to be funny and get laughs.

He says it's entertaining and a good way to make the time go by.

"It's basically a time killer," Muller says. "If I don't really feel like starting my homework, I'll read the stories."

Sophomore Chris Resnyk says "25 Things" is a good way to communicate with friends.

"I think it's [good] to get to know some of your friends and some that you're not so close to," Resnyk says.

Aside from using the lists as a tool to

learn more about others, Resnyk has found "25 Things" to be amusing.

"The funniest one I've probably ever read was a story about someone running down the street naked," he says.

Even if it seems like people are putting out their darkest secrets and surprising their friends with strange facts about their lives, Resnyk says unlike blogs, these lists certainly aren't detailed — just snippets of someone's life. The people writing the lists are aiming to get the attention of close friends.

"Usually you don't want to tell all these details to someone you just met," Resnyk says.

Junior Kishana Williamson is a fan of both "25 Things" and FMyLife.com.

"I thought it was cool because I guess after everyone realized it wasn't a random chain letter, you could find out more about people," Williamson says. "Some of the things people say are kind of funny, like they like the smell of gasoline."

Unlike Locke, when Williamson decided to write her "25 Things," she took it seriously and doesn't look at the list as a way for people to get attention.

"I was reaching out to friends from home that I haven't spoken to in awhile," she says.

Williamson says she's a fan of FMyLife.com because reading about other people's misfortunes brightens up a bad day.

Junior Caitlin Wilson has tried posting on FMyLife.com. Ironically, she got rejected. She says she didn't really care, though — it was just for fun.

"I feel like it's exactly the same as watching a comedy show, reading embarrassing stories in magazines," Wilson says. "Nothing new, really, just in a new form."



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## weeklycalendar

### Tuesday, March 17

Baseball vs. Wilmington College  
3 p.m.

### Wednesday, March 18

Men's and Women's Tennis @  
Georgetown  
1 p.m.

Softball vs. Lehigh  
2:30 p.m.

Women's Lacrosse vs. Temple  
4 p.m.

### Thursday, March 19

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3 p.m.

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### Saturday, March 21

Men's and Women's Outdoor Track  
@ Coast Carolina Invitational

Indoor Track and Field @  
NCAA Championships  
Noon

## Devlin jumps on Hens' quarterback carousel

BY MATT WATERS

Assistant Sports Editor

It seems like a simple predicament. Starting one season in front of 107,000 Penn State diehards wearing Nittany colors at a huge Division I school, or getting a few years in an FCS stadium packed with 22,000 Delaware fans? The decision seems obvious, unless you're the kind of player that knows you deserve to play now. One who isn't overly concerned with national recognition.

Meet Pat Devlin, the 6-foot-4-inch, 222 pound quarterback and all-American from Downingtown East High in Pennsylvania. Last December, he made his decision, providing the Delaware Blue Hens' football team with some much needed excitement after last year's painfully uneventful season.

He played two seasons at Penn State University before he decided to leave in early December, admitting that playing time definitely had an impact on the change since he attempted just 48 passes in his career.

He understood that at this point, Penn State was not where he could accomplish his goals. He always knew an FCS school would be his destination and after exploring possibilities at UMass and Towson decided that Delaware would be his new home. Devlin's arrival means the addition of a versatile athlete at the quarterback position who accounted for six total touchdowns last year, with two of them on the ground.

"I try not to define myself as a quarterback," Devlin said. "I hate to say I'm a pocket passer because I feel like I can move. I'm not Mike Vick, but I'm not Jared Lorenzen back there."

New offensive coordinator and quarterback coach Jim Hofher is excited to see what Devlin, and the rest of the team, can do with the ball in their hands.

"The thing you want to find out as a coach is what guys can do what skills the best, and then figure out offensively how you can take advantage of all those things," Hofher said. "Rather than saying 'We're going to run these plays and these plays only — learn 'em', you've got to find



Courtesy of Penn State University

Pat Devlin will compete with Sean Hakes and Lou Rittacco to start.

out what guys can do. And if it's not necessarily something you've been doing on offense, then you've better find a way to do that."

One thing that's obvious about Devlin is that he's a natural leader. He carries himself confidently, and clearly isn't afraid of a challenge. He has a wide receiving corp that caught eight touchdown passes between five people.

He doesn't see that as a problem, though, and in fact only sees the upside to the undefined cast.

"The work ethic is just unbelievable," Devlin said. "The wideouts will do anything I ask them, they all just want to get better and play hard."

One plus about the team for Devlin is the coaching staff. Surrounded by personalities such as head coach K.C. Keeler and Hofher, he couldn't be happier with the mix of coaches who both know what they're doing and love it as well. He's confident that the coaches around him will lead him to his final goal.

"My ultimate goal is to get to the NFL," Devlin said, "but in the meantime you want to be put into the best position to play well. Delaware

offers that."

Keeler claims Devlin isn't the starter yet for as much as he likes him.

"He came down the Saturday before Christmas, we got him on campus and never let him leave," laughed Keeler.

This is due to Sean Hakes' offseason improvement, working on his mechanics in Virginia over winter break. Keeler likes the idea of fighting for a job, since he said they'll both wind up pushing each other to do better.

When you meet Devlin, however, people will say there's just something about him, and Keeler's not blind to it.

"He's very bright, in the conversations we've had with him he just picks things up so quickly," Keeler said. "He has a natural leadership ability, it's almost like it's in his DNA to do this. This is what he was meant to do."

Another positive aspect of Devlin is it's obvious that he cares about the game, and not the fame. He easily could have waited until it was his time to shine at Penn State and could have had the 107,000 faithful at Beaver Stadium cheering his name. None of that ever mattered to him.

"Whether I'm running out in front of 100,000 or 10 people, it's still football and it's still the game I love to play," he said. "It just doesn't change anything."

Don't take that to mean he doesn't care about the fans, though. He knows how close Delaware came to a championship behind the Joe Flacco-Omar Cuff duo.

He has a message for the Delaware faithful while cautiously promising nothing but effort.

"I'm gonna bust my butt every day and I'm gonna work as hard as I can to be the best player I can be, and hopefully things work out."

Things are working out so far. Devlin seems to be itching for the season to start, ready to share the battlefield with his new teammates and friends. It might not be Happy Valley, but he's still got a smile.

## commentary



BRIAN ANDERSON

"MARCH SADNESS"

On the sports calendar, certain days are particularly special. Every few years, the World Cup final and the opening ceremony for the Summer Olympics are days that are marked on calendars throughout the world. In the United States, every year, Americans mark down the Super Bowl, Opening Day in Major League Baseball and the lottery for the NBA draft as truly special days.

Still, there's one other day that almost everyone marks on their calendar — Selection Sunday, or the start of March Madness. It's the Sunday in March when the NCAA men's basketball tournament selections are announced. After Selection Sunday, millions of people fill out their brackets, bet on games and hope their un-scientific method of predicting 64 games wins them big money.

With Selection Sunday behind us and the tournament starting this week, there's plenty to be excited about.

Except March Madness doesn't excite me anymore. I've grown to really not enjoy March Madness.

I admit the whole concept of the tournament is really exciting. There's 65 teams each playing to be the champion and only one team finishes the season a winner — the team that wins the National Championship.

It makes for great drama and it can be a lot of fun to watch, but because it's become such a gambling entity, I no longer find it enjoyable. With Delaware Governor Jack Markell proposing new legislation which would legalize sports betting in the state, the topic has found new relevance.

According to a CNN Money article, FBI officials believe that NCAA gambling will total at least \$3.5 billion this year, with most of the money being bet in office pools. I've never bet more than \$5 on a bracket, and I don't think I ever want to — it takes away from the fun and spirit of competing.

To me, March Madness could be a beautiful thing because we get to watch the 65 best teams in the country try to become a national champion. There's great basketball to be watched, but most people forget that fact and only view the games as

a gain or loss. Every game picked correctly puts people closer to the jackpot, but every loss puts them closer to walking away with nothing.

The great thing about March Madness is the fact that we can watch the best teams in the country, no matter where they are from, and every game is nationally televised. There's a lot of great basketball played, but no one seems to care about that anymore. The quality of the games played doesn't seem to matter anymore — as long as your team comes out on top, it's OK. And your team can be the one you only picked because you like that mascot.

No one ever remembers the truly great games anymore. It only becomes a good game if the team you're rooting for wins. For example, if No. 1 Pittsburgh loses to No. 14 American, it's only great if you picked American. No one watches the games to be truly entertained anymore — people just watch to see if they're closer to that jackpot at the

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# Betting ruins NCAA finals

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end.

The best example I can think of was from last year — the North Carolina Tar Heels played the Kansas Jayhawks in what could have been a truly great game. Both teams were great all season, but on April 5, 2008, the Tar Heels went from being a No. 1 seed to being the biggest disappointment in recent history.

UNC played awful from the start and trailed 44-27 at the half. Then Kansas played awful, allowing the Tar Heels to cut the lead to five points before North Carolina began to stink again. It was a game that could have been a truly great game, but it wasn't because both teams played sloppy. But I'm sure many people were happy simply because their Kansas Jayhawks advanced to the finals.

Just wait until there's an awful game between No. 1 Connecticut and

No. 3 Missouri in the Elite 8. It won't be great basketball, but people will only think it is if only because there's money involved.

This year, I've decided not to fill out a bracket. No matter where I go, I'm going to enjoy March Madness this year. I won't have to worry about one of my Final Four contenders losing to a No. 13 seed. I won't stress out when my entire North bracket is eliminated. I won't waste time figuring out the wins and losses that need to happen for me to win my low-money pool.

There's a lot of things in sports to get excited about. I love the NFL Draft, the dog days of the baseball season and this year, I'll be enjoying a March Madness free of stress, worry and with the few dollars left in my pocket.

*Brian Anderson is the executive editor for The Review. Please send questions, comments and the perfect bracket to bland@udel.edu.*



## March Madness Picks

Seif "Ol' Gamblin Hands" Hussain



Louisville
Michigan State
University of Connecticut
University of North Carolina

**NCAA champion:**  
**University of North Carolina**

They have got to deal with Ty Lawson's injured toe, but Tyler Hansbrough is still Psycho-T, and the Tar Heels will be super psyched after getting their third No. 1 seed.

Ryan "Big Spenda" Langshaw



Louisville
Pittsburgh
Memphis
Oklahoma

**NCAA champion:**  
**Memphis**

Memphis has the momentum and talent at key positions to match-up with and beat any team in the tournament despite being in Conference USA.

Pat "I've got a Shillelagh" Maguire



Louisville
Duke
Memphis
University of North Carolina

**NCAA champion:**  
**Louisville**

The Cardinals have been consistent all year and have handily beaten many of the top teams, which should help them to win out in this year's tournament.

Alex "Wants a big bowl of" Porro



Louisville
Pittsburgh
Memphis
University of North Carolina

**NCAA champion:**  
**Pittsburgh**

Pitt's deadly combination of LeVance Fields and DeJuan Blair are experienced and will be too much for any and all competition they might encounter.



BY MATT WATERS  
Assistant Sports Editor

### About the Teams:

#### The Hens:

The softball team has gotten off to a rough start this season at 2-7, with some bad losses to Canisius (11-1 in five innings), Seton Hall (11-2 in six innings) and Fordham (10-0 in five innings). Leading the team are Kim Ovitore and Michelle Grap with one home run and two runs batted in each.

#### The Dukes:

James Madison is 14-5 so far this season, and is led by Amber Kirk with a .355 batting average, two home runs and 13 RBIs. The Dukes are outpitching their opponents by 1.79 earned runs each game.

## underp Review:

### Delaware vs. James Madison

**Time:** Wednesday March 21-22, Noon  
**Location:** Delaware Softball Field

#### Why the Hens can win:

The Hens can only win if their offense is producing. This season they've been outscored by opponents 40-18. In one run games, the Hens are 2-3 and 0-4 in any other situation. They're also 0-4 whenever they're trailing by the fourth inning. The Hens will need their first game of five-plus runs in order to slow the consistent lineup of James Madison.

#### Why the Hens could lose:

James Madison is outscoring their opponents 76-47, due to its strong offense and pitching staff. The Dukes are 6-0 when leading after four, so if the Hens can't start their offense early, they probably never will.



#### The Numbers:

**1.79: Team ERA of James Madison**

**3.98: Team ERA of Delaware**

#### The Prediction:

James Madison is the better team, but the Dukes have also cancelled their last 10 games due to snow.

Since the series isn't until this weekend, the Dukes will be out of play for 14 days and therefore probably rusty. Look for Delaware to take advantage of this in the first game, and the Dukes to shake off the rust and win in the second.

**Dukes over Hens, two games to none**

## Chicken Scratch

#### Baseball:

-The Hens are coming off a three-game sweep of Marist.

-Sophomore RHP Corey Crispell leads the Hens with three wins.

-Freshman Rich O'Donald is coming off his best start of the season, pitching eight scoreless innings against Marist.

#### Men's Tennis:

-The team is 1-2 to start the season.

-Senior Austin Longacre is 11-4 overall in singles matches.

#### Softball:

-The Hens are on a five-game losing streak, and stand at 2-8 overall.

-The team has already had six games cancelled this year.

#### Men's Lacrosse:

-The Hens are on a three-game losing streak.

-Star attacker Curtis Dickson had his 32 game scoring streak stopped against Georgetown.

#### Women's Lacrosse:

-The Hens are coming off their first win of the season against Albany on Friday.



# UD makes splash at CAA meet

BY TIM MASTRO

Staff Reporter

Delaware's men's and women's swim teams continued their successful run at the Colonial Athletic Association championship meet and wrapped up one of their most successful seasons in the history of the program.

The men's team finished in third place in the conference with 491 points, and the women finished in sixth place with 331.

Both teams broke almost every school record throughout the course of the season. The men's team set records in 15 out of 19 events, while the women did them one better breaking 16.

"We swam faster almost every meet this year and that's very unusual for swimming," head coach John Hayman said. "When you're in the peak of training and the yardage is way up, double workouts. All that kinds of stuff, mornings, early mornings, it really is difficult for swimmers to get faster each meet usually because they're so tired."

Hayman credited a strong freshman class for much of their success.

"Besides we brought in a really good freshman class, which helped out a lot, the new suits helped out, I just think the motivational level of everyone on the team was a bit higher this year also, knowing that we had a chance of some big program changes and successes that motivation really helped out a lot," he said. "They really just stuck together and just trained throughout the year since they started back in spring."

The men's team was led by senior captains Matt Abbruzzese, Craig Offutt and John Ohlhaber. The biggest success on their season was winning the 400-freestyle relay at the conference championships. The team of Ohlhaber, Robert MacLeish, Grady Carter and Hans Gillan broke the school record by almost four seconds with a time of 2:57.73.

The men did have high expectations for the event as Gillan, Carter and MacLeish took three of the top four spots in the 100-freestyle, with Gillan setting a new CAA record in the preliminaries with a time of 44.25, this mark was eventually broken in the finals as Gillian finished in second to Eric Pinno of Towson.

Ohlhaber said the record breaking this year was due to the team's hard work in the offseason.

"Everyone set goals higher this year because they were determined to achieve," Ohlhaber said. "I think our new suits helped prepare us mentally this year also."

Hayman said he did not expect the team to swim as fast as they did in the record-breaking events, and credits the team for nailing each of their swims during the meet.

Sophomore Craig Young set a new school record in the 200-backstroke by finishing fifth in the conference with Ohlhaber finishing right behind his teammate in sixth with the second fastest time in school history.

Freshman Josh Hyman finished sixth in the 200-breaststroke and he also broke the school's 10-year-old record in the 200-breaststroke with a time of 2:03.51 in

the preliminaries. In other men's events, Michael Wodoslawsky finished in 10th in the 200-butterfly setting yet another school record time of 1:51.99.

Abbruzzese finished sixth in the 3-meter board with a score of 307.65, while Offutt finished a team-best 18th in the 1,650-freestyle with a time of 16:16.85. All of this was enough to get the successful top three finish Hayman wanted.

"We thought that there was an outside chance we could win the conference early on back in September. We did have a great freshman class come in, some transfers come in that really helped us out," he said.

The women's team was led by captains Sarah Begley, who broke school records in the 50-Freestyle and the 100-Freestyle, Maryann Walker and Emily Watts. The women's team was going up against a competitive field and showed well with their sixth place finish at the conference championships.

Hayman said the competition on the Women's side is much tougher than the men's and the team was hoping for at best a fourth place finish, but are not disappointed by placing sixth.

"It's so tight on the women's side that even with the great meet, we had we could not move out of sixth place," he said.

Cortney Barry placed second in the 1,650-freestyle at the conference championship, crushing the school record in the process by about twenty seconds. To go with her performance at the championship meet Barry had an extremely successful season setting records in the 200-Freestyle, the 500-Freestyle and the 1000-Freestyle.

Emily Smathers set a record in the 200-Backstroke as she finished fourth with a time of 2:01.33, she was followed by Walker and Watts who finished fifth and sixth, respectively.

Other school records that were broken at the meet included the 200-Breaststroke set by Marianne Flynn and the 400-Freestyle Relay set by Walker, Begley, Meghan Barber and Donna Healy.

"I think we did so well this season because we worked and trained so well together. We had a bunch of new girls come in this year and they really stepped up," Walker said. "Our upperclassmen led the way and really showed the younger girls what it was going to take to be successful. I think we even surprised ourselves this year with how fast and successful we were in the pool. Several old records were replaced and I think it's a combination of hardwork and fast competition."

Coming off the one of, if not the best, years in the history of the swimming program, with a lot of young swimmers making key contributions next year looks promising as well.

Hayman and the Hens are excited to start training to try to break even more records next year with the goal of a conference championship.

"Next week we're getting back in the water and we're starting to prepare for next year," Hayman said. "So that's the whole key to get started earlier to keep moving towards that goal."



Courtesy of Sports Information

Hans Gillan continued his record-setting season at the CAA championships, setting yet another record.

## Blue Hen Babble

*Do you think that the state of Delaware's proposed legalization of sports gambling is a good idea?*



"I don't think sports betting in Delaware would be bad, especially if it would bring more money in for the state."

Chris Panczner  
-Freshman

"I suppose if it's regulated and it's not mass amounts of money, and it doesn't lead to students losing all their money then I don't see a problem with it."

Steve Ferruggia  
-Freshman



"I think it's a good idea, maybe it'll bring some more money into the state considering the hard times right now."

Alex Ridyard  
-Junior



## Athletes of the Issue

Ryan Reed — Baseball



The senior catcher recorded three straight three-hit games last week, against Maryland on March 10 and two more against Marist on the 13 and 14.

So far on the season, Reed is hitting an impressive .468 with three home runs and eight RBIs.

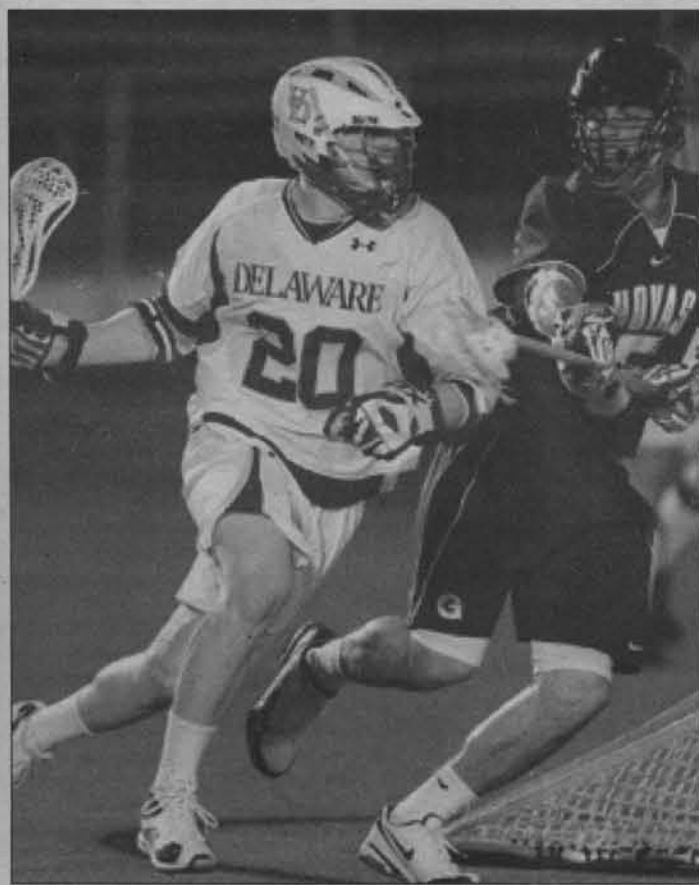
Debbie Sloan/Corrine Drost — Women's Lacrosse



Sloan (pictured), the senior mid-fielder and Drost, a sophomore attacker, each scored three goals on Friday in Delaware's 10-8 win against Albany.

The game was Delaware's first win of the season. Their next game is today against Temple.





SPORTS INFORMATION/Mark Campbell

The Hens young defense struggled again against Georgetown.

## Game of the Week: Hoyas dominate the struggling Hens

BY ELLEN CRAVEN

Copy Editor

Georgetown's men's lacrosse team claimed its eighth straight victory over Delaware on Wednesday night. Animated spectators watched from crowded bleachers at Rullo Stadium on the cool, overcast evening as the No. 11 Hoyas beat the Hens (2-5) ending a two-game losing streak.

With a four-point run in the final quarter, the Hoyas (2-2) held the Hens to their lowest scoring game of the season. Craig Dowd, Scott Kocis and Todd Cochran led Georgetown, scoring two goals each.

The Hoyas seized possession and scored two goals in the first three minutes. Delaware's offense made few appearances in the Hoyas' defensive end during the first quarter, but made them count. Hens senior Beau Davis and sophomore Kevin Kaminski each had one goal, locking up the score with less than four minutes remaining in the quarter.

Junior Mark Stevenson quickly put the Hens ahead, scoring 25 seconds into the second quarter. The Hoyas offense retaliated a minute later, going on a four-point run and taking the lead, 6-3, with 19 seconds left in the half. With five seconds to spare before halftime, Delaware junior Tommy Lee countered, putting the ball past Hoyas goalie Jack Davis.

Georgetown scored first in the third quarter. A save by Hens goalie Nick Fossner returned the ball to Delaware's possession and sophomore Chris Bloor scored for the Hens. Georgetown took advantage of a 30-second Delaware penalty, stealing possession from out-of-position Fossner, and extended its lead to 8-5.

While the Hoyas offense hammered Delaware's defense in the final quarter with four goals in seven minutes, the Hens offense had trouble finding the goal. Despite 10 shots from the Hens, only Bloor, with his second goal of the game, found the net. Georgetown outshot Delaware 51-30 and won 12 face-offs to the Hens' nine. With conference play approaching for both teams, the Hens

were eager for a win.

Sophomore Tim Langmaid said he knew the game against Georgetown would be tough.

"They're a really good team; they always have been," he said. "We've never beaten them."

Despite their record, the Hens have hope for the rest of their season. When conference play starts on April 4, they expect to be ready.

Steverson said getting some wins in the upcoming weeks will help the team when conference play starts.

"If we can get a win this Saturday we'll definitely be ready for the conference games," Stevenson said.

Two-thirds of the Delaware roster is made up of freshmen and sophomores. Head coach Bob Shillinglaw said he thinks the young team will improve as players gain experience.

"Right now the chemistry's just not there, which we'll keep working on in practice and hopefully having it show in the games," Shillinglaw said.

## Runner deals with gluten allergy

BY ELLEN CRAVEN

Copy Editor

Runners competing in the Colonial Athletic Association 2008 cross-country championship meet sit down to dinner the night before at a pre-race banquet. Athletes from each of the 10 competing schools filled their plates with a typical runner's pre-race meal: various forms of pasta and rolls to fuel up for the next morning's race.

A view down the tables held plate after plate of pasta lined up until a gluten-free plate of salad broke up the carbohydrate-filled scene. University of Delaware senior co-captain Gregg Cantwell ate his grilled chicken salad next to his carbo-loading teammates as they excitedly discuss the upcoming race.

The record-holding distance runner has a gluten intolerance, similar to Celiac disease, which prevents him from fueling up with bagels and pasta like most distance runners.

"I don't do any of that carbo-loading," Cantwell said.

The tall, slender, 21-year-old physical education and health major from Port Jefferson, N.Y., has competed in track and cross-country at Delaware since his freshman year, earning eight varsity letters thus far. The winter of his sophomore year, Cantwell's doctor diagnosed a strange rash as a symptom of gluten intolerance.

Although he is living proof that a runner can get by without the carbo-loading rituals most associate with distance running, Cantwell said his training and performance did suffer after the discovery of his condition. He said during the first few months he had to experiment with the medicine he now takes regularly in order to find a frequency that would keep his symptoms at bay without taking a toll on his training. Medication for gluten intolerance can alter one's blood composition producing symptoms similar to anemia, a distance runner's nightmare.

"I kind of took my chances with the medicine," Cantwell said. "I thought 'Oh, I won't become anemic.' But the medicine wreaked havoc on Cantwell's crucial summer training.

By the fall of his junior year Cantwell, who had previously set a school record in the 3,000-meter run (8:35.52) as well as the indoor freshman record in the same event (8:29.88) and been ranked No. 11 on the university's all-time performance list for the 3,000-meter steeplechase (9:27.46), said he barely made the cross country roster.

That summer, he said he trained with the same mileage but in the absence of races, did not realize how much the medicine caused his intensity to drop off. Battling with anemia-like symptoms, Cantwell only raced once during that cross-country season.

Cantwell said the most frustrating part of his allergy is not being able to eat what he wants. The runner, who used to enjoy pizza, sandwiches and cereal, now has to tiptoe around menus while eating out. Eating while traveling to meets is difficult.

"If I go to a restaurant I have to guess and with me, I don't have straight Celiac disease, I have something a little different so I don't know when I'm getting gluten or not," Cantwell said.

His favorite meals now include lobster and crab legs, which he laments are expensive. At the bars with friends drinking beer specials, Cantwell opts for the pricier rum and cokes or Long Island iced teas. He says he is used to cooking his own separate meals instead of joining group dinners.

When he and some teammates trained in Boulder, Colo., during the summer they took turns cooking one dinner to share while Cantwell had to make his own meals separately or cook gluten-free meals for everyone.

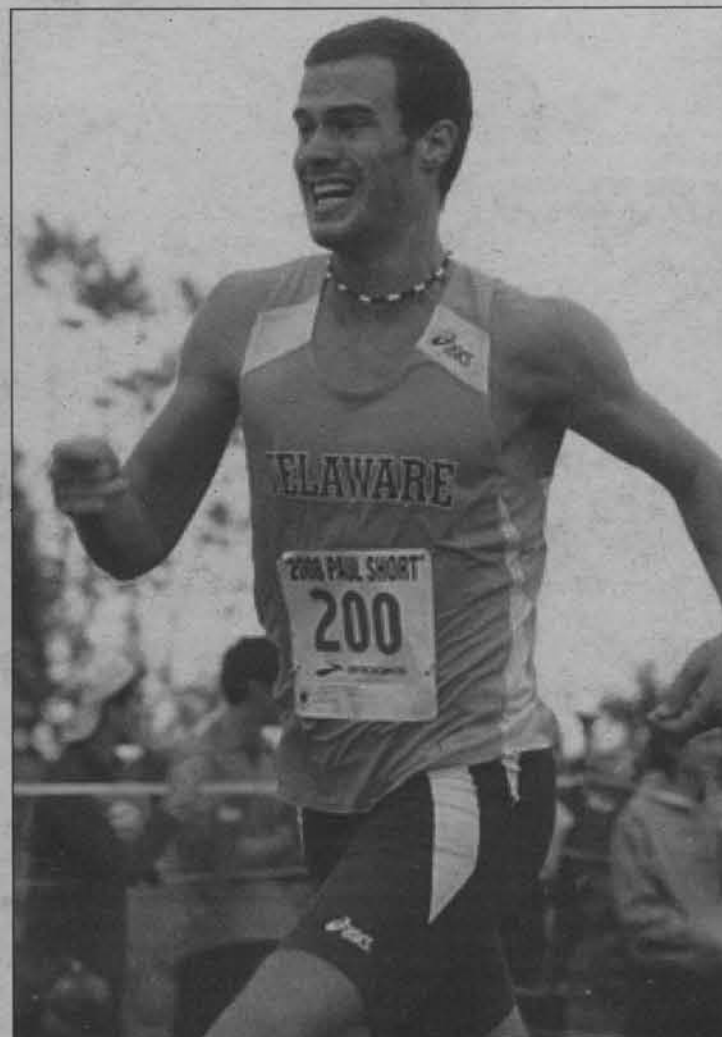
The inconvenience doesn't seem to affect the laidback runner's personality. Known for his crazy headshots on the athletics web site, Cantwell takes advantage of his unruly hair, as is documented by his amusing roster pictures each year.

"I usually just grow it out when it gets colder so I don't have to deal with it," he said. "A couple weeks ago I had a mullet," he said as he whipped out evidence of it on his cell phone. Cantwell just likes to have fun with it.

"I usually make them take about 25 pictures. If you just look back at the different roster pictures they're like all jokes," he said. From the infamous Afro hair-style to goofy facial expressions, Cantwell's poses never fail to amuse and even inspire others to experiment as well.

Cantwell has led the indoor and outdoor track teams as co-captain for two years as well as the cross country team this past season. Though a senior this year, Cantwell will return to compete for the Blue Hens next year before graduating and seeking a position as a high school track coach and physical education teacher.

This season, Cantwell reemerged with full force determined to make up for the struggles of his junior year. While running indoor track, he set the third overall record for the 5,000-meter run with a time of 14:46.1. During the cross country season, Cantwell ran a 25:54.5 8-kilometer race earning him the No. 34 spot on the top times list at White Clay Creek State Park, Delaware's home cross-country course, and the No. 5 spot on the list of UD runners top times on the course. He hopes to break the indoor record for the 5k as well as be one of the top three finishers in the 2009 CAA outdoor conference meet.



Courtesy of Greg Cantwell

Greg Cantwell holds two school records, in spite of his condition.

Before coming to the university, Cantwell attended Ward Melville High School where he was an all-state high school runner. Cantwell said since he began running as a high school freshman, he has always stuck to distance events.

"I started running in ninth grade and I just did cross-country," said Cantwell.

"Cause all the girls were chasing you!" joked housemate Lexi Ambrogi.

"All the girls," he said. "I had to get away somehow."



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