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Student dies of heart failure

BY JEN LEMOS
City News Editor

A university Parallel Program student suffering from a heart condition collapsed on a basketball court Sunday and was pronounced dead minutes later, family members said.

Richard "Ricky" Ramey Jr., 21, was a student attending the university's Parallel Program at the DelTech Wilmington campus.

He was suffering from Marfan syndrome, a disorder of the connective tissues that affects organs like the heart and lungs.

Richard Ramey, Ricky's father, said his son had been playing basketball with friends not far from his home when he suddenly collapsed.

"He must have had a heart attack with the amount of adrenaline in his system," he said. "It must have just overloaded.

"I ran up there and gave him CPR, but by the time we got to the hospital, he had been pronounced dead — not half an hour after it happened."

Ramey said he will always remember his son for being a calm and friendly person who was a pleasure to know.

"I think he was a quiet person," he said. "But when he was in the best health, he was a really good fellow. He was a good friend."

Bobette Jones, Ricky's cousin, said she and her sister Susan shared a close friendship with Ricky throughout their lives.

"He was a very special person — very quiet and kindhearted," she said. "He was our companion when we were growing up. He was always there playing games with us, or talking about movies, music and the latest and greatest happenings in our generation."

Although Ricky was aware of the dangers of his disease, Ramey said, he participated in many activities despite his illness.

"He knew his condition," he said. "He had to be cautioned as to what he could do as far as activities went. He tried to do things that didn't exert a lot of energy."

Ramey said his son enjoyed activities like bowling, running, archery and fishing. Ricky also loved cards, music and movies, he said.

"Ricky was a fanatic on plots and characters," he said. "He loved to see the new previews in the movie theaters. He would do anything that didn't require a lot of exertion."

Ricky's aunt, Joyce Jones, said she will always remember the way her nephew took part in his favorite activities despite his disease.

"Even though he had frail health, he still pursued his interests," she said. "He was fond of the beach, and he had a boat and liked to go fishing and crabbing. And he was very close to nature — he loved to watch sunsets and sunrises."

While Ramey said his son enjoyed many activities, Ricky also flourished in his classes.

"He was pretty intelligent," he said. "I remember saying to him, 'I'm 46, and I wish I were as smart as you at 21.' The courses he was taking just floored me."

Joyce Jones said she also thought school was very important to Ricky, despite the fact that he did not reach his highest academic goal.

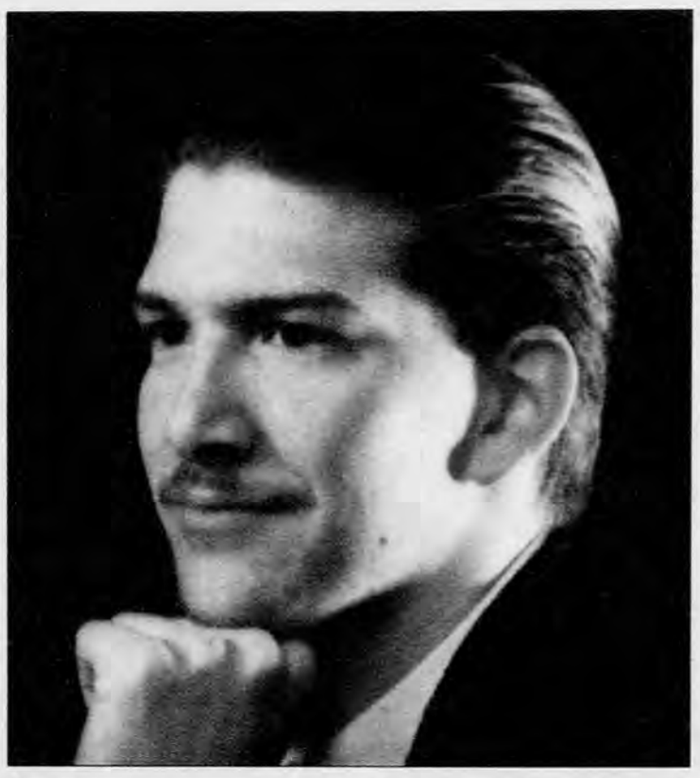
"Education meant a lot to him," she said. "He really tried hard to complete his degree, but he had difficulties because of his health and did not receive it. That was one of his big aims in life."

Ricky was a member of the Ogletown Baptist Church. He also worked part-time at the Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse in Bear for two years.

Ricky's funeral was held at Chandler Funeral Home in Hockessin Thursday night.

Family members are requesting that memorial contributions be made to the National Marfan Foundation.

An estimated 200,000 people in the United States suffer from Marfan syndrome. Serious cases can induce irregular heartbeats, damage to the heart and death.



THE REVIEW/ Courtesy of the Ramey family
Richard Ramey Jr., a student in the university's Parallel Program, died Monday at the age of 21.

The Main Event

THE REVIEW/ Mike Louie
A university worker helps fix a water main near New Castle Hall Thursday.

One year after Columbine, influential media unchanged

BY BEN PENSERGA
Features Editor

It has been one year and a day since two teen-agers walked into Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., and made their infamous mark on history.

The six-hour seige resulted in a heavy toll: 15 dead — including the two gunmen, Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold — and countless lives scarred forever.

The images of bloody students were burned into the memory of people there and the millions who witnessed it on television.

While the parents of both Harris and Klebold were scrutinized, the two teen-agers' media-use was also examined as a possible factor in the shooting.

As the entertainment preferences of the pair were investigated, the music, movie and video game industries looked inward to re-evaluate their trade.

On the one-year anniversary of the Columbine shootings, parts of this troika have stood pat, while others own a greater awareness of their products.

MUSIC

Whenever school shootings occur, the suspect's taste in music is often examined.

Though the music is not concretely linked with the behavior of Harris and Klebold, many parent-content organizations have increased their efforts to identify artists whose lyrics are deemed offensive.

Jim Metrock, president of Obligation Inc., said he created the company in order to give parents a chance to know what their kids are listening to.

"It's a place where parents can go and judge music for themselves," he said.

Metrock said artists that are cited on the Web site are there for general reasons.

"Basically, people that are on there have lyrics that you wouldn't be able to say in front of an elderly person," he said.

Although Metrock's site is designed to single out musicians with questionable lyrics, he said, the songs themselves are not entirely to blame for incidents like Columbine.

"The music itself isn't the problem," he said. "It's like this — if you're driving down the road and you hear a love song, you don't think anything of it.

"However, if you're in love at the time, you'll feel that song more. It's the same with a depressed or suicidal person who hears a certain type of music — they're more apt to do something."

Despite an added spotlight on its trade due to the Columbine incident, the music industry has not made sweeping changes.

The "Parental Advisory" sticker, which currently serves as the only solution content-wise, is still a voluntary exercise.

No artist is presently obligated to put an advisory label on his album — it is left entirely up to the record label.

MOVIES

Since Warren Beatty and Faye Dunaway met their bullet-ridden demise in 1967's "Bonnie & Clyde," films have become more violent in content.

Though recent lawsuits against movies like "Natural Born Killers" have questioned what can be shown in front of certain audiences, their impact on teenage violence is still inconclusive.

In one scene in the film "The Basketball Diaries," Leonardo DiCaprio's character fantasizes about walking into one of his classrooms, pulling out a shotgun and

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UD ranked No. 2 most-wired in U.S.

BY NATHAN HAYFIELD
Staff Reporter

Yahoo! Internet Life magazine's April 18 issue ranked the university the second most-wired college in the country.

In other words, the university owns and maintains one of the most progressive computer networks equipped with a large information database on the Web.

Of the 3,600 institutions surveyed, the only school ranked higher than the university was Carnegie Mellon University, which scored 0.37 percent higher than the university.

Although well-known for its computing excellence, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology came in sixth.

According to Yahoo! Internet Life, the university was rated second because it recently bought a large number of computers and upgraded the ones it already owns.

The article states that the university also maintains a network including every classroom and residence-hall room, along with offering online course registration and drop/add.

In addition, students may seek technical help for personal computer problems at least eight hours per day, every day of the week.

"We continuously improve the infrastructure and add new services," said Leila Lyons, director of IT-User Services.

Dan Grim, director of Network and System Services, said that pending a decision on funding, the university plans to revamp the entire computer network.

Plans are to change from a routed network to a hybrid switch/routed network, he said.

"The new network would offer better performance while keeping

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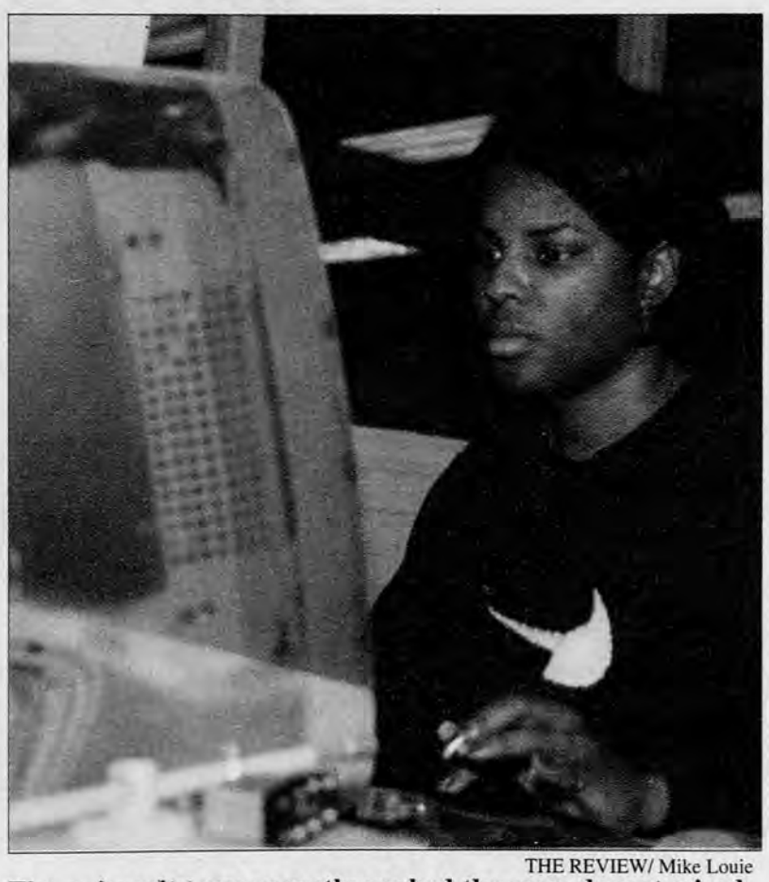

THE REVIEW/ Mike Louie
The university was recently ranked the second most-wired college in the nation.

Town and Gown going unattended

BY JEN LEMOS
City News Editor

A local committee meeting was canceled Monday night due to a lack of members in attendance, causing doubts about the role of the group and its usefulness.

The Town & Gown committee, a group of officials who meet four times per year to address concerns of the university and city at large, canceled the meeting when only six of the 14 members arrived.

Committee chairwoman Julie Demgen said the cancellation was due to an ordinance requiring a percentage of members to be present.

"We need one person over one-half of the voting members to have a meeting," she said. "Somehow, between the bad weather and who knows what else, we didn't have enough people."

Former Town & Gown committee member Nancy Turner said she thought the lack of members might be due to a decrease in the committee's appeal to residents.

"Community enthusiasm is somewhat cyclic," she said. "Unfortunately, I've noticed a lack of enthusiasm in the community recently. It's unfortunate, because committees like Town & Gown are vital."

Sophomore Len French said he had never heard of the committee and thought that other students were similarly unaware of its existence.

"Students are constantly bombarded with information," he said. "Our brains have to select what information to retain, and I just don't think it

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Accountability bill finally passes

BY ANDREA N. BOYLE
National/State News Editor

After a great deal of deliberation, the state House of Representatives passed the long-debated teacher accountability bill Tuesday.

The bill, intended to reform Delaware's public school system, now awaits Gov. Thomas R. Carper's signature before it can become a law.

Jim Smith, Carper's press secretary, said the governor plans to sign the bill and is happy with the outcome after three months of deadlock in Legislative Hall.

S.B. 260, which passed the state Senate in January and won a 35-6 house vote, was seen as a compromise, said Bruce Reynolds, R-15th District, chairman of the House education committee.

"No one is happy with all phases of the legislation," he said. "The upside is that the whole debate has brought attention to the need for reform."

Part of the compromise includes allowing time to study certain aspects of the bill before they are implemented, Reynolds said.

These provisions allot the state two years to research the organization of summer school and four years to study graduation requirements.

Other aspects of the bill include the following:

• 90 hours of mandatory graduate studies in order for teachers to renew their certification;
• establishment of a committee to study the Delaware State Testing Program and its application;
• creation of a Professional Standards Board to develop rules and regulations for teachers;
• institution of the Delaware Performance Appraisal System to evaluate teachers;
• and development of three separate diplomas based on students' grades and state test scores.

In addition, the companion bill, S.B. 343, also passed Tuesday, will create a pilot teacher accountability program in the Red Clay Consolidated School District.

Reynolds said these provisions will ease the transition into teacher accountability.

The pilot system will allow the 15-person Professional Standards Board to study the level of accountability teachers will have for their students' performances.

"A portion of a teacher's evaluation will be based on how well that teacher's students do on the state test," Reynolds said. "As a teacher, I am concerned about how they will weigh the other factors of students' attendence, disruptive behavior, non-compliance and parents' involvement."

Rep. Arthur L. Scott, D-3rd District, said he opposed S.B. 260 because it does not require enough accountability to be placed on teachers.

"It was about tightening the grip of teachers in Delaware schools," he said. "The majority of the accountability in the bill lies with parents and students."

John Holten, public information officer for the Christina School District, said his district is pleased with the compromise made in the bill.

"We can definitely live with what the bill says," he said. "We're eager to get our students to the top level now."

New law brings students homeward

BY JOHN YOCCA
National/State News Editor

WILMINGTON — Gov. Thomas. R. Carper signed the Neighborhood Schools bill yesterday, which ensures that students get their education at more local schools.

Flanked by dozens of students at Forwood Elementary School and holding a giant foam pencil, Carper signed House Bill 300, which will help assign children in four New Castle County public school districts to attend schools closer to their homes.

House Majority Leader Rep. Wayne A. Smith, R-7th District, who was a major sponsor of the bill, said the new legislation will leave Delaware much better in terms of its public school system.

"Children in this state can now go to schools closer to home," he said at the press conference. "The two-and-a-half-hour bus ride is over."

Wilmington Mayor James Sills, who was also in attendance, said H.B. 300 gives recognition to the need for Wilmington to receive some special attention in relation to the neighborhood schools program.

He said he will join the Wilmington City Council in submiting recommendations to create a nine-member Neighborhood Schools Committee.

Sills said the committee will not only look at the feasibility of establishing a Neighborhood Schools Program in Wilmington, but will also study how to improve the quality of education being offered to Wilmington students.

"The bill provides an opportunity for the city to do some planning," he said. "And, hopefully, to use this as an opportunity to bring about some educational reform in terms of programs being offered to students."

Despite the success the school bill might carry, many lawmakers and community members have expressed their objections to the new legislation.

Sen. Dallas Winslow, R-4th District, said he voted against the bill mainly because the Brandywine School District he represents is compact and does not need to be realigned.

"The longest bus ride for any student is 20 minutes," he said.

Others have expressed great concern because the bill may re-segregate schools in Wilmington.

In a previous interview with The Review, Teresa Schooley, a board member for the Christina School District said she is opposed to anything that will segregate schools.

"I'm not opposed to neighborhood schools," she said. "I am opposed to any effort to segregate our schools."

Sills said it's too early to know any possible segregation the bill might cause because the committee has not been formed.

Carper said the children who face the greatest hardships in terms of travel are the ones in Wilmington, half of whom are minorities.

"This legislation is welcomed by not only suburban parents," he said, "but also parents in the city of Wilmington. Both minority and Caucasian parents."

Carper said the important aspect is that the realignment goes forward in a reasonable time to make sure what is being done is good for children.

THE REVIEW/ Mike Louie

A new bill will reduce the time some local students need to spend riding the bus.

Public schools graded at UD conference

BY MIKE FRAZER
Staff Reporter

Eighty-three percent of the 1,220 respondents in a state-wide poll on public education gave schools a grade of 'B' or 'C,' according to a press conference Tuesday at the university.

The conference, held in Willard Hall, presented results from the university's Delaware Education Research & Development Center's annual poll of 301 educators and 919 parents and non-parents. The poll was conducted by random calls to Delaware residents, while school faculty members were chosen randomly by computer from a pool of every educator in the state.

Among educators, 92 percent had "a great deal" or "quite a lot" of confidence in Delaware's education system. Parents showed less confidence with 71 percent, while only 57 percent of non-parents responded positively to the question.

Pamela Brown, an associate policy scientist from the center, presented most of the material, which focused on the quality of public education, discipline, accountability and parental involvement.

Delaware citizens as a whole feel less informed about the state's public schools than they did in 1994. The number of citizens who feel "well" or "very well" informed reduced by approximately one-half, while the number of citizens who feel only "somewhat" informed nearly doubled in that same time span.

The number of those who feel they are "not at all" informed remained almost the same.

Brown highlighted relationships between how informed people are and how well they graded the schools.

"I think it's interesting that people who don't have as much information about the schools grade lower," Brown said. "As for parents whose children chose to go to a private school, I wonder how much information they actually had."

A large percentage of both educators and non-educator participants in Delaware said their perception of student behavior was the biggest factor in their overall rating of the school system.

The respondents' perceptions of the quality and capacity of the teachers, as well as the quality of the institutions, were the next most important factors.

While quality of education made up a large portion of the analysis, other areas of the state's education system, such as student discipline, were examined as well.

The results indicate that many Delaware citizens have strong opinions on discipline. Most respondents feel that training teachers and parents to deal with problem children would be the best way to help maintain discipline.

Student and teacher accountability systems were also at the forefront of the poll. Approximately half of state citizens and one-third of state educators feel that Delaware's student accountability system should determine if a child should move to the next grade level or graduate.

These numbers are down compared to the results from a similar poll two years ago. This year, the number of citizens in favor of the student accountability system is down from 1997, although the majority still approves. A larger shift occurred among Delaware educators during the same period, with the majority now against it.

The other focus of the poll was parental involvement. Results showed that students whose parents were involved with their education fared better than students of the same ability level whose parents were not involved.

Eighty-five to 90 percent of parents polled attended school functions such as plays, class events and parent-teacher conferences. A vast majority of the parents who were involved are mothers, according to the poll analysis.

Using a typical school grading system — A, B, C, D and F — similar education polls were conducted nationally. They found that 67 percent of U.S. citizens graded schools with a B or a C.

Ten percent of citizens polled nationwide graded schools with an A, while only three percent of Delaware respondents gave the state that grade based on the same criteria.

"Nationally, there is a better spread than at the state level," Brown noted, referring to the noticeably more even grading for the nation as a whole.

Audrey Noble, the center director, said the results confirm that both citizens and educators are committed to improving Delaware schools.

"Each group seems to believe that positive, rather than negative, approaches are the best way to reach this goal," she said.

What grade would you give public schools?

	Del.	*National*
A	3%	10%
B	42%	36%
C	41%	31%
D	6%	9%
F	1%	5%
Don't Know	7%	9%

Expressed "a great deal" or "quite a lot" of confidence in Delaware's education system:

Faculty	92%
Parents	71%
Non-parents	57%

In the News

MAN OPENS FIRE IN RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

PEORIA, Ariz. — A man who feuded with a retirement community association barged into the group's meeting armed with a rifle and handguns and opened fire Wednesday, police said. Two women were killed and four other people injured.

Police arrested Richard Glassel, 61, a former resident at the Ventana Lakes community in suburban Phoenix. Neighbors and witnesses said Glassel previously had run-ins with the community association, which was meeting Wednesday afternoon at the community recreation center.

Glassel was tackled and subdued by people in the center when his gun jammed.

"He didn't holler or anything, he just started firing," said Sheldon Stover, who helped restrain Glassel.

An attorney for the community association said Glassel had feuded with the group over the way groundskeepers took care of shrubs and other plants. He didn't want the bushes around his house neatly manicured, said attorney Penny Koepke.

The association sued Glassel and obtained a restraining order in 1998 to keep him from harassing or intimidating the groundskeepers after he allegedly shoved a property manager, Koepke said.

She said Glassel also picketed the builder's sales office daily during part of 1998.

Police said Glassel pulled up to the Ventana Lakes Yacht Club in a U-Haul truck, went into the community association meeting and began firing.

Fran Dorsch, a 67-year-old resident of Ventana Lakes, said she was at the pool behind the club with her grandchildren when people came out of the building screaming.

"I thought they were fighting with each other, but then they said a man had a gun," she said. "I heard the shots, 'Pop, pop, pop.' "

Nila Lynn, 69, who suffered a gunshot wound to the back, died at John C. Lincoln Hospital-North Mountain, Sgt. Russ Scarborough said.

Esther LaPlante, 75, who was shot in the head and shoulder, died late Wednesday night at St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center, spokeswoman Catherine Menor said. Paul Ettinger, 69, was in serious condition at St. Joseph's with a bullet wound to the chest.

Charles Yankowski, 69, was treated at Lincoln Hospital and released. Gilbert McCurdy, 63, had surgery on his foot and was listed in fair condition at Lincoln.

STUDENT ARRESTED FOR RACIST E-MAILS

IOWA CITY, Iowa — A black dental student was charged today in a string of racist e-mails and threats against minority classmates at the University of Iowa College of Dentistry. Authorities said she confessed.

Tarsha Michelle Claiborne, 23, of Baton Rouge, La., is accused of using a computer inside the Dental Science Building to send e-mails warning of violence and a bomb over the past three weeks.

Claiborne was arrested shortly after midnight on Wednesday at her home and made her initial appearance in Johnson County District Court Thursday morning.

The dental building reopened this morning after being closed all day Wednesday following the bomb threat. No bomb was found.

The threatening e-mail was sent from a computer in the dental building's pathology laboratory, court records said.

Claiborne was seen on videotape leaving the area, and she confessed to sending the e-mail, the papers said. University of Iowa spokeswoman Ann Rhodes said she did not know of any motive or of any past disciplinary problems involving Claiborne, a second-year student.

She was charged with a felony count of threats in violation of individual rights, related to the bomb threat, and misdemeanor charges for three previous e-mail threats.

She also was charged with one count of criminal trespass-hate crime for an April 4 incident in which red noodles were left on another black student's doorstep with a note referring to a dead black man's brains.

On April 6, a lab coat caught fire at the Dental Science Building and e-mails were sent to students, asking, "Are you going to take us seriously now?" Authorities said Thursday they do not know if Claiborne set the fire.

SIX-YEAR-OLD BOY WHO SHOT CLASSMATE ATTENDS SPECIAL SCHOOL

FLINT, Mich. — The 6-year-old boy accused of killing his first-grade classmate is attending a special program at a boarding school for children who have been neglected or abused or have emotional problems, a prosecutor said.

The boy is accused of fatally shooting Kayla Rolland at Buell Elementary School in February. State officials placed him in the school and covered the expenses, said Sam Riddle, a spokesman for Tamarla Owens, the boy's mother.

"He has obviously benefited from this wonderful place," Genesee County Prosecutor Arthur A. Busch stated in an e-mail this week. "He has progressed in a fashion that all of our community has hoped would happen."

Attorney J. Dallas Winegarden, who represents the victim's parents, said the move angered the family.

"We're shocked, appalled and outraged that they would put him back in any school, and we're concerned about the safety of other children who would be around this 6-year-old boy," Winegarden said.

Kayla's mother, Veronica McQueen, has transferred her other two children to private schools in the Flint area, Winegarden said.

Owens' two other children, a third-grade boy and a girl in kindergarten, also are attending a different private school at state expense, Riddle said.

All three have lived with the woman's sister since the Feb. 29 shooting.

— compiled from Associated Press reports by John Yocca

Campus Calendar

Even though school is in session, observe Easter by going to the Trabant Patio Steps today at 12:05 for **"What's Good About Good Friday?"** a dramatic reenactment of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. For information, call 738-9191.

If you miss seeing John Travolta dance, the film **"Pulp Fiction"** is for you. The movie will be shown tonight in the Trabant University Center Theater at 7:30 as part of the Spring Film Series. Admission is $2. The film will be shown again Saturday at 10:00 p.m. For information, call UD1-HENS.

Fans of alternate means of criminal correction should check out Stanley Kubrick's disturbing film **"A Clockwork Orange"** tonight at 10:30 in the Trabant University Center Theater. A second showing will be on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Admission is $2. For information, call UD1-HENS.

The Harrington Theatre Arts Company's production of **"Evita"** continues today and Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Pearson Hall Auditorium. For information or to reserve tickets, call 831-4000, mailbox #37513 and leave a message.

Students for the Environment will be sponsoring an **Earth Day Celebration** Saturday on the North Mall at 1 p.m. For information, call 266-0197.

The Cosmopolitan Club will be having an **International Night** Saturday at 7 in the Mitchell Hall Auditorium. Admission is $5 at the box office, $6 at the door.

Looking for some entertainment Saturday? Well, it's **D.J. Night** at Maui Taco on Main Street beginning at 9 and sponsored by SCENE. For information, call 837-8069.

It's Easter Sunday! You can take a church van ride to the **Word of Life Christian Center** at 9:30 a.m. For information, call 738-4498.

The Spring 2000 International Film Series continues Sunday with a showing of Poland's **"The Saragossa Manuscript"** in the Trabant University Center Theater at 7:30 p.m. For information, call 831-4066.

Graduating soon? Need a job? Maybe you can find one Tuesday at the University of Delaware **Job Fair** in Multipurpose rooms A & B of the Trabant University Center from 5 to 8:30 p.m. For information, call 831-2015.

— compiled by Stephanie Denis

Police Reports

YOUTH ARRESTED FOR LITTERING

A 16-year-old boy was charged with littering Wednesday night at the Burger King restaurant on South Chapel Street, Newark Police said.

Cpl. Bill Hargrove said the boy threw a Burger King bag on the lawn of the establishment.

He was later found to be wanted in Family Court, Hargrove said.

DISGUISED MEN ENTER NEWARK RESIDENCE

Two unknown people entered a Newark residence Wednesday morning, stating they were checking the resident's water pressure, Hargrove said.

He said one suspect attempted to distract the owner while the other attempted to enter the home.

Hargrove said the men fled from the scene in a dark brown van.

The men are wanted on charges of attempted theft, he said, and the investigation is still continuing.

RIMS AND TIRES STOLEN FROM LOCAL DEALERSHIP

Unknown people stole four tires and four rims from Porter Chevrolet on East Cleveland Avenue last weekend, Hargrove said.

The items, valued at $2,000, were stolen from a 2000 Chevrolet Cavilier Z24, he said.

Hargrove said police have no leads at this time, and the investigation is continuing.

MONEY STOLEN FROM SLEEP INN

An undisclosed amount of currency was stolen Saturday night from the Sleep Inn at 630 S. College Ave., Hargrove said.

He said an unknown person obtained a key to a customer's lock box at the front desk. The man approached the clerk and signed out the box, using a false name, he said.

The investigation is still continuing, Hargrove said.

— compiled by Carla Correa

Speaker spreads faith of resurrection

BY CLARKE SPEICHER
Entertainment Editor

Between 52 and 55 A.D., the apostle Paul wrote a letter to the people of Corinth after visiting the city three years earlier. This letter — the first book of Corinthians in the New Testament — is considered evidence that Jesus Christ did, in fact, rise from the dead.

John Guest, who spoke Thursday night in a full Mitchell Hall auditorium, said confirmation is an essential building block to most Christians.

"Most people, when it comes to faith, are looking for proof," he said. "But evidence is only proof if you can accept the evidence."

Guest, an international evangelist and published theological author, used 1 Corinthians as evidence of Jesus' resurrection.

"Even the most skeptical historian agrees that this document was written between the years 52 and 55 A.D.," he said.

"Many historians argue that the books of the Bible are inaccurate because they were written so long after Christ lived and are clouded in myth. But this book was written a mere 20 years after the death of Jesus."

Guest said the letter is even more astounding because of Paul's history.

"Paul was a rabid, vicious and vehement Christian antagonizer," he said.

But Paul later became one of Christ's most avid followers after seeing a resurrected Jesus on the road to Damascus five years after his crucifixion.

"Is there anything else that could have changed Paul's life other than seeing Jesus?" Guest asked.

"What are the chances of you waking up tomorrow and seeing Saddam Hussein on CNN saying that he has seen Jesus and will dedicate his life to spreading Christ's word? It's not any more incredible than Paul's transformation."

Paul's first letter to Corinth was written 12 years after his vision of Jesus, which Guest said adds credibility to the document.

Guest also tried to debunk two theories that historians often use to throw doubt on Christ's resurrection.

In the late 1960s, a theory called the "Passover Plot" was proposed. It stated that Jesus was drugged by his disciples so he appeared to be dead while he hung on the cross. The disciples then stole the body, resuscitated it and passed the event off as a resurrection, Guest said.

"The main problem with this is what did they do with him after resuscitating him?" he said. "Did they hide him off in the hills somewhere and only let him out every couple of years?"

Guest said further proof of the resurrection is in how steadfast the disciples remained in their beliefs.

"They never changed their story," he said, "even under threat of death."

Skeptics also claim that visions of Christ after his crucifixion were merely hallucinations. But Guest said 500 people saw a vision of Christ at one time.

"It is not psychiatrically possible for two people to have the same hallucination, let alone 500," he said.

Guest also pointed out that if Christ's followers did not believe he had risen from the dead, they would have paid reverence to his gravesite and execution site.

"Once they realized he was alive," Guest said, "they stopped mourning and went out to spread the word."

Guest said he once struggled with the concept of Jesus himself. Raised in a non-Christian home in London, Guest said, he began to follow Jesus when he was 18. His affirmation of faith came years after his father committed suicide when he was seven and his mother unhappily remarried.

Guest said he hoped his message would convert those "straddling the fence," who would now able to accept Christ's resurrection as truth.

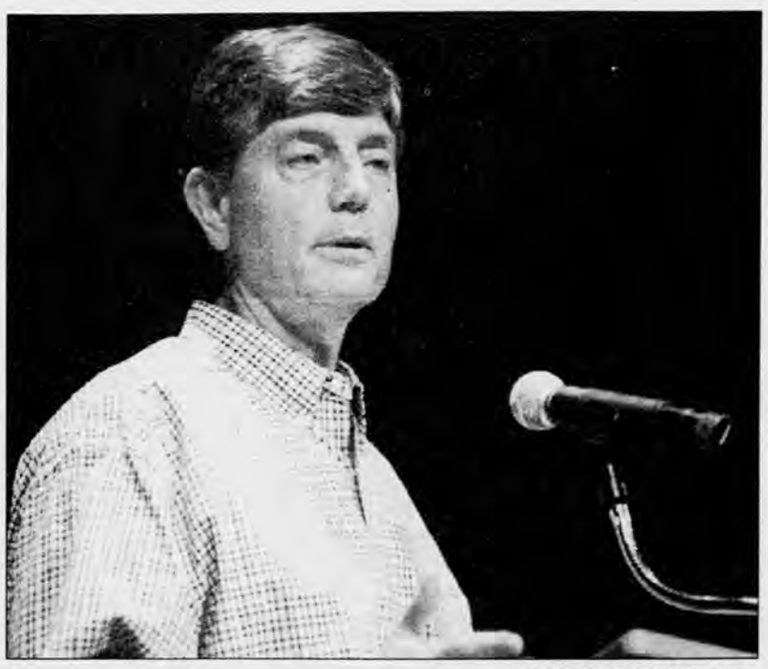
Guest's lecture was a part of the annual "Inquiry for Truth" series co-sponsored by the Church and Campus Connection and InterVarsity Christian Fellowship.

Greg Baker, a member of the IVCF campus staff, said the lectures are a way to make people assess their faith more closely.

"We want people to intellectually grapple with the truths of the Bible," he said. "We want them to ask if there is really anything to this man Jesus."

Freshman Billy Haines said he felt the lecture was very educational in his ability to understand Jesus.

"I thought he presented a few new ideas I had never thought of before," he said.



THE REVIEW/ Mike Louie

International evangelist John Guest spoke to students, faculty and community members in Mitchell Hall Wednesday night.

"It was good to hear the physical evidence of Jesus and his resurrection, and I liked how he related it to Christianity today."

Newark resident Julie Braughman said she felt her belief in Christ had been strengthened.

"My faith has been waning over the years, especially because of the recent school massacres," she said.

"But tonight, I feel like I've seen enough evidence to end my doubts."

But Steve Houseman, a Newark resident, said he was less impressed by Guest's lecture.

"His entire argument was based on the New Testament, something whose validity I doubt," he said.

"He gave some interesting facts, but I didn't feel like he addressed the counter-arguments enough."

E-mail privacy not so private

BY IMANI POWELL
Staff Reporter

Do you think e-mail remains between sender and recipient?

If so, think again.

The university can view any student or faculty e-mail message without obtaining permission because it controls the server, a communications professor said Tuesday night in Kirkbride Hall.

Juliet Dee discussed Internet privacy, First Amendment rights and network-access freedoms, among other topics.

The legality of reading "private" e-mail messages depends upon who manages the network, she said in the Civil Liberties Union-sponsored lecture.

"Reading a colleague's private e-mail is illegal," she said. "However, the individuals who operate the server can legally read anyone's e-mail at any time or use it any way they wish, including against you."

"The individuals who operate the server can legally read anyone's e-mail at any time or use it in any way they wish against you."
— Juliet Dee, communication professor

If the university's computer administrator reads an e-mail containing information about participation in illegal activities, Dee said, the university has the right to take action.

"Public Safety can acquire a warrant and search the premises," she said.

THE REVIEW/ Mike Louie

Communication professor Juliet Dee gave a speech on Internet Privacy, First Amendment rights and network-access freedoms Tuesday night in Kirkbride Hall.

Dee said e-mail can be blocked or prevented from reaching its destination if it contains potentially offensive material.

But while blocking is helpful, she said, it has its drawbacks.

"A poem could be blocked because it contains the word 'queer,' " she said.

"Cookies" is a Web browser option that contains a user's personal information and leaves a trail of "crumbs" or a "click stream" behind according to sites the user has accessed.

The information can then be sold to outside companies without the user's knowledge, Dee said.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has also used such "crumbs" to narrow down lists of suspects based on their interests, Dee said.

Richard Jewell, a former suspect in the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Park bombing, was singled out when the FBI examined his click stream, Dee said.

"He happened to visit many anarchistic and bomb-developing sites," she said.

Surveys show 24 percent of Web sites had enabled cookies and 86 percent of Web pages aimed toward children collect information on the child without parental permission, she said.

For example, Dee cited a prominent company that uses cookies.

"Colgate will ask the child to enter his name and age for the 'tooth fairy,' " she said.

While many students said they knew it was unwise to place personal information in e-mail messages, they attended the lecture to gain more awareness and computer knowledge.

"I didn't know exactly what a cookie was," senior Chris Savage said. "I had no idea that information was being collected by other companies."

Junior Nathaniel Miller, CLU treasurer, said that after attending this lecture, he will be more careful about how he uses e-mail.

"It didn't surprise me," he said, "but it made me more conscious of what I write and send."

University alumna Kelley Heck, program specialist for the American Civil Liberties Union, said she went to the event to keep abreast of changes in Internet legislation.

"The Internet law status is always changing," she said.

"It was good to keep up-to-date with pending legislation."

Guggenheim awarded to art history professor

BY HENNA MERCHANT
Staff Reporter

A university art history professor was awarded one of the most prestigious honors in his field at a ceremony in New York City on April 5.

Lawrence Nees was one of 182 winners in the 76th annual competition for the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship.

According to the Guggenheim Foundation's Web site, the award helps provide its Fellows with blocks of time and monetary grants to encourage as much creative freedom as possible.

Nees would not comment on the exact amount of his award, but the Web site stated that the average amount for a fellowship grant in 1999 was $33,568.

The foundation generally receives between 3,000 and 3,500 applications each year, but the Web site stated that the foundation can provide only 200 grants, which totaled $6,345,000 for this year's recipients.

Nees said he won the recognition for a project on Frankish illuminated manuscripts from the seventh to 10th centuries.

"The books are written by hand, literally manuscripts," he said, "and are sometimes decorated with elaborate ornament and pictures in the Kingdom of Franks."

Ann Gibson, director of the art history department, said Nees is only the second professor from her department to ever receive the award.

She said Nina Athanassaglou-Kallmyer, who teaches modern French art history, was a 1996-1997 Fellow.

Nees, who applied for the award last fall, said he feels privileged to have been able to hold a place in such an honorable group.

"I feel fortunate because the competition was very stringent," he said, "and many highly deserving projects have gotten the award."

Nees said he will be on sabbatical from the university during the 2000-2001 academic year, the period for which the fellowship was granted.

The fellowship was designed, to replace some of the salary that he will not be paid while on sabbatical, he said.

Gibson said Nees' award will do more than just provide instant recognition to the university.

By allowing Nees time off to do his research, she said he will be able to further the academic reputation of the university through additional work.

"He'll publish something brilliant," Gibson said, "and that's what really counts."

And the award, she said, is truly something Nees deserves after 22 years of teaching.

"He's one of our very best teachers, and he's a caring mentor," Gibson said. "He's also one of the best critiquers of papers we have."

Nees said he will use the funds to travel and purchase some photographs for his publication.

Nees added that he is honored by the award and hopes to continue progressing forward with his book's publication, as well as his eventual return to the university.

"I just appreciate the support the foundation has given me," he said.

Wall Street mirroring 1929 events

BY KYLE BELZ
News Features Editor

Despite its ongoing rebound from record-setting falls one week ago, the stock market is still drawing worried attention from investors and analysts around the country.

The NASDAQ composite index alone lost more than 600 points last week and still lies well below its March high.

This week on Wall Street, NASDAQ and the Dow Jones industrial average recovered most of the losses, which were due to massive sell-offs incurred the week before. After setting records for NASDAQ daily gains Monday and Tuesday, the markets sputtered toward the holiday weekend.

Driven by the new economy of e-commerce, the NASDAQ lost more than 25 percent of its value that week, said a representative from a Philadelphia Investment firm.

Sabrina Folkes, of Bear Sterns and Co., said the office received more phone calls than normal from worried investors. However, beginning Monday, the number of calls has slowed.

"I usually leave right around five on Fridays," she said, "but last week I stayed an extra hour."

She said last week's losses totaled more than $2 trillion, but fears have calmed, allowing the atmosphere in the office to settle down.

"We're still waiting this out," she said. "But we're not terribly worried — just cautious."

Despite the gains, the e-commerce-heavy NASDAQ has come under increased scrutiny, economics professor Jeff Miller said.

"One detects in the news that people are looking at the market somewhat differently than they did in the past," he said.

He said he believes Wall Street has lost some of the optimism that fueled NASDAQ's boom over the past year. Analysts have assumed a more critical view when judging the reliability of many e-stocks, but he said a real answer is hard to produce.

Due to the youth of the Internet industry in comparison to many of the older companies on the Dow, Miller said it is nearly impossible to predict financial security.

"The world is changing so quickly," he said. "There's a tremendous amount of uncertainty."

The mood can change quickly, he said, adding that attitudes toward the market could shift on a whim.

This instability characterizing the professional outlook on the markets resembles the past, Miller said.

"There were some fluctuations in the market prior to the crash of 1929," he said.

This uncertainty evokes one of several similarities between today's economy and the economic world weeks before the crash of 1929.

Prior to Black Friday, the U.S. economy was booming, Miller said, as is the case with the current economic setting. Both of these economies' growths stemmed from the appearance of new technologies, which suffered some of the biggest hits last week.

Miller said the expansion of electrical networks in the '20s and the new medium of radio attracted many investors. Still in its infancy, companies like RCA promised future potential though it was impossible to evaluate.

"People could see the future [in these companies]," Miller said. "People would see it had tremendous potential, but it was hard to judge their prosperity."

Prior to the Great Depression, segments of the population who had never before explored the stock market began to discover it, he said. Less than one decade after they received sovereignty, women began forming clubs designed to help them invest.

One of Miller's favorite quotes from that era illustrates the trepidation established investors felt toward the growing number of newcomers.

"When his barber or show shiner started investing, he said he knew it was time to get out," he said. "Some were not as informed."

Miller said a similar situation exists today as growing numbers of the youth and elderly are investing.

"Today, some are not as informed," he said.

The Internet may be one of the culprits of investor ignorance inflating prices, because it allows people to purchase stocks on-line with little or no professional guidance.

"These are not simple, straight-forward things," Miller said, referring to speculation in the market."

Folkes said these are not the typical investors that she works with, and that might cause them to play the markets unwisely.

"There definitely is the potential for making decisions that to me are obviously not good," Folkes said. "But what can we do about it?"

Crashes are difficult to predict. No one foresaw the 1929 crash, Miller said, "which makes it all the more frightening."

THE REVIEW/ Christopher Bunn

Many investors are worried that recent fluctuations in the stock market might mean the American economy could soon go up in flames.

Thousands raised for Kenyan orphans

BY JEN LEMOS
City News Editor

A fund-raiser to benefit a Kenyan family pulled in $2,000 Wednesday night due to an overwhelming student response, art professor John Weiss said.

Weiss held his fourth annual fund-raiser for the three children of his former guide, Charles Muhia, who died of AIDS in 1996.

He stated in an e-mail message that he was pleased to see more than 100 students and community members participate in the raffle in Kirkbride Hall.

The event brought in almost $1,200, and another $800 was raised through bake sales and donations, Weiss said.

"Last night was a smash," he said. "It will keep the kids together for another year."

The most in-demand item at the fund-raiser, a Fender guitar signed by members of the Black Crowes, was awarded at the end of the program to a student who purchased a five-dollar raffle ticket.

Weiss said while he does not know the name of the winner, he was impressed by the student's reaction to receiving the guitar.

"All I know is that he bolted out of his seat like a rocket, grabbed the guitar and then was spontaneous enough to pretend to be a big rock star and to fake smashing the guitar," he said.

"It was fun and the perfect ending to a wonderful evening."

Other items awarded included numerous gift certificates to local businesses like Brewed Awakenings and Happy Harry's, cameras, photo equipment and CDs.

Weiss began the fund-raiser with a slide show of his photos from several years' worth of summer trips to Kenya.

The photos included shots of local wildlife, everyday village life and personal portraits of villagers like Francis the medicine man, a tribesman who earns a living by allowing tourists to photograph him.

"Charles, you have been a friend, a teacher, an adviser. You have been my eyes, my ears, my hero. You are as fine a friend as a man could have."

— excerpt from a letter art professor John Weiss wrote to his friend Charles Muhia

Other slides featured shots of Muhia's three children — Nancy, Edwin and George — in and around the home their father constructed on his own.

The compilation may eventually become a book titled "My Eyes are Your Eyes," Weiss said, a name inspired by the comments of a Kenyan elder.

Weiss told the audience that the event was dedicated to his former guide, adding he would always miss Muhia.

"We traveled together for six weeks," he said. "We shared hysterical, wonderful laughs. We shared intimate details about our lives. He became everything to me."

Weiss said his experiences visiting the Kenyan villages had always made him feel welcomed and appreciated.

"It was just the warmest feeling in the world to be so different and to be so loved," he said.

Junior Paola Espitia, who won a watercolor painting by university senior Tommy Blood, said she bought two raffle tickets to support Weiss.

"This is actually the third fund-raiser I've been to," she said. "The first time, it was just really incredible to come and see what a professor is so passionate about. I love seeing his work."

Senior Geoff Hecht, who won a gift certificate, said a photography instructor recommended he participate in the raffle.

"I heard it should be good," he said, "and I figured that I would come and check it out."

Weiss ended his presentation by reading a letter he wrote to Muhia before seeing the guide for the last time in 1996, praising his friend and comparing him to a member of his family.

"Charles, you have been a friend, a teacher, an adviser," he said. "You have been my eyes, my ears, my hero. You are as fine a friend as a man could have.

"If anyone asks me, I will always say that Charles and John are brothers."

THE REVIEW/ Scott McAllister

Art professor John Weiss held a fund-raiser Wednesday night for the orphaned children of his friend and Kenyan guide Charles Muhia. Muhia's picture is in the background.

Low-income taxpayers audited more often by IRS

BY JENNIFER KAIZEN
Staff Reporter

Taxpayers who crammed to file their returns by Monday's deadline may be relieved to learn that the Internal Revenue Service has decreased its audit rates to an all-time low.

However, those in low-income brackets may be thinking otherwise.

An analysis of tax records conducted by Syracuse University revealed that last year, for the first time, the IRS audited low-income individuals' tax returns more than those of high-income individuals'.

The IRS audited 1.36 percent of the tax returns filed by people who made less than $25,000 last year, in comparison with 1.15 percent of the tax returns filed by people who made $100,000 or more.

The statistics reveal that since 1988, the auditing of low-income tax returns has increased by one-third, while the auditing of high-income tax returns has decreased by 90 percent.

Researchers also found the same pattern occurred with companies.

Low-income businesses had a higher audit rate than their high-income counterparts. The IRS audited 2.69 percent of small companies making $25,000 to $100,000, while companies making over $100,000 had a 2.4 audit rate.

Don Roberts, an IRS spokesman, said although the research statistics published by the Transitional Records Access Clearinghouse were accurate, the data was incomplete and subject to misinterpretation.

"There is a story behind the numbers, a historical perspective, that the statistics do not tell," Roberts said.

The statistics reveal facts, but they lack certain reasons for their results. Roberts said the increase in low-income tax return auditing is due to various reasons uncovered in the TRAC report.

In a recent IRS compliance effort, taxpayers who failed to file appropriate forms when submitting their tax returns were placed in the lowest income category, Roberts said. Therefore, they unintentionally raised the audit rates of low-income filers.

Business professor Janis Reeder said educating taxpayers about the process might alleviate some of the mistakes found in tax returns.

"There is a story behind the numbers, a historical perspective, that the statistics do not tell."

— Don Roberts, an IRS spokesman, on the recent study

However, Reeder also said, "If they simplify the rules in the Earned Income Tax Credit area, maybe it would help."

In the last decade, Congress has directed concern at the growth of the filing of improper EITC returns.

The program, designed for low-income workers, usually with children, returns a portion of their tax money to them.

In response to congressional concerns, the IRS was required to take action, Roberts said.

It revised publications, publicity, materials and forms that explained the EITC to taxpayers. The IRS also held EITC Awareness and Problem Prevention Days to help taxpayers prepare their taxes correctly, increase the availability of walk-in assistance at their offices and provide toll-free assistance 24 hours per day.

"We try to increase the accuracy of the EITC claims," Roberts said. "We also try to make it easier for the taxpayers."

And, Roberts said, if the public looks at the statistics disregarding the EITC and the taxpayers who failed to file, the audit rates would reveal declines for all businesses and individuals.

"If you take the EITC out of the picture and take a look at what's remaining, you would see what is expected," Roberts said.

A considerable decline in the size of the IRS may also have had an effect on the audit rate. The current IRS staff, due to cutbacks, is 31 percent smaller than it was in 1988, he said.

Roberts said since there are fewer IRS employees, the tax auditing rate has plummeted.

The Discriminant Function System, a selection system that screens returns to locate those with the greatest number of errors, indicates that some states have different returns filed and more errors. The IRS then focuses examinations on districts that tend to have high error rates.

Delaware and Maryland constitute one of the IRS districts. Statistics from the TRAC show that in 1998, the number of returns audited in the two states' district equaled .42 percent of the returns filed.

Taxpayers with an income of $100,000 or more were audited at a rate of .5 percent of tax returns filed.

People with an income of $25,000 or less were audited at a rate of .38 percent of tax returns.

The IRS does not audit based on income level, Roberts said. It categorizes examinations for audits based on the characteristics of the return.

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If you have been arrested in the past- or are arrested this fall- don't panic. Whether you have had charges in the past, have charges pending now, or are arrested this spring, you have the right to legal representation. I served as Newark City Prosecutor for many years, and have for the last several years represented many students in the Delaware courts. If you have been arrested and have questions about your pending case, or your past arrest record- call. Thanks to the DUSC, you, your parents, or both, can consult with us by phone at no charge.

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Music, movies and video games still the same

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killing everyone in sight.

Earlier this month, however, a judge ruled that Leo's character's dream of carnage had had little to no affect on the behavior of Michael Carneal, a Kentucky teenager who was sentenced to life after firing upon a prayer group.

The Motion Picture Association of America, the body that determines all movie ratings, does not have hard directives in its evaluations, said Rich Taylor, an MPAA representative. Some things, however, seem to be understood.

"For instance, you would never see a sex scene, drug use or nudity in a G-rated movie," he said.

"[But] there are very loose guidelines in general."

Taylor also said the content allowed in movies differs sometimes, according to who is on the eight- to 13-person panel. He said the events in Colorado have crept into the board's critique.

"The people that comprise the panel are just regular people," he said.

"They're not locked in a room for 25 years," he said. "They read the newspaper and walk the streets too, so it obviously comes into play."

And though the ratings board may think twice about the nature of some films, Taylor said, filmmakers do not hesitate to continue to create edgy material.

VIDEO GAMES

Part of the media trio that has been pressured since Columbine and Kentucky video games.

The games targeted most frequently since the recent outbreak of violence were "Doom 2," a confessed favorite of Harris and Klebold, and "Mortal Combat," which has drawn attention in the past for its frank depiction of dismemberment and blood.

The Entertainment Software Ratings Board, which operates independently from the industry, rates only the games submitted to it.

THE REVIEW/ File Photo

Violence in the media has not decreased noticeably since the massacre at Columbine High School one year ago.

Once a game is received by the board, the ESRB doles out a rating on a scale similar to the MPAA's. Whether a game receives an EC (a game suited for a person 3 or older) or Mature (suitable for ages 17 or over) is based on the guidelines set by the board.

Even though "Mortal Kombat" and "Doom 2" themselves have not been reviewed, their respective sequels both garnered Mature ratings for "realistic violence" and "blood and gore."

After the first few chaotic months following the Columbine shooting, a huge public outcry slowly reverted to complacency.

The game industry has adopted the same philosophy as its media brethren — that while some of the responsibility lies on it, the bulk should be with the parents.

ONE YEAR LATER

As the images of the Columbine schoolyard shootings start to fade, the three industries move on.

Even though the triumvirate continues to produce controversial products, they will take into account of the violence in Arkansas, Kentucky and Colorado.

However, these violent incidents will not mean that the music, movies or video games will arrive in stores 100 percent free of questionable content.

While Obligation Inc. helps parents know what is in their kids music, Jim Metrock said he does not see it as the entire problem.

"Music doesn't necessarily make people violent," he said.

Rich Taylor said it is not the MPAA's policy to pre-emptively censor films, but to rather review what is submitted and make cuts when applicable.

"The filmmakers still have their First Amendment right to free speech," he said. "It's not our place to dictate what they put in their movies."

Area schools improve safety

BY CARLA CORREA
City News Editor

The Christina School District has implemented numerous safety measures in the past few years to curb school violence.

John Holton, public information officer for the district, said the precautions were not taken in the wake of the Columbine High School shootings, although policies were looked at after the incident.

"We have our own plan [for school safety] and we've been following it for years," he said. "When something like [Columbine] happens, we look at it and see if there's anything more we need to do."

Holton said schools are constantly studying safety issues and working with law enforcement officials to see if there are any new ideas they can implement.

One initiative taken this year is the mailing of letters to parents regarding bomb threats made to middle and high schools, he said.

This school year, he said, the district has had 10 arrests and five expulsions due to bomb threats.

"We don't call it children being children," Holton said. "We call it terroristic threatening."

During the past school year, the district has made it mandatory for intermediate- and high-school staff and students to visibly wear photo identification badges.

The schools also utilize video surveillance cameras, improved indoor and outdoor lighting, locked doors and hired security guards who patrol the campuses.

Students and staff can access student resource officers and uniformed police officers within the school if a problem arises.

Holton said the district has occasional public meetings for parents to update the community on how these safety precautions are curbing school violence.

He said, however, that many of the security measures cannot be made public.

"You don't necessarily talk about [the school's] security measures," Holton said, "because then they wouldn't be secure."

While security measures have changed in the last year, university students who graduated from area high schools said they remember precautions taken in their schools.

Glasgow High School alumna Janine Scherr, now a freshman at the university, said her school required students to wear identification tags and sign in when they were late.

"We don't call it children being children. We call it terroristic threatening."

— John Holton, public information officer for the Christina School District

"When I first started, we didn't have security guards or anything like that," she said. "Then during my senior year, we started having to wear tags around our necks with our names and pictures."

Scherr said she also noticed an increase in the number of security guards patrolling the campus. She said while the precautionary measures were sometimes annoying, she felt they were probably beneficial.

"Sometimes I thought wearing a picture around your neck was a real bother," she said. "But overall, they did a good job of trying to make it better."

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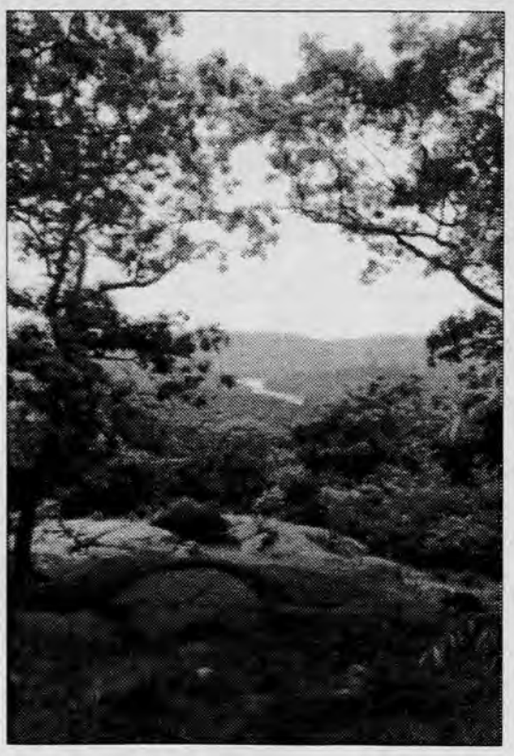

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New bill would require safety features for guns

BY AMANDA JONES
Staff Reporter

A new bill requiring mandatory safety features on guns was proposed to the Delaware Senate April 11.

The bill proposes that every gun sold or produced in the state beginning in January 2003 be required to have either trigger locks or "smart-gun" technology.

"Anything we can do to lower the deaths of minors is helpful."

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"Smart guns" may soon be able to read the fingerprints of the owner, operating only when it is in his hand.

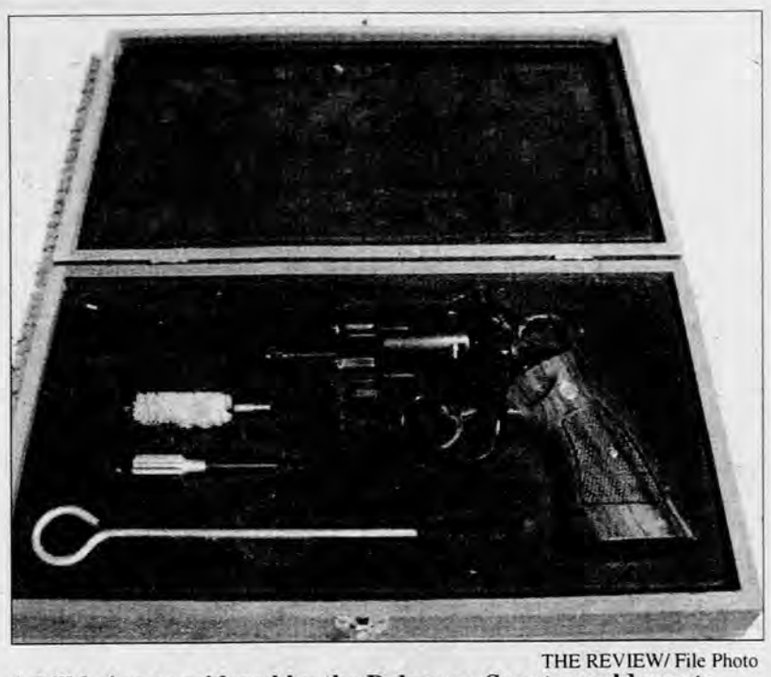
The bill, modeled after a new Maryland law, was introduced on the same day Maryland's legislation was signed.

The proposed bill would aid in eliminating accidental gun-related deaths and help decrease the number of crimes committed with stolen handguns, said Steve Tanzer, administrative assistant to the bill's sponsor, Sen. Robert Marshall, D-3rd District.

"Part of the purpose is to not have so many tragic accidental shootings and to prevent guns from getting into the wrong hands," Tanzer said.

Newark's state senator, Steve H. Amick, R-10th District, said he is in favor of any bill that attempts to ensure public gun safety.

"We need to do what we can to make sure household firearms are safe," he said.



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A bill being considered by the Delaware Senate could create more safeguards for handguns.

Delaware has not had much success in enacting gun-control legislation, Tanzer said, but Marshall is reasonably confident the bill will pass.

"If you look at Maryland and the similarities between our state and it, you see both states have strong opposition to gun control," he said. "But it passed in Maryland, so hopefully it will pass here in Delaware."

Sen. Dallas Winslow, R-4th District, said he supports the proposed gun-safety bill.

He said he feels the bill is an important tool in the attempt to battle the two largest killers of minors — guns and suicides.

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"In general, I don't see how I can vote against a gun-safety bill."

New endowed chair declared

Position will be the first for the College of Engineering

BY NOEL SARAH DIETRICH
Staff Reporter

Professor Stanley Sandler was named as the College of Engineering's first endowed chair, officials said last week.

"This position is honorific and is typically created when a donor decides to provide an endowment to assist a university in attracting and retaining the very best faculty members," said Provost Melvyn Schiavelli.

"Professor Sandler clearly qualifies as one of these by all standards."

Sandler said he joined the faculty in 1967 and has served as chairman of the department and Interim Dean of the College of Engineering.

The chair was created to memorialize the late Henry Belin du Pont, a former chairman of the engineering committee.

Sandler will be allowed an annual stipend based on the university's endowment income to benefit his research and teaching in the engineering department, Schiavelli said.

"I will now have discretionary money available that will give me some degree of freedom — independent of departmental and grant funds," he said.

"This will allow me to pursue new ideas in teaching and research, to make needed purchases of research equipment and to provide some financial support for the undergraduate and graduate students in my research group."

Sandler said the financial benefits of this honor came at a very opportune time for him.

"The day I learned about the endowed professorship was also the day the computer monitor used by one of my students failed," he said. "As a result of the endowment, I was able to replace the monitor immediately."

Sandler is the author or editor of 10 books and more than 250 research papers.

He said a lot of the research for these works involved assistance from his students, and he plans to use some of these funds to give more students the benefit of research experience.

Sandler said he has received a number of other honors, including the Francis Alison Award as an outstanding member of the university faculty and the American Chemical Society's Murphree Award.

Besides university work, Sandler said, he has also done research for the government on the safe destruction of the large amount of dangerous chemical weapons the United States has in storage.

"I'm probably the only person you've ever known who has worn a respirator on his back and gone into bunkers containing rockets filled with Sarin [a poisonous gas], carrying an auto-inject antidote pack," he said.

Sandler said he had no idea he was being considered by the administration for this honor and was pleasantly surprised by his selection

"I've been extremely lucky the university has provided me with such a good environment and opportunities like this one for my work," he said.

Sandler said he hopes the administration continues to use its funds to honor other faculty members this way.

"It is a great honor to have been awarded an endowed chair, especially the first in the College of Engineering," he said.

"I hope it is the first of several in the college since there are a number of excellent scholars and teachers in all of the departments in our college."

SLTV makes way for parking garage

BY JESSICA R. PACKER
Staff Reporter

The rapidly approaching end of the semester means big changes for Student Life Television, which is Channel 49 on university cable.

Once the semester is over, SLTV will be forced to move out of their current location, a house on Academy Street, and into a new Pearson Hall location.

The move is a result of the December 1999 approval of a two-story office building and attached three-tier parking garage just south of Perkins Student Center. Construction is set to begin immediately following the end of the semester and requires the destruction of all of the university offices on the south end of Academy Street.

"We've known we were going to have to move since last summer," said Chris Quinn, SLTV's general manager. "But it's been excruciating to try to find out where we're moving to."

Until last month, SLTV's new location was uncertain. Quinn said attempting to attain concrete information concerning the station's whereabouts for next semester was not a small feat.

"It was really frustrating trying to find out [where we were moving to], and everyone was telling us 'Yeah, you're probably going there, but no, we're not sure,' " he said.

The university television station was finally told it would be occupying a new studio in Pearson Hall, north of their current location, Quinn said.

However, he said, the station manager's office, the tape library and the editing space needed by SLTV will be located in Perkins Student Center indefinitely.

Quinn said the split between the two locations will be bothersome.

"We're going to have to run between Perkins and Pearson any time we want to do anything," he said.

Quinn also said that members of SLTV are concerned about the duration of the station's dual locations.

"We don't want to end up being in Perkins and then have somebody say 'Well, they've been doing fine for this long, so they can just stay there,' " he said.

Marilyn Prime, director of the Student Centers, said she thinks the dual location will not be permanent.

"We would prefer not to have pieces of the SLTV operation separated, but we may have to do that for a while," she said. "My vision is that this is only temporary until we can get it all together.

She said she understands the concerns of the station's staff but said this is a precautionary measure in case construction takes longer than expected.

"We needed to set up something just in case that happened," she said.

Quinn said a good alternative to the problem is an adjoining room to the studio in Pearson, which is currently occupied by the College of Arts and Science.

If SLTV does obtain the room next to the studio in Pearson, Quinn said, the station's workers will be pleased.

"If we do get that room next door, that would be wonderful," Quinn said. "It'll be our own little professional studio."

Chuck Tarver, assistant director of the Student Centers, said it is a possibility that SLTV will be allowed to move into the adjoining room.

"This is something that may come down the pike," he said. "But we don't know if that's six months down the road or two and a half years down the road.

"It has been talked about, but it hasn't been finalized."

In the meantime, however, Quinn said he believes it is solely up to the members of SLTV to move the thousands of dollars of heavy equipment to their new locations.

"I think it's going to be up to us to get everything out of here," Quinn said. "People are ready for us to move, and they're going to groundbreak as soon as we're out of here."

Although the move will undoubtedly be a huge job, Quinn said, he is confident in SLTV's abilities and looks forward to the exercise.

"The move is big, but we can do it," he said. "It'll be good for us."

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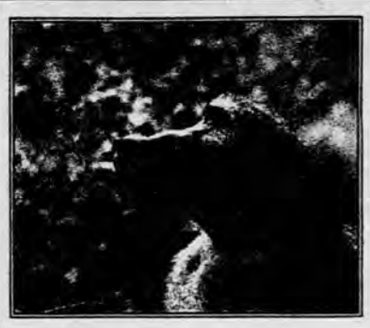

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Teen pregnancy rates drop in Del.

BY ANDREA BENVENUTO
Staff Reporter

Delaware's teen-age pregnancy rate has decreased slightly in the past five years but is still higher than the national average, Gov. Thomas R. Carper announced Friday.

Between 1994 and 1998, the national average of live birth rates for women ages 15 to 19 was 54.4 per 1,000.

Delaware's average during the same time span was 57.1 per 1,000, according to the Delaware Health Statistics Center.

However, from 1995 to 1999, Delaware's average decreased to 56.2 per 1,000.

The national statistics for the period were not available.

Cynthia Collier, Delaware State Health Department spokeswoman, said it is more reliable to do a five-year average than to compare statistics from year to year.

She said teen-age pregnancy rates for Delaware are slightly higher because rates are high in two areas — Sussex County and Wilmington.

But the rest of the state is so small that it doesn't offset the high rates of the two areas.

Jim Smith, Carper's deputy press secretary, said it has always been one of the governor's top priorities to reduce the number of teen-age pregnancies.

He said Carper believes that encouraging teen-agers to be responsible helps build strong communities and families.

"We want to encourage teens to have healthy lifestyles so we can have them become healthy and responsible adults," Smith said.

He said one of the plans Carper and state legislators have developed to promote such healthy lifestyles is the presence of wellness centers in high schools throughout the state.

Wellness centers are offices run by private healthcare providers that offer services such as preventive care, counseling, birth control and peer counseling to stop smoking.

Collier said the state, which has also worked with the Boys & Girls Club and churches, has budgeted a large amount of money to prevent teen pregnancy.

"We got $250,000 from the federal government," she said. "We used it for 20 full-time employees just to work on pregnancy prevention."

Dr. Joseph Siebold, director of Student Health Services at the university, said having a child as a teen-ager can be a serious challenge.

"There are some teen mothers who have been very successful in life," he said.

"But teen pregnancy has probably also impaired women from achieving their life goals as soon as they want to."

He said it's good to see a drop in teen-age pregnancy, even if it is a small one.

"Can you imagine trying to go to school and do everything right and be a mother at the same time?" he said.

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Teen Pregnancy by the numbers

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The school also plans to buy enough equipment so people attempting to log onto the network will never encounter another busy signal, he said.

The university's high ranking did not surprise professors.

Economics professor Charles Link said he utilizes Internet access as much as he can.

"I've always been pleased with the [university's] abilities to get to my Web site," he said.

"In fact, I teach all of my classes while using the Web."

The university participated in two previous Yahoo! Internet Life surveys in which it ranked 11th in 1998 and 35th in 1999.

Lyons said the style of the survey was much clearer this year.

"When you read the questions in previous years, you weren't sure what they were getting at," she said.

Chris Murphy, a systems planner in IT-User Services who submitted the actual survey, said the questions were more in-depth this year.

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Teen pregnancy rates drop in Del.

BY ANDREA BENVENUTO
Staff Reporter

Delaware's teen-age pregnancy rate has decreased slightly in the past five years but is still higher than the national average, Gov. Thomas R. Carper announced Friday.

Between 1994 and 1998, the national average of live birth rates for women ages 15 to 19 was 54.4 per 1,000.

Delaware's average during the same time span was 57.1 per 1,000, according to the Delaware Health Statistics Center.

However, from 1995 to 1999, Delaware's average decreased to 56.2 per 1,000.

The national statistics for the period were not available.

Cynthia Collier, Delaware State Health Department spokeswoman, said it is more reliable to do a five-year average than to compare statistics from year to year.

She said teen-age pregnancy rates for Delaware are slightly higher because rates are high in two areas — Sussex County and Wilmington.

But the rest of the state is so small that it doesn't offset the high rates of the two areas.

Jim Smith, Carper's deputy press secretary, said it has always been one of the governor's top priorities to reduce the number of teen-age pregnancies.

He said Carper believes that encouraging teen-agers to be responsible helps build strong communities and families.

"We want to encourage teens to have healthy lifestyles so we can have them become healthy and responsible adults," Smith said.

He said one of the plans Carper and state legislators have developed to promote such healthy lifestyles is the presence of wellness centers in high schools throughout the state.

Wellness centers are offices run by private healthcare providers that offer services such as preventive care, counseling, birth control and peer counseling to stop smoking.

Collier said the state, which has also worked with the Boys & Girls Club and churches, has budgeted a large amount of money to prevent teen pregnancy.

"We got $250,000 from the federal government," she said. "We used it for 20 full-time employees just to work on pregnancy prevention."

Dr. Joseph Siebold, director of Student Health Services at the university, said having a child as a teen-ager can be a serious challenge.

"There are some teen mothers who have been very successful in life," he said.

"But teen pregnancy has probably also impaired women from achieving their life goals as soon as they want to."

He said it's good to see a drop in teen-age pregnancy, even if it is a small one.

"Can you imagine trying to go to school and do everything right and be a mother at the same time?" he said.

"It's not a simple matter."

Teen Pregnancy by the numbers

Average number of live births for women ages 15 to 19 per 1,000 between 1994 and 1998:

United States — 54.4
Delaware — 57.1

Delaware's current rate, per 1,000:

56.2

University lauded for technological improvements

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network traffic down," Grim said.

The school also plans to buy enough equipment so people attempting to log onto the network will never encounter another busy signal, he said.

The university's high ranking did not surprise professors.

Economics professor Charles Link said he utilizes Internet access as much as he can.

"I've always been pleased with the [university's] abilities to get to my Web site," he said.

"In fact, I teach all of my classes while using the Web."

The university participated in two previous Yahoo! Internet Life surveys in which it ranked 11th in 1998 and 35th in 1999.

Lyons said the style of the survey was much clearer this year.

"When you read the questions in previous years, you weren't sure what they were getting at," she said.

Chris Murphy, a systems planner in IT-User Services who submitted the actual survey, said the questions were more in-depth this year.

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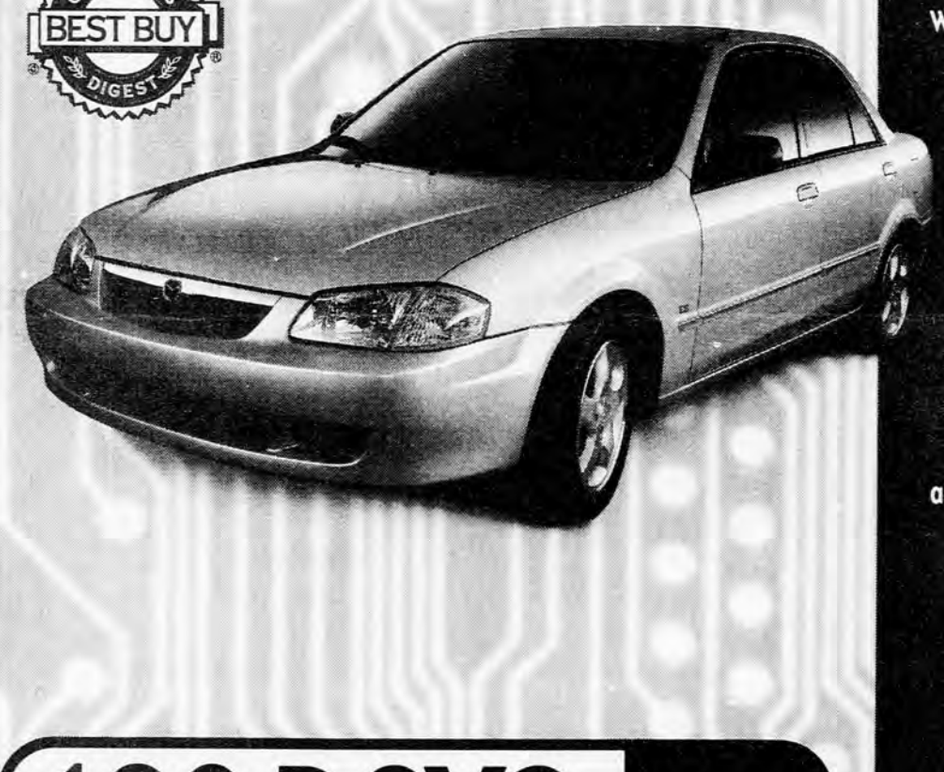

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Sorority sponsors self-defense seminar

BY BRANDT KENNA
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It is 10:00 p.m.

A lone woman is walking down Main Street.

She is suddenly tackled by a strange man.

What should she do?

The 200 women who attended the self-defense seminar in the Trabant University Center on Wednesday now know how to defend themselves in this and many other situations.

Six members of the Shaolin Wushu Kung-Fu Institute taught the women how to protect themselves in threatening circumstances.

The wide range of tasks performed at the seminar included finger strengthening, learning to locate pressure points and the importance of staying calm when presented with a crisis.

THE REVIEW/ Christopher Bunn

Members of the Alpha Chi Omega sorority attended a self-defense seminar Wednesday.

"I'm no longer as scared to walk around campus late at night."

— junior Kelly Dingman

The instructors demonstrated how poking someone in the eye, striking your finger to the throat or shoving your finger up the nose can be effective methods of self-defense.

Another suggestion they shared with the audience was how a woman can dislocate an attacker's ear by exerting only seven pounds of pressure.

The instructors also related the proper way to pull hair — spread your fingers and grab it by the roots.

Junior Melissa Uhniat, president of the Alpha Chi Omega sorority, which sponsored the event, said it was originally planned for members only.

She said the group felt a need to open the event to the entire Greek community because violence is so prevalent.

"[Alpha Chi Omega] is trying to promote well-being, not only in Greek life but within the university as well," Uhniat said.

The instructors said it was important to know how to handle any situation.

Junior Devon Taylor, a member of Alpha Chi Omega, said she thought the seminar was a great way to educate women on the importance of knowing how to protect themselves.

Other attendees said they felt the program made them feel safer at the university.

Sorority member Kelly Dingman, a junior, said, "I'm no longer as scared to walk around campus late at night."

Speaker sheds light on witches

BY DANIELLE ULMAN
Staff Reporter

On a blustery Tuesday afternoon, students tumbled into Gore Hall to hear a speaker examine the links between historical witches and the witches of Shakespeare's "Macbeth."

Lawrence Normand, of Middlesex University in London, used historical documents and the text of the play to illustrate the characteristics of "Macbeth's" witches, as compared to witches of early modern times.

While waiting for the lecture to begin, Lois Potter, an English professor and long-time friend of the speaker, asked the nearly 20 graduate and undergraduate students in the audience to introduce themselves. Many seemed to know each other.

Following student introductions, Normand laid the groundwork for his discussion of witchcraft.

"Witchcraft is always involved with fiction because it is a work of the imagination," he said.

Witchcraft is difficult to study, he said, because the accusers and not the accused wrote most of the historical documents.

Normand then drew a picture of the typical "witch," according to historical documents including legal records, a propaganda pamphlet titled "News from Scotland" and testimonial accounts of witches put on trial in the 1590s.

Normand said some factors were common among the cases.

Accused witches would normally be people — men as well as women — in an unusual state of mind who might have been seeking revenge against someone in the community. They might have spoken about meeting with the devil or even forming a pact with him. Sometimes, things they spoke of later came true.

Then Normand began to compare this portrait of witches with those depicted in "Macbeth," saying the play strayed from reality in several ways.

Normand said it is hard to tell if the witches in "Macbeth" are true to the historic version because the play does not take place in a village scenario.

"Traditional witches are village women who are concerned with people in their villages," he said.

"But these witches [in 'Macbeth'] are not seen in the context of a village."

The witches, or "weird sisters," as they are often referred to in the play, are also never seen making a pact with the devil, which was essential in the role of witches in the late 16th century.

As the students looked up from their notebooks after the speech, Potter said, "Well, we all seem to be under a spell."

Normand's speech was sponsored by the Medieval Renaissance Colloquium, which organizes bi-weekly lectures.

Potter said she was pleased with the turnout, considering the number of students who attend lectures is generally low.

"There really isn't a strong tradition here at the university of undergraduate students attending lectures like these unless it is compulsory," she said.

Freshman Allison Vert said she went to the lecture because she enjoyed "Macbeth" and thought it might be interesting to see how the real history of witchcraft would relate.

"My high-school English teacher always said to go to see speakers if we were mildly interested in the theme," she said.

"It's free learning."

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One year later . . .

Last year, the nation was frightened by the unimaginable tragedy that occurred at Columbine High School in Littleton, Col.

For days the world watched the fear-ridden faces of the young students as they relived the same scene over and over again.

The fear of violence shook our country.

The public outcry rose as parents and others lobbied against violent video games, music and TV.

But who is to blame for young people killing other young people?

Is it the media? Big companies? The music industry?

Should the chief executive officer of a popular recording company be responsible for these teens acting out in violence because of a bloody video game they played?

No.

The responsibility lies in the hands of the parents, guardians and teachers who have direct contact with these children every day.

They need to know the kids they have raised well enough to recognize where their limits lie.

If a child likes to kill small animals for fun, this is a warning sign that he has the potential to grow up to be a psychotic murderer.

However, if a child knows that playing a video game and shooting people on the TV screen is different than killing people in real life, the parents are doing a good job.

Teachers — help your students understand the difference between right and wrong. Show them. Be an example for them. Support them.

Review This: Adults who care for children need to take responsibility for the actions of them instead of blaming the media.

And parents and guardians, you are responsible for raising the best children to run the country when you are too old to walk.

Please spend as much time with your kids as possible. Take the time to find out about their friends and their lives.

Revamp your priorities so your children come first.

And stop blaming videos, TV and music.

If you know your child well enough, you will know what they are capable of handling and what you need to discuss with them.

Because a violent video game can not dictate a child's actions.

Only real people can do that.

An insult to feminism

Annabel Chong, a 22-year-old porn star, set a record when she engaged in sexual intercourse with 251 men in 10 hours.

And this is good ... why?

She calls this gang-bang an act of rebellion against the "good girl" image she grew up with.

She also claimed she was robbed and gang-raped by 250 men in one incident while attending college in London.

There could be a psychological connection between these two incidents, but we are not in her head and will never know.

Chong uses feminist theories to claim she is breaking sexual stereotypes in an attempt to recapture the reverence sex once held.

In reality, she is hiding behind the mask of feminism to conceal her own craziness.

This woman has problems and needs professional help.

Chong is hypocritical in her beliefs. She is not being liberated by allowing 250 men to penetrate her.

She is merely an object for these men.

All pornography objectifies women, and this is the most extreme of cases.

Review This: Annabel Chong wrongfully uses feminism as a tool when claiming she slept with 250 men for liberating reasons.

Chong argues that there is no difference in having sex with one man for 10 hours and having sex with 251 men for 10 hours.

Yeah, there is.

For example, diseases. Yes, diseases can be spread throughout all of these men.

And pain. Chong claimed she was in an immense amount of pain after the gang-bang.

You think? She was used as a masturbatory tool for 250 men.

Chong's record has since been broken three times. The current record holder has had sex with 620 men in six hours.

Nice precedent to set.

Get help, Chong. Now.

THE REVIEW / Deji Olagunju

Letters to the Editor

The university is a beautiful place to be — with or without the construction

First of all, I am not a wealthy New Jersey or Long Island student, but I find the statement Paul Mathews made in the April 18 issue of The Review ("The university needs more work than just construction") offensive.

Mathews made assumptions about the student body that are completely out of line.

Second, the construction makes this campus a nice place to live for students who live on-campus.

My guess is that Mathews may live off campus, and it wouldn't really affect him as much.

He said that the construction does not make the campus or university better.

I disagree with that statement. If the campus is more attractive, then more high-school students will apply, which results in a more competitive application process.

In the long term, this makes the quality of students that attend the university smarter and stronger.

As for the diversity of students — while I think there should be a larger variety of students on campus, no one forced Mathews to come here, did they?

Finally, as for the state-of-the-art technology in classes, I think this is a great idea. However they should be supplemented with professors receiving training in usage of these materials.

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Props for Gallagher, thumbs down for Callaway

I think serious commendation ought to be given to Shaun Gallagher for his editorial on abortion in the April 18 issue of The Review.

His manner was well versed and clearly thought out.

His research seems to have been extensive, and the logic he uses to spell out the evils and hypocrisies of abortion are impeccable.

Gallagher's argument is valid and sound in reason.

My problem lies in Callaway's unresearched and purely personal ramblings.

My suggestion to Callaway — read over your column and try to count its flaws on all your fingers.

You will find that you need a couple of more hands

Let me offer mine.

You make the ludicrous suggestion that all pro-lifers ought to adopt the unwanted children so as to save them from a life of poverty.

Are you aware that the waiting list to adopt newborn babies is years long?

Couples that find it physically impossible to bear offspring cry themselves to sleep knowing that millions of babies — the babies they can't have — are being thrown into Dumpsters.

And yes, Callaway, pro-lifers donate millions of dollars per year to support natural family planning clinics and underprivileged mothers.

And yes, Callaway, boycotting does make a political point — you of all people should know this (isn't it you who so adamantly boycotts the entire realm of sports?)

The only truth in your article lies in the statement that, "It's her uterus," but what you forget is that if it were the child's choice, I'm sure the baby would say, "Yes, I want to be born."

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The Review's filler ad offended an anonymous student who is no longer anonymous

I'm seriously offended by your filler ad at the bottom of the Editorial page in the April 18 issue of The Review.

I wrote a letter on the gun control issue, which the editorial editors so cleverly titled "If spandex is banned on campus, guns should be too."

I like the title but the filler ad at the bottom of the page read:

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Now I know the editorial editors had good intentions when they wrote this, but let's think about it here. There are several reasons that a person would want to keep his name out of the student paper.

First of all, you could be ashamed of what you wrote. Second, you could be adverse to others seeing your (possibly inflammatory) opinion and singling you out for criticism.

And third, you could be employed by the Trabant University Center as a building supervisor, in which case anything you say, even as a student, can be connected with your employment.

For example, if you write something that a lot of alumni disagree with, they write letters to the president, and somehow it gets back down to you as a university employee.

Normally, I'd say this was bullshit, but a fellow supervisor was placed in exactly the same situation and severely reprimanded for voicing his opinion.

Like it or not, he is an employee of the university, and his opinions can reflect upon his employer.

I hate the situation, but there's nothing I can do about it.

And yet I still found it necessary to write a letter to The Review about the gun control issue, even though I had to withhold my name from my opinion.

I had the guts to do it, but my e-mail was all I could allow because I figured that way I was not blindly attacking anyone's position without giving them a chance to speak with me about it.

After all, an e-mail address serves as a name, and as any student knows, one can type "finger fetch" into copland and find out my name easily enough.

All I needed to do was keep certain authority figures from noticing me at a cursory glance, and saying "Hey, doesn't he work for me?"

The point is, I acted as I had to, and I feel that The Review owes me an apology for indirectly lashing out at my psuedo-anonymous opinion.

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Students need to look past drinking and find other recreational activities to fill their time

I am writing in response to Brenda Mayrack's column in the April 14 issue of The Review ("Administrators can't change the fact that drinking is fun").

My question to Mayrack and those who agree with her "drinking is fun" mentality is: Are you capable of having fun without drinking?

It appeared from her editorial that the answer is "no" — drinking is the only way to have a good time.

If that's true, I really feel sorry for her — it's pretty lame when people can only enjoy themselves when they're wasted.

However, I do agree with Mayrack on one point — the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has taken the wrong approach to changing the university's social atmosphere.

Instead of just making punishments more stringent, they should have invested in offering more options for social events.

There is very little variety in the university's social scene — if you're not going to a fraternity party or the bars, there's not much else to do.

It's time for UD to have a new social scene that gives students more options for ways to have a good time.

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When it's not Mister Rogers living next door

Sex offenders gave up certain rights when they committed their crimes

Jen Lemos

Lemos Lane

In July 1994, 7-year-old Megan Kanka was raped and killed, allegedly by a previously convicted sex offender who lived across the street.

No one told the Kankas that their child was in danger. No one in the community knew their neighbor was a repeat sex offender.

After the murder, "Megan's Law" was enacted and eventually signed by President Bill Clinton.

The legislation set up a system of notifying police and neighboring residents when a convicted sex offender was released or moved into a new community — and it seemed to serve its purpose.

It's too bad we couldn't have left it at that.

Now federal appellate judge Dolores Sloviter has ordered a freeze on Megan's Law.

Apparently, this time will be used to make sure the practice of requiring sex offenders to register with police and residents is fair to everyone.

But it's not the rights of the neighbors they're talking about, or the rights of the children who may be in danger.

It's the rights of the sex offenders.

This strikes me as being slightly ludicrous.

I will admit that those people convicted of violent sexual acts against children theoretically have the right to privacy of every other American citizen.

And while I realize that they may have done their time and attoned for their sins, sex offenders aren't being deprived of their rights under Megan's Law.

In my opinion, they gave up their right to privacy when they committed their crimes.

If people commit a violent act knowing perfectly well that they are hurting another human being, they deserve to live with the consequences.

Fairness has become too great an issue.

Is it really fair that we worry about safeguarding the criminal histories of those who may obviously pose a threat to our communities?

I find the entire situation to be a little silly.

First they enacted the law, which, looking back, I think is fine.

It's a three-tiered system: first, offenders who are released or move register with local police.

Then, if their crimes were heinous enough, groups or community members are notified.

The third tier allows the commitment of mentally ill and violent sex offenders to mental hospitals.

Offenders are also classified as low-, moderate- or high-risk, and area residents are involved based on these rankings.

Everyone is notified of high-risk offenders, schools and daycare centers learn of moderates, and police determine who learns of those who rank lowest.

The system works fine for me. My only complaint is that maybe everyone should be notified of every offender, rather than using a ranking method.

But now federal courts are rehashing battles that were fought years ago over the rights of the convicted.

Critics have always argued the right to privacy on the part of the offenders. Those who uphold the legislation have always responded that the right to a child's safety takes precedence.

The original judge who demanded to look into the law, U.S. District Judge Joseph Irenas, was sharp enough to realize that Megan's Law is a reasonable system.

Irenas never asked to temporarily suspend the system while he investigated the law, making Sloviter the first judge to do so.

So, for the sake of criminals' right to privacy, she has effectively suspended a law that protects one of the most valuable resources of the country — its children.

This makes me wonder what the family of Megan Kanka has to say about the freeze on Megan's Law, or the families of the many other children who have been the victims of similar crimes.

Maybe it is necessary to determine if our treatment of sex offenders is constitutional and ethical.

But, in the meantime, the potential Megan Kankas of the world aren't any better off.

How long will it take for Sloviter to look into the fairness of the law?

Weeks? Months?

Isn't that enough time for a sex offender to be released from prison and move into a new neighborhood without having any obligation to report to police?

If one child is harmed as an indirect result of this freeze, I will be even more disillusioned with the American judicial system.

Megan's Law needs to stay as it is. It's fair. It performs its purpose well. It provides at least some comfort to concerned citizens.

In a perfect world, there would be no victims of violent sex crimes and no offenders to worry about.

Until then, we have to keep fighting to protect our communities and our children, regardless of whether critics say we are being unfair to sex offenders.

One child's life is worth the battle.

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A person's penalty does not carry on after his time has been served

Liz Johnson

Punky's Dilemma

Nearly six years ago, a 7-year-old child was killed in a horrifying and brutal manner.

Megan Kanka, who lived in a quiet New Jersey suburb, was raped and murdered by Jesse Timmendequas, a man who lived across the street from her.

Timmendequas was a previously convicted sex offender.

Megan's story elicited national attention, and eventually, legislation known as "Megan's Law" was signed into effect.

The law requires that police and residents be notified when a high-risk sexual offender — or "predator," as they are often called — completes his sentence and moves into a neighborhood.

The basis for Megan's Law was as simple as this — Timmendequas had been previously convicted for sex offenses. If the Kankas had known this, presumably they would have kept a closer eye on him, and Megan would still be alive today, a 13-year-old young woman.

But in the years since Megan's Law has been enacted, a virtual firestorm of debate has descended upon the legislation, which seemed so innocuous at first.

And, in the most recent development, a federal appellate judge has ordered a freeze on Megan's Law. The freeze is so that legal experts will have time to assess the constitutionality of the law.

It couldn't have happened sooner.

Now, believe me, this is one of the hardest things I have ever committed to print.

I find myself in the absolutely unenviable position of defending people like Timmendequas, whom, quite frankly, I consider to be pieces of filth.

Nevertheless, like it or not, he is a citizen, and he deserves to have the same rights as any other.

The last time I looked, constitutional guarantees were made to everyone, not just all the law-abiding citizens.

Once a sex offender has done his time in prison, he returns to the streets as free as any other person, assuming thay he checks in with his parole officer.

Notifying people in the neighborhood of his status as a sex offender goes completely against everything in our legal system.

A person's penalty does not carry on after the proper amount of time is served. Any additional penalties tacked on after a prison term seem, to me, to be a form of unusual punishment.

I know why people are fighting so hard to keep Megan's Law in place.

I can't imagine what it would be like to be the mother of a child who was raped and murdered by a sex offender, especially if I thought I could have helped prevent it.

I have nothing but compassion for the Kankas and any other family that has ever gone through a similar situation.

But just because I feel badly for them doesn't mean I am willing to suspend the Constitution for them.

Think about it for a minute.

Convicted murderers, once they are out of prison, check in with their parole officers, then go on their way.

If they move into a residential area, their neighbors aren't notified of their criminal history.

The same holds true for every other person with a criminal history who is released from prison after serving a sentence — except for sex offenders.

And that simply is not right.

There are only two ways around this — either notify everyone when any person with a criminal past moves into their neighborhood, or notify no one in any circumstance.

Sex offenders, no matter how heinous the crime, are no different, conceptually, then any other convicted criminal.

They shouldn't be held to different standards.

To do so is a complete rejection of all the fairness that is built into our legal system.

I have no doubt that more children will be at a higher risk of being harmed if Megan's Law is struck down.

I also have no doubt that if there were a similar law for murderers, the murder rate nationwide would drop.

But it can only be all or nothing — sex offenders aren't the only criminals who have committed heinous and unforgivable acts.

All of that said, I find them absolutely vile.

I hope that some of their cellmates in prison give them what they so richly deserve.

But all of that ends the minute they walk out of prison, having served their terms.

Sad as it is, even pieces of filth like Timmendequas still have rights.

But I hope Megan haunts his dreams every night and makes his life a living hell.

She can. We can't.

It's not our right.

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Start cleaning up the act in residence hall bathrooms

Jack Ferrao

The Real Deal

There is a pivotal point in all of our lives that we may have forgotten about.

On this day, you never made Mom and Dad prouder. In fact, they were so proud of your accomplishment they probably told every one of their friends, family members and co-workers for weeks.

Although all of us reached this day at different times of our lives, it was still a time that needed to be celebrated by all, and it deserved the utmost honor.

No. I'm not talking about the day you learned to read or the day you spouted out your first words.

This turning point in our lives was the day we learned how to aim our wee-wee into Mr. Potty.

From this point on, we never needed to wear diapers or put rubber sheets on our beds. We still may have had the occasional bed-wetting accident, but it was OK because we could use the bathrooms ourselves. I even remember my friend Joe peeing in his pants in the first grade — but hey, we're not all perfect.

Even though we had a few mistakes controlling our bodily functions in the beginning, we eventually got it right — or so I thought.

One might think that after 20 years of using a toilet, we would become perfectionists in the bathroom.

Well, freshman year came around, and all of us living in the residence halls had to share the bathrooms.

It was pretty straightforward. Three toilets, three sinks and two showers. At least that's how it was in Dickinson.

After the first floor meeting, all the guys on the floor decided that the middle stall would be for urinating, and the side stall would be used for our, well, bowel movements. I don't know how the girls worked it out, but this is how it's been all my years for the men's room on campus.

Now doesn't this seem like an easy rule to live by?

Basically, if we wanted to urinate all over the seat in the middle stall, it was cool because no one was going to sit on it.

Everyone practiced the rule for about the first week of classes, and it was all downhill from then.

Now, three years later, sometimes the middle stall is occupied and you just can't hold it. So, naturally it's all right to use the other stalls. Just be careful.

Well, too many people have been have been using those other stalls to urinate in, and their aim isn't so great. There's nothing worse than sitting in pee. Now I know where our moms, sisters and girlfriends are coming from when they yell at us for hitting the seat.

I walked into the bathroom one morning to find that, not only was there puke all over the toilet, but another brown substance on the floor that seemed really out of place.

I've done it probably as much as the next person, so who am I to complain about it?

But the problem is much worse than just urine on a toilet seat.

About a month ago, I walked into the bathroom one morning to find that, not only was there puke all over the toilet, but another brown substance on the floor that seemed really out of place.

I was talking to one of my friends who lives on my current floor, and he told me the whole story in gory details.

Basically, one student was so drunk that while he was puking in the middle stall, he managed to shit himself at the same time.

I was always told that this was an impossibility — puking and crapping at the same time. Well, this kid disproved that theory.

We are in college, people! This kind of problem shouldn't be happening anymore. It shouldn't have happened for years. We're not three years old anymore.

Obviously, if this didn't happen in my dorm bathroom, I would probably have been the first one to laugh. I probably would have peed in my pants from laughing so hard — no pun intended.

But it did happen in my bathroom.

I can only imagine how much that little incident cost the floor in maintenance fees. Too bad the janitors don't see a penny of that money because Lord knows they earned it.

Basically, I feel as though we should clean up our bathroom act. I don't what it's like in the little ladies' room, but hopefully it's not as bad as it is in the little boys' room.

Are we that uncivilized as college students that we forgot how to use the toilet?

Maybe we should be forced to wear diapers again. They have Depends for the elderly — maybe they can market something for college students.

Being that the bathrooms are cleaned almost every day, they somehow become contaminated with feces, and God knows what else, by the end of the day.

Imagine if they were only cleaned once per week, like how it is at home.

I know there are a lot of people using these bathrooms with inadequate numbers of facilities, but try to make the best of it.

My friend, who goes to Stockton College in southern New Jersey, told me they have to clean the bathrooms themselves. Maybe the university should follow Stockton's example.

Be a man and clean up the mess if you puke all over the floor. Don't make your floormates pay extra because in your drunken stupor you couldn't find the can.

The next time you see your janitors in your hallway, make sure you thank them. Otherwise, we'd be living like animals in a cage of their own waste.

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A shout out to your 'peeps'

THE REVIEW / Photos by Mike Louie
Filling grocery and Easter baskets alike, candy is creme-filled egg-celence. Just watch out for "yellow tongue."

Holiday munchies change colors with the season

BY AMY CONVER
Assistant Features Editor

Nothing says Easter like such mouth-watering, cavity-inducing treats as sugary Marshmallow Peeps, assorted jellybeans, Cadbury's Creme Eggs and hollow, chocolate bunnies with sugar eyes.

But as all tots eventually grow and mature, so does their beloved Easter candy.

This year, though plenty of old favorites still remain in candy aisles, numerous changes have been made to some popular brands.

John and Benjamin Cadbury's classic creme egg now has a caramel and fudge-filled cousin.

"I had no idea that such flavors were available," junior Bob Crane says. "I'm so out of the loop."

Crane, a fan of Peeps' pink marshmallow bunnies, says he equates the gooey Peeps with Easter, since they always filled his childhood Easter baskets.

But, Crane says, Peeps' new lavender and blue colors are not for him.

Senior Matt Bodnarchuk, a lover of Peeps' yellow chicks, agrees with Crane's traditional mindset.

"The chicks have to be yellow," he says. "That's what I always had as a kid. Yellow chicks are classic."

Peeps, which he says give him a sugar rush, are also a favorite of freshman Kelly Ross.

Ross says she likes her Peeps best when they are stale or frozen and she sometimes eats them in place of a meal.

"I don't like the new colors because they turn your mouth colors," she says. "The pink and yellow do too, but it is not as noticeable."

New colors have also been seen in holiday packages of Oreos. Sky-blue filling has caused a few double takes as well as criticisms in the candy aisles.

Crane says that if he had the choice between white cream or blue, he would definitely choose the white filling.

"There's just something about blue," he says. "It's not a very appetizing color."

Communication professor Elizabeth Perse says novelty and scarcity affect these kinds of consumer purchases.

"People tend to pay attention to things that violate their expectations," she says. "That might be the reason differently colored Oreos might be bought, too — because they stand out from the rest of the cookies."

As for new flavors of Cadbury's Eggs, Perse says she thinks they will appeal to consumers who already like Cadbury chocolate, which has a good reputation.

Consumers notice Cadbury's commercials, Perse says.

"Clucking bunnies should attract attention because of their novelty," she says.

Scarcity plays a factor with Cadbury's products and the colored Oreos, she says, because people tend to take advantage of limited-time offers.

Even though most Easter candy is available throughout the year, Cadbury's Eggs, according to their Web site, are only delivered to establishments between January and Easter. They outsell every other confectionary item over this period.

According to marshmallowpeeps.com, a Web site filled with bopping chicks, the marshmallow products are available around Halloween in the shape of pumpkins, "spooky cats" and ghosts, and over Christmas as snowmen and trees.

Though available year-round, jellybeans — staples of Easter candy aisles — also have undergone some changes.

Spice-flavored jellybeans, as well as assorted packs with interesting flavors such as popcorn, can now be purchased.

"The popcorn jellybeans taste like crap," Crane says.

Love the new colors and tastes or hate them, this Easter, candy companies are still trying to please children of all ages.

Sex, lies and Easter candy

If you're scouring the Internet for the perfect candy to complete that special Easter basket, be a wary surfer — click on the wrong link and the evil Easter Bunny may send you to these places:

MARSHMALLOW PEEPS

People yearning for those cute yellow or blue birds composed of marshmallow may lead to such non-candy sites like Chez XX: peeps and destruction of peeps — "an exploration of Portland from an anarchist [lesbian]/pop-culture-enthusiast/mild-mannered secretary."

JELLYBEANS

Someone looking on the Net for a wholesale deal on these small, colorful, sugary staples of the holiday will be somewhat disappointed.

Instead, take heart and "Adopt a Bohemian," which gives a person a chance to adopt Mimi, Collins or a host of other virtual animals.

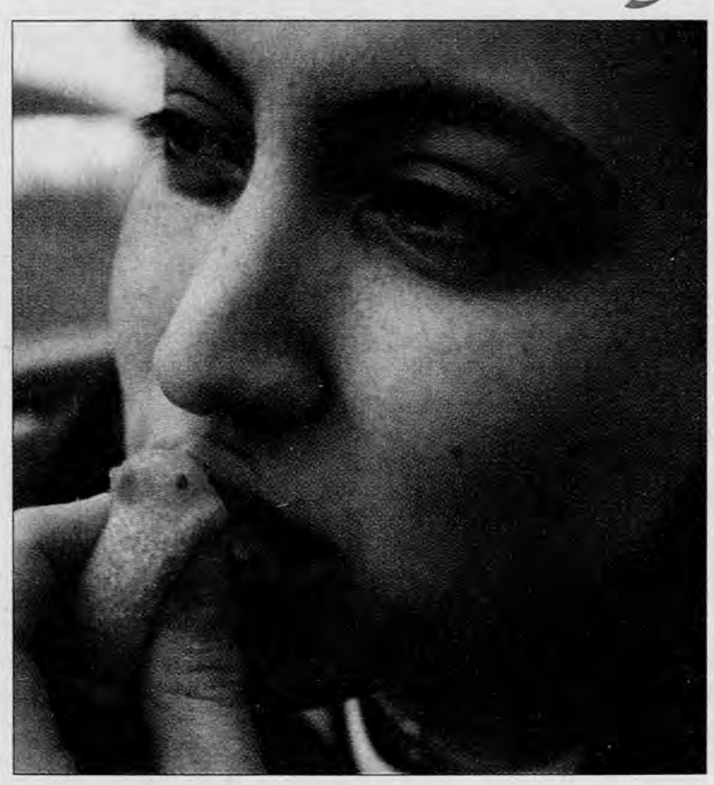
CHOCOLATE BUNNIES

These milky treats reward children at the end of Easter service. But in cyberspace, they are trying to corner another desire — sex.

Type in "chocolate bunnies" in the Yahoo search engine and you'll be transported to "Candy's Sweet Spot," which promises the boon of another kind of "sweetie."

Whether it be the need for chocolate, sex or the desire to become a parent figure, satisfaction is just a click away.

— Ben Penserga



Local band sets Newark on fire

BY CARLOS WALKUP
News Features Editor

People love "rags-to-riches" tales, and the politically outspoken hardcore band Boy Sets Fire is Newark's latest answer to this archetype.

After more than five years of well-received performances to a rather limited fan base, the Newark band has recently signed on with Victory Records. Its next album will be released on the 25th of this month.

Lead vocalist Nathan Gray says its hometown has been more than kind to the band through its rise to fame.

"If it weren't for the people in this area who supported us and believed in us, we'd be nowhere," Gray says.

"I think people always have a few problems with their hometown, but it's useless to bitch about it."

About the group's rise in popularity, Gray says Boy Sets Fire formed as an ambitious band.

Josh Latshaw and Chad Istvan — both current guitarists — founded the group with the intention of playing shows and making albums. And as soon as they picked up drummer Matt Krupanski and Gray, the posse went on tour and put out a demo. Rob Avery, the current bassist, joined later.

"We knew if we worked hard we'd get somewhere," Gray says, "but if we had been told then that we'd play the shows we play now, there's no way we would've believed it."

Boy Sets Fire's music is fast-paced, angry and occasionally whiney. Pounding rhythm and dirty, piercing guitar riffs rife with feedback bracket the group with any number of East Coast "emo-core" musical entities.

Many people compare the band's sound to the hardcore legend Snapcase, with the addition of that crucial "Newark scene" brand of emotive wailing.

But the group also tries to get a message across to listeners, writing songs about labor issues and the evils of exploitation.

Songs with such elaborate names as "Our Time Honored Tradition of Cannibalism" encourage listeners to take a stand for what is right, yet condemn those who just talk about making a difference without putting any action behind their words.

The band even put a list of alternative media contacts such as Anti Racist Action, the Communist Party USA and the Leonard Peltier Defense Committee in the back of its upcoming album.

"First of all, we want everyone to have fun," Gray says. "Second, we want them to enjoy the music. And we'd also like them to get something from the content of our songs."

He says he hopes the band gives a feeling of approachability as well.

"If someone disagrees with some of the things we're saying, we'd like to be able to spark up a conversation," Gray says. "We're not just trying to influence people, but also to inspire them not to give up.

"If someone comes up to us after a show and says, 'I liked what you had to say,' or 'this made me think,' then we know we're doing something right."

But when a local band "makes the big-time," there's always the possibility that it will become a pseudo-idol for the youth of its hometown. Indeed, the level of devotion some fans have for the band comes close to idolization.

"I wouldn't say I'm afraid of that happening, since it's not necessarily a bad thing," Gray says. "If it does happen, I'll try to make friends with the fans so they see me as just another person.

"There are problems on both sides — people idolizing us or hating us. And it really doesn't affect me any."

The upcoming Boy Sets Fire album, "After the Eulogy," is the first album the band will release under the Victory label.

"It's great," Gray says. "We experimented a little, and remade an old, unpublished song off our first demo. We've progressed a bit — the sound's not completely different, but we're always adding influences to our style."

Boy Sets Fire is currently wrapped up in a tour from Newark to Florida, with stops in South Carolina and Virginia. The band also plans to play a little in Europe and Japan.

"There's no limit to what we want as a band — we're going to take it as far as it goes," Gray said.

With a new album out on a semi-major label, prospects are high for Boy Sets Fire. But only time will tell if their story has a fairy-tale ending.

THE REVIEW / File Photo
Local hardcore band carries the torch for Victory Records.

'Sex' nothing more than a sticky mess

"Sex: The Annabel Chong Story"
Greycat Films
Rating: ☆☆ 1/2

Sneak Peek
HOLLYWOOD

BY CLARKE SPEICHER
Entertainment Editor

The documentary is perhaps the most powerful tool the entertainment industry possesses. This cinematic device has the ability to change the world, allowing audiences to witness horrible injustices.

Director Errol Morris proved this when his documentary, "The Thin Blue Line," led to the release of a man wrongly convicted of homicide.

Other documentaries, such as "Hoop Dreams" and the "7 Up" series, powerfully capture the life of an ordinary person as it unfolds.

But then there are documentaries that have no goal other than to waste celluloid.

The Gist of It

☆☆☆☆☆ The Devil in Miss Jones
☆☆☆☆ Deep Throat
☆☆☆ Debbie Does Dallas
☆☆ Shaving Ryan's Privates
☆ Anal Intruder

Such is the case with "Sex: The Annabel Chong Story," a superficial film about a terribly confused woman, who is desperate for attention.

The film attempts to shed light on 22-year-old porn star Annabel Chong. After receiving acclaim for her work in such adult films as "I Can't Believe I Did the Whole Team!" and "Sgt. Pecker's Lonely Hearts Gangbang," Chong decided to do something that would put her in the history books — having sex with 251 men in 10 hours.

Friends and relatives try to fill in the gaps about how an intelligent woman from Singapore grew up to be a porn actress. Instead, they simply make Chong more of an enigma.

Born Grace Quek, Chong has Christian parents who had high expectations for her.

After leaving Singapore she attended college in London, where she says she was gang-raped and robbed by 250 men in one incident.

This seems to be the link between Quek's transformation into Chong, although she never admits it.

In fact, Chong's rationalizations for her need to set the record are endless. At one point, she says it was an act of rebellion against the "good girl" image she grew up with.

Regarding accusations of her act being somewhat whorish, Chong asks, "What's the difference between having sex with one man for 10 hours and having sex with 251 men for 10 hours?"

She also claims to be breaking sexual stereotypes in an attempt to recapture the reverence sex itself once held.

Of course, Chong also offers a much simpler answer — the thought of having sex for money "sounds cool to me."

But Chong's alleged feminist and financial goals are constantly undermined. The event is deemed a "gangbang," indicating that the men are merely having sex with her, not giving her liberation. Moreover, she never receives the $10,000 she requested for the sex romp.

Either way, Chong is getting screwed.

She also tosses aside the risk of contracting HIV. "I believe that sex is good enough to die for," she says.

Although she quickly offers philosophical rationale for her sexual cravings, Chong is reluctant to explore her emotional instability.

Chong seems to teeter precariously on the edge of self-destruction and masochism. In one scene, she repeatedly slashes her arm with a knife because she says she feels numb.

"You've just got to feel something," she explains.

This is further underlined during the actual gangbang. After having sex with 230 men, she says she is in a great deal of pain and will "only" allow 21 more.

"Sex" inevitably disappoints because Chong has more facets to her personality that could have been explored. Behind her proud porn star façade lies an extremely depressed woman who just wants to make her parents proud, but fails miserably.

Even more disheartening is the fact that Chong's record has since been broken three times — the current record holder, Houston, had sex with 620 men in six hours.

As it stands, "Sex" fails to penetrate Chong's complex psyche.

"U-571"
Universal Pictures
Rating: ☆☆☆ 1/2

In 1942, the Nazis controlled the Atlantic and were a significant threat to the Allies because of their impenetrable "Enigma" code.

"U-571" tells the fictionalized story of an American attempt to capture the Enigma by invading the stranded German sub, U-571.

The highly respected executive officer Lt. Andrew Tyler (Matthew McConaughey) leads the invasion of the sub. However, he lacks what it takes to be a commander — he is unwilling to sacrifice his men.

But he is soon forced to question these morals when the mission goes horribly wrong, placing his crew in even greater danger.

Fortunately, "U-571" overflows with exciting action sequences and heart-pounding suspense, as the film has limited character development and dialogue. In fact, the movie almost rivals "Titanic" in trite conversations.

McConaughey gives an impressive performance, especially considering the underwritten screenplay. As Tyler, he grows into the role of commander and provides the film's only character development.

The rest of the cast, which includes Harvey Keitel,

Jon Bon Jovi and T.C. Carson, also attempt to rise above the material, but their thinly drawn characters are nothing more than stereotypes.

Director Jonathan Mostow gets it right when it counts, though, wringing an incredible amount of tension out of every action scene. The sequences where the Germans attack the sub are incredibly taut, even though they blatantly steal from the ultimate sub film, "Das Boot."

"U-571" may contain amazing action sequences, but it cannot rise above its stilted screenplay.

— Clarke Speicher

"American Psycho"
Lions Gate Films
Rating: ☆☆ 1/2

"You're not through yet."

It's one of the most simple yet most pivotal lines of Patrick Bateman's dialogue in Bret Easton Ellis' controversial novel.

Ironically, this same quote describes the gist of the film version of Ellis' "American Psycho."

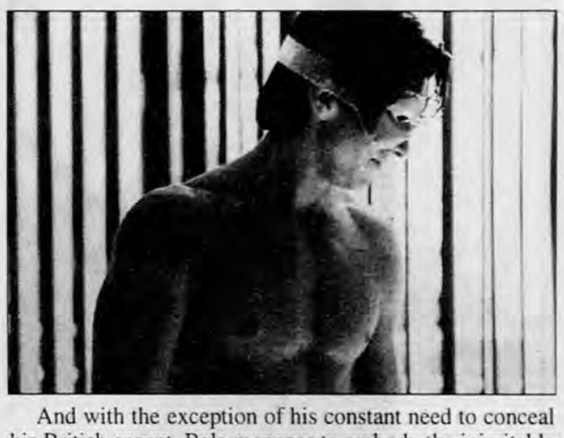
To people who have read and revered the novel, it seems impossible to envelop its essence into 97 minutes. And director Mary Herron learns this lesson the hard way.

"American Psycho" follows Pat Bateman (Christian Bale), a Wall Street yuppie with a slight homicidal impulse problem.

Pat's typical day consists of an elaborate skincare regimen in the morning, a day full of "meetings" at expensive restaurants, sculpting his perfect body at the gym and an execution or two before bedtime.

Ellis' Pat is an extremely complicated character, and Herron evidently understands and attempts to do justice to the author. However, she falls at least 45 minutes shy of reaching her goal.

Herron's script includes many little yet important elements of the novel, but she doesn't allow enough time for them to make sense as a film.



And with the exception of his constant need to conceal his British accent, Bale manages to embody the inimitable Pat as well as he possibly can. Unfortunately, almost all of his fellow actors are horribly miscast, making them entirely unsuitable to play their respective characters.

Reese Witherspoon and Chloe Sevigny, who play Pat's girlfriend and secretary, are perfect examples of mistakenly poor performances.

Despite its numerous problems, "American Psycho" does have adequate redeeming qualities. Sex, drugs and ultra-violence — what more could an audience ask for?

— Jessica Zacholl

Desperately Seeking...
Slap Bracelets

So many images from the past seem to have disappeared into an abyss. Mosaic is here to relieve those sleepless nights and fill you in on the whereabouts of flashes from the past.

The '80s are notorious for fashion faux pas. Nevertheless, some of us may remember fabric-covered plastic sticks that we slapped onto our wrists during fifth grade social studies. Unfortunately, our slapping was short lived, as many grade schools banned the accessory for its harmful and distracting tendencies.

But as all things retro find a way to reincarnate themselves, slap bracelets are now being donned by some people as part of "rave wear." Anyone looking to bring back their slapping days can purchase three for $7 at www.wantfrieswiththat.com.

— PW

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Movie Times

Christiana Mall General Cinema (368-9600)
28 Days 1:40, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50, 12
Rules of Engagement 1, 1:30, 4, 4:30, 7, 7:30, 9:40, 10:10, 12
The Skulls 1:20, 4:20, 7:15, 9:45, 12
Erin Brockovich 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10

Regal Peoples Plaza (834-8510)
U-571 11:30, 12, 2, 2:30, 4:30, 5, 7, 7:45, 9:45, 10:15
Love and Basketball 11:45, 12:15, 2:15, 2:45, 4:45, 5:15, 7:15, 8, 10, 10:45
Gossip 12:30, 2:40, 4:55, 7:10, 9:30
28 Days 12:05, 2:35, 3, 4:50, 5:35, 7:20, 8:10, 9:40, 10:30
American Psycho 11:35, 1:50, 4, 6:15, 8:30, 10:50
Keeping The Faith 11:25, 2:05, 4:55, 7:55, 10:40
Where the Money Is 12:45
Return to Me 1, 3:45, 6:55, 9:20
Rules of Engagement 11:20, 1:55, 4:40, 7:30, 10:10
Road To El Dorado 11:25, 12:10, 1:30, 3:30, 4:35, 5:30, 7:25, 9:25
High Fidelity 7:05, 9:50
The Skulls 11:50, 2:35, 5:05, 7:35, 10:05
Romeo Must Die 7:40, 10:20
Erin Brockovich 11:15, 2:20, 5:10, 7:50, 10:35
Final Destination 11:40, 1:45, 3:55, 6:10, 8:20, 10:25
My Dog Skip 11:55, 2:10, 5:20

The Hit List

"Hit me, baby, one more time." Yes, Mosaic returns for a weekend of fasting, celebration and good ol' vacation, but if you're going to be around town, here are some activities for the secular as well as the religious.

FRIDAY

For people celebrating the holiday, tonight is a night to abstain from meat. However, you can watch the band **Porch Chops** at the East End Café. Get your fill of tasty lyricism for a minor charge of $5 and an overage fee of $3. The music starts around 9:30.

Mary Magdalene she's not, but **"Evita"** will give an up-lifting performance about a whore who makes it to the big time. The show runs tonight and tomorrow at 8 p.m. in the Pearson Hall Auditorium. Madonna look-alikes pay $7, while students pay $5.

Carrot Top will find humor any day of the week, so laugh along with his stupid prop comedy. Get your Afro to the Grand Opera House in Wilmington to search for truth. The sarcasm begins at 8 p.m. for $20 to $23.

Are you in the mood for more theater? **"Triumph of Love"** will be put on tonight at Hartshorn Hall by the PTTP thespians at 7:30. Call 831-2204 for ticket information. The play will be performed on Saturday night too.

You could always spend some quality time with friends and a flick if all else fails. **"Pulp Fiction"** starts at 7:30 p.m. at the Trabant Movie Theater for $2. **"A Clockwork Orange"** starts rolling at 10:30, so stay for the night of bloodshed and senseless acts of violence.

SATURDAY

Support your local friends by going to the Deer Park and giving some Newark love to **John Faye Power Trip**. Hey, they opened for R.E.M., but they haven't forgotten their roots. John and his ego will go on around 10 p.m. — minors beware.

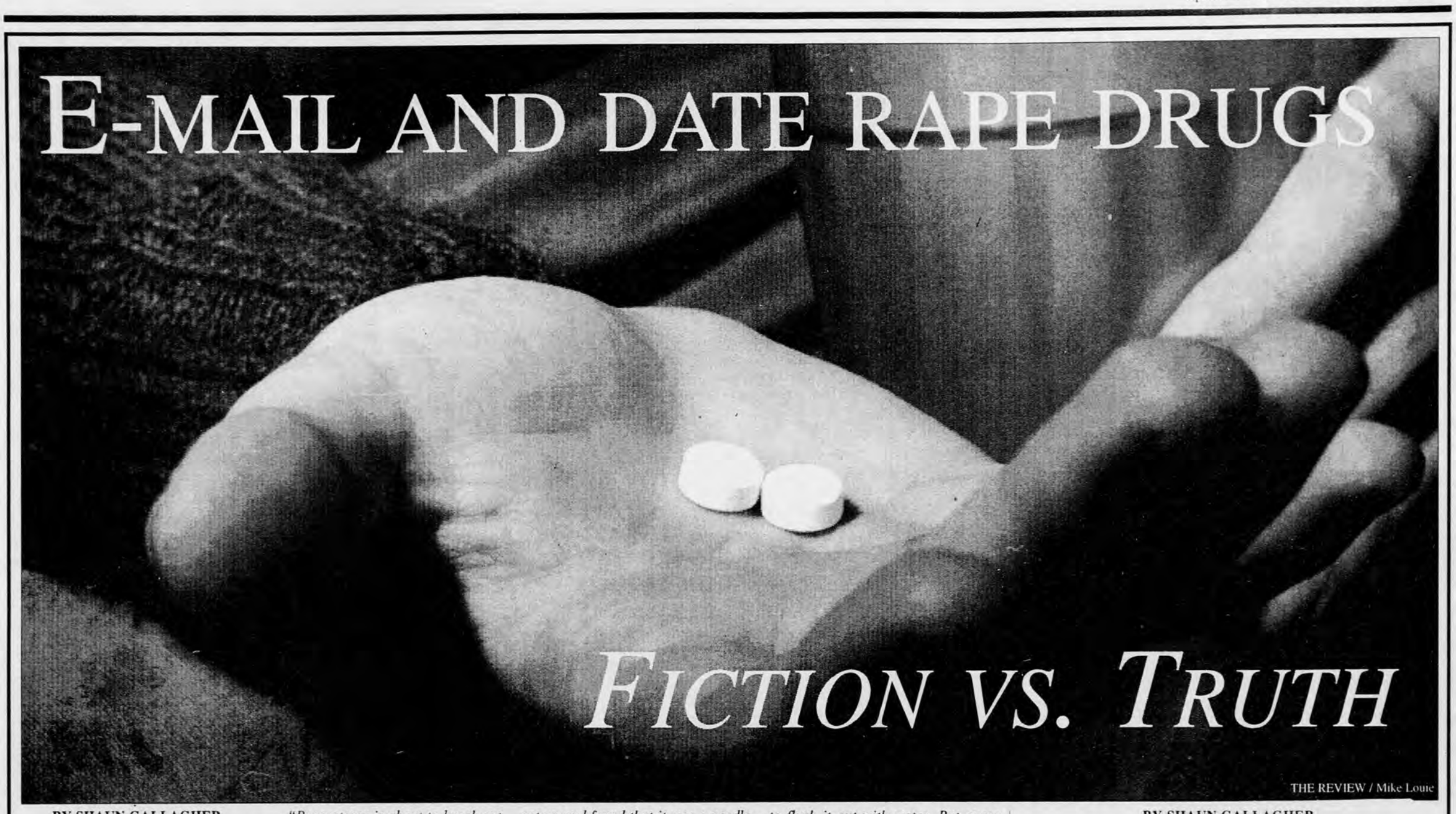
Do penance and go to the East End Café for some **Soul Creation**. The cover is the same as Friday night, so you know the drill by now. The band should take the stage around 10 p.m.

Hear all your favorite cover songs at the No. 1 place for debauchery, as The Stone Balloon presents **Chorduroy.** The cover is $3 or $5.

Yeah, the Easter Bunny's not real — Mosaic wants to ruin it for you. Santa and the Tooth Fairy aren't real either. Ha! We hope you have a good weekend, anyway, and happy holidays.

— compiled by Heather Garlich

E-MAIL AND DATE RAPE DRUGS



FICTION VS. TRUTH

THE REVIEW / Mike Louie

BY SHAUN GALLAGHER
Features Editor

Most university students are familiar with e-mail chain letters, the kind that promise new cars, big checks and gift certificates to designer clothing stores simply by forwarding the message to a few dozen people.

While these sort of e-mails might stir up false hopes of quick fortunes, they are relatively harmless and are more often just another annoying, but tolerable, by-product of the technological age.

A new wave of mass e-mails, however, is much more vicious.

The following excerpt is from an alarming e-mail chain letter that widely circulates among both college campuses and communities at large.

"There is a new drug that has been out for less than a year, Progesterex, that is essentially a small sterilization [sic] pill.

"The drug is now being used by rapists at parties to rape and sterilize their victims.

"Progesterex was designed to sterilizes [sic] horses. Any woman that takes it WILL NOT HAVE CHILDREN EVER IN HER LIFE."

"Progesterex is about to break out big on campuses everywhere."

This e-mail has been confirmed as false by numerous professionals.

"No such drug exists," says Paul Meckley, professor of animal and food sciences.

"The closest thing is Prodrox — it's synthetic progesterone," he says. "It's for cats only."

Christine Saum, a research associate for the Center for Drug and Alcohol Studies, has extensively researched date-rape drugs but says she has never heard of a case involving Progesterex or any other sterilization-related substance.

This Progesterex hoax is just one of several pseudo-advisories running rampant through electronic mail.

Another popular e-mail chain letter hoax that has circulated for years warns of HIV-infected needles sticking out of seats in movie theaters or out of coin return slots in payphones.

"Please check your chairs when going to the movie theaters. An incident occurred when a friend's coworker went to sit in a chair and something was poking her. She then got up and found that it was a needle with a little note at the end. It said, 'Welcome to the real world, you're HIV positive.'

"Doctors tested the needle and it was HIV positive. We don't know which theater this happened at, but it happened here in Hawaii."

This e-mail has many of the characteristics found in most chain letter hoaxes:

- It cites an unnamed "friend's coworker" and unnamed doctors as sources.
- The supposed incident occurred at an unnamed location.
- The e-mail is not signed.
- The e-mail does not mention any other sources or references.
- The incident described has never been mentioned in the media.

A third e-mail hoax warns that the use of waterproof sunscreen can cause children to go blind.

"When Zack was two years old, I put on the waterproof sunscreen like I always had. I don't know how, but he got some in his eyes.

"He started screaming! So I tried to flush it out with water. But guess what? Didn't matter — remember, WATERPROOF.

"I called the poison control center. They told me to rush Zack to the E.R. now! They started flushing his eyes out with special medications.

"I found out for the first time that many kids each year lose their sight to waterproof sunscreen. It burns the eye and they lose complete sight!"

This e-mail has become so prevalent that the American Academy of Ophthalmology, the New Jersey Poison Information and Education System, the American Association of Poison Control Centers and other health-related organizations have issued statements dispelling the rumors.

While many e-mail chain letters are simply intended to be forwarded as a joke, these health-related e-mails pose a false threat of injury that can cause distress and the propagation of potentially seditious misinformation.

Simply recognizing them as hoaxes and not forwarding them to others can stamp out most of these e-mails, keeping inboxes clean and minds at ease.

BY SHAUN GALLAGHER
Features Editor

Though Progesterex is a hoax, there are other date-rape drugs that are quite real and have been widely used.

Rohypnol ("Roofies") — One of the most prevalent date-rape drugs, Rohypnol is illegal in the United States but is the No. 1 prescribed sleeping pill in Eastern Europe. Since learning of the pill's illicit use as a date-rape drug, its manufacturer, Roche Pharmaceuticals, has re-designed the pill so that it will fizz and emit a bluish dye when slipped in a drink.

Gamma Hydroxybutyric Acid ("GHB") — This pill, often used as a recreational or party drug, has become prevalent in cases of date rape because it is so easy to acquire and manufacture. It comes in a liquid form and has a salty taste.

Ketamine ("Special K") — Ketamine, used as an anesthetic for humans and animals, started as a popular hallucinogen in the rave scene but has now been connected with date rape. It is usually injected in liquid form, but it can also be made into a powder. There have been only limited reports of Ketamine used as a date-rape drug.

To guard against these drugs, never accept a drink that has already been opened, and never leave your drinks unattended.

If you notice people who you suspect may have ingested one of these drugs, help them seek emergency care and never leave them alone — even at home.

Drug information provided by Christine Saum, research associate for the university's Center for Drug and Alcohol Studies.

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Bullet with butterfly wings: With all the Smashing Pumpkins' personal changes, the listener must decide if their sound has changed for the better.

Band evolution or devolution

BY PAIGE WOLF
Assistant Entertainment Editor

Through deaths, legal battles and betrayals, many bands go through lineup changes that become as infamous as their music.

Destiny's Child's recent lawsuit over its sudden shift in members draws attention to the ways in which bands have had faces that evolved along with their sound.

After singers LeToya Luckett and LaTavia Roberson were replaced by two new members, they filed a lawsuit against manager Mathew Knowles, claiming that he had been hoarding their money and trying to gain complete control over the girls.

In light of this recent turmoil, here is a compilation of some of the most controversial band alterations, where the listener must decide if the changes contributed or took away from the original spirit of the band.

VAN HALEN

Three decades after its start, Van Halen remains a name synonymous with revolutionary shred guitar and energetic showmanship.

But Van Halen is just as renowned for the tension within the band as its groundbreaking sound. Co-founder David Lee Roth left the band in 1985, leaving the band without its theatrical frontman. Regardless, with new lead singer Sammy Hagar, the band continued to see commercial success with "5150" and "For Unlawful Carnal Knowledge."

In 1996, rumors of further discontent within the band flew when Hagar left the group and fans celebrated the possibility of Roth rejoining the band. But after much discussion, including a public appearance at the 1996 MTV Video Music Awards, Roth and the band denounced any further involvement with each other.

Former Extreme member Gary Cherone currently fills Roth's shoes, and the band released "Van Halen III" in 1998.

RED HOT CHILI PEPPERS

The Chili Peppers came out of Hollywood in the mid-'80s and spiced up the rock scene with their mix of funk and grunge. Original members Hillel Slovak and Jack Irons had no input in production of their first album due to contract complications. However, they joined

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Main Street meets Little Italy

BY HEATHER GARLICH
Entertainment Editor

Caffé Gelato's front window beckons the hungry with a glistening case filled with pastel colors of creamy Italian sweets. The gelato, for which the quaint spot on Main Street names itself after, gives incentive to lustful passersby to enter and indulge themselves.

The menu includes such tantalizing items as homemade soups, focaccia cannoli, salads and pastries, along with Italian ice cream.

Caffé Gelato boasts on its menu that it features the highest quality and the freshest tastes of the Mediterranean. And the restaurant delivers a pleasing variety to satisfy any taste.

Focaccia bread relishes in perfection with an accent of basil olive oil for added zing.

The bread also acts as the binding for a wide selection of panini, including ingredients like fresh mozzarella, grilled portabella mushrooms, juicy tomatoes, olives and crispy lettuce.

The attention to detail in the presentation of each dish shows maturity in the newborn restaurant. With a hint of decorative basil and roasted potatoes as a side, a simple sandwich gives new meaning to the typical college-town eateries.

Caffé Gelato's main focus lies in vegetables, breads and cheeses. Even though its cuisine is Italian, pizza thankfully only makes an appearance on the kids' menu.

For the adventurous taste conquistadors, the restaurant offers seafood dishes including calamari, shrimp, clams and salmon tossed in a choice of pasta — plain, spinach or sun-dried tomato.

If lunch and dinner are too late for those with an insatiable appetites, breakfast is served until noon. Frittata breakfast sandwiches with egg and a choice of cheese, pancetta, prosciutto or mixed vegetables give mid-afternoon delights.

The breakfast menu deviates far from fast food as the sandwiches are served on fresh croissants and homemade focaccia bread. Belgian waffles can also be a special treat in the morning or for brunch.

Price remains competitive with the other restaurants on the strip, with large panini portions from $5.95 to $6.45. The hors d'ouvres could become expensive for an appetizer, but that depends on the assortment of cheeses or couscous cakes, which may reach up to $9.50.

Pasta entrees are not like the spaghetti served with tomato paste that some restaurants serve. Instead, Caffé Gelato offers white wine garlic sauce, Alfredo, and depending on the special, pesto.

And for students who would rather enjoy a nice cup of coffee with a sweet, the restaurant has reasonable and flavorful beans. A large cappuccino is merely $2.75, and a desert will only cost a few cents more — $2.95 for a large slice of pure decadence.

Desert at Caffé Gelato deserves a moment of silence before delving into the plentiful flavors of Italian ice cream or bountiful pastries.

However, even the luscious sweets and meal selections harbor nutritious dietary desires.

Healthy ingredients and large portions rid diners of guilt and give a little something to have for lunch or breakfast the next day. Even though the serving sizes aren't gratuitous like the Olive Garden, they are perfect for the scrounging college student.

The atmosphere is excellent for conversation among good friends or a hot date, with a few secluded booths in the back of the café.

Rouge wall colors calm with warm hues, but the lack of paintings shows how the restaurant still needs some aesthetic improvement. However, diners soon forget about their surroundings when the food is served.

Like a short-lived affair, Caffé Gelato delivers a satisfying escape from the banal flavors of Newark. It escalates the Italian zest of Main Street without pretending to be something it's not.

THE REVIEW / Rob Meletti

The newly opened Caffé Gelato offers a wide selection of tasty Italian treats.

Feature Forum

Season out of hell breeds discontent

By Kyle Belz

"When you think about it Chaunce," I say to my roommate, "I'm doing you guys a favor."

I'm trying to chicken out of a 30-mile hike with him, our friend Zon and Ada, Zon's one-year-old German Shephard.

"I'm only going to make you go slower, and I might not be able to make it," I tell him the night before the trip. "This way you'll have more food to eat."

Chaunce has some experience with the woods, so I figure that if anything does go wrong, he and Zon will be able to drag me, a child of suburbia, out of any pestilence the mountain harbors.

"It's basically a group of foothills, so we'll be walking on flat terrain for the most part," Chaunce says.

Around 1 p.m. the next afternoon, we cross the wooden bridge 50 feet above the meeting of Otter Creek and Monongahela River, one of five rivers the creek headwaters. We walk slowly, Ada requiring coaxing at every step into Monongahela National Forest, which spans 10 West Virginian counties and 909,000 acres, providing a habitat for nine federally listed endangered or threatened species

"Don't worry, Belz. It's no more than five miles to the top of Shaver's Peak," Zon says, patting me on my back as he adjusts Ada's blue pack.

A couple of miles into the hike, once we got through the heavy underbrush and dense thickets of rhododendron, we decide to take a break.

Zon says he remembers a clearing just before the sharp three-quarter-mile incline. Once there, we collect water through iodine filters, the unabated creek being potentially hazardous to our bodies, and eat gorp, a combination of granola, soy nuts, raisins and M&Ms.

We start the climb, Chaunce first, followed by Ada, and Zon taking the rear. Concepts of past and future fade into relative oblivion. Through the climb, my mind stays focused on the rhythm of my heavy breathing.

Reflecting upon the distance already under our belts, evident in the slight chafing of the 40-pound pack against my hips, I notice my senses have started regaining their natural ability. The hours away from the noxious blare of Newark's sidewalk circus are showing some results.

Faint birdcalls echo through the hills, but had the birds been in Newark, their calls could never have risen above the roar of the firehouse's alarm.

We reach the top of Shaver's Mountain drenched in rainy sweat. I'm ready to meet the shelter, which I'm sure must be just around the corner, eat and go to bed. But my earlier suspicions prove true. Zon had lied to us about the distance.

"How far have we gone Zon?" I ask.

"Around five miles," he replies with a slight hesitation.

After at least another three and a half miles, I'm fuming. "You have no idea where we are, do you, Zon. We've gone at least eight miles!"

We continue hiking in silence, except for my irrational muttering, delirious with physical exhaustion. When we finally reach the campsite minutes later, I let my pack fall without impeding the force of gravity, remembering little before the next morning other than uneasy dreaming.

At dusk, we hear a pattern of three yelps repeated for 10 minutes. By the third night of the trip, the specter of the coyote is hanging over my head.

I turn my head toward a soft crunch coming from the pathway leading to the creek and back to the main trail. I see what I believe to be Ada standing in the clearing, staring at me from a distance of less than 30 feet.

"Come here Ada," I say, only to hear her approaching collar rattling behind me. I study the unknown animal more closely. I realize it looks like a smaller version of Ada, matching the general description of a coyote. I think it could be a coyote, but the moonlight does not shine with enough force to bounce the animal's colors towards me.

"Chaunce, come here. Coyote," I whisper, but too loudly. Chaunce looks, but a soft sound emerges as he clumsily aims the flashlight at the deserted path.

"It's only a tree," Chaunce says, chuckling as he walks back to the fire.

The experience of believing I saw a coyote, however, is real and has had an obvious effect on the movement of my bowels.

I tell my fellow campers that I need to find a place to perform "the sapling squat." Somehow, they find this natural act funny.

"Take Ada with you, to protect you from the wallaby," Zon jests.

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"The wallaby is gonna get you, Kyle. Look out!" Chaunce shouts. His eyes have a look of intensity that is partly willed, but not that far off from his usual enthusiastic demeanor.

I gather myself, pick up a roll of toilet paper and walk behind the shelter up the side of the mountain, figuring it probably was a figment of my imagination. After all, I am the most affected by the surroundings as a result of my limited experience in the woods. Neither Zon, Chaunce, nor Ada possess my level of awkwardness with the natural world. Despite the trust I invested in my sense perceptions, I return from my duty convinced that I simply overreacted with the naming of the object that I saw. I go to sleep, harboring little, if any, anxiety.

At sunrise the next morning, Ada's barking wakes me.

I feel her jump out of the shelter. It sounds like she's about 20 feet away and angry, her bark coated with a growl. I look up and see only Ada running toward the path, where my "wallaby" stood the night before.

"Ada!" Zon orders. "GET BACK HERE!" in slow and distinct bursts.

She jumps back into the shelter, and I put my head back into my sleeping bag, figuring that whatever was there is long gone.

Zon decides to get up, and I hear him say "She chased your coyote away," just before trying to fall back to sleep.

My senses were right. The wallaby was real, I think, lying there as the rising sun meets my closed eyelids. I figure it approached with the hope of finding food, but I can't honestly say this angers me. I imagine myself in his shoes, as much as this is possible for me, and I reason that I would've done the same.

The slyness of his approach impresses me. Had he been a soldier in a war — which in a sense he is as human settlements in North America continue to march through his habitat — he would've murdered three of his enemies. Though Ada, a traitor in the coyote's eyes, might have prevented it.

Yet he chooses not to fight. They are heard more often then seen, preferring to feast on the edge of human settlements, but our food is hung well out of his reach.

The limited tools of the forest force you to be creative. When washing dishes, pebbles serve as a scrubber. Forget about wiping the dirt off your face. Besides, there are more important things to worry about, like "When are we going to eat? Which way do we take at this fork? Will it rain soon? How long till sunset? When do we have to return to Main Street's weekend wailing, like a honkey tonk jukebox playing the charttopper from three years ago?" Ugh.

Kyle Belz, a news features editor for The Review, wakes up armed with two scoops of rants. Send curses and cures to kbelz@udel.edu.

Musical styles shape the times

BY MARGARET NEDOSZYTKO
Staff Reporter

As long as music continues to evolve, so do the styles that it inspires.

From the Beatles' "dangerously long" hair to the new fluorescent pink locks of pop artists Pink and No Doubt's Gwen Stefani, fashion trends in the music industry are eternally changing and catching on.

People may remember being "totally krossed out" for a day with backward clothing inspired by Kriss Kross. But with hip-hop culture becoming more popular, platinum chains are now the rage for some fans.

Tiffany and Debbie Gibson were major trendsetters of the '80s, and people quickly imitated their fluffy lace skirts and hats. However, current preteens have very different idols. Rather than artists wearing layers of clothes and leg warmers, they are now taking their clothes off.

"It's a shame that the role models that young girls look up to now are blonde, skinny and gorgeous," sophomore Vicki Gallagher says, referring to artists such as Britney Spears, Mandy Moore and Christina Aguilera.

"They are blonde and beautiful, and that's a lot for girls to feel pressured to look like," Gallagher says.

Sophomore Leigh Podolak, an apparel design major, agrees that role models for the younger generation are sexier than in years past. However, she says she feels that no matter what, kids are going to follow trends.

"When we were younger, we followed the trends of New Kids on the Block and artists like that," she says. "The idols of young people look sexier than they used to and younger kids are dressing older."

Another trend, the "neo-goth" look, was inspired by artists such as Korn's Jonathan Davis, Smashing Pumpkins and Orgy. And many fans are mimicking the dark and somber clothing.

Orgy's music, which is gaining popularity, combines the drive of metal, futuristic new wave and techno-dance. Fittingly, dark, shiny, sleek clothes and lipstick accompany the genre.

"The 'neo-goth' scene is not that big because it is outnumbered by the Britney Spears look-alikes," Podolak says. "But it is catching on."

However, she says, many people dress in the dark gothic-industrial look.

Sophomore Estelle Hilsenrath says music listeners follow trends because of admiration, not emulation.

"The trends we get from our favorite artists are not imitated because people want to be them, but because their personal styles are admired," she says.

Still, hundreds of trends have spread across the years because of music.

Communication professor Charles Pavitt says that ever since the jazz singers of the '20s, fans have been following trends. Back then, he says, it was the short skirts that people saw as controversial.

But Pavitt says he believes that the longest lasting trend is any form of rebellion.

"Kids will do anything to shock adults," he says.

Consumer studies professor Frances Mayhew says she believes trends exist because of young peoples' needs to "emulate the hero." She says artists people admire set the biggest trends.

Some students say they have no problems with these types of fads so long as they aren't taken to extremes.

"Trends can be fun," sophomore Jason Reinhardt says, "as long as people don't get too carried away."

Mayhew says the reasons for trends of the present time have been the same as in the past.

"People divert for emphasis," she says.

Sophomore Ted Scheid believes that when people try to follow a trend to become unique, their style eventually regresses.

"In their quest to be alternative, they resort back to mainstream," he says.

Mayhew says she also feels it will become increasingly difficult to have a brand new look.

"After a while it gets hard to be striking," Mayhew says.

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Mosaic. True.

Bands change face

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Flea and Anthony Kiedis on future albums up until 1988 when Slovak died of a heroin overdose and Irons left the group.

With John Frusciante on guitar and Chad Smith on drums, the Chili Peppers received recognition with "Mother's Milk" (1989) and "BloodSugarSexMagik" (1992).

But the changes to the lineup did not cease.

John Frusciante was replaced by Arik Marshall who was replaced by Jane's Addiction's Dave Navarro who was replaced, once again, by John Frusciante. Confused? The Chili Peppers weren't, as they continued to elevate their success with the acclaimed "Californication" in 1999.

Smashing Pumpkins

The Smashing Pumpkins broke onto the alternative scene in the early '90s with Billy Corgan's angst-ridden lyrics over atmospheric melodies.

After reaching mainstream success with "Siamese Dream" and "Mellon Collie and The Infinite Sadness," the band faced double heartache in 1996. Their touring keyboard player, Jonathan Melvoin, died of a heroin overdose, and the Pumpkins fired drummer Jimmy Chamberlain for his drug abuse, only to rehire him after his rehabilitation.

The band continued its success with Corgan's freshly shaven head and a parade of new drummers, releasing "Adore" in 1998 — but the complications were not yet over.

In December 1999, Hole's Melissa Auf Der Maur joined the Pumpkins after bassist D'arcy Wretzky left to pursue an acting career. Apparently she got involved in more than acting, as she was arrested one month later for buying crack cocaine.

Yet despite the ups and downs, the Pumpkins went on to release "Machina: The Machines of God" in February to critical acclaim.

Foo Fighters

The Foo Fighters actually came about as the result of a band breakup. When Nirvana's Kurt Cobain committed suicide in 1994, drummer Dave Grohl took over guitar and vocals in forming his own band with Pat Smear, Dave Mendel and William Goldsmith.

During the recording of their second album, Alanis Morrissette's drummer Taylor Hawkins replaced Goldsmith. After putting out "The Colour and the Shape," Smear also left the group, with Franz Stahl taking over on guitar.

It didn't take long for Stahl to make his exit, leaving the Foo Fighters during the recording of "There Is Nothing Left To Lose." And the group has cut down its chances of losing anymore members, as they have decided to leave the band as a trio.

Menudo

This band is notorious for cutting members at the ripe age of 15 to preserve its image of youth and wholesome pop.

The Latin sensation has been a formulated pop group since its days of Ricky Martin in the early '80s and continues to update its members faster than its tour dates.

We'll just leave it at that.

This too, shall end.

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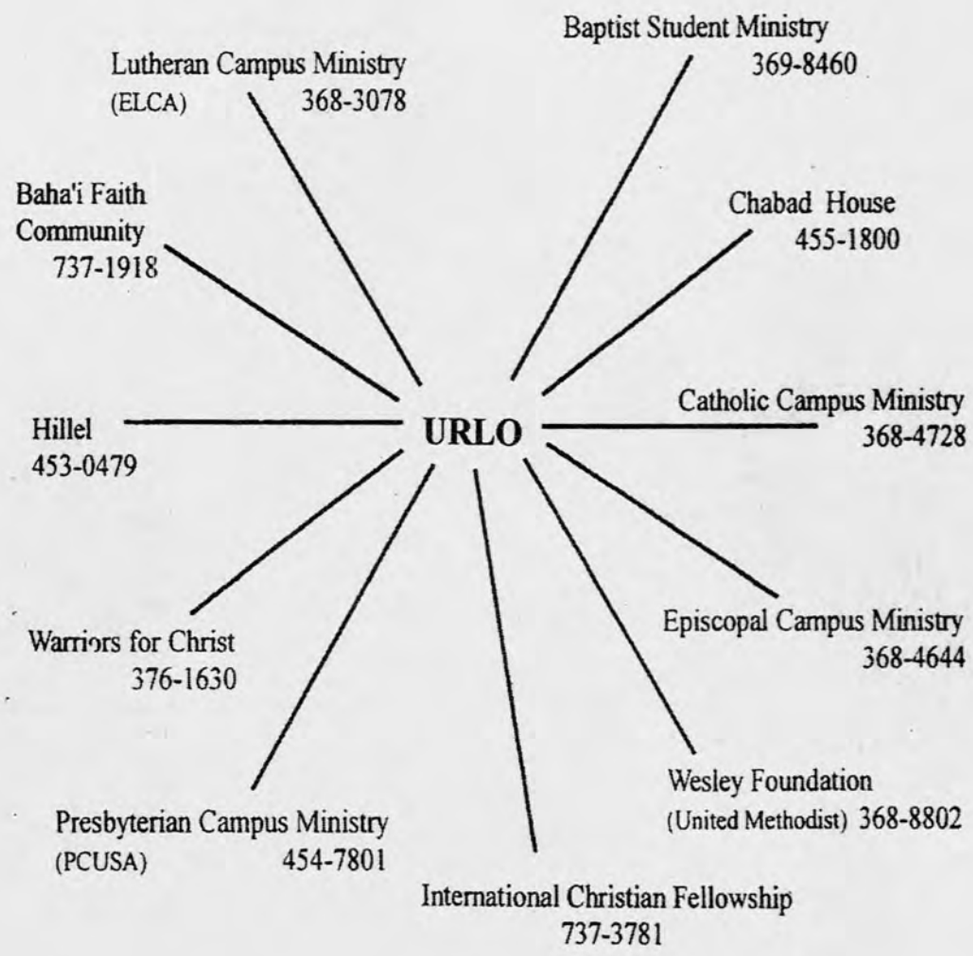

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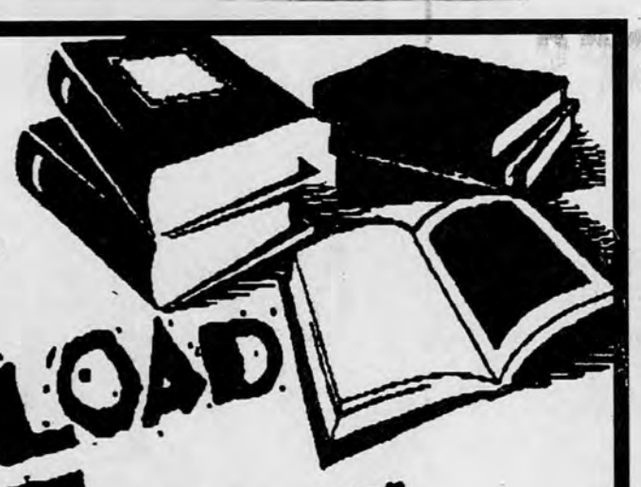

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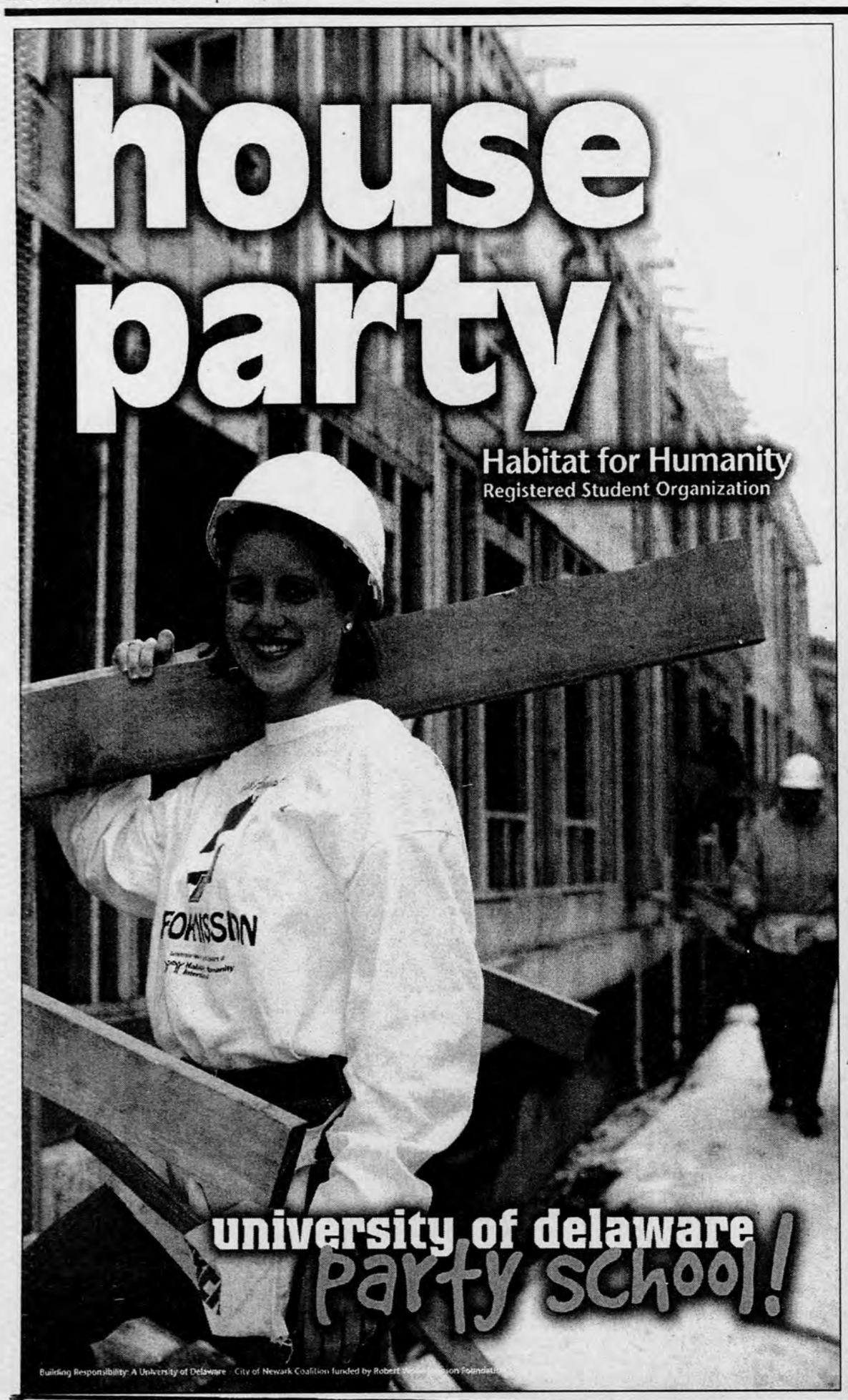

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Delaware invades Boston seeking conference lead

BY ROBERT NIEDZWIECKI
Sports Editor

BASEBALL

Conference supremacy will be on the line when Delaware and Northeastern clash in a pair of doubleheaders at 11 a.m. Friday and noon Saturday at Friedman Diamond.

The Hens (21-12, 8-2 America East) and the Huskies (14-10, 9-3) are part of a four-way logjam atop the America East standings. With Towson (9-3) and Vermont (9-3) part of the mix as well, the race for the top spot figures to be a wild one over the season's remaining few weeks.

With four games this weekend, Delaware and Northeastern can each put a serious crimp in the other team's chances. How well the team pitches could determine who has the most success.

Northeastern entered the season as the conference favorite based on the wealth of pitching it had coming back for the 2000 season. One of these pitchers returned despite being drafted to play professional baseball.

The Huskies boast an earned run average of 5.07, the third-best in the conference. Leading the staff is senior Greg Montalbano, a fifth-round draftee of the Boston Red Sox in the 1999 amateur draft.

Montalbano, the 1999 America East pitcher of the year, is second in the league with a 2.49 ERA, leads the league in strikeouts per nine innings with 13.5, and his .204 batting average against ranks second.

Senior John Burns could also cause problems for the Hens. Burns has pitched more than seven innings per appearance, making him the league's most durable pitcher. Burns is holding opposing batters to a .252 average on the season.

Delaware will counter Northeastern with the America East's fourth-best staff, one which has posted a 5.07 ERA. While the Huskies count on their seniors to win games, the Hens depend on the arms of underclassmen.

Sophomore Rich McGuire has been nearly unbeatable, posting a 7-1 record in nine appearances. In addition, McGuire has recorded a 2.85 ERA and has held opponents to a .257 batting average. He has also proved to be a workhorse, tossing four complete games.

Another young arm that has kept Delaware afloat this year is freshman Jason Vincent. He has recorded a 3-1 record this season, thrown four complete games and posted a 3.44 ERA.

The Hens will be counting on a quality performance from senior Dave Mullin. The co-captain has struggled at times this season, posting a 5.02 ERA in going 6-4.

In Mullin's last start, a 7-1 win Sunday in the back end of a doubleheader with Hofstra, he pitched a complete-game six-hitter.

Delaware's pitching staff will be confronted with several offensive threats, chief among these being junior outfielder Hernan Guerrero.

Guerrero has torn the competition apart this season. He leads the America East with a .430 batting average, which ranks him 22nd in the nation. He leads the Huskies with seven home runs and 29 RBI, and has rung up a .774 slugging percentage this season.

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Sophomore Vince Vukovich (No. 2) and the Hens hope to pad their division lead with doubleheaders at Northeastern this weekend.

Junior first baseman Matt Keating has also supplied punch to Northeastern's lineup. Keating has hit at a .418 clip this season, blasting four home runs and 30 RBI.

Despite players such as these, the Hens have the edge in offense. Delaware, which ranks first in the America East in batting with a .329 mark, is outhitting the third-place Huskies by 20 points.

The Hens have seven regulars who are hitting over .300, paced by junior second baseman Andrew Salvo and his .400 average.

Salvo (18 stolen bases) and sophomore outfielder Casey Fahy (20 SBs), will keep the Northeastern pitchers wary when they get on base.

Golfers look to weather time off

BY CHRIS RAKUS
Staff Reporter

GOLF

Fully rested, the Delaware golf team hopes to come away with a top-10 finish this weekend at the Princeton Invitational in New Jersey.

While being fresh is normally a positive, without having had a chance to practice, Delaware may be a little rusty.

"The golf courses have been closed and we haven't had a chance to practice," Hens head coach James Kent said, "but I hope being away will rejuvenate us as much as practicing would."

Freshman Eric Stepanian added that he believes the rest from play will not hinder Delaware's scoring.

"I was real burned out from traveling all the time," he said, "but I'm feeling better."

The Hens are looking for more consistency this weekend, coming off their ninth-place finish at the U.S. Naval Academy Invitational on April 8.

"If we can get good scoring from four or five guys in the low 70s," Kent said, "we should be in the top 10, if not better, in the 24-team field."

Stepanian said he agreed with Kent.

"We need to put something together all at once to finish in the top five at Princeton," he said.

The competition, which includes Rutgers, St. John's, and Princeton, the newly crowned Ivy League champions, will be tough this weekend, Kent said.

"The course is short and we'll have to do well straight off the tees to get the fairways," he said, "otherwise you're scrambling to bogey.

"We're going to try and play the course well at Princeton. We're not trying to beat anyone in particular."

Tee time for the Hens will be at noon today.

UD hosts Hartford for 4

Hens look to seize control of their own destiny in AE

BY AMANDA JONES
Staff Reporter

SOFTBALL

With only seven games remaining for the Delaware softball team until the America East championships, a win today against Hartford is imperative.

"We need to take charge of our destiny at this point," Hens head softball coach B.J. Ferguson said.

Delaware plays Hartford (9-19, 5-11) in a doubleheader today at 2 p.m., and concludes its weekend series with the Hawks Saturday at noon.

The Hens (26-9, 11-3 America East) have gone 4-4 in their last eight games. If they expect to perform well at the conference championships, they will have to be at their best for their remaining games.

Junior third baseman Lauren Mark, the 1999 American East Player of the Year, said she believes it is necessary that Delaware has success this weekend.

"I think it is really important that we beat Hartford," she said. "Any conference game we need to win, especially the ones against lower- rated teams.

"We need to and should beat them."

Ferguson also said the Hens should beat teams like the Hawks, who currently stand in sixth place in the conference.

"We need to win as many games as we are capable of in order to take advantage of battling out for the four positions," she said.

"Winning against Hartford will put us in a better position for beating Boston University the first week of May."

After a few tough losses for the Hens, the team will look to continue to maintain solid pitching and defense in order to give the offense the chance to score runs against Hartford, Ferguson said.

"We won't change the approach to the game," she said. "We'll continue to play the same kind of aggressive [offense]."

However, Ferguson said the defense has not been doing as well in the past few games as it has previously. No. 20 Delaware, which is ranked second in the America East in defense, has committed seven errors in its last four games.

"We're human," she said. "We are going to make mistakes, but that doesn't make or break our season."

Notes: In America East news, freshman Krissy Chrisztopulosz was named rookie of the week for the period ending April 17. The outfielder hit .316 over six games, which included doubleheaders with Hofstra, Towson and Rutgers.

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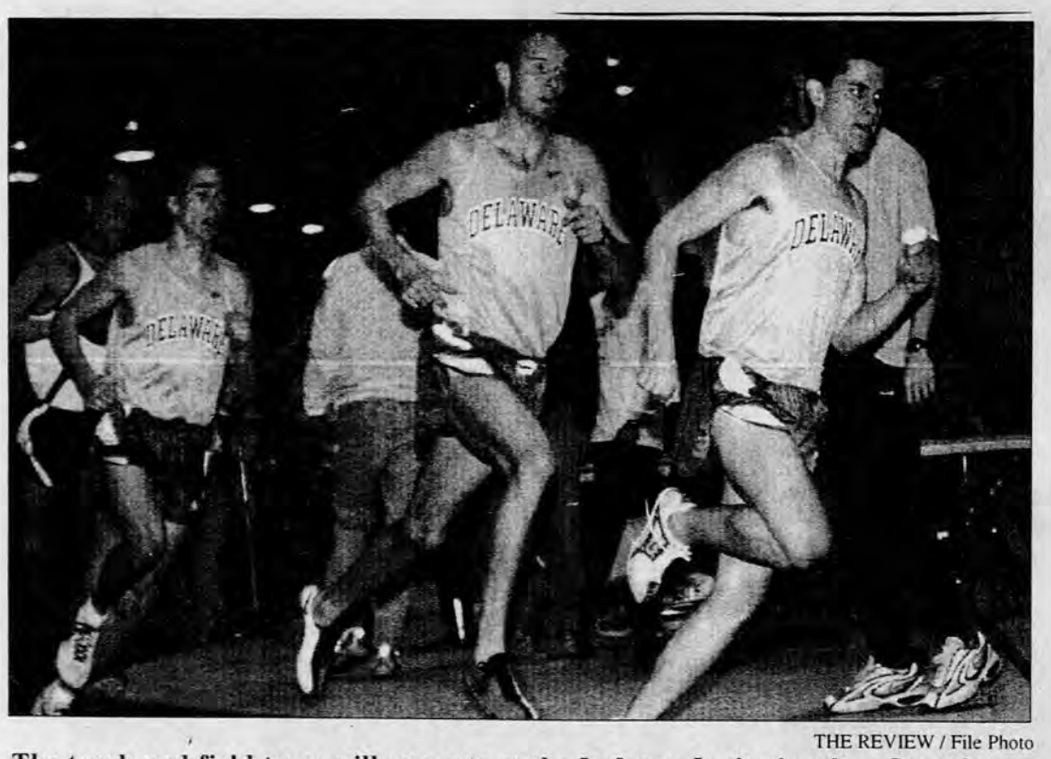
Delaware battles Hartford in a key four-game conference matchup.



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The track and field team will compete at the Lafaette Invitational on Saturday.

Track team nears finish

BY STEPHANIE BERTKAU
Staff Reporter

TRACK AND FIELD

The goal for the Delaware outdoor track and field teams at the Lafayette Invitational Saturday is simple: improve their times.

Both the Hens' men's and women's teams have been preparing for their biggest meet of the season — the American East conference championships, which are just two weeks away

Senior distance runner Robb Munro said this is the "last big meet before conferences and [most of the team] will go all out to get that new best time and to place well."

Delaware men's head coach Jim Fischer also said the Hens will strive for quality performances.

"Last week, the team tried to sharpen up a little bit [with] lots of work and lots of volume for a better quality and a better performance for [May 6]," Fischer said.

Delaware will compete at 10 a.m. against approximately 10 other teams.

This non-scoring event "allows more focus on individual events," Fischer said. "People are only going to do about one or two events for a more quality performance."

Most of the team is going to Lafayette this weekend, but some members are preparing for next week's Penn Relays.

"Every year I want a breakthrough," Fischer said. "I always want them and expect them [to perform better each meet]. I am so hoping everyone is successful. I know they have hopes and aspirations, and I want [these goals] to be met."

Hens women's head coach Susan McGrath-Powell said she hopes this weekend the team will "keep improving like we have been and [have] a nice day."

One reason Delaware goes to this invitational is for the competitiveness with the other teams, Fischer said.

"We match up very well," he said. "[That doesn't mean the team will] win or get a second, but these teams are at our level. There will be good races, and [the Hens] will not be overpowering [the other teams] or [the other colleges] won't be blowing Delaware away."

McGrath-Powell said the team's attitude has improved recently and as a result, the team is performing better.

"The outlook of the team is much more positive," she said. "People are getting more competitive and I would like to see that continue."

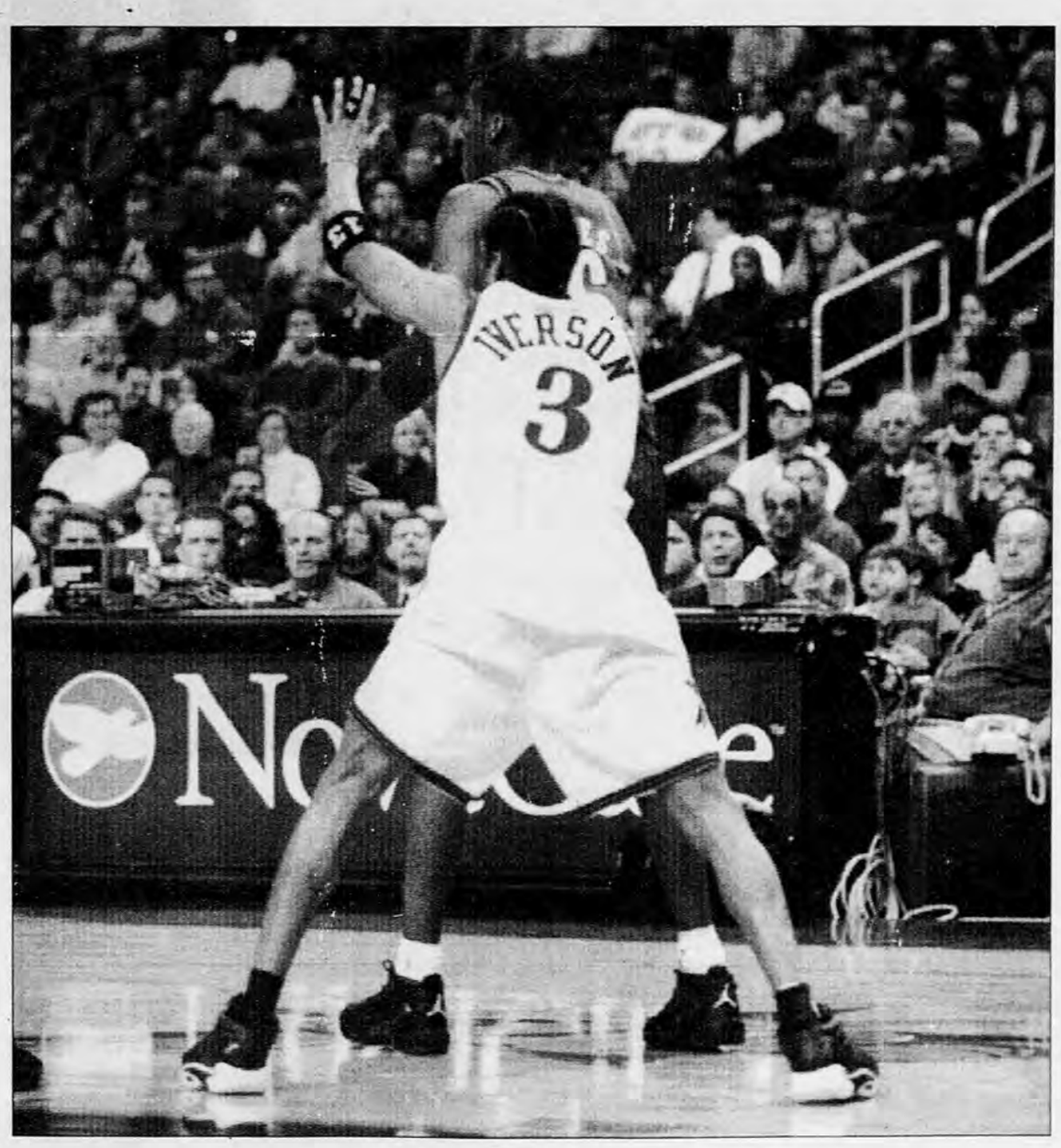
Munro has been on the team for the past three seasons and says he has seen much improvement.

"The team is showing progress and confidence," Munro said. "If it runs a good time this week, then the team's confidence level will increase. [However], if its time isn't [up-to-par], then its level of confidence is shaky."

Junior sprinter Jen Lublanecki said she hopes to continue improving her times before conferences.

"We've come a long way since winter track," she said. "We are practicing very hard and everything is coming together."

It's playoff time



THE REVIEW / Scott McAllister

The NBA Playoffs: Two of the Eastern Conference's hottest teams will be pitted in a first round matchup in the upcoming week. No. 4 Charlotte will take on No. 5 Philadelphia, holding home-court advantage in the series. The Hornets boast a strong frontline and the 76ers rely on scoring sensation Allen Iverson, who is playing with a broken toe. Charlotte leads the season series 3-1.

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This date in sports history
On April 21, 1977, Yankees manager Billy Martin pulls his lineup out of a hat, and New York goes on to beat Toronto 8-6.

Commentary

LAUREN PELLETREAU

You call yourself a sports fan?

Answer me one question, I beg you.

Are the people who wear their Delaware hats and sweatshirts to their classes trying to make a statement?

No, really, are they rooting for the home team while they take down calculus equations and analyze Chaucer?

If the answer is yes, then fine, do what you want. But all that cotton Delaware clothing should be put to better use.

Go to a game.

Get out of your stuffy dorm rooms, stop looking at your tapestry-covered walls and for God's sake, turn off the Playstation.

Take a look at the spring sports schedule. Pick a game, a race, anything. And then go watch it!

There were fans earlier this year. And some people at the university are beginning to wonder where they all went.

Throughout the football and basketball seasons our sports teams were celebrated by sellout crowds. Every week, there were reports of stands full of enthusiastic faces waiting anxiously to explode out of their seats and join in the excitement of a 53-yard pass or a blocked shot in the final seconds.

And now, just when the grass has gotten green again and the sun has decided to shine on us, the fans are missing in action.

There's no reason to ignore the spring sports teams. It just doesn't make any sense.

The winter is over. The fans don't have to sit inside and struggle to get to a seat in the middle of the row. Go to a game, bring your sunglasses and recline in the bleachers. Put your feet up if you want.

If that's not your cup of tea, then bring a blanket and sit out in the grass. Hell, you can bring your dog if you want.

And not only will your Labrador enjoy the outing, but it promises to benefit your health. Studies have proven that spending time in the sun will increase the body's level of the essential vitamin D.

And don't say these teams aren't worth your time.

The baseball team is 21-12 overall and standing proudly in first place in the America East with an 8-2 record so far.

The women's lacrosse squad stands to be a threat in the postseason. The Hens are ranked 11th nationally and boast a 10-2 overall record while fighting for the leader spot in the conference.

The other laxers aren't doing too poorly either.

The men are unbeaten and atop the America East with a 7-4 overall record. And by the way, they're ranked 17th nationally.

So what's your excuse?

These teams deserve some support. They represent the university and are doing a damn good job at it.

Do you have too much schoolwork to do? Bring your backpack to the field with you. Pack up a couple of peanut-butter-and-jelly sandwiches with the beverage of your choice (in a nondescript container) and go. If you must, read a book while you're there, but be there.

Enjoy the inherent excitement that goes hand in hand with collegiate sports.

And excluding a couple of Emmy winners, sports are definitely better than TV.

Leave the comfort of your Goodwill couch and watch something real. When people complain about going stir crazy and not having anything to do when classes end for the afternoon, they should turn to the simplest solution around.

A game, a match, whatever.

The athletes are actual people, right there in front of you.

College kids will try anything. Isn't that the old adage? Well, this is seriously low-risk.

Not to mention that looking chic at the game is beyond easy. Do you remember the aforementioned logo-bearing clothing? The bookstore has those Delaware sweatshirts for a reason, and it's impossible to count the number of different hats they sell.

And now that there's no suitable excuse left to explain why the fans have disappeared, I urge you to do what makes sense.

Get out. Show some support.

Go to a game.

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The *new* man behind the mask

John Schneider has had big spikes to fill but has only begun to reach his potential

BY JIM NELSON
Staff Reporter

Entering this season, the catcher position was the Delaware baseball team's biggest question mark.

Jamie McSherry, a senior co-captain and four-year starter, had been lost to graduation, and three players were vying for playing time at the position.

Early in the season, two of those three, senior Matt Voltz and junior Brian Weingart, suffered season-ending injuries.

This left redshirt freshman John Schneider as the team's only scholarship player at the position.

And the team has been in great hands since.

> "He has the best arm on the team. He has major-league time from home plate to second base."
>
> — *Rich McGuire, sophomore pitcher*

The Decision-Maker

Unlike most positions on the field, the catcher's position requires an ability to call the correct pitch at the right time.

Schneider says he has acquired most of his knowledge of catching at the college level from his predecessor McSherry.

"I took advantage of watching how he catches and how he works around the plate," Schneider says. "I try to catch to a certain extent like he did."

Hens sophomore pitcher Rich McGuire praised Schneider's willingness to call any pitch at any point during the count, even if there is a possibility of a wild pitch.

"He'll put his face in front of any pitch for you," McGuire says. "He has confidence in himself to block any pitch.

"He has the best arm on the team. He has major-league time from home plate to second base."

That arm has come in handy for Delaware, as its opponents have only stolen 27 bases in 33 games played. By contrast, the Hens have stolen 57 this season.

Ironically, it was the chance to improve on his defense that prompted Schneider to play in Division I and forego entering the minor leagues after high school.

"I had a big decision whether to do that or come to college," Schneider says. "[There is] definitely a realistic shot at that [after school]."

However, upon coming to college, Schneider was faced with a difficult decision. After being injured for 15 games early in the year, he had to decide whether to be a minimal back-up or redshirt for the season.

Following consultations with coaches and his family, Schneider elected to sit out the rest of the year.

"I hated [the decision] at the time," Schneider says, "but as the year went along and I came back in the fall, I realized it would have been for the best."

Despite the inactivity for a season, Schneider does not regret his decision to attend college instead of entering the minor leagues right away.

"I'm having the time of my life," Schneider says. "I really wanted to go to college and experience the college life."

The Deep Threat

One of the biggest surprises about Schneider has been his ability to contribute offensively.

The Hens' catcher is currently batting .327 with five home runs and 27 runs batted in.

"He has contributed especially well given the role he is playing in," Delaware head coach Bob Hannah says. "[McSherry] caught over 200 games for us [during his career], and we hope John can be that type of player.

"We are very fortunate that he has stayed injury-free."

While known mainly as a dead-pull hitter, Schneider has recently displayed some ability to hit to all areas of the field. He had an opposite-field hit to knock in a run in last weekend's series with Hofstra.

"The coaching staff really wants me to drive the ball in the gaps and over the fence," Schneider says. "Going the other way is something I'd really like to improve on."

The Counselor and the Catch

During a game, a catcher often needs to go out to the mound to settle a pitcher down.

So what is said during those pitcher-catcher conferences?

"Usually, it's some kind of joke to get them laughing and get their mind off of what's going on," Schneider says. "Just tell them to focus, hit my glove and get back in the count."

Sometimes pitchers can "shake off" what catchers call because they don't like the pitch that is called.

"For the most part, they don't shake me off much," Schneider says. "We're kind of on the same page, especially the older guys, because I've seen what they can do."

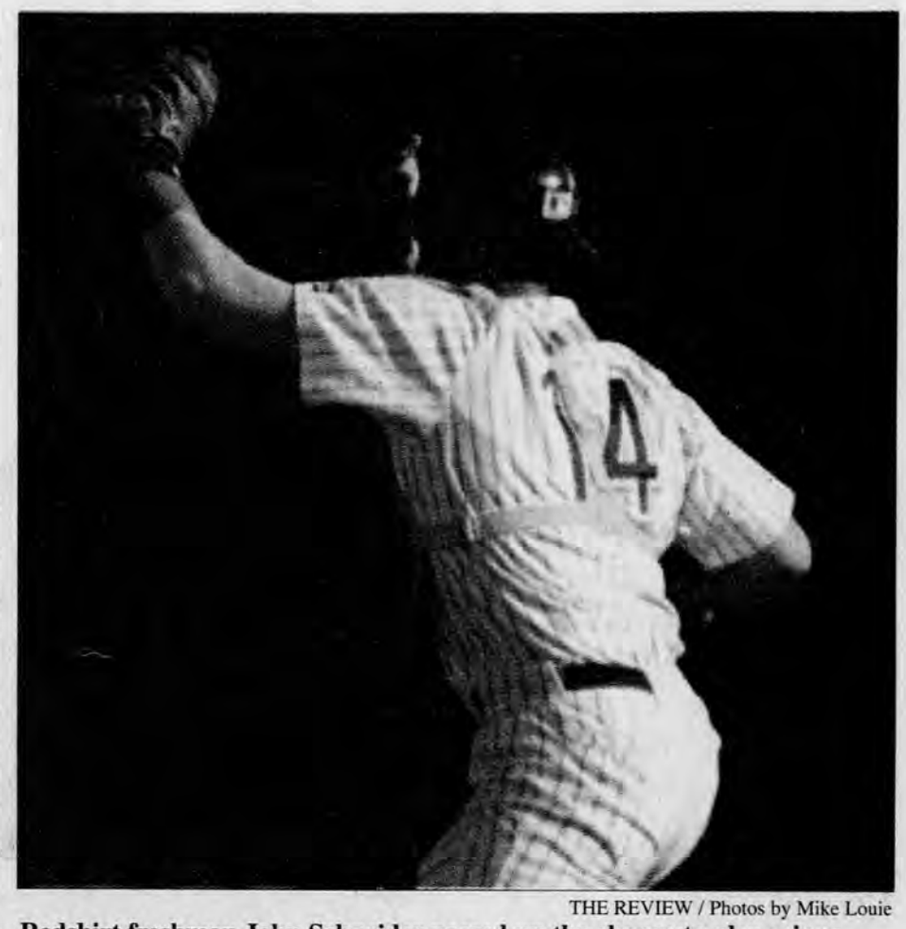
In addition to his abilities handling pitchers, Schneider has the unique distinction of catching a pitch — when he was hitting.

"It will probably never happen again," Schneider said while laughing about the occasion. "It was coming at me, and I just kind of flinched and it got caught there."

So what do you do when you have just caught a pitched ball?

"I didn't know whether to look at it, give it to the umpire or throw it back at the guy, so I just kind-of tossed it [back]."

For the record, he didn't rub his hand.



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Redshirt freshman John Schneider passed up the chance to play minor league baseball and is now one of the first-place Hens' most potent threats.

High Jinx

During a recent exhibition game vs. the Wilmington Blue Rocks, it was reported that Rocks mascot Rocky Bluewinkle was knocked down by a Hen player.

When Schneider was confronted about the situation, he denied any wrongdoing.

"Wasn't me," Schneider says. "It was our [sophomore] pitcher Nick Spiewak. He's always looking for something to get us laughing on the bench."

So will there be another mascot on the Hens' hit list?

"I don't think so," Schneider said, laughing. "Hopefully Northeastern's this weekend, but I don't know.

"There are a couple of guys on the team — Spiewak, McGuire and myself — that like to kid around. It's pretty fun."

Let the Northeastern Huskies' mascot be forewarned.

Laxers seek top of AE

BY GREG JONES
Staff Reporter

Another weekend of conference games and more opportunities to control its own destiny awaits the Delaware men's lacrosse team this weekend at Hartford and Vermont.

The first-place Hens (7-4, 3-0 America East) look for wins against the Hawks (10-1, 2-1) today at 5 p.m., and the Catamounts (3-5, 1-2), on Sunday at 1 p.m.

The first game will be a battle for the regular-season championship because Delaware is guaranteed at least a tie with Hofstra if the Hens win, head coach Bob Shillinglaw said.

MEN'S LACROSSE

"If we win Friday, we can pretty much clinch the top seed," he said.

Shillinglaw added that Hartford is a potent offensive team that likes to score in transition.

"They handle the ball well and make every possession count," he said.

"We'll have Keevin Galbraith cover their high scorer [senior Tracey Kelusky]."

The Hawks average 16 goals per game to lead the nation in scoring.

THE REVIEW / Scott McAllister

Delaware hosts Hartford and Vermont this weekend.

Their offense features Kelusky and junior Brian LaMastro, who are the second and third highest scorers in Division I, respectively.

Kelusky needs just 13 points to break the career scoring record at Hartford. LaMastro set his team's single-season assist record earlier this season and currently has 63 points.

To counter their opponent's firepower, the Hens will need to rely on a group of experienced defenders led by juniors Brian Barrett and Galbraith for them to win, Shillinglaw said.

Senior defenseman Jeff Kraft agreed with Shillinglaw, adding that his squad has a lot of confidence in its defense.

"Our defense will be trying to take them out of their offense," he said.

Despite Vermont's weak record, Delaware will not overlook Sunday's battle.

"We think they might try to slow the game down the way Drexel did," Galbraith said.

Junior Kip Edwards, the Catamounts' top scorer the last two years, leads Vermont in scoring with 11 goals and 10 assists in eight games, while senior Brendan Hall has been very solid in goal, posting a 9.50 GAA and a .565 save percentage.

On offense, Delaware will rely on junior attacker Jason Lavey and freshman midfielder Ryan Metzbower.

Against Hofstra last Friday, Lavey led the Hens to a stunning 8-7 overtime victory with four goals, earning him America East Player of the Week honors.

Shillinglaw said the Hens are nearly injury-free and therefore a deeper squad. He added that he knows a healthy squad will be necessary for postseason success.

Surging Delaware squad eyes Tigers

BY BRIAN BOLAND
Staff Reporter

With its high aspirations and will to win, the Delaware women's lacrosse team is cradling its sticks closer to the NCAA Tournament.

The Hens' NCAA Tournament drive starts on the road against No. 7 Loyola Saturday at 1 p.m.

Delaware's 26-game America East conference winning streak ended with a 10-6 loss to Boston University last Saturday. The No. 11 Hens (10-2) were not rattled by the loss.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

"I don't think we need to regroup after our loss to Boston because we are highly focused and have been working too hard to let that loss knock us off track," Delaware head coach Denise Wescott said.

Sophomore midfielder Corinne Shuck said the team does not need any extra motivation to perform well against the Greyhounds, even after the difficult loss to the Terriers.

"I don't think our team is fazed at all by the loss from Boston," she said. "We just need to take one game at a time and focus on players stepping up and putting the ball in the cage."

Wescott, who is in her seventh season at Delaware, said she hopes her squad will be able to increase its chances of reaching the NCAA Tournament by beating Loyola.

"We have come close the last three years," she said, "but have not made the tournament since 1986."

The Hens have compiled a 39-15 record over the last three years and have won three straight conference championships.

With the Greyhounds gaining momentum as each week passes, they have climbed ahead of Delaware in the rankings.

Loyola has won 10 consecutive games since a March 19 loss to James Madison, but they avenged that defeat with a 12-10 victory over the Dukes in the Colonial Athletic Association championship game Sunday

"Loyola has lost some key players from last year and they lost to No. 2-ranked James Madison," junior defender Katy Hahn said, "which we defeated earlier this year.

"This only gets our team fired up and ready to play them."

After getting embarrassed at home by the Greyhounds last year, the Hens should be fired up. Loyola pounded Delaware 15-6.

Hahn's strong confidence is echoed by Wescott.

"Loyola has a strong squad and plays well defensively," Wescott said, "but if we play physical and have a volatile attack, we'll be able to put the ball in the cage."

Whether they redeem themselves from last year's nightmare or not, the Hens will hope a victory over the Greyhounds is within their grasp.